

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another creative and exciting week in school, with the children working hard together in their learning!

Parent/teacher consultations

Thank you to all the families that attended their teacher consultations this week. It was good for the teachers to be able to celebrate the successes of your children. If you were unable to attend parents' evening, please do contact the class teacher and they will be able to give you feedback on your child's spring term of the school year. Thank you also to those who visited the book fair. As a school we will receive a proportion of the money raised and this will go straight towards purchasing high-quality reading material for children in their classrooms.

Parent Workshop - Positive relationships and behaviour Policy

Gathering your voice and views is a vitally important part of delivering an effective education for your children. As such, we would very much like to welcome you to a parent workshop about our new 'Positive relationships and behaviour Policy' which is currently in review. We would welcome your views to help us shape an effective policy for the school. The workshop will be on Tuesday 24th March starting at 2pm. To sign up for this workshop please contact the school office so we have an idea of numbers.



Opal Play

As a platinum Opal school, we want to continue to develop the play offer for the children. We are currently in need of some tractor tyres, pots and pans, any outdoor furniture and old suitcases (preferably with wheels). If you think you may have something else that would be suitable for our playground, we are always happy to accept any donations.

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

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**



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MAKE FRIENDS
DEVELOP SKILLS
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NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED

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**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**

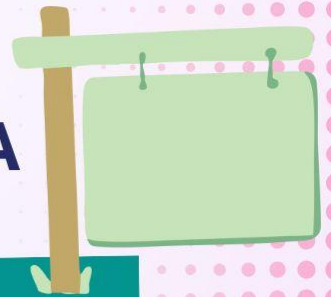
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**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE OR CONTACT
IAN.GRAY@ESSEXCRICKET.ORG.UK**



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:

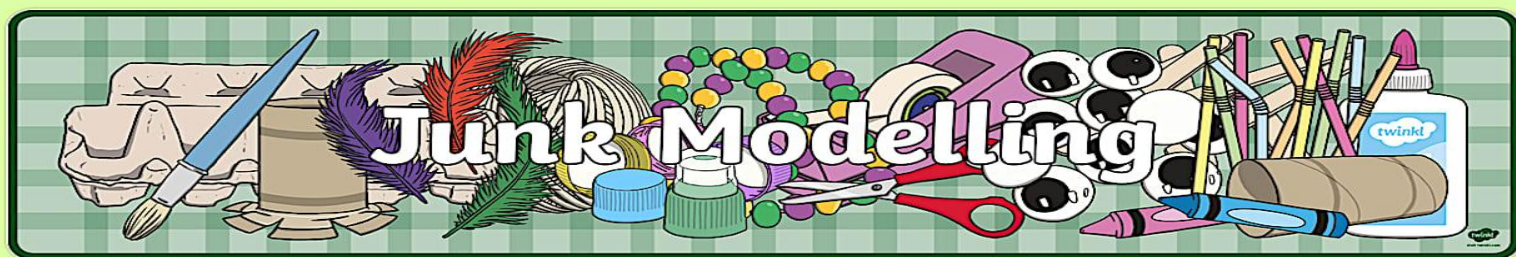
<https://forms.office.com/e/KaruTW9hJg>



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



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

Friday 20 th March 2026	Year 6 Duxford Trip
Friday 20 th March 2026	Comic Relief dress up silly day
Tuesday 24 th March 2026 – 2PM	Parent Workshop - Positive relationships and behaviour Policy Please call the school office to sign up
Wednesday 25 th March 2026	Spring Production (AM and PM)
Thursday 26 th March 2026	Spring Production (AM and PM)
Monday 30 th March 2026 – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays
Monday 13 th April 2026	Return to school
w/b 13 th April 2026	No teacher run clubs this week
Monday 4 th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th May 2026	Reception balance bike training (parent paid run by Thurrock council.)
w/b Monday 11 th May 2026	Yr6 SATs week Mon –Thurs (Yr6 breakfast for sats all week)
Saturday 16 th May 2026	PFA colour run
Tuesday 19 th May and Thursday 21 st May 2026	Year 2 external trip: Essex Fire Museum- 9:30am-1pm
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Call of the Wild Trip Year 3
w/b Monday 25 th May 2026	Half Term
w/b Monday 1 st June 2026	Times table check opens for yr4
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	Year 6 swimming
Thursday 4 th June 2026	–Class photographs
Monday 8 th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics check starts
Monday 8 th June 2026	Year 4 Egyptian Pyramid Workshops
Tuesday 9 th June 2026	Year 5 Viking Longboat Workshops
Wednesday 17 th (9.30-10.30) EYFS Wednesday 17 th (1.30-3.00) Yr 3-4	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd June 2026	Half of Year 1 at Hyde Hall
Tuesday 23 rd and Friday 26 th June 2026	Reception Barleylands trip
Tuesday 30 th June 2026,	Half of Year 1 at Hyde Hall
Wednesday 8 th July 2026	Open Evening
Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st 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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&
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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 story Tiddler. We have been drawing our own main characters, a classroom setting for them to learn in as well as a new way to rescue Tiddler from the net!

In Phonics we have learnt two new sounds which look the same but sound different; oo (like book) and oo (like spoon).

As this week is British Science Week we have worked together to carry out two experiments. We have created our own water filters as well as explored chromatography to create our own fish with pens and water. We explored the theme of curiosity by asking lots of questions!

Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to this week:



Year One

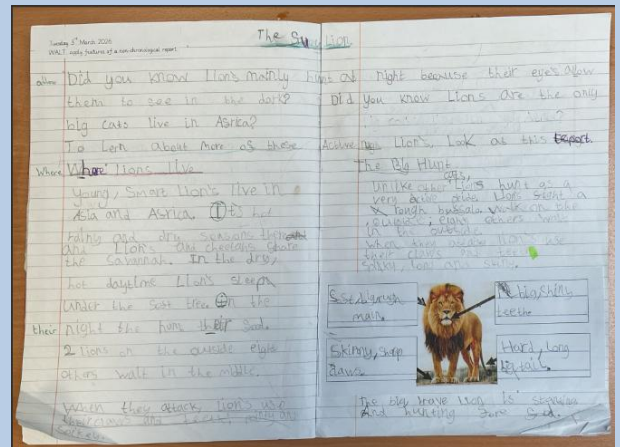
As part of British Science Week, we explored the theme 'Curiosity: what's your question?'. We shared questions as a class and then carried out some research to find out the answer. In provision, we made our own paper planes, gliders and helicopters and then tested them to see which flew the furthest and observed the difference in the way that each one flew. On Friday, we took part in a live-streamed science lesson where we were tasked with making a raft to make a carrot float. We had lots of fun experimenting! We have also been weather reporters, created chalk maps of our playground using a key, explored mass in maths and read the Easter story.

Class News

Year Two

Year 2 have had a fantastic week in their English lessons! We are proud to share that the children have now completed their wonderful information texts all about **lions**. They worked incredibly hard to include fascinating facts, clear explanations, and brilliant vocabulary. Their final pieces show just how much their confidence and writing skills have grown this term.

This week, the class have moved on to exploring the exciting legend of **George and the Dragon**. The children have loved diving into this classic tale, discussing the characters, setting, and the dramatic events of the story. They'll now begin using the text as inspiration for their own creative writing over the coming days.



Year Three

It has been an incredibly busy and "fractionally" fantastic week in Year 3! Our classrooms have been diving into two very exciting new topics. In maths we have begun our journey into the world of parts and wholes. The children have been learning the vital difference between unit fractions and non-unit fractions.

In English we have traded our storybooks for rhyming dictionaries and metaphors. We are exploring how poets use language to paint pictures in our minds. The children have been experimenting with onomatopoeia (words that sound like what they mean, like CRASH! or Sizzle) and alliteration to add punch to their writing as well as focusing on how the "rhythm" of a poem can change the way a reader feels.

We have continued practising our songs for our upcoming 'Rock Bottom' performance. Please could we send our children in with a white t-shirt that they can cut and paint to transform into 'Rock Bottom'. We recommend sending them with one that is slightly oversized and bringing them on Tuesday, so we have time to decorate them.

Thank you so much for your support.

Class News

Year Four

It has been an exciting and hands-on week in Year 4 as we celebrated *British Science Week*! The children have thrown themselves into every activity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and brilliant teamwork.

Live Science Lesson – Backbones & Tube Structures

As part of our live lesson, we explored the importance of backbones and how structure affects strength.

Children created tubes from a range of materials and experimented with different widths. We then tested their structural integrity by placing books on top to see which designs held the most weight.

In our second investigation, children designed and built their own boats using classroom materials.

Their challenge: How many weighted objects can your boat hold before it sinks?

This activity encouraged problem-solving, creativity, and plenty of perseverance—some boats floated impressively long, while others provided excellent learning opportunities!

This week, in Maths, Year 4 have been developing their understanding of decimals. We have been practising comparing decimals, adding decimals and rounding decimals to the nearest whole number

Year Five

What a week! Year 5 went all-out for British Science Week, diving into the theme of "Curiosity" by asking massive questions like "Why is the sky blue?" and "Is there life on Mars?" We got hands-on by engineering paper planes to test flight forces and building boats to see what actually makes them float. The kids also got stuck into some brilliant research, creating posters about cool STEM careers they might want one day. It was a fun, creative, and slightly chaotic day filled with amazing teamwork. Their scientific brains are definitely fired up!

Class News

Year Six

As part of British Science Week, the children have been learning about *inheritance* and how traits are passed from parents to offspring. We explored why we look the way we do, what makes each person unique, and even investigated animal characteristics. The children engaged brilliantly with discussions and mini-activities—future scientists in the making! Year 6 have begun planning and writing their own horror stories, focusing on atmosphere, suspense and vivid description. We looked at how writers use setting, sensory detail and pacing to create tension. The students have really impressed us with their imaginative ideas and spooky twists! In computing, the class has been building their skills using Microsoft Excel. They have practised entering data, using formulas, formatting spreadsheets and analysing results. This is giving them valuable experience in handling data and using digital tools confidently. As part of our history topic, we explored the fascinating world of Ancient Greek architecture. The children compared different styles of columns, examined famous structures such as the Parthenon and discussed how Greek ideas influence buildings today. We even sketched some designs of our own.



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	Nafisa	For using her sounds to write cvc words independently.
RMB	Teddy	For his enthusiasm and engagement in Maths this week.
RES	Thea	For being a very helpful and caring member of our class.
1SL	Larissa	For her engagement in phonics
1CD	Alexander	For creating an excellent map of the school playground and even including a key!
1EC	Catalin	For his amazing creativity in art this week
2BG	Hallie	For her amazing independent write.
2NB	Maddison	For her enthusiasm towards her studies.
2RS	Lukas	For using interesting vocabulary in his writing.
3TG	Isabelle	For showing more enthusiasm in lesson and working hard on her science poster.
3CS	Jonas	For active classroom participation and demonstrating a commendable commitment to improving his reading habits.
3MR	Harper C	For being a positive person and role model to her peers in all areas.
4ML	Elsie	For consistently trying her best and being an amazing role model.
4CP	Malakai E	For improved presentation across all of his books
4BA	Haper	For being a positive role model
4KC	Elizabeth C	For trying her best in all lessons.
5SG	Davey M	For always trying his best and showing enthusiasm for his learning.
5SA	Jack C	For trying his hardest in rehearsals and being helpful in the classroom.
5LC	Nathan N	For great acting during our Rock Bottom rehearsals
6AB	Rebecca A	For her amazing conclusion to her Thornhill narrative.
6NM	Ronnie	For his engagement and focus during Math's lessons
6TH	Heidi	Producing high-level writing over a period of time



Thurrock
Teacher Training

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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)


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 = School Days

 = School Holidays

 = Bank Holidays

 = Weekends

 = additional autumn half term

 = Trust training day