

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,
This week has been another busy week at East Tilbury Primary School with lots of positive learning and behaviour taking place.

World Book Day

Yesterday, the children particularly enjoyed World Book Day! It was great to see so many children dressed up in their favourite book character costumes and for us as a school community to celebrate and learn more about the wonderful world of books. Please do look up our Facebook page to see more of the fun activities the children were involved in yesterday. The children joined national events and celebrated the joy and fun of reading. Thank you also to all who took part in our 'puppets' competition! This competition will close on Monday so please ensure all puppets are brought into school Monday morning.



Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings

Our next set of teacher/parent consultation meetings will take place on the week of the 9th -12th March. You will have received an email letter with all the information you need to make a booking. If you have any questions around this, please speak to your class teacher or office staff to help. If you have a child in class 3CS please remember that your appointment days are Wednesday or Thursday – to book online, if you want to attend on the Wednesday use the Monday booking form and if you want the Thursday please use the Tuesday booking form. Teachers are looking forward to sharing with you the successes of your child's learning.

We hope that you have a relaxing weekend ahead,
School Leadership

Important Information

September 2026 Reception Intake

The closing date for Reception 2026 applications was **15 January 2026**. However, please don't let this discourage you from applying — we still have a limited number of places available.

A Reminder About Parking Around School

We kindly ask parents and carers to be mindful of how they park around the school gates and on local roads. Please help us maintain positive relationships with our local community and, most importantly, keep our pupils safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, this must be reported to us by no later than **9.00am**. Please telephone the school, press one and leave a message on the voicemail box stating your child's full name, class, the reason for absence and when we can expect them to return to school (if known).

Home Visits will be carried out for any child that is absent for 3 or more school days without reason.

If your child has an injury and has been given medical advice that we need to follow as a school, please bring them to the school office for 8.15am on their first day back at school following the injury so that we can complete a risk assessment.

Thank you for your cooperation



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STREET**



SOFT BALL CRICKET

**BE ACTIVE
MAKE FRIENDS
DEVELOP SKILLS
PAY NOTHING!**



WEEKLY INDOOR SESSIONS

FUN, FAST AND FREE

NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED

WEAR WHAT YOU WANT

QUALIFIED COACHES

**FUN INDOOR CRICKET ACTIVITIES AND GAMES
5.00-6.00PM EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME
FOR AGES 8-16
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME**

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TREETOPS APPROACH, GRAYS
RM16 2WU**

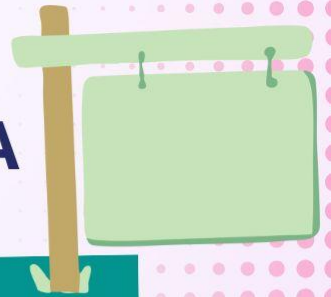
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IAN.GRAY@ESSEXCRICKET.ORG.UK**



EAST TILBURY SCHOOL PFA

P R E S E N T



COMMUNITY

COLOUR DASH

SATURDAY 16TH MAY, 2026

START AT 11:00 AM | SCHOOL GROUNDS

SIGN UP FEE : £10 PER PARTICIPANT

T-SHIRT | SPONSOR FORM | EYEWEAR | MEDAL

East Tilbury PFA are planning to hold a community Colour Dash (run) event on the 16th May 2026 to raise money for the benefit of the children at East Tilbury Primary School. As part of this fundraising event, we are looking for members of the Thurrock community to have a board outside their house advertising the Colour Dash. Proudly sponsored by our local estate agent, Curtis Johnson. The more boards we have around Thurrock, the more money we will raise. It will also spread the word in the wider community to promote the event & encourage participants from across the borough. Would you be willing to have a board?

Sign up by scanning the QR below or using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/KaruTW9hJg>



We need you...



Please label all children's school uniform. This helps us return lost property to the correct child and prevents parents from having to replace missing uniform as often. This is particularly important as the weather is colder and children are wearing jumpers/cardigans to school.



Our Year 1 classes are getting creative and are in need of junk modelling materials. If you have any of the following items at home, we'd love to have them:

- Toilet roll tubes
- Cereal boxes
- Egg boxes
- Any other clean, recyclable craft materials

Please hand them in to the Year 1 teachers or drop them off at the school office.

Thank you for your support!

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school each day. If you are struggling with this, please contact Mrs Jarvis or Mrs Allen.

Thank You



Mud Kitchen Donations Needed!

We're on the lookout for any **old pots, pans, baking trays, and plastic or wooden utensils** to help stock our mud kitchen! If you have any kitchen items you no longer need, we'd love to give them a second life in our outdoor play area.



SEND in Focus

Speech and Language Drop-in Advice Sessions



Do you have any concerns about your child's speech? If your child is not already under the care of the Speech and Language Services, you are able to gain advice and support by self-referring through: drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk

Once you have made contact the service, they will send a link where you can 'choose and book' an appointment at a time and place that is convenient for you and, following the drop-in session you will be emailed with the outcome of the session and a link to the advice that has been provided.

If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Mylam

Specialist Health Visiting Team Advice Line

**Tuesdays
and
Thursdays**

**Between
09:30am
11:30am**

**0300 300
1816**

Who Can Call?

Parents, Carers and Professionals for Children with additional needs that require specialist health advice and support, who are currently/previously known to the Community Paediatricians.



For more information on the Specialist Health Visiting Team, please scan the QR code.

NELFT

NHS



Autism Post Diagnosis Support

19th January Occupational Therapy

16th February Communication, Speech and
Language

16th March Feeding and Eating

20th April Toileting

NHS
North East London
NHS Foundation Trust

Has your child received a diagnosis of Autism?
Do you have questions or concerns?

The Specialist Health Visiting team Nursery Nurse and colleagues will be available on the third Monday of each month at the Child Development Centre, Gifford House, Thurrock Community Hospital, Long Lane, RM16 2PX

9:30am -10:30am

Each month we will have a different topic.

Please see dates and the topic for each session.

For more information please call 0300 300 1816

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Children's Occupational Therapy Preschool Drop-in Clinic

What is Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapists focus on the day-to-day activities that children want or need to do. This often includes developing independence skills such as **dressing, participation in mealtimes, self – care, play etc.** We look at the child's physical ability to do these activities, but we also look at whether there are any other factors such as developmental stage, attention or regulation which could be impacting on their ability to engage.

Preschool Drop-in Clinic

This service is for **children aged 2-5 years** old who are registered with a GP within either **Basildon, Brentwood, or Thurrock**. If appropriate, you and your child will be offered a face-to-face appointment with an Occupational Therapist. Please note we do not offer Sensory Integration or accept to solely support an application for an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP).



Please contact us to arrange an appointment on
childrensotdropin@nelft.nhs.uk

OT advice line for further assistance: 0300 300 1670

Diary Dates

w/b Monday 9th March 2026	Parent consultation week KS2 Mon /Tues R and KS1 Wed/Thurs
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Spring Production (AM and PM)
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Spring Production (AM and PM)
Friday 27th March 2026	PFA Easter Disco CANCELLED DUE TO LACK OF VOLUNTEERS
Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	Easter Holidays
Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday
w/b Monday 25th May 2026	Half Term
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Year 6 swimming
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Open Evening
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026	INSET days

Do you need support?

East Tilbury Primary Schools Online Pastoral Support.

We are very excited to launch our new Pastoral service to our school community. From today you can access support by completing a simple and quick online form.

We have been working hard over the last few months to set up extra support for our families which is very much needed at this challenging time. If you require support, then please do not hesitate to reach out. We are hoping this service will be a fantastic addition to the support we can provide for our school community. Please reach out if you need anything, we are always here to offer you support.

To make the process simple we have created a QR Code (at the top of the poster) which you can just scan, and this will take you directly to the form.

WE CAN HELP WITH

- Food
- School Uniform
- Hygiene Products
- Wellbeing

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk



READERS OF THE WEEK

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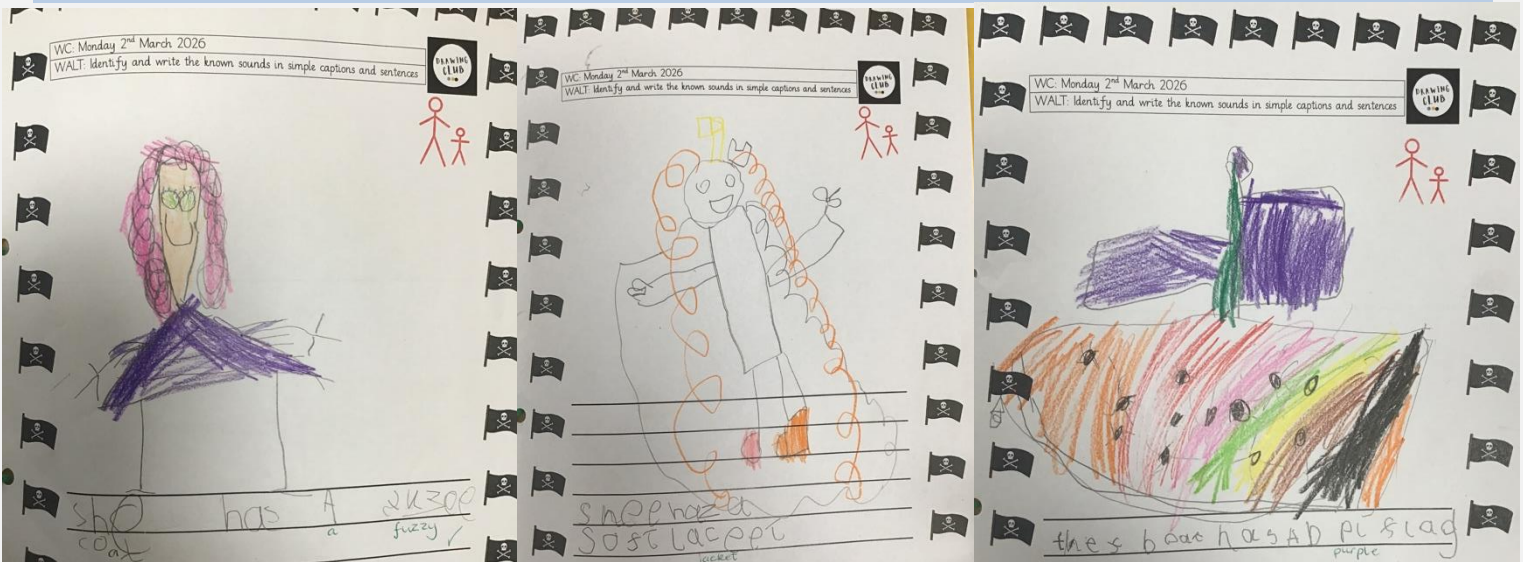
Congratulations

Each week, teachers keep track of how many pupils have read at home **at least five times**. The class with the highest number of regular readers is celebrated during our **Friday Celebration Assembly**. Let's keep up the great reading habits!

Class News

Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading *The Night Pirates* by Peter Harris. We have been drawing our very own night pirates, designing them a new pirate ship as well as working out different ways we could rescue the night pirates if they got stuck! We have been trying our hardest to apply our sounds independently and think of our own ideas for our sentences. We have learnt two new sounds in Phonics this week; 'oa' and 'ar' as well as the tricky word they. Here is some of our writing from this week!



Year One In science we have been learning about our five senses. This week we performed different tests and activities to learn more about each sense. We used magnifying glasses, periscopes, kaleidoscopes and mirrors to test our sight. To test our sense of smell, we smelt different herbs and foods and described what we could smell. We also listened to some sounds and described what we could hear. We used a feely box to explore different temperatures and textures and tried to identify what we could feel. Finally, we sampled some different foods and described the taste.



Class News

Year Two

We've had a busy and exciting week in Year 2! In English, the children have been working hard on their non-chronological reports all about lions. They explored interesting facts, practised writing clear information sentences, and organised their ideas into sections.

In PE, year 2 demonstrated fantastic dribbling and jumping skills. We also focused on working well as a team, and the children showed great cooperation and encouragement towards one another.

Yesterday we had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories, taking part in fun book-themed activities, and showing off their brilliant costumes.



Year Three

Year 3 have had a wonderfully busy and creative week. In maths, the children began exploring unit fractions, learning how to recognise and represent fractions like $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. In English, they have been reading and writing poems inspired by *The Sound Collector*, imagining a mysterious stranger who steals colour from the world.

PE was full of energy as the class completed circuit training and practised using compass points to move in different directions. In science, the children learned how muscles and bones work together, discovering how joints help us move and how muscles contract and relax.

The highlight of the week was **World Book Day**. The children loved dressing up as their favourite characters, designing creative front covers to match their costumes, and joining a live BBC lesson to celebrate stories and reading.

It's been a fantastic week of learning, imagination and fun.

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Year Four

Year 4 have enjoyed a busy first full week back after the half-term break! In Maths, we have been working on converting units of time, including years to months and weeks to days, as well as solving a range of time-related word problems. Our swimming lessons have been a real highlight. The children have shown fantastic progress, growing in confidence and developing a variety of important swimming skills. In Geography, we explored the different features of a river, followed its course, and learnt about how rivers are used. We also looked closely at the key stages of the water cycle.

World Book Day was a great success! The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters and sharing what they love about them. They were especially proud to take part in the school vocabulary parade, where they showcased the creative posters, they designed for their chosen words.

A gentle reminder to please continue practising times tables at home, and to bring swimming kits to school every Tuesday.

Year Six

This week, our pupils have shown remarkable commitment and focus, especially as they tackled their mock SATs. Their determination to succeed is truly inspiring! In History, we delved into the fascinating world of Ancient Greek battles, where students researched facts and created impressive sketches of Spartans, bringing history to life in a creative way. In Art, we explored perspective drawings, with students experimenting with street art techniques to create the illusion of disappearing towards a vanishing point. The results were both imaginative and visually striking! We also celebrated World Book Day in style, with many students donning amazing costumes that showcased their favourite characters. The whole school participated in a vocabulary parade, where students created vibrant posters highlighting powerful vocabulary. It was a week filled with learning, creativity, and fun, and we couldn't be prouder of our pupils' achievements!

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Year Five

This week in Year 5 we thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day while also continuing our exciting rehearsals for the upcoming production. The children were animated, energised and ready to explore their learning throughout the week. As part of our World Book Day activities, each child was given a vocabulary word to turn into a creative poster. They worked hard to think about the meaning of their word and how to represent it visually. These posters will be used in a wonderful whole-school Vocabulary Parade, where the children will proudly walk around showcasing their words and accompanying actions. It has been fantastic to see their creativity, confidence and enthusiasm shine through! Thank you to all parents who purchased a programme for the production – we cannot wait to reveal all our hard work to you.





Reach for the Stars



Our 'Stars of the Week' are the children that have gone over and above in their efforts. We are very proud of them for their achievements and thought they deserved an extra-special mention!

RJG	Sergiu	For working really hard in maths
RMB	Paisley	For her hard work and resilience when attempting to segment and blend CVC words independently.
RES	Cailo	For his lovely picture and great independent writing in drawing club.
1SL	Wyatt	For his enthusiasm and participation during our senses lesson.
1CD	Lucy	For her enthusiasm and always trying her best
1EC	Tanvi	For always being ready to learn
2BG	Verity	For her amazing improvement in her handwriting.
2NB	Cobie	For her amazing non-chronological report about lions.
2RS	Isabella	For writing a lovely non-chronological report about lions.
3TG	Adrian	For increased effort and concentration in lesson this week.
3CS	Arlo	For having an amazing transition from morning Nurture into 3CS
3MR	Shayo	For having lots of ideas and answering lots of questions in Science this week.
4ML	Kenza	For settling into 4ML and being a positive role model.
4CP	Temí A	For increased confidence at swimming!
4BA	Jackson	For demonstrating fantastic effort and creativity on his World Book Day vocabulary poster.
4KC	Amore B	For always showing kindness to others.
5SG	Emalee-Jayne O	For her fantastic teamwork during world book day.
5SA	Elsie D	For stepping up during rehearsals, and being a cheerful, positive influence in the class
5LC	Charlie M	For having a positive attitude to learning across the curriculum
6AB	All of 6AB	For their effort during mock sats this week.
6NM	Frank	For demonstrating improved focus during lessons.



Thurrock
Teacher Training

Get into Teaching

St Clare's School

Lead ITT provider in partnership with Tes institute are pleased to announce that trainee places are available for the academic year 2025/2026.

*'Our trainees success rate
Securing QTS = 100%
Employed = 100%'*



Our partner schools for
2025/2026 include:

Primary

Chadwell St. Mary, Deneholm, East Tilbury, Thameside, Stifford Clays, Horndon-on-the-hill, Stanford-le-Hope, Doddinghurst, Little Thurrock, Arthur Bugler, Warren Primary, Bonnygate Primary, Woodside Academy

Secondary

Grays Convent, Marshalls Park, Ormiston Park Academy, St. Clare's School, William Edwards The Gateway Academy, Brentwood County High, Hathaway Academy, Orsett Heath Academy

"The Tes Institute course was brilliant, and I would recommend it to others who are thinking of entering a career in teaching"
- 2024 Trainee

For all enquiries please contact:
thurrockteachertraining@osborne.coop

Keep in Touch



Our school office is open to receive calls between 8:30am and 3pm.

Tel: 01375 846181

Email: office.etp@osborne.coop

East Tilbury Primary School

Princess Margaret Road
East Tilbury, Essex, RM18 8SB



We are also regularly updating our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Log on and have a look!



Twitter:
[@EastTPrimary](https://twitter.com/EastTPrimary)



At East Tilbury Primary School our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

- Mrs Dawson

Due to the size of the school, we have the following designated staff who can deputise in the Headteacher's absence:

- Mr Gowland
- Mrs Jarvis
- Mrs Mylam
- Mrs Allen
- Mrs Sheridan

Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

Worried about a child? You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

Thurrock MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding hub), Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL, Tel: 01375 652802. Emergency Duty Team (for out of hours) 01375 372468. · Police Child Abuse Investigation Team 01277 266822 or call 999 if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection. · Childline 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk · NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk; www.facebook.com/nspcc



Tues 14:00-16:00: St. Mary's Church hall, St. Mary's Church, Dock Rd, Grays, RM17 6EX.

Tues 11:00-13:00: St. John the Baptist Church, Tilbury, Dock Road, Tilbury, RM18 7PP

Weds 11:00-13:00: Gateway People's Centre, High Street, Stanford Le Hope, Essex, SS17 0EY

Weds 13:00 -14:30: Sockets Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays, RM16 2SB

Thurs 11:00-13:00: St. Francis Centre, Somerset Rd, Linford, SS17 0QA

Thurs 11:00-13:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Fri 10:12:00: St. Stephen's Church of England, London Rd, Purfleet, RM19 1QD


Sat 09:30-11:30: Emmanuel Church of England, Sleepers Farm Rd, Chadwell St. Mary, RM16 4TP

Sat 10:00-12:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Sat 10:00-12:00: Christian Gates of Praise International Christian Centre, 79-83 London Rd, RM175YF


Osborne Term Dates for 2025-26 (Approved by Trust Board 24/09/24)


September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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 = School Days

 = School Holidays

 = Bank Holidays

 = Weekends

 = additional autumn half term

 = Trust training day