



# School News

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting week at school with lots of hard work and commitment shown by the children!

### Yr6 SATs week

This week has been the Yr6 Key Stage 2 testing week. We are extremely proud of the determination and commitment shown by our year 6 pupils over the course of the week. A big thank you to all the support parents have given their children in preparation for the tests and a thank you to the many staff who helped the yr6s during the testing week. We hope to receive the results towards the end of July so that pupils can have the results with their end of year school report.

### Our school Facebook page

Please do check out our school Facebook page! It has lots of interesting information for parents about the day-to-day life of our school and upcoming events. It is a great source of information and many of our families tell us how helpful it is.

### T100- Goes wild!

Over the last 10 years we have partnered with a local Arts organisation called Kinetika. Each year the organisation hosts a festival for families across Thurrock. For more information about this year's festival and how you can participate please visit: <https://t100festival.co.uk/2024-walks-goes-wild/>

### Curriculum enrichment day

Today has been a fun-filled day of learning right across the school. Year groups have been delivering a curriculum enrichment day to inspire and engage pupils in creative tasks related to their learning. From Fruit smoothie making in year 1 to drama work about the Great Fire of London in yr2, the children and staff have had a great day of learning together! Please do check out our Facebook page to see photos and information about the day.

We hope that you enjoy the weekend ahead,  
The Leadership Team

# Upcoming Events

EYFS Sports Morning  
Wednesday 26th June  
9.30am - 11am

Year 1 and 2 Sports Morning  
Thursday 27th June  
9.30am - 11am

Year 3 and 4 Sports Afternoon  
Wednesday 26th June  
1.30pm - 3.00pm  
Year 5 and 6 Sports  
Afternoon  
Thursday 27th June  
1.30pm - 3.00pm

Let your child wear their PE kit all day, including a house-coloured t-shirt.  
Team colours will be sent home in reading records or books bags before  
half term.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 25th May 2014



To support our daily biscuit time, we will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of each half term.

For this day we are asking for a small voluntary donation or a packet of plain digestive biscuits.

Dates for these events each half term can be found on the weekly newsletter.



# Sporting News



Congratulation to these two for making their UK debut at the European Random Attacks championship in Belgium.

They have been training with the UK team for the last 18 months at Thurrock Ju Jitsu on a Monday and Wednesday. Both boys have put lots of time and effort into their training which really showed on competition day. They showed great determination and skills during a tough category and earned themselves a place within the top 16 in Europe among tough competition from Italy, Spain, and Belgium.

Well done Boys.

# Important Information



**FREE School Uniform**  
free for everyone,  
no referral needed!

**Events**

**Fridays**  
3 - 4.30pm

19th January  
16th February  
15th March  
19th April  
17th May  
21st June

**Saturdays**  
10 - 11.30am

20th January  
17th February  
16th March  
20th April  
18th May  
22nd June

**Community Church Chadwell St Mary**  
Defoe Parade (enter from Brentwood Road)  
RM16 4QR

**Save the planet 🌍, and your pennies 💰!**  
**Hundreds of items in stock:**

- Polo shirts
- Shirts & blouses
- Skirts
- Trousers
- Socks
- Pinafore dresses
- Jumpers & cardigans
- Blazers & ties
- PE kit incl football socks
- Plimsolls
- Black shoes
- Coats

Clean, good condition school uniform donations accepted when space allows. Please check our facebook page to see if we are currently collecting. Search facebook for "The 180 Project"

An event run by The 180 Project, part of Community Church  
Registered charity no. 1062301. Tel: 01375 484 101

We have a very limited stock of uniform due to our uniform store being in the RAAC area of the school. If you are in need of uniform please visit the 180 project at the Community Church in Chadwell St Mary.

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



## Help Us Enhance our EYFS Outdoor Area! 🌳

Calling all kind-hearted donors! 🙏 We are thrilled to announce that we are working on transforming our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) outdoor area into a vibrant, interactive space for our little learners. 🌈

Do you happen to have any of the following items that are yearning for a new purpose? If so, we would be incredibly grateful for your generous donations to our school. 📺❤️

Let's create an unforgettable outdoor haven where our little ones can explore, learn, and grow! 🌈🌱

### Can You Help Us?

We are looking for extra outdoor resources to help us support your child's learning and development. Any help, big or small, makes a big difference and you may be surprised by what we are looking for! Thank you for your support.

#### We Are Looking For:

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**Exciting News! Join Us in Enhancing Lunchtimes at Our School with OPAL** 🌳🍌📖  
Hey everyone! We're thrilled to share that we're taking our lunchtimes to the next level with our OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning) initiative! ✨ Thanks to OPAL, our lunchtimes have already seen a positive transformation, and now, with your support, we can make them even better. 😊

#### 📺 Donation Wishlist:

- Prams (toy size and child size) 🧸
- Dolls & Teddy Bears (large and small) 🧸
- Lego 🧱
- Reading Books 📖
- Scooters 🛹
- Bike Helmets 🚲

Your contributions will help us create a more fun and engaging lunchtime experience for all our students.



# SEND in Focus

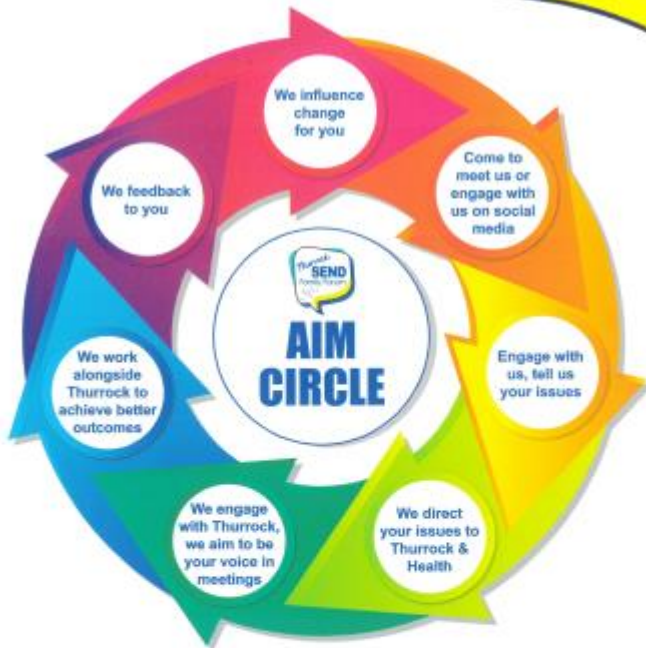


Thank you to the parents/carers who have returned their parent views form. It is really helpful to hear about your child's strengths and needs at home and how you feel the school supports them. If you have not returned the form, there is still time and we would love to hear from you. We always strive to improve so your feedback is really important to us. Mrs Mylam looks forward to speaking with you during the SEND consultations over the next couple of weeks. If you were unable to book an appropriate time slot, please do not hesitate the school office or email:

[send.etp@osborne.coop](mailto:send.etp@osborne.coop).



# SEND in Focus



**Join us! Talk to us! Share our events!**

**Follow us on social media**   

If you would like to join our mailing list or know more about being part of the forum please email: [thurrockparentcarers@gmail.com](mailto:thurrockparentcarers@gmail.com)

*(N.B The Parent/Carers' Forum is not used for individual complaints and issues. Concerns or complaints involving individual children / young people, families will be signposted to PATT - SENDIAS service for advice and personal support.)*

Thurrock SEND Family Forum  
c/o TCIL, The Beehive, West Street  
Grays, Essex, RM17 6XP

## Aims



Thurrock SEND Family Forum (TSFF) aims to be a well-informed, connected and empowered community for families of children / young people with disabilities or additional needs (SEND). We live here and run the forum in Thurrock, in partnership with the Local Authority (Education and Social Care) and Health providers to create quality services that meet the needs of parent carers and their SEND children / young people. We do this through activities of engagement, participation and co-production with others.

*We aim to:*


- Provide parents / carers with a relaxed, informal place to meet and share their views on how things are going and how the borough can improve
- Be your voice and we aim to not only listen, but also to act
- Develop partnership working with Thurrock Council, Health and parent / carers to support and promote SEND needs within the borough
- Feedback parent carer experiences and views to challenge service providers in order to positively influence the development of services and improve outcomes for SEND children and young adults through co-production activities with families and services
- Be clear and approachable, accessible to all
- Tell you about how your voices have made a difference for local families and services
- Promote diversity, disability equality and challenge discrimination on all levels within the borough
- Involve local parents, explain how the forum works and invite parent carers to become involved with our volunteer roles
- Connect with other parent carer forums across Essex, Southend and Thurrock and within the local region

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NELFT NHS  
NHS Foundation Trust



ASD  
Post  
Diagnosis  
Drop-in

Mon 15th Jan  
Mon 19th Feb  
Mon 18th Mar  
Mon 15th April  
Mon 20th May  
Mon 17th June  
Mon 15th July

09:30-10:30am

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's will be available for you on the third  
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



# Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st May 2024	Year 6 swimming lessons start
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Half Term
Tuesday 4th June 2024 and Wednesday 5th June 2024	New Reception intake meeting – 9:30am and 2pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	Class photos
Friday 7th June 2024 – Friday 14th June 2024	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 26th June 2024	EYFS sports morning 9:30-11am
Wednesday 26th June 2024	Year 3 and 4 sports afternoon 1.30-3pm
Thursday 27th June 2024	Year 1 and 2 sports morning 9:30-11am
Thursday 27th June 2024	Year 5 and 6 sports afternoon 1.30-3pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2024	Thurrock Infant Music Festival
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Last day of term for pupils
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	INSET day – 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
- Wellbeing
- Trip Payments

## FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

[www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk](http://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](http://mycommunitychurch.org.uk/community/projects)

# Class News

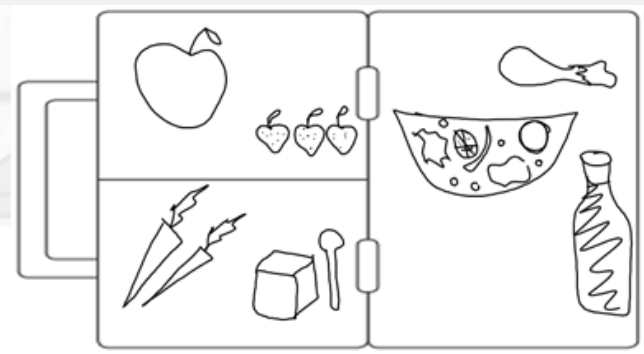
## Reception

This week in Reception we have been reading *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*. We have been using our phonic skills to write amazing sentences about how the goats went across the bridge. Also, we have re-enacted parts of the story, changing our voices for the different characters. Our favourite part was “Who’s been trip trapping over my bridge?”.

In maths this week we have been composing and decomposing shapes, looking at the shapes within 3d shapes and cutting shapes in half to make other shapes, we even drew pictures using shapes, we drew dogs, castles, houses and rockets.

## Year One

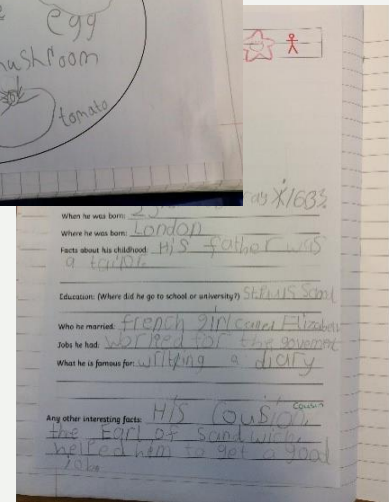
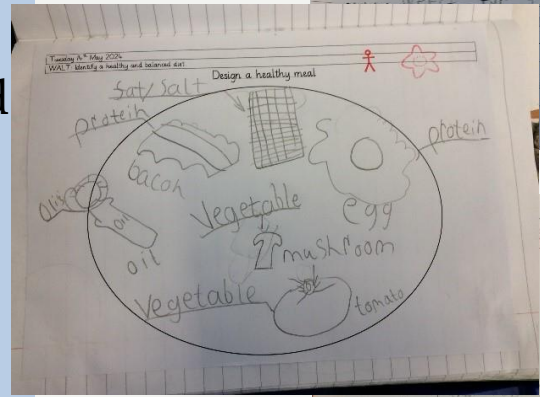
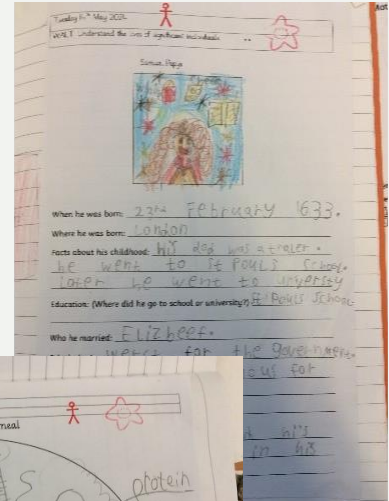
Year one has been learning about how to have a healthy body and mind in their PSHE lessons. They focused on the importance of having a balanced diet to be able to give them energy and help them concentrate. They sorted a range of food into the different food groups so they could see what foods they need more of during the day. After this, they then created a pack lunch box, making sure they put food in it that allowed a balanced diet.



# Class News

## Year Two

This week we have continued learning about the Great Fire of London. In English, we have been writing a diary and imagining what it was like during the fire. We have used our senses to help us and described what we would see, hear, feel and touch. In History, we found out lots of interesting facts about Samuel Pepys. We created a fact file with all the information we learned. In science, we have been learning about eating a balanced diet and different food groups. We designed a healthy meal that contained foods from each food group.



## Year Three

This week in Year 3, our young scientists have been diving into the fascinating world of how plants transport water. We've explored the amazing process of water transportation within plants - it's truly incredible how nature works its magic!

Here's a sneak peek into what we've been up to:

- **Roots in Action:** Our curious minds learned how roots absorb water from the soil
- **Stem Transport:** We discovered how the stem plays a vital role in transporting water to the leaves
- **Leaf Evaporation:** Witnessing water evaporate from the leaves was like watching magic unfold before our eyes!

And the most exciting part? We conducted a riveting investigation where we explored how temperature affects water transportation in plants. To test our theory, we conducted a comparative experiment where we separated white flowers into two beakers with food colouring. Keeping everything constant, except for the temperature, we will be monitoring whether water transportation happens more quickly in warmer or colder environments - that's the secret ingredient to our scientific exploration this week.

# Class News

## Year Four

Year 4 has been an exciting whirlwind of learning, creativity, and skill-building. Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to in our classroom:

In Maths, we've been learning to read the time on an analogue clock to the nearest minute, focusing on 'past' and 'to' the hour. Additionally, they have been practicing calculating the duration of time between two given points, both in minutes and hours. Our reading adventure this week took us through the pages of "Ravi's Roar" by Tom Percival. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring Ravi's story and engaged in lively discussions about the book's themes which has linked to our work with Brain Buddies.

Our English lessons have been particularly inspiring as the students undertook a project to write persuasive letters to their favourite authors, inviting them to visit our school. Using The Write Stuff sentence stacks, the children crafted compelling letters incorporating quotes about the importance of reading. This has resonated with the children, reinforcing the value of developing strong reading habits.

Our PE have been focused on refining our athletics skills, this week this has involved running with hurdles, which has been both challenging and fun. Alongside this, we have continued to develop our cricket skills, improving our coordination, teamwork, and overall fitness. In PSHE, the focus has been on oral hygiene. The students learned about the importance of taking care of their teeth and the impact good oral hygiene can have on their overall health. This vital lesson aims to instil lifelong healthy habits in our young learners.

Our exploration of the Ancient Egyptians continued with great enthusiasm. As part of Curriculum Day, we have been working on our Art project, creating Egyptian Scrolls. The students learned about the significance of papyrus in Ancient Egyptian culture and even had the chance to make their own scrolls. This hands-on activity brought history to life and allowed the children to connect with the past in a tangible way.

## Year Five

This week, Year 5 have been continuing to dive into the fascinating Scott expedition. We have been working together to create sentence stacks that recreate the diary entries written by Robert Falcon Scott back in 1911. By immersing ourselves in the harsh conditions of Antarctica, we have gained a clearer understanding of the challenges they faced. Interestingly, we even used the recent Aurora's in the sky over the weekend to spark some creative vocabulary ideas!

In maths, we have been building upon our knowledge of shapes and coordinates. With the help of a coordinate grid, we have been able to move shapes and explore missing coordinates. It has been quite a puzzle-solving adventure! Additionally, we have started investigating lines of symmetry, discovering the beauty of balance in various shapes.

History has brought out our inner soldiers this week, as we delved into underground warfare and the incredible efforts of the tunnel rats who dug tunnels below the trenches during the war. We have learned about the toll this warfare took on the mental and physical health of those involved. Trying to empathize with these brave individuals, we each wrote a diary entry about our imagined experiences.

In science, we continued our investigation of lifecycles, focusing on mammals and birds. We found out some fascinating facts, such as there being approximately one fox for every 150 people in Britain, and that foxes leave their mothers when they reach one year of age. We also studied the lifecycle of 'Crispy' the duck, who laid eggs that would hatch into ducklings. These ducklings learn to become self-sufficient by the age of one year – quite an achievement!

Curriculum day this half term has had an artistic touch, as we explored the world of war artist Paul Nash. Nash was heavily influenced by abstract art and surrealism. Drawing inspiration from his incredible paintings, we have created our own artwork in a similar style. We had the pleasure of using a variety of media, including pastels, charcoals, chalk, and watercolours, to bring our artistic vision to life.

# Class News

*Year Six*

This week, our amazing Year 6s completed their end of Primary school Key Stage 2 assessments. All of the children, who completed these tests, demonstrated excellent perseverance and determination; we are so incredibly proud of them!

The Year 6 staff wish you a restful weekend!



**WELL DONE**

**YEAR 6**

**SATS**

**ARE OVER!**



# 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	Teddie	For writing sentences independently.
REC	Dolcie	For always trying her best.
RES	Edie-Marie	For working really hard on her writing task this week.
1GC	Archie	For showing great determination in his independent writing this week.
1FK	Kartar	For his amazing effort in English this week.
1BA	Annie	For great effort at sounding and blending cvc words.
2BG	Trixie	For making the right choices and showing positive behaviour.
2RS	Hitha	For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude to learning across all lessons.
2CH	Elena	For trying extra hard in maths this week.
2RM	Violet	For showing a positive attitude towards learning across all subjects this week.
3VP	Albie R	For demonstrating a positive attitude towards grammar lessons.
3ML	Shehram E	For settling in and completing his tasks in lessons.
3SG	Jacob A	For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude to learning across all subjects.
3SA	Samuel D	For demonstrating more self-responsibility in his writing.
4CP	Juliana L	For working hard in lessons.
4NM	Carlyle	For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude across all areas of the curriculum.
4JP	Lucas S	For showing kindness by discreetly helping others. It didn't go unnoticed!
5AB	Nadia W	For showing a positive improvement in English.
5TH	Ashley A	For being a great friend and even better Eco warrior.
5MR	EKaterina L	For challenging herself in her role play about Harry Potter in reading skills.
6LC	All of Year 6	For outstanding effort and perseverance during SATs week.
6NB	All of Year 6	For outstanding effort and perseverance during SATs week.
6JM	All of Year 6	For outstanding effort and perseverance during SATs week.



# 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 May - 17 May 2024



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12th May - 17 May 2024



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12th May - 17 May 2024



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12th May - 17 May 2024



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12th May - 17 May 2024



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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](mailto:office.etp@osborn.e.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 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](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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<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 3 November</i>	73 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	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