



School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting week at school with lots of hard work and commitment shown by the children!

Yr6 SATs week

Next week will be the Yr6 Key Stage 2 testing week. We are extremely proud of the determination and commitment shown by our year 6 pupils over the year so far and we wish them all the best as they get ready to sit these tests next week. We hope to receive the results towards the end of July so that pupils can have the results with their end of year school report.

We wish the year 6 pupils a restful weekend so that they can come to school on Monday ready to do their very best.

Our school Facebook page

Please do check out our school Facebook page! It has lots of interesting information for parents about the day-to-day life of our school and upcoming events. It is a great source of information and many of our families tell us how helpful it is.

T100- Goes wild!

Over the last 10 years we have partnered with a local Arts organisation called Kinetika. Each year the organisation hosts a festival for families across Thurrock. For more information about this year's festival and how you can participate please visit: <https://t100festival.co.uk/2024-walks-goes-wild/>

We hope that you enjoy the weekend ahead,

The Leadership Team

Upcoming Events

EYFS Sports Morning
Wednesday 26th June
9.30am - 11am

Year 1 and 2 Sports Morning
Thursday 27th June
9.30am - 11am

Year 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon
Wednesday 26th June
1.30pm - 3.00pm
Year 5 and 6 Sports
Afternoon
Thursday 27th June
1.30pm - 3.00pm

Let your child wear their PE kit all day, including a house-coloured t-shirt. Our teachers will be able to help your child with their house team colours.

Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May 2024 Year 6 SATS week

Remember, Year 6 are invited to SATs breakfast during SATs week from 8:00am, come and join us for a Y6 get-together, cereals, bagels, and juice.

Date	Activity
Monday 13 May 2024	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2024	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2024	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2024	Mathematics paper 3

Important Information



FREE School Uniform
free for everyone,
no referral needed!

Events

Fridays
3 - 4.30pm

19th January
16th February
15th March
19th April
17th May
21st June

Saturdays
10 - 11.30am

20th January
17th February
16th March
20th April
18th May
22nd June

Community Church Chadwell St Mary
Defoe Parade (enter from Brentwood Road)
RM16 4QR

Save the planet 🌍, and your pennies 💰!
Hundreds of items in stock:

- Polo shirts
- Shirts & blouses
- Skirts
- Trousers
- Socks
- Pinafore dresses
- Jumpers & cardigans
- Blazers & ties
- PE kit incl football socks
- Plimsolls
- Black shoes
- Coats

Clean, good condition school uniform donations accepted when space allows. Please check our facebook page to see if we are currently collecting. Search facebook for "The 180 Project"

An event run by The 180 Project, part of Community Church
Registered charity no. 1062301. Tel: 01375 484 101

We have a very limited stock of uniform due to our uniform store being in the RAAC area of the school. If you are in need of uniform please visit the 180 project at the Community Church in Chadwell St Mary.

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.

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.

We need you



Help Us Enhance our EYFS Outdoor Area! 🌳

Calling all kind-hearted donors! 🙏 We are thrilled to announce that we are working on transforming our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) outdoor area into a vibrant, interactive space for our little learners. 🌈

Do you happen to have any of the following items that are yearning for a new purpose? If so, we would be incredibly grateful for your generous donations to our school. 📺❤️

Let's create an unforgettable outdoor haven where our little ones can explore, learn, and grow! 🌈🌱

Can You Help Us?

We are looking for extra outdoor resources to help us support your child's learning and development. Any help, big or small, makes a big difference and you may be surprised by what we are looking for! Thank you for your support.

We Are Looking For:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guttering and tubes• Funnels• Cable drums and reels• Pallets• Tyres• Steering wheels• Crates• Buckets and/or containers• Gardening tools for children – trowels, watering cans, spade, brush• Large, old furniture such as cupboards, chairs, tables (to create a mud kitchen)• Utensils – spoons, tongs, scoops, ladles, rolling pins, potato mashers• Cutlery, bowls and plates• Pots, pans and muffin trays• Jugs and funnels | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Soil and/or compost• Bark chippings• Seeds, bulbs and/or plants• (Pine)cones, acorns, conkers• Shells• Sticks• Leaves• Bark• Stones and pebbles• Moss• Flowers/petals• Feathers• Tree stumps and/or log slices of different size, heights and widths |
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Exciting News! Join Us in Enhancing Lunchtimes at Our School with OPAL 🌳🍌📖
Hey everyone! We're thrilled to share that we're taking our lunchtimes to the next level with our OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning) initiative! ✨ Thanks to OPAL, our lunchtimes have already seen a positive transformation, and now, with your support, we can make them even better. 😊

📺 Donation Wishlist:

- Prams (toy size and child size) 🧸
- Dolls & Teddy Bears (large and small) 🧸
- Lego 🧱
- Reading Books 📖
- Scooters 🛹
- Bike Helmets 🚲

Your contributions will help us create a more fun and engaging lunchtime experience for all our students.



SEND in Focus

SEND and Nurture Parent Drop In
Friday 17th May 2024
9am—11am

Do you have any questions or concerns about your child's special needs or emotional wellbeing?
Mrs Mylam and Mrs Allen will be available to help with your individual enquiries.

Please sign in at the school office. We look forward to seeing you.





SEND in Focus

thurrock.gov.uk

THE LOCAL OFFER

Information for parent and carers



What is the Local Offer?

- The SEND Local Offer is designed to help improve the lives of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), as well as their families and those who care for them.
- It provides information where individuals with SEND aged 0-25, as well as their parents or carers, and professionals can go to find out what support or provision they can expect to be available in their local area.
- Under the Children and Families Act 2014, each local authority has a legal responsibility to publish its Local Offer. It needs to be published online, as well as in an alternative format for those without internet access.

The Local Offer will..

- Provide information about education, health, and care services.
- Offer details on leisure activities and support groups.
- Centralise all information in one accessible location.
- Encompass various local agencies, including education, health, and social care services.
- Cover childcare, independent schools, care placements, apprenticeships, transport, specialist teachers, therapy services, and other support
- Include relevant regional and national specialist provisions for children and young people with rare and complex SEND.

You can:

- Browse by subject
- Listen to podcast episodes
- Find the latest service developments
- See our engagement calendar
- Family Newsletters
- Details on Thurrock SEND Family Forum
- Enter competitions

Also included:

- Key word search functionality
- Accessibility functions



www.askthurrock.org.uk

thurrock.gov.uk



SEND in Focus

PATT ADHD Support Group

**For families with children and young people with
ADHD and neurodiversity**

Booking essential

If we need to cancel a session you will get notification via email

To book: www.patt.org.uk/adhdsupport or scan the QR Code below.

Facebook: PATT ADHD Support

First Wednesday of each month 6.30pm to 8.30pm

7th February 2024	Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
6th March	PATT Office
1st May	Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
5th June	PATT Office
3rd July	Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
4th September	PATT Office
2nd October	Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
6th November	PATT Office
4th December	PATT Office

3rd Friday of each month 9.30am–11.30am

PATT Office, 51 Lodge Lane, Grays, RM17 5RZ

19th January 2024	16th February
15th March	19th April
17th May	21st June
19th July	27th September
25th October	29th November



PATT ADHD Support



Diary Dates

Monday 13 th May – Thursday 16 th May 2024	SATS week
Friday 17 th May 2024	Curriculum Enrichment Day
Tuesday 21 st May 2024	Year 6 swimming lessons start
Friday 25 th May 2024	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May 2024	Half Term
Tuesday 4 th June 2024 and Wednesday 5 th June 2024	New Reception intake meeting – 9:30am and 2pm
Thursday 6 th June 2024	Class photos
Friday 7 th June 2024 – Friday 14 th June 2024	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	EYFS sports morning 9:30-11am
Wednesday 26 th June 2024	Year 3 and 4 sports afternoon 1.30-3pm
Thursday 27 th June 2024	Year 1 and 2 sports morning 9:30-11am
Thursday 27 th June 2024	Year 5 and 6 sports afternoon 1.30-3pm
Monday 1 st July 2024	Thurrock Infant Music Festival
Friday 19 th July 2024	Last day of term for pupils
Monday 22 nd and Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	INSET day – no school for pupils.

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
- Wellbeing
- Trip Payments

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

Our school uniform shop is currently closed due to our stock room being affected by RAAC. If you need support with school uniform please visit the 180 project in Chadwell St Mary.

mycommunitychurch.org.uk/community/projects

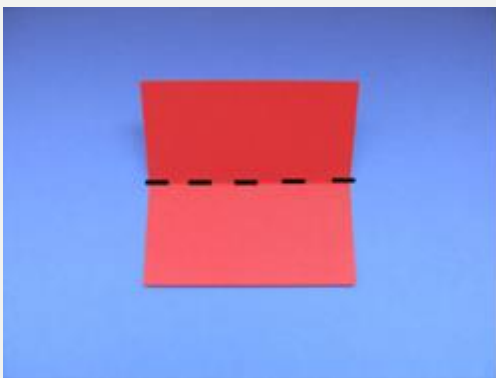
Class News

Reception

This week in reception we have been looking at the story of The Little Red Riding Hood. We have discussed how she could have skipped, walked, strolled, danced or jumped all the way to Grandma's house. We have also talked about what the characters looked like and what they might have been feeling during the story.

We have looked at shapes and what we can make using them. Using the 2D shapes we made rockets, burgers, ice cream, houses and snowmen. We also designed and built cottages for Grandma with our 3D shapes.

We have also had the opportunity to create lots of different pictures from our story using paints, pencils and collage.



Year One

In year one, we have been learning about fractions. Our focus this week was to recognise and find half.

Using playdough, we cut it into two groups to see what half looks like. We also found half by folding paper. We tried to find as many ways as we could to fold the paper in the half. From this, we then used counters to try and find half of a quantity. Next week we are going to learn to recognise and find a quarter of an object and quantity.

Class News

Year Two

This week in year 2, we have just started a new topic in English, 'diary entry' looking at the great fire of London, the children have been looking at key dates, key events, and places (e.g bakery, where the fire started). The children will create a diary entry based on a character. In Maths, the children were looking at fractions of shapes ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$), and fractions of numbers ($\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$), to assist with the learning the children used a range of resources such as cubes, number lines and rulers. In foundation, the children continued to investigate the Great Fire of London and create a poster about the key events.

Year Three

We've had such a fantastic week in Year 3! Not only did we get to enjoy the lovely sunny weather, but we also delved deeper into our English lessons by researching about earthquakes! We learned all about how earthquakes are measured using a seismometer, and it was truly fascinating!

In maths this week, we've been diving deep into the world of fractions and discovering how to calculate fractions of amounts. We have used lots of resources to help us with this, and we remember that we divide by the denominator, and multiply by the numerator! Whether it's finding half of a number or working out three-quarters of a shape, our young mathematicians are on fire!

In science, we had a fantastic time soaking up the sunshine whilst planting our beautiful sunflowers! It was such a delightful experience learning and enjoying nature outdoors. Our students really got their hands dirty (in the best way possible!) and had a great time working together to nurture our little sunflower seeds. They are growing amazingly, and we will continue to measure them weekly.

In geography, we delved deep into understanding the different layers of the rainforest. From the emergent layer, where majestic trees tower above like kings, to the forest floor bustling with life and energy, each layer plays a crucial role in creating this vibrant ecosystem.

Remember to keep using TTRockstars to build on our quick-recall of times tables, and enjoy the sunny weather this weekend!

Class News

Year Four

Real-World Maths:

Pupils have had an amazingly interesting week looking at money and financing a shopping trip! The children had an imaginary shopping budget of £50 and a checklist of items they needed to shop for online—for the best price—and see how much change they had at the end of it.

Dear...

We are now looking at formal letter writing in English and we have taken part in experience days whereby we have looked at existing letters and retrieved the features as well as started to research an author to write a letter to. Why you might ask? Well, the pupils will be challenged to write a letter to an author to try and persuade them to come to ETPS and encourage more children to put down the devices, pick up a book and read.

Fantastic Foundation:

As well as continuing our PE sessions, we have been exploring various Ancient Egyptian gods. Children had to complete some research about some of the gods (using the resources provided) and then present their findings how they wanted. We had some really creative ideas: Top Trump Cards, Double Page Spreads, Information Leaflets, Fact Files and many more..

Have an amazing weekend!

Year 4 Team

Year Five

In art, year 5 have recycled and reused old water bottles to create watering cans. They started by covering the bottle (apart from the lid) with papier mâché and some groups even included handles by rolling up the paper first. Once it was dry, they then painted their design on.



Class News

Year Six

The countdown to SATs is on. Remember, you are invited to SATs breakfast during SATs week from 8:00am, come and join us for a Y6 get-together, cereals, bagels, and juice. You have all worked so hard and we are sure you will do amazingly well, but also here is an important message for you all to remember:

Dear Year 6s,
Before what next week brings,
We need you to remember
These important things.
SATs don't measure sports
SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music,
Or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty,
SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons,
You were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic,
How you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly,
You can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter,
Or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,
Of who you really are.
This weekend when you're at home,
Or tucked up in your bed.
Have a good laugh, read a good book,
Do not let a worry enter your head.
Remember to have a good breakfast
And a good night's sleep.
Get outside for a walk,
Make memories you can keep.
Then next week whilst sat at your desk,
With your pencil, ruler and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are,
That's because you are the best!



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	Dolcey	For having a positive attitude to her learning.
REC	Aanu	For applying her phonics during independent writing.
RES	Lenni	For having a positive attitude to her learning.
1GC	Arlo	For starting his work independently.
1FK	Rogue	For her outstanding ideas and participation during input.
	Ava-Rose	For her excellent effort in English this week.
1BA	Eshal	For her contributions and participation in phonics lessons.
2BG	Eniola	For her great effort in all her subjects.
2RS	Mason	For his great effort in reading this week.
2CH	Elizabeth	For her great effort in reading this week.
2RM	Cassian M	For settling in well over the last couple of weeks.
3VP	Will M	For her effort and perseverance in English this week
3ML	Ariyo A	For consistently demonstrating self-responsibility with her learning.
3SG	Mia C	For always being kind and considerate amongst her peers.
3SA	Jude P	For demonstrating good knowledge and ideas in his writing.
4CP	Raissa P	For a consistent positive attitude to her learning.
4NM	Kaitlyn	For composing an excellent adaptation of Aladdin and the Enchanted lamp.
4JP	Jaiden C	For composing an effective adaptation of Aladdin and the Enchanted lamp.
5AB	Abigail B	For using self-responsibility to improve her handwriting.
5TH	Bogdan	For improved cohesion in his writing.
5MR	Adam E	For focusing on his punctuation to improve his narrative writing.
6LC	Nicole W	For consistently demonstrating school values and a positive attitude to learning.
6NB	Hope LP	For consistently demonstrating school values and a positive attitude to learning.
6JM	Evie-Mai C	For consistently demonstrating school values and a positive attitude to learning.



Maths Marvels



All pupils at East Tilbury Primary have logins for Times Tables Rockstars and are able to log on at home to practice their times tables.

5th May - 10 May 2024



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6LC

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6NB

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Keep in Touch



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

Tel: 01375 846181
Email: office.etp@osborn
e.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



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

- Mrs Bates
- 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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HELLDIVERS 2



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Within weeks of release, Helldivers 2 had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

PEGI 18 RATING



Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, Helldivers 2 carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In Helldivers 2, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but excited young players wanting to keep up with their friends may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING

Helldivers 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a roll of the dice, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'Social' tab.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER

The thrill of barely scraping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to Helldivers 2's appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provoke frustration or anger in younger players.

LACK OF ACCESS

The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same balanced approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as Helldivers 2.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST

Helldivers 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS

At the time of writing, Helldivers 2 costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether Helldivers 2 is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES

If playing on Xbox – where Helldivers 2 isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates Helldivers' mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted Deep Rock Galactic, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS

Many titles offer in-game purchases, but Helldivers 2's are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk; on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS

Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't as integral to Helldivers 2 as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.





Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the games media industry for five years. As well as being an avid long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and many more.



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Autumn Term:	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 3 November</i>	73 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 (22-23 July twilight inset payback) <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

	School Holiday
	Additional autumn half term
	Inset days, schools closed to students
	Trust conference, schools closed to students