

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,
It has been another busy week at school with lots of exciting learning taking place.

Thurrock Music Festival

Following the success of our Infant choir last week, yesterday it was the turn of the junior choir to perform at the Civic Hall. The hall was sold out as children from our school and 8 other schools wowed the audience with their amazing singing. A big thank you must go to Mr Rumble for working with the choir in preparation for this event and obviously our talented children who did the school proud!

Yr. 6 Residential

Yesterday and today, the year 6 children and staff enjoyed a fun-packed residential on the school field. The children enjoyed an ice-cream van, entertainment and many more fun activities. A big thank you to the staff for running the residential and to the children, who behaved very well and entered the fun of the event.



Bring an extra bag on Thursday

On Thursday, children will bring home their schoolbooks. To support with this process please could you provide your child with a plastic bag to put them in. Thank you for your support with this.

School reports

This evening your child will bring home their annual school report. The report will provide you with the following information:

- Core skills needed for your child to succeed in their next year group
- An overview of their academic achievement in all subjects
- A teacher report on your child's success throughout the year, including their personal and academic progress
- Comments slip for you to return to school (if you wish)
- An overview of the key learning areas covered during the year

We would really appreciate it if you could return the comments slip by Tuesday 15th July.

IMPORTANT EVENT – On Tuesday 15th at 6pm we have a parent workshop at school for parents and carers. This will give you expert guidance on how to support your child navigate the online world safely.

Please be reminded that the last day of term is Friday 18th July.

We wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead,

The Leadership Team

Important Information

Please note that next Friday (18th July) is non-uniform day. We are not collecting biscuits or money as a donation this half term.

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...



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.

Please ensure all school reading books are returned next week. Reading books will still be available via our online Bug Club library over the summer holidays.

Please be reminded that pupils should not be wearing jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears may wear small stud earrings but hoops are not permitted. 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

We are continually updating our OPAL resources and would gladly accept donations of:

- Tennis balls
- Footballs
- Bats
- Dressing up clothes
- Colouring books
- Crayons
- Big cars
- Lego





SEND in Focus

Transition



We recognise that some children will be finding this time of year difficult due to their up and coming transition to a new school or a new year group.

Within school, we are already supporting individual children who may need additional strategies to cope with the transition. We are also working with many of the secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition to their new setting.

If you want any advice on supporting your child through this journey, here are some useful websites that may help:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/helping-your-child-manage-the-move-from-primary-to-secondary-school/>

If you have any further concerns with your child transitioning, please feel free to contact Mrs Mylam or Mrs Allen.



SEND in Focus

Local Information, Advice, and Support Organisations

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Thurrock Carers Service

Provides information, advice, and support for unpaid carers of residents of Thurrock

01375 659 172

carers@tbmind.org.uk

Facebook: Thurrock Carers

Thurrock and Brentwood Mind

Offer counselling and groupwork, IAPT and Recovery College, wellbeing activities and more

www.thurrockandbrentwoodmind.org.uk

01375 391 411

reception@tbmind.org.uk

Citizens Advice South Essex

Provide free, confidential, and impartial advice on issues including money, housing, and employment

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/south-essex

Telephone: 0808 278 7877

Thurrock Food Bank

In order to get help from a food bank you will need to be referred with a voucher, which can be issued by a number of local community organisations for instance, schools, GPs, and advice agencies

www.thurrock.foodbank.org.uk

info@thurrock.foodbank.org.uk

Community Pantries

There are Community Fridges and Pantries across Thurrock run by various voluntary organisations. Community pantries are designed to eliminate food waste and are not meant as a substitute for the food bank.

There are community fridges/pantries in the following locations:

Purfleet-on- Thames Community Hub; Aveley Community Hub; Tilbury Hub; The Beehive, Grays; Friends of Hardie Park, Stanford-Le-Hope; East Tilbury Library

For further details and opening times:

www.strongertogetherthurrock.org.uk/new-food-network-page/

Thurrock Healthwatch

are the independent champion for people who use health and social care services in Thurrock.

Their purpose is to understand the needs, experiences and concerns of people who use health and social care services and to speak out on their behalf.

www.healthwatchthurrock.org

01375 389 883

admin@healthwatchthurrock.org

Open Door Housing Advice and Support Service (HASS)

give general and specialist housing advice, homelessness information and signposting to supported housing projects in the Thurrock area. We also provide help with form filling for those who have difficulty with completing benefit applications and housing registration forms etc

www.opendoorthurrock.co.uk

01375 390 849

Thurrock LGBTQ+ Network

We are Thurrock's LGBTQ+ community network, open to all who identify as LGBTQ+. Friends and allies are welcome too.

thurrocklgbtqnetwork@gmail.com

Facebook: Thurrock LGBTQ+ Network

Thurrock Transport

Bus Pass

www.thurrock.gov.uk/bus-passes/applying-for-your-bus-pass

Thurrock Blue Badge Scheme

www.thurrock.gov.uk/.../blue-badge-disabled-parking-scheme

Local Area Coordination (LAC)

Local Area Coordinators support people who may feel vulnerable due to age, frailty, disability, or mental health needs. They will take time to get to know you, those closest to you, and your community.

localareacoordination@thurrock.gov.uk

TRUP

The Re-Use Partnership is a Thurrock based charity with a wide range of good quality pre-loved furniture and household items for sale at affordable prices.

www.trup.org.uk

01375 846 702

We Are Family

An adoption support family. Rather than offering advice we offer community.

Contact Nicole at

thurrock@wearefamilyadoption.org.uk



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.



USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.



SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.



REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.



Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.





Diary Dates

Tuesday 15 th July 2025	2 Johns e-safety workshop for parents 6-7.30pm
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10:00-11:30
Friday 18th July 2025	Last day of the academic year for pupils (Non-Uniform day)
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025	INSET Days (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
- School Uniform
- Hygiene Products
- Wellbeing

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

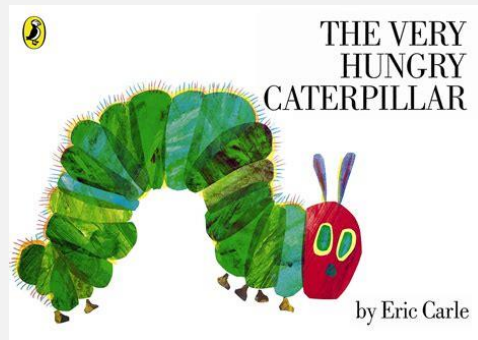
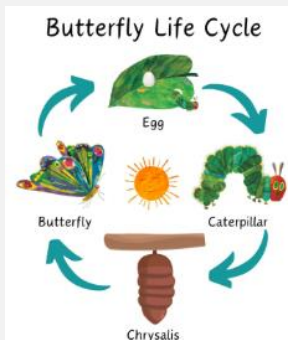
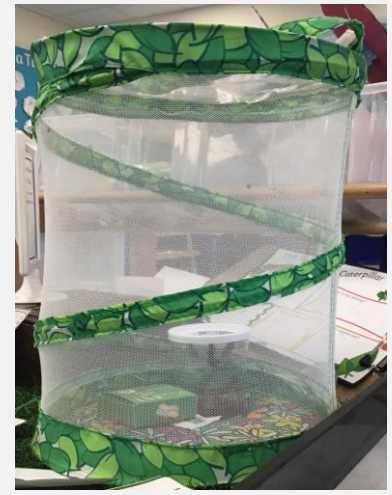


Class News

Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We have been looking at the life cycle of a butterfly and have even got our very own caterpillars in school! We have enjoyed checking in on the caterpillars and looking at how they have been changing every day.

We have been creating our own art and writing inspired by the story too!



Year One

Today, Year 1 had a fantastic time during our special *Beach Day*! The children enjoyed a wide range of seaside-themed activities, including digging in the sand, splashing in the paddling pools, creating beautiful beach art, and writing their own postcards. They also took part in fun group games inspired by classic beach days. To round off the day, everyone cooled down with a tasty ice pole – the perfect end to a sunny, smile-filled day!

Well done, Year 1! 🌞 🌊 ✉️

Class News

Year Two

This week in year 2 we have been finishing our setting descriptions, using sensory language to engage the reader further. In maths, we have been recapping our understanding of fractions and using this knowledge to find fractions of amounts. In English this week our focus was on grammar. We had to apply our knowledge of apostrophes to show belonging and thought carefully about using commas within a list.



Year Three

We have all enjoyed our school trip this week to Coalhouse fort. We explored the local area while completing some activities that linked to our curriculum topics.

In English, we have been completing our independent letter writing. During maths this week we have been recapping how to add and subtract numbers mentally.



Class News

Year Four

Another busy week as we approach the final week of the academic year. Pupils have been working incredibly hard in English – they are completing their independent write which is a diary entry about the events of their chosen character set in Ancient Egypt. Their final unit of Maths has been about number sequences and number patterns including Roman Numerals. For our Curriculum Day, many of the pupils decided to come into school wearing Egyptian-orientated clothing. They have taken part in many activities throughout the day and the main thing they focused on was creating their own canopic jar, see below for some photos! 4KC have even mummified a sausage 3 weeks ago – King Cecil I has completed the process and is ready for the afterlife.



Class News

Year Five

What a delightful week we've had! Inspired by the enchanting wordless fantasy story 'Journey' by Aaron Becker, the children crafted their own fantasy narratives, leading us to dreamy settings filled with unimaginable beauty. Their imaginations ran wild, as they created vivid tales that transported us all. We also ventured into the world of art with water colour paintings, employing a loose pivot lever technique to evoke the ethereal landscapes from their stories. And, of course, we mustn't forget our culinary adventure – the children helped prepare a scrumptious vegetable Bolognese that was both nutritious and delicious! A truly inspiring week!



Year Six

Yesterday and today, the year 6 children and staff enjoyed a fun-packed residential on the school field. The children enjoyed an ice-cream van, entertainment and many more fun activities. A big thank you to the staff for running the residential and to the children, who behaved very well and entered the fun of the event.



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!

RES	Charlotte	For being a good role model and working hard in all areas of her learning.
RBG	Callum	For making good choices in all areas of the curriculum.
RFK	Daisy-Mae	For being an amazing role model by showing kindness and being a caring friend.
1EC	Anjali	For her excellent attitude towards her learning.
1LD	Abigail	For her active participation and engagement across all areas of her learning.
1BA	Lexie	For consistently showing a great attitude to her learning in all lessons.
2RM	Jaxson B	For working well as part of a team.
2BG	Adejuwon	For showing amazing effort in his writing.
2CH	Evie	For going above and beyond to improve her writing skills.
2MF	Chukwukanyima	For showing great effort making hot air balloons last week.
3VP	Ruth	For her contribution to the school choir.
3RS	Zeniyah-Zoe	For being an outstanding student throughout the year.
3SG	Cassian, Misha, Mia	For her enthusiasm during the Junior Music Festival.
3ML	Dilreet	For being a role model pupil throughout the year.
4MR	The Choir in 4MR: Ema, Victoria J, Macey, Samuel, Jude J, Ruby, Olive, Nikola, Amber, Hannah	For a wonderful rehearsal and performance and for catching up on their work back at school. Incredible effort!
4KC	Alfie P	For his amazing work in art!
4CP	Mia C	For an amazing and creative canopic jar.
5SA	Finley T	For showing great progress in Reading, and Grammar.
5NM	Billy	For showing great effort in his narrative writing as well as his art work.
5TH	Kaiden McMahon	For his increased focus on this week's assessments.
6AB	All of Year 6	For their attitude, a behavior during our Camp Out.
6NB	All of Year 6	For their attitude, a behavior during our Camp Out.
6LC	All of Year 6	For their attitude, a behavior during our Camp Out.



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.

7th July - 11 July 2025

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5TH

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5SA

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7th July - 11 July 2025

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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

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	School Holiday
	Additional autumn half term (some Thurrock schools only)
	Inset days, schools closed to students
	Trust conference, schools closed to students
	Bank Holidays