

# School News

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week, full of engaging learning and activities!

### Remembrance Day

Thank you to all who donated to the poppy appeal this year. Children have enjoyed wearing their poppies or related items in school. The money raised will support the work of the Royal British Legion and benefit the families of those lost in conflict.

On Monday, we were able to host a service at the War Memorial to mark Remembrance Day. The year 6 children participated in a service of Remembrance led by Reverend Michelle Marshall and supported by the Royal British Legion.

Wreaths were placed at the Memorial on behalf of East Tilbury Primary School, The Osborne Cooperative Academy Trust, Bata Heritage Centre and the Royal British Legion. We were very proud of how our year 6 children conducted themselves and represented the school. It was also lovely to welcome members of the RBL and Bata heritage into the school afterwards for refreshments and for year 5 and 6 to show them their work on WWI and discuss their experiences of Remembrance Day.



### Children in Need

It was great to see the children and staff dressed up in their Pudsy clothes today. The money raised from this non-uniform event will go straight to the 'Children in Need' appeal and be used to support vulnerable children and families across the UK and abroad. Thank you for your support in raising money for this worthy cause.



### Parent and teacher consultations

We look forward to hosting our first parent and teacher consultations of the new academic year next week. Please arrive a few minutes prior to your scheduled time entering through the main reception where you will be signposted to the dance studio hall. We will also have a book sale during the four evenings – details for this will be further along in the newsletter and on our Facebook page.

We wish you a relaxing weekend ahead,

The Leadership Team

# Upcoming Events



## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are next week. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher as we would like all parents to have an appointment time.

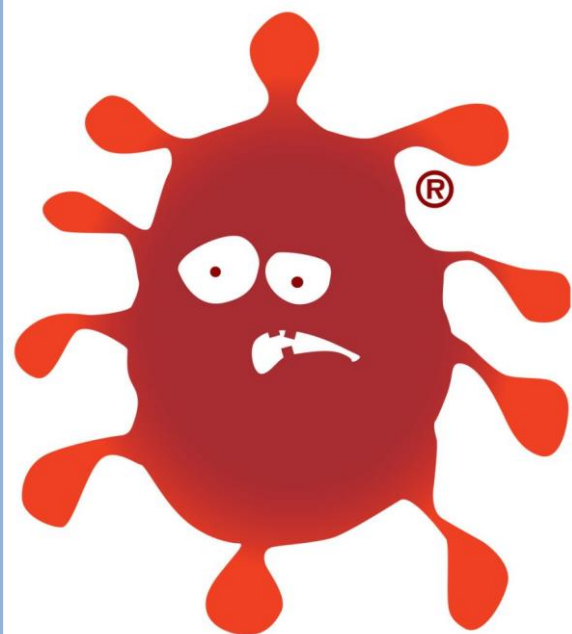
As usual our book fair will be running during Parent Consultations.

The immunisation team are looking forward to visiting our school to deliver the flu vaccines.

If you did not receive an email confirmation for your completed consent form/s, please complete and resubmit your consent form to ensure this has been received by the team.

<https://forms.office.com/e/RhNKe38Nc2>

If you require support to complete, please contact the team on 0300 790 0597 option 1.



# Important Information

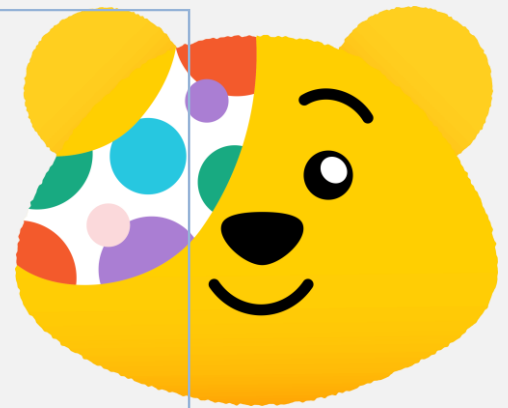
If your child has an injury and has been given medical advice that we need to follow as a school, please bring them to the school office for 8.15am on their first day back at school following the injury so that we can complete a risk assessment. Thank you for your cooperation.

## 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.



## Children in Need

Thank you to all the families that donated to Children In Need today. Your support is very much appreciated.

# 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 getting colder and children are beginning to wear jumpers/cardigans to school.

We are missing a significant number of reading books. If you have any left at home (whatever condition) from last academic year, please return them.  
Thank you

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

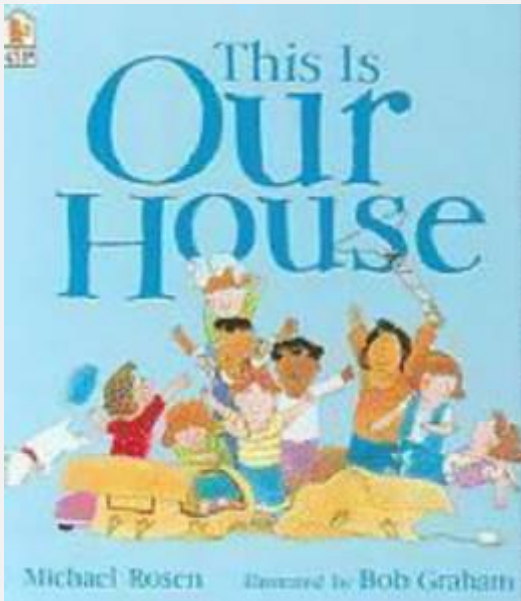
We are continually updating our OPAL resources and would gladly accept donations of:

- 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.



## This is Our House

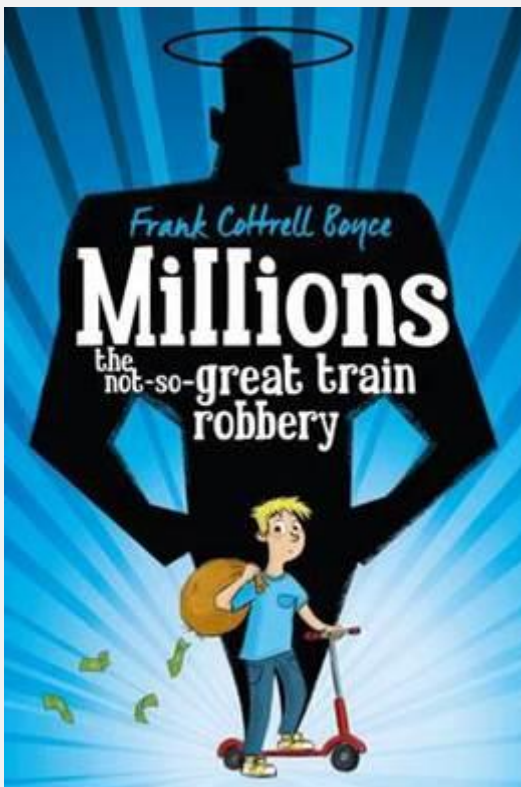
**Author:** Michael Rosen

**Illustrator:** Bob Graham

**Publisher:** Walker Books

George has made a cardboard house with jolly red windows, flowers and an aerial. George wants it all to himself. It isn't a house for girls, for small people or twins. It isn't for people wearing glasses, firemen or doctors.

But when George goes to the loo, his friends fill his house to bursting point. It now has no room for redheads like George, who kicks and screams, yells and sobs, and then has a good think.



## Millions

**Author:** Frank Cottrell Boyce

**Illustrator:** Steven Lenton

**Publisher:** Walker Books

Since the death of his mother, Damian has become obsessed by saints. In order to escape the trappings of the material world, he builds a hermitage out of cardboard boxes near the railway line. One night, a bag containing £229,370 falls from the sky and flattens the hermitage. Damian is convinced it is a gift from God, and contemplates with his older brother Anthony the best way to spend it. But with only 17 days left before the national currency switches to Euros and the money becomes worthless, this proves to be much more difficult than they had anticipated...



# SEND in Focus



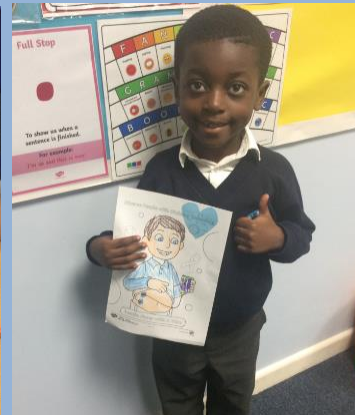
On 14<sup>th</sup> November each year, we recognise World Diabetes Awareness Day. Diabetes is a condition where:

- Your body is not able to turn the food you eat into energy.
- Your body needs insulin to unlock your body's cells and turn the food into energy.
- It is a chronic (long-term) condition where a high level of glucose (sugar) is present in the bloodstream.
- The pancreas sends out insulin to capture the extra sugar in the blood.

This week, some of the children have thought about diabetes and the impact it has on people. Here is a poster the children made within their nurture group to inform others about diabetes.



In Year 2, the children learnt about what diabetes is and how we can treat people who have the condition. They then wrote their ideas in blue hearts, the colour that represents World Diabetes Day, and created posters.



# Diary Dates

Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th November 2024	EYFS/KS1 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st November 2024	KS2 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 4th December 2024	Pantomime (09:30am – all years)
Wednesday 18th December 2024	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December 2024	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 6th January 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January 2025	First day of Spring Term

# 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](http://www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk)



# Class News

## Reception

This week in reception we have been talking about the police. We had a very exciting visit and got to look at and sit in a real police car. We also got to talk to the police officers. We have discussed animals that can help the police officers to do their job and the special clothing that they wear.



In maths we have been counting and ordering numbers.

In topic we have been looking at Rangoli patterns and have used different mediums to create our own patterns.

## Year One

This week in Year 1, we have been independently writing poems about fireworks. We have used our learning from last week to write the poems.

In maths, we learnt about directional language and lead our friends to different areas of the classroom, telling them when to turn and when to stop. We got to go on another visit to the computer suite, we drew self-portraits and learnt how to type our names underneath.

In art, we continued our learning about different types of learns and did some expressive drawings to sounds. We enjoyed working collaboratively to create a whole class piece of art. We are also very excited about the Christmas performance and have started to listen to and learn the different songs.

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## Year Two

This week, year 2 began their independent writing in English. The children had to think carefully about the techniques that they had learnt to grab the attention of the reader. Most children were able to select their favourite fact about lions and used this to formulate their own 'did you know...?' style question.

In maths, we started a new unit on 'measure'. The children have been busy comparing measures, thinking carefully about selecting appropriate resources to support them when measuring.

In Art this week we mapped out our journey to school, creating our own artistic representation of familiar points of interest. We had to think carefully about how to represent the textures on our page, as well as using appropriate colours.



## Year Three

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 3! This week, we kicked off our sentence stacking lessons as we embark on creating our very own holiday brochure for Skara Brae. Our enthusiastic learners have been diving into the world of persuasive language, discovering how to entice and engage potential visitors to this incredible destination. The creativity and enthusiasm in the classroom have been simply inspiring!

This week in Maths, we have been diving into the world of pictograms and bar charts! We've been learning not only how to read and interpret various graphs but also how to draw our own.

We loved our science investigation this week! Our budding scientists set out to discover how different materials and surfaces can affect friction. Our findings showed that our toy cars zoomed down surfaces with less friction, like shiny foil. But surfaces with more friction, such as bubble wrap and hessian, brought our cars to a stop sooner. 🚧👉

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## Year Four

This week, Year 4 have been busy exploring a variety of exciting topics! In English, the class focused on the powerful poem *Still I Rise* by Maya Angelou. The pupils were inspired by the poem's themes of resilience and strength when facing discrimination and worked hard to adapt it to create their own versions, expressing how they would feel in the same situation.

Year 4 also reflected on the significance of Remembrance Day. They learned about why we honour those who have served in wars and the importance of remembering the sacrifices made for our freedom.

In Maths, pupils started their learning on multiplication and division. They enjoyed exploring patterns in multiplication tables and began using these patterns to solve problems

In Science, Year 4 studied the digestive system and took part in a hands-on experiment to better understand how our bodies process food. They created a model digestive system using a sandwich bag (the stomach), orange juice (stomach acid), and tights (the intestines). The experiment helped students visualise how food moves through the body and is broken down for digestion.

It's been a fantastic week of learning and creativity! Well done, Year 4!

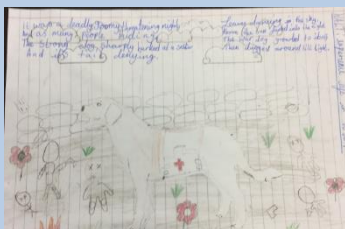
## Year Five



This week, we commemorated Remembrance Day with a respectful two minutes' silence. It was a meaningful occasion where students reflected on the sacrifices made by service personnel

throughout history.

In English, we are creating poems about animals that served during the Wars. This activity not only enhances literacy skills but also fosters empathy for our history.

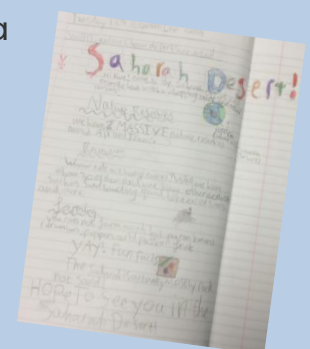


In Maths, we have launched into our statistics unit. The focus this week has been on reading and interpreting line graphs, as well as understanding timetables. It would be wonderful if you could discuss these topics with your children at home.



In Geography, we explored the Sahara Desert, the world's largest desert. The students have shown great enthusiasm for researching its unique environment. Exploring documentaries or books on this

topic at home could further enrich their learning.



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## Year Six

Our Week in Year 6:

Our Year Six students proudly represented our school at the recent Remembrance Service held at the Memorial. Their respectful demeanour and heartfelt participation honoured the sacrifices made by those who served. Students laid a wreath on behalf of the school and observed a moment of silence, reflecting the significance of this important occasion. They also read the name of those who gave their lives during the First and Second World War. It was inspiring to see them engage with the community, fostering a sense of gratitude for the freedoms they have to this day. We are so proud of our Year Six children for their exemplary behaviour and commitment to honouring our history.





# 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!

<b>RBG</b>	Callum	For making good choices in his learning this week.
<b>RES</b>	Lenny R	For always sitting beautifully on the carpet and always using our Makaton signs.
<b>RFK</b>	Sienna	For her effort and positive attitude in phonics this week.
<b>1BA</b>	Ayaan	For his increasing confidence in class discussions.
<b>1EC</b>	Evie J	For writing an amazing poem independently.
<b>1LD</b>	Michael J	For being kind, respectful and a great role model to others.
<b>2RM</b>	Alfie	For working exceptionally hard this week to learn the nativity songs.
<b>2CH</b>	David	For his amazing attitude towards his work this week.
<b>2MF</b>	Samaran S	For showing great learning attitude, especially in Maths.
<b>2BG</b>	Amir	For working extremely hard in all his subjects this week.
<b>3ML</b>	Adiel	For his effort this week to improve his handwriting and pace in lessons.
<b>3RS</b>	Amelia	For working hard across all subjects.
<b>3SG</b>	Misha P	For confidently sharing her ideas and experiences with the class in RE.
<b>3VP</b>	All of 3VP	For being the best class ever!
<b>4CP</b>	Charlie M	For having an amazingly positive attitude throughout the week.
<b>4KC</b>	Alex P	For always being respectful and ready to learn.
<b>4MR</b>	Jude P	For always being positive and trying his best in all lessons.
<b>5NM</b>	Freddie	For his contributions to class discussions especially in Maths.
<b>5SA</b>	Kaitlyn D	For working hard across all subjects and being a great model to others.
<b>5TH</b>	Elsie-Mae	For showing focus and dedication in all of this week's lessons.
<b>6AB</b>	Alfie G	For his enthusiasm in maths lessons.
<b>6LC</b>	Nancy	For working really hard in maths this week.
<b>6NB</b>	Elsie B	For consistently demonstrating solidarity.



# 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.

## 11th November - 15 November 2024

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# 10 Top-Tips for Parents and Educators

## TEACHING CYCLE SAFETY

Cycling is an amazing way to spend quality time together as a family, as well as keeping everyone healthy and active – and it's an excellent exercise, whatever the age of your children. Getting started can sometimes be daunting, and there are obvious safety concerns over youngsters who are still getting used to a bike – so follow our top tips to help you ride with confidence.

### 1 CONSIDER CYCLE TRAINING

Courses like Bikeability are extremely useful, and training in general has come a long way since cycling proficiency began; there are Bikeability courses for adults, too. Cycle training teaches invaluable skills (such as good road positioning, signaling and visibility), and can help both parents and children feel more at ease on busy streets.

### 2 USE A SUITABLE BIKE

Find a bike of an appropriate size for its rider and resist the temptation to have children 'grow into' theirs by buying one too large for them. A bigger bike will be heavier and more difficult to control, making accidents more likely and potentially putting youngsters off cycling forever. If your child has any specific physical needs, or has dyspraxia, then try out a trike, handcycle or other adaptive cycle to see what works best.

### 3 TRY A CARGO BIKE

Cargo bikes, particularly the box-bike style, are ideal for transporting small children around. Depending on the type of bike chosen – as well as the size and age of the children – it can be possible to transport up to four little ones in this way, with additional space for other cargo as well.

### 4 INSPECT YOUR CYCLE

It's a good idea to do some routine checks on any bike before going for a ride to make sure everything's working correctly. The 'M check' is particularly useful: assessing the condition and position of the bike's wheels, handlebars, brakes, pedals, chain and saddle, working from front to back. Online tutorial videos can also teach you how to carry out basic repairs if needed. For more complicated fixes, head to your local bike shop.

### 5 BRING SUITABLE GEAR

Ensure whatever you're wearing, and any attachments for your bike, are suitable for the ride. A waterproof jacket will let you cycle safely in almost any weather. Make sure any helmets are fitted correctly. If you're riding after dark, remember to fit your bikes with a white front light, a red rear light and a red rear reflector. These are required by law.

### 6 STICK TO FLAT TERRAIN

Take a smooth, flat route if possible, so it's more suitable for younger cyclists. You might be surprised by how many quiet roads or back streets there may be in your area. Don't be put off by an indirect but easier path as opposed to a shorter, busier one. Look out for the National Cycle Network, canal towpaths and even parks that you can cut through.

### 7 STAY ALERT AND IN SAFE FORMATIONS

For maximum protection and visibility, ride in a line with children in the middle and adults at either end. If you're the only adult present, take up a position at the rear to ensure all children remain in your sight. Don't be tempted to hug the kerb if cycling on the road – riding approximately a metre out will make you more noticeable to other road users, and you'll also stay clear of any debris in the gutter.

### 8 AVOID PARKED CARS

When riding past parked cars, try to stay at least a metre away, just in case anyone inside opens a door unexpectedly or the vehicle itself starts to move. This precaution will also deter anyone driving behind from trying to squeeze past you when there isn't enough space, so don't be afraid to ride in a prominent position.

### 9 START A 'BIKE BUS'

Cycling to school with other families is a potentially fun experience – one which comes with the added benefit of safety in numbers, in case anything goes wrong along the way. Team up with other parents, carers and educators and pick a day to cycle to school together. Who knows – maybe, in time, you'll have other folks asking to join you?

### 10 HAVE FUN!

Keep in mind that cycling should be fun! A good bike ride can be really enjoyable for adults and children alike, while also being a superb form of exercise. Ease children into the hobby by starting them off with shorter journeys – such as a trip to the park – and build them up to longer, more complicated outings. Some children may get bored on a longer ride, so try to keep a conversation going with them.

## Meet Our Expert

Sophie Gordon is the campaigns manager at Cycling UK, a charity which inspires and enables people to start cycling. She has spent six years campaigning for safer roads and more protected cycle paths, while supporting communities to call for better cycling conditions where they live.

we are cycling UK

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/teaching-cycle-safety>

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# BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

*this winter*



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer  
- so check over the page for some top tips!

# 5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at [www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad](http://www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad)

**Be Bright,  
Be Seen**

**THINK**

# Keep in Touch



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

Tel: 01375 846181  
Email: [office.etp@osborne.coop](mailto: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](http://www.childline.org.uk) · NSPCC 0808 800 5000 [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk); [www.facebook.com/nspcc](https://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