

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Dear Parents and Carers,

Children in Need

It was great to see the children and staff dressed up in their Pudsey 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/teacher consultations

Thank you to all the families that attended their teacher consultations this week. It was good to celebrate the successes of your child with their class teacher. 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 first 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 Survey

Over the course of this week, we have been asking parents, during their teacher consultation, to complete a short survey about their child's experiences of the school. There is still time to complete this survey if you haven't already done so, using the QR code or link below to go straight to the survey (it should only take 1-3 minutes to complete). Thank you in advance for sharing your feelings about the school with us. As leaders this helps to pinpoint actions for the future and get a sense of how our parent community feel about the school.

We hope that you have a relaxing weekend,

School Leadership Team

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

Parent Survey - Autumn 2023



Upcoming Events

Walk Online Roadshow

**Walk Online Roadshow for
Parents, Carers and Practitioners
Wednesday 22nd November 2023
- 20:00 till 21:30**

THURROCK LOCAL
SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN
PARTNERSHIP

Thurrock LSCP have offered the Walk Online Roadshow for all Years 5s. We are pleased to be able to offer a session for parents, carers and practitioners.

This session explores how parents, carers and practitioners can support their children to navigate the online world. Visit the website to access the link.

Please note that this session is for over 18s only.

www.thurrocklscp.org.uk



This session is designed to show parents and carers how they can support their children navigate the online world. You can book your place by visiting www.thurrocklscp.org.uk

Stubbers Trip Information

Y5 parents, come along to our presentation about the Stubbers 2024 residential trip on Thursday 23rd November at 3:30pm in the small hall. The current Y6 teachers will be showing you the fun activities that are on offer and answer any questions you may have about the trip.

STUBBERS

ADVENTURE CENTRE



SEND in Focus

On Tuesday 14th November 2023, it was World Diabetes Day.

To show support and awareness within the school, each year group spent discussion time finding out what Diabetes is. People wear a blue circle symbol or a blue ribbon on this day to show their support for everyone who has diabetes. Year one collaged ribbons and used them to create a blue circle. Many of the staff in school wore blue on Tuesday to show their support.



Important Information



The next awareness session is on Thursday 7th December. You can book your place by visiting www.thurrocklscp.org.uk

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THURROCK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

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



If you are collecting Year 1 or 2 pupils from the school playground, please go back out of the blue gate you came onto the playground through rather than waiting on the inside of the Key Stage 2 silver gate.

Thank 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



Diary Dates

Thursday 23rd November 2023	Year 5 Stubbers Parent Meeting 3.30-4pm
Friday 1st December 2023	Pantomime
Friday 1 st December 2023	Reception Speech and Language Parent Workshop and stay and play
Wednesday 6th December 2023	Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 6th December 2023	Pantomime
Thursday 7th December 2023	National Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th December 2023	RJG Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13th December 2023	RES Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th December 2023	REC Christmas Concert
Friday 15th December 2023	SEND and Nurture drop in
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Last day of term.
Thursday 4th January 2024	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 5th January 2024	Trust Conference Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 8th January 2024	Pupils back to school
Thursday 25th January 2024	Y6 SATs Meeting for parents/carers
Friday 26 th January 2024	Reception Parent Workshop and stay and play
19th – 23rd February 2024	Half 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
- Wellbeing
- Trip Payments

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

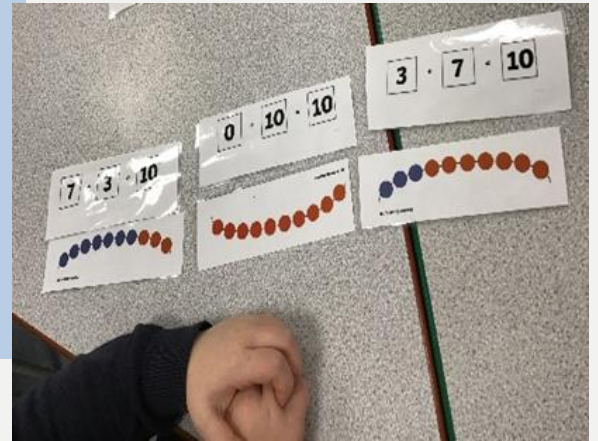
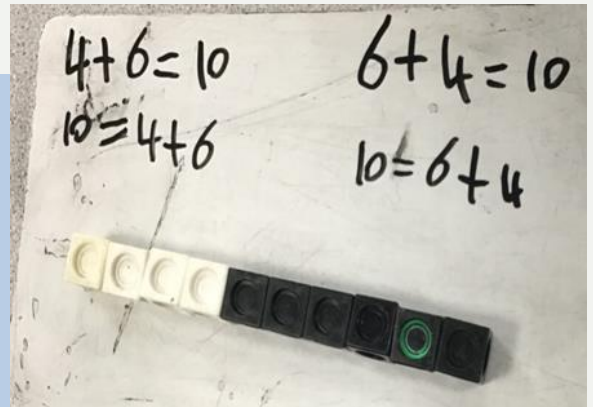
Our school uniform shop is currently closed due to our stock room being affected by RAAC. If you need support with school uniform please visit the 180 project in Chadwell St Mary.

mycommunitychurch.org.uk/community/projects

Class News

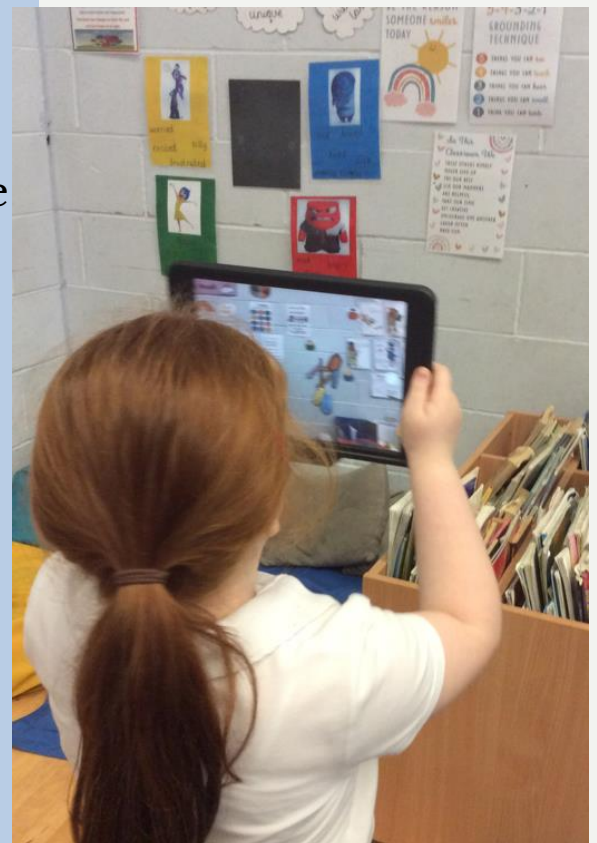
Year One

In Maths this week, Year One have been discussing different ways of finding number bonds to 10. We used concrete manipulatives such as counting cubes to build towers of ten and represented each tower in addition number sentences. Also, a range of pictorial representations, our fingers and ten frames with counters were explored to develop our confidence in identifying our number bonds to 10. Furthermore, we discussed how to find all the number bonds of a given number within 10 in a systematic way.



Year Two

In our computing lessons we have been learning how to take good photographs. We discussed which digital devices can be used to make photographs and once we understood the types of devices that took pictures, we explored how to take a good picture (angles, lighting, holding the camera securely, asking permission). We then discussed the words landscape and portrait. Using an iPad we took photographs of objects around the classroom in landscape and portrait formats. We decided which photograph we liked best and deleted the other format. We really enjoyed being photographers!



Class News

Year Three

We really have had a very busy week in Year 3 – full of exploring, learning and investigating! In English, we have continued to delve into holiday brochures, exploring the persuasive language used. This is going to help us write our holiday brochures later in the half term.

In Maths, we have been looking at column addition and column subtraction for the very first time! Our knowledge of place value is certainly helping us to answer these addition and subtraction questions. Meanwhile, in RE, using Chromebooks, we researched Hindu gods and goddesses, discovering fascinating insights about Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva. Science brought hands-on experimentation! This week, we investigated how various surfaces influence the movement of a toy car down a ramp. We had to make sure this was a fair test by making sure that we did not change any variables – only the surface of the slope!

We continue to encourage pupils to foster their love for learning beyond the classroom by using TTRS, BugClub, and MyMaths (as assigned) at home.

Looking ahead to our upcoming enrichment day in December, we kindly ask parents to consider donating clean glass jars, if possible. Your contributions would be greatly appreciated in preparing for this exciting day.

Wishing you all a delightful weekend ahead!

Year Four

Another busy week in Year Four! Pupils have been working hard across many areas of the curriculum and it has been a very hands-on, practical, artistic week.

In English, we have been exploring the poem 'Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou and have been using the oppression and discrimination she faced as inspiration to construct sentences for our own anti-bullying poetry.

Science:

Children explored the digestive system and the process of what happens when we eat. We then completed an experiment replicating the process of digestion— however, I think we will let the children fill you in with the rest...

Art-astic week:

Pupils have been continuing to work on their piece of art from the previous week. Last week we created a wax background, with multiple colours, and painted over it in black. Why you might ask? Well, pupils then had to etch a design this week and then use that etched design to inspire a piece of print work. Some pupils chose a part of the etched design and created a printing pad for it using various resources; others used their etching as inspiration but altered their images.



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Year Five

Year 5 pupils combined their science knowledge to create circuits that included a motor, batteries and wires—alongside some creativity to make Doodlers. The motor makes the cup vibrate which in turn moves the whole piece up and down and around. The pencils or pens then ‘doodle’ on the paper beneath.



Year Six

As always, there has been some excellent learning in Year 6 this week. In English, we have continued our recount from the perspective of an evacuee and have enjoyed reading excerpts from ‘Letters from the Lighthouse’ by Emma Carroll as inspiration. In maths, we have moved onto adding and subtracting fractions, learning various methods to solve these problems. In science, we experimented with shadows and tested how the proximity of the light source affects the shadow size. In PSHE, we recognised Anti-Bullying week and discussed the difference between banter and bullying, with children sharing their own experiences if they felt comfortable to do so. We also ended this lesson by sharing positive thoughts and compliments about one another.





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	Holly	For writing her name independently.
REC	EJ	For his comprehension in reading.
RES	George L	For always working hard on all his tasks.
1GC	Araoluwa	For her excellent contributions in class discussions this week.
1FK	Demi-Rae	For trying her best in school and having a positive attitude.
1BA	Vijay	For his participation in this week's PE lesson.
2BG	Anton	For working hard in all his subjects this week.
2RS	James	For writing a lovely non-chronological report about Lions.
2CH	Vinnie	For his extra hard work this week.
2RM	Jaxson	For his brilliant effort across all subjects this week.
3VP	Isabelle B	For a convincing and persuasive tour of Skara Brae.
3ML	Nojus N	For consistently showing great effort in his learning and completing challenge tasks.
3SG	Jacob A	For being more engaged in his learning across all subjects this week.
3SA	Lottie T	For improved concentration and participation in lessons.
4CP	Ava R	For increased confidence within lessons.
4NM	Lilly	For her resilience to learn her times tables.
4JP	Gabriel A	For showing a positive and helpful attitude in class towards his learning and peers.
5AB	Katie C	For amazing progress with all subjects.
5TH	Emily M	For pushing herself to up-level sentences in English.
5MR	Sebastian	For coming up with lots of independent ideas in English and science.
6LC	Rebecca TW	For having a great attitude to learning across the curriculum.
6NB	Lily-Anne	For her commitment in grammar.
6JM	Lacey	For outstanding effort in maths.



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.

12th November - 17th November 2023

6LC 348 6NB 259 6JM 241

12th November - 17th November 2023

5MR 501 5AB 112 5TH 104

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3SA 1153 3SG 194 3ML 190 3VP 184

12th November - 17th November 2023

2RS 14 2CH 9 2BG 1 2RM 0

12th November - 17th November 2023

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Keep in Touch



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

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

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We are also regularly updating our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Log on and have a look!



Twitter:
@EastTPrimary



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

- Mrs Bates
- Mrs Dawson

Due to the size of the school, we have the following designated staff who can deputise in the Headteacher's absence:

- Mr Gowland
- Mrs Jarvis
- Mrs Mylam
- Mrs Allen
- Mrs Sheridan

Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

Worried about a child? You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

Thurrock MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding hub), Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL, Tel: 01375 652802. Emergency Duty Team (for out of hours) 01375 372468. · Police Child Abuse Investigation Team 01277 266822 or call 999 if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection. · Childline 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk · NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk; www.facebook.com/nspcc



Tues 14:00-16:00: St. Mary's Church hall, St. Mary's Church, Dock Rd, Grays, RM17 6EX.

Tues 11:00-13:00: St. John the Baptist Church, Tilbury, Dock Road, Tilbury, RM18 7PP

Weds 11:00-13:00: Gateway People's Centre, High Street, Stanford Le Hope, Essex, SS17 0EY

Weds 13:00 -14:30: Sockets Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays, RM16 2SB

Thurs 11:00-13:00: St. Francis Centre, Somerset Rd, Linford, SS17 0QA

Thurs 11:00-13:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Fri 10:12:00: St. Stephen's Church of England, London Rd, Purfleet, RM19 1QD

Sat 09:30-11:30: Emmanuel Church of England, Sleepers Farm Rd, Chadwell St. Mary, RM16 4TP

Sat 10:00-12:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Sat 10:00-12:00: Christian Gates of Praise International Christian Centre, 79-83 London Rd, RM175YF



Have you received an ASD diagnosis for your child?

Do you have questions or concerns?

Do you need someone to talk to?

The Specialist Health Visiting Team Nursery Nurse will be available for you on the last Monday of every month with a friendly face and a cup of tea at the Child Development Centre, Gifford House, Thurrock Community Hospital, Long Lane, Grays, RM16 2PX
09:30-10:30am



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet-enabled - so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly - especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information - while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming - all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology - showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own - suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space - so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it - rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert





Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of *Technistalk*, the insider, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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

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