

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of another busy week in school! As always there have been many exciting experiences and events taking place at school which you will be able to see from our Facebook page and newsletter.

Sports Day – next week

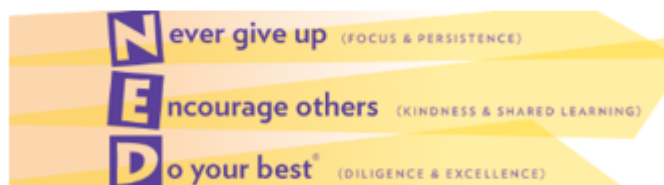
The school community is really looking forward to Sports Days next week. The children have been practising hard and are really excited to be participating in the many sporting activities planned. Please see prior email communications for specific details but please remember to make



your way to the Silver Gate (Yr6 entrance) where you will be let onto the field to see your child participate. Reception will be on the morning of Wednesday 18th (9.30 start), Y3&4 in the afternoon (1.30 start) and then on Friday 20th y1&y2 in the morning (9.30) and y5&6 in the afternoon (1.30). The weather is likely to be sunny so please apply suncream and children can wear a hat. We hope that you can join us to cheer on the children!

NED's Resiliency Ride

Next week we will be hosting a NED's school workshop for all pupils to explore



the themes of:

This will delivered alongside a demonstration with Yo-Yos – following the event children will have the opportunity to purchase a range of Yo-yos that can be used at school to remind them of the themes of workshop. Please visit www.theNEDshow.com/ned_program.html. For more information refer to your NED show email from the school on the 6th. |

We wish you a relaxing weekend ahead,

The Leadership Team

Important Information

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.

This half term, some of our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils will be getting stuck into an exciting STEM project—and we need your help! We're on the lookout for cardboard shoe boxes to use as part of the activity. If you've got any spare at home, please consider sending them in. If you have any please hand them to the year 2 or 6 teachers or alternatively drop them into the school office.

Thanks so much 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

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

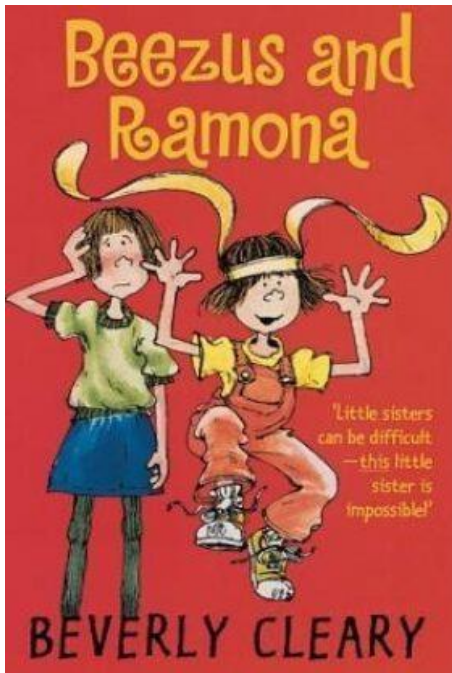
We are continually updating our OPAL resources and would gladly accept donations of:

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



Recommended Reads

Each week we will be recommending great books that you can share with your children.



Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary

Beezus sometimes feels guilty that she doesn't love her little sister as much as she thinks she should. But Ramona is really annoying most of the time and only behaves if Beezus (Ramona's version of Beatrice) gives up her own time to entertain her.

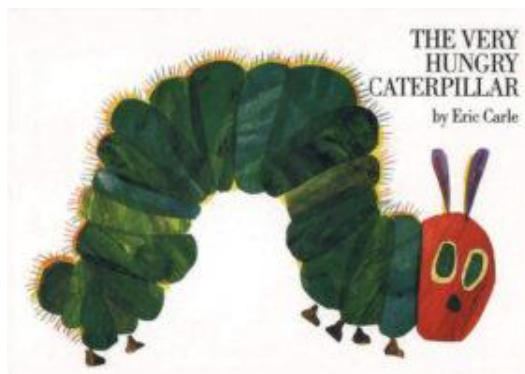
Mostly, Ramona is noisy, destructive and deliberately awkward so it's not really a surprise when she draws on every single page of a library book, hijacks Beezus' art class, spoils Beezus' birthday cake (three times!) and invites most of her nursery class to her house for a party she hasn't told her family about.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle

When a tiny caterpillar hatches from an egg, the first thing on his mind is food - so off he crawls looking for something to eat.

Over the course of a week, the tiny caterpillar munches his way through all sorts of delicious goodies. Starting with an apple on Monday and working his way through pears, plums, strawberries and oranges by Friday, he leaves a small, caterpillar-shaped hole in each fruit to show where he's been.

But by Saturday, the caterpillar is still hungry; so he gorges on everything from chocolate cake to salami until finally he is not only full but has a tummy ache! And then the most amazing thing happens, as the caterpillar is transformed into a beautiful butterfly.





SEND in Focus

Thank you to those that attended the parent coffee morning yesterday.

If you were unable to attend please contact Mrs Mylam for further details about the PCF or see the leaflet below: -



Who are we?

A Parent Carer Forum (PCF) is a group of parents and carers of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). These forums work collaboratively to improve services and support for children and families.

What do we do ?

1. Representation: Act as the collective voice of parents and carers, ensuring their perspectives are considered in local decision-making processes.
2. Collaboration: Work with local authorities, health providers, and education services to improve support for children with SEND.
3. Information Sharing: Provide guidance, workshops, and networking opportunities for families navigating SEND services.
4. Consultation: Offer feedback on local policies, services, and initiatives, ensuring they meet the needs of the SEND community.

Are you a SEND parent/carer?

Do you have a passion for the issues facing the SEND community?

Do you have a few hours a week to volunteer?

Would you like to be a part of the steering committee?

CONTACT SHARLEEN DACOSTA

ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

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SEND in Focus

All things Thurrock SEND

Parents are invited to engage with the Assistant Director for Education and Children's Commissioning and the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services & Education. They can share their experiences on topics such as the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) service, inclusion, phase transitions, and community access. Sessions are scheduled on various dates from March to July 2025. Parents are encouraged to participate and share their insights.

The sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

- 19 March, 2025, at 6pm
- 28 March, 2025, at 10am
- 23 April, 2025, at 6pm
- 25 April, 2025, at 10am
- 21 May, 2025, at 6pm
- 22 May, 2025, at 11am
- 27 June, 2025, at 10am
- 4 July, 2025, at 10am
- 16 July, 2025, at 6pm

Places can be booked [here](#) [SEND Engagement Opportunities](#)

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th June 2025	Sports Day – EYFS (9:30-10:30)
Wednesday 18th June 2025	Sports Day – Year 3 and 4 (1:30-3:00)
Friday 20th June 2025	Sports Day- Year 1 and 2 (9:30-11:00)
Friday 20th June 2025	Sports Day – Year 5 and 6 (1:30-3:00)
Tuesday 24th June 2025	RES and half of RBG at Barleyland's
Friday 27th June 2025	RFK and half of RBG at Barleyland's
30th June 2025, 1st July 2025, 2nd July 2025	Year 6 transition days at St. Cleres
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Transition Day
Friday 4th July 2025	PFA Summer Bounce
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Open Evening
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



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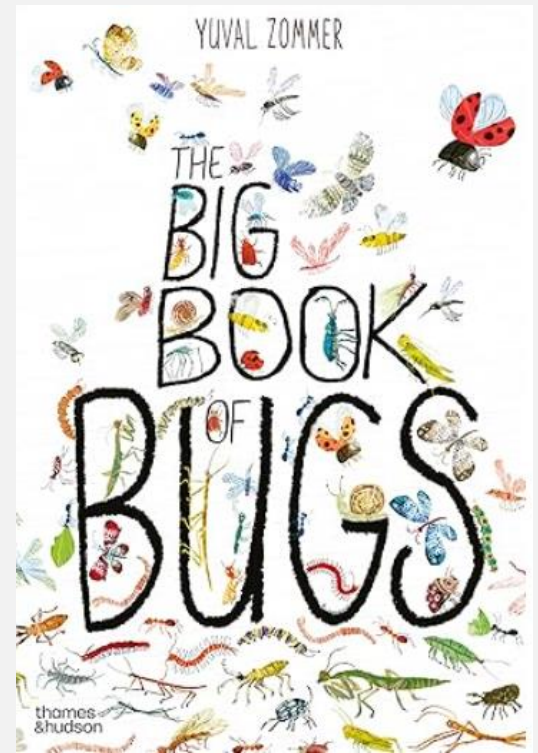
Reception

This week in Reception we have been looking at minibeasts and creating our own fact files. We have been looking at the big book of bugs to inspire us and learn lots of new information to use in our own work.

In preparation for sports day next week, we have been practicing each event in the outside area as well as going to the field as a year group. We are very excited!

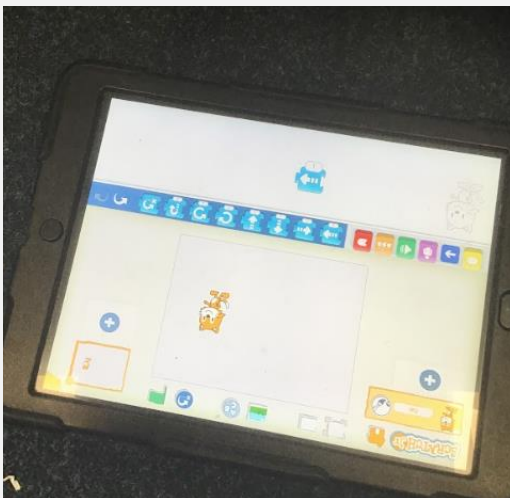
In Maths we have been looking at capacity and weight. We have enjoyed exploring using water and jugs, comparing amounts.

In our curriculum lesson we have been exploring clay and creating our own plans to make our own clay animals in the next few weeks.



Year One

This week in Year 1 we have started writing our own stories based on the book *The Lighthouse Keepers* lunch. We have also been spending time outside, exploring the different types of plants for Science, this week we looked at the differences between leaves on species of trees and we searched for the leaves around the school playground and field. In computing, we have started a new topic about programming, we used a new programme called Scratch Jr and learnt how to move the sprite and what the different command buttons do.



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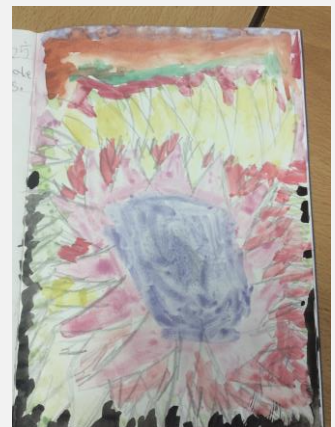
Year Two

Year 2 are approaching the end of their topic 'The Great Fire of London'. They have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about this amazing historical event. They have carried out multiple activities to really understand what happened during this time by creating artwork and writing a diary entry to describe what happened in 1666.



Year Three

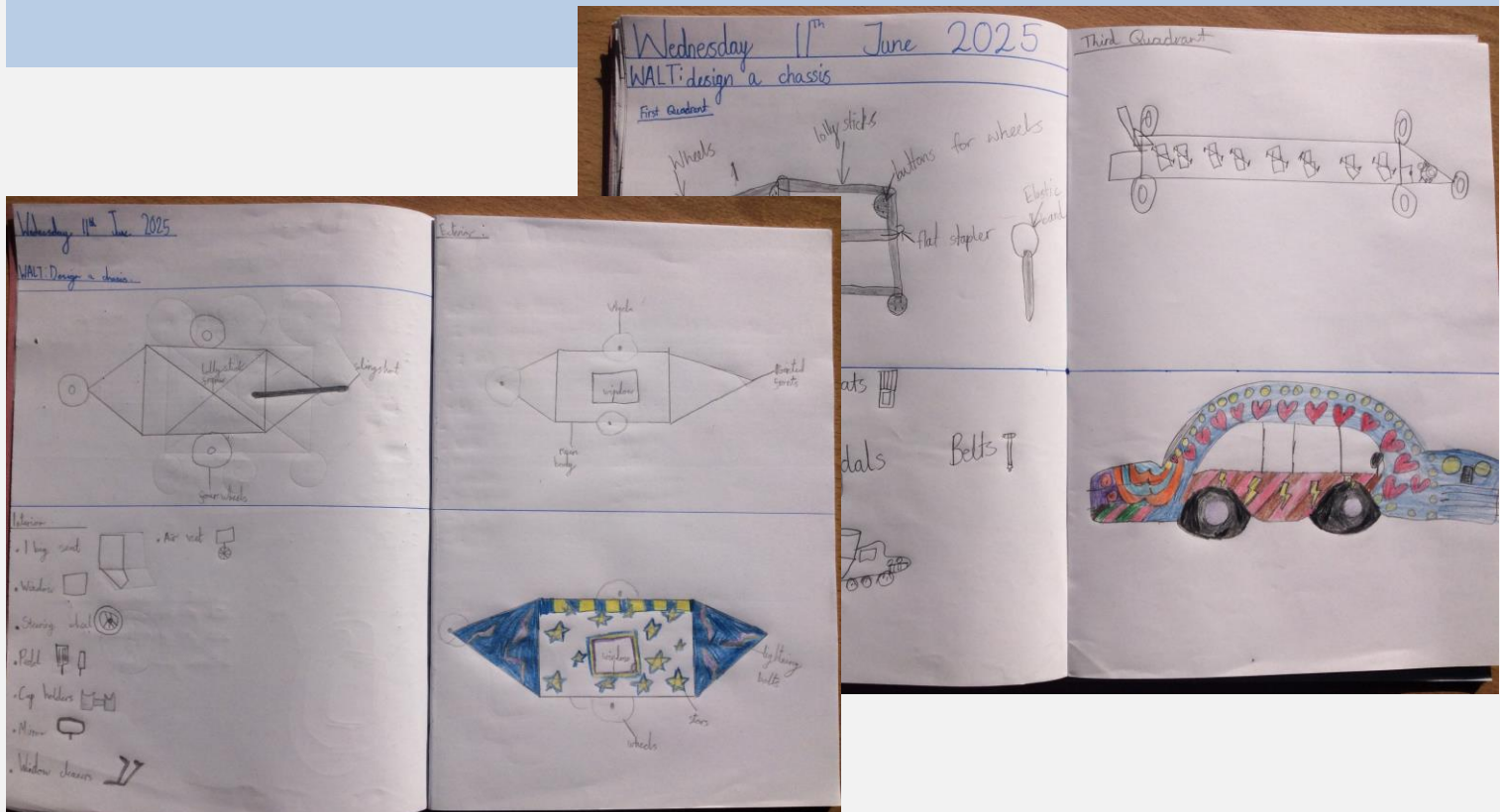
This week we have been completed our character descriptions about George's grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine. We have included lots of adjectives and similes to make our writing more interesting. In Art, we have been learning about the artist Georgia O'Keefe. We discussed what we liked about her artwork and what medias she used. We used viewfinders to sketch different parts of a plant and then created our own artwork in the style of O'Keefe. In PE, we have been practising the events for sports day and look forward to taking part next Wednesday.



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Year Four

This week in Year 4 has been filled with exciting learning experiences! In English, we've begun building up sentences for persuasive letters, aiming to encourage an author to visit our school and inspire all students to read more. In Maths, we focused on identifying different types of angles. We explored obtuse, acute, and right angles through various fun activities. Our Design & Technology lessons have sparked lots of enthusiasm as we have been able to dive into planning and designing slingshot cars. We have learned the importance of a strong chassis and are putting our artistic skills to work in designing the bodies of our cars. In PE, we are gearing up for sports day by practicing key athletics events. Everyone is showing great determination and teamwork! Finally, in History, we held a lively class debate on the controversial actions of Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon regarding the artefacts from Egypt. It's been a great week in Year 4!



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Year Five

This week in Year Five, we have all completed our workshop, where we used wooden canes and elastic bands to create a life-sized Viking Longboat. This focussed on teamwork and intricate skills and made some amazing links to our current history topic. In English, we continued with our sentence stacking lessons based on Scott of the Antarctic, and we were introduced to some new literary devices, such as oxymoron. We also continued with our preparation for sports day with the relay and individual qualifying races. As you should have seen from the letters sent out last week, we will be completed two cooking activities in the coming week, so we explored the theory behind this as part of our D&T lessons.



Year Six

This week, we had the privilege of working with Martin – from Architecture Workshops – on building a Trojan Horse. The pupils were fully responsible for making each aspect of the structure and saw how 3D shapes hold a great deal of strength and resistance within a structure. Additionally, they had to communicate and work together – a true show of solidarity – to achieve the outcome. On a smaller scale, pupils are continuing to make their towers, for the construction project. Many of the skills and values taught during the workshop with Martin proved helpful with this challenge.





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	Neriah	For her amazing independent writing.
RBG	Isabelle	For showing self responsibility to keep the classroom clean and tidy.
RFK	Isla	For being an amazing role model and a kind friend.
1EC	Khira E	For her contributions to whole class discussions.
1LD	Holly	For being kind to others and trying so hard.
1BA	Joshua	For his amazing effort in phonics this week.
2RM	Frankie-Lee	For her amazing effort in maths this week!
2BG	Eva V	For her amazing effort in her math's lessons this week, using the column method.
2CH	All of 2CH	For always trying their best and having an amazing year in Year 2!
2MF	Lola	amazing hard work, focus and determination in Math this week. Well done!
3VP	Huda Y	For always making the right choices and being a good role model for her peers.
3RS	Temiloluwa	For making a great start to her time at ETPS.
3SG	Sophie	For her positive attitude and contributions when working in a team.
3ML	Aeva	For settling into 3ML really well.
4MR	Ronnie N and Kaiden P	For showing excellent teamwork during sports day practice.
4KC	Joey K	\
4CP	Ethan W	For showing solidarity and kindness.
5SA	Oliver P	For participating well in English and contributions in the Viking workshop.
5NM	Gabriel O	For his improved focus and determination to complete tasks as well as being helpful with class chores.
5TH	Joshua G	For his positive attitude to learning this week.
6AB	Joshua A	For his bravery when swimming.
6NB	Rosie M	For her outstanding attitude to the various activities in Year 6.
6LC	Abdirahman M	For much improved confidence in the water at swimming.



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.

9th June - 13 June 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

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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