

# School News

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

May we start by taking this opportunity to welcome you all back from the Easter break. We hope that you are all rested and ready for the busy summer term. It has been another exciting week of learning here at East Tilbury Primary School and the children are all ready for the summer term ahead!

### Re-scheduled Parent Consultation for 4BA

Parents and carers of children in class 4BA will receive an email today inviting you to attend the rescheduled parents' evening. The opportunity to book an appointment with Mrs Adewumi will be on either the 28th of April or 30th April in our conference room, adjacent to the school office. Please follow the instructions on the email as to how to book your meeting slot with Mrs Adewumi. If you are a parent of a child in another year 4 class and you receive a ping from your MCAS app to book an appointment, please ignore this- it is just for parents of class 4BA.

### Colour Run – PFA event

The PFA are hosting a colour dash community event on Sat 16th May to help raise funds for the school. The deadline for bookings has been extended so if you are interested in this event, please click on the link below for more information and the booking process. We are really looking forward to this exciting event as a school community. [Buy tickets – Community Colour Dash – East Tilbury Primary School](#)

We wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead.  
The Leadership Team



# *Important Information*

## *September 2026 Reception Intake*

The closing date for Reception 2026 applications was **15 January 2026**. However, please don't let this discourage you from applying — we still have a limited number of places available.

### **A Reminder About Parking Around School**

We kindly ask parents and carers to be mindful of how they park around the school gates and on local roads. Please help us maintain positive relationships with our local community and, most importantly, keep our pupils safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### **Absence**

If your child is too ill to attend school, this must be reported to us by no later than **9.00am**. Please telephone the school, press one and leave a message on the voicemail box stating your child's full name, class, the reason for absence and when we can expect them to return to school (if known).

Home Visits will be carried out for any child that is absent for 3 or more school days without reason.

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

Thank you for your cooperation



**CHANCE TO SHINE  
STREET**



**SOFT BALL CRICKET**

**BE ACTIVE  
MAKE FRIENDS  
DEVELOP SKILLS  
PAY NOTHING!**



**WEEKLY INDOOR SESSIONS**

**FUN, FAST AND FREE**

**NO EXPERIENCE OR EQUIPMENT NEEDED**

**WEAR WHAT YOU WANT**

**QUALIFIED COACHES**

**FUN INDOOR CRICKET ACTIVITIES AND GAMES  
5.00-6.00PM EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME  
FOR AGES 8-16  
EVERYBODY IS WELCOME**

**TREETOPS SCHOOL SPORTS HALL  
TREETOPS APPROACH, GRAYS  
RM16 2WU**

**RUN BY ESSEX CRICKET IN THE COMMUNITY, FUNDED BY CHANCE TO SHINE**

**TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE OR CONTACT  
[IAN.GRAY@ESSEXCRICKET.ORG.UK](mailto:IAN.GRAY@ESSEXCRICKET.ORG.UK)**



# EAST TILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL PFA

# Join us!



PFA Volunteers



## What Do We Do?

The PFA (Parent Friends Association) supports the school community by organising fun events like the Summer Bounce, Christmas Fayre and school discos, while also working with local businesses to raise funds for projects that benefit students, teachers and families.

Money raised helps provide important school improvements such as playground equipment, electronics and other resources.

The PFA also supports the school through volunteering activities including reading with children, gardening projects, arts & crafts and assisting on school trips.

New members and volunteers are always welcome to join, without help these opportunities will not be possible!

**GET IN TOUCH:**

**[ETSCHOOLPFA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ETSCHOOLPFA@GMAIL.COM)**

**[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EASTTILBURYSCHOOLSPFA](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EASTTILBURYSCHOOLSPFA)**

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# COMMUNITY COLOUR DASH



## 5K COLOUR FUN RUN

**SATURDAY 16 MAY 2026 @ 11AM**

**LOCATION: EAST TILBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL**



[https://www.facebook.com/  
EastTilburySchoolsPFA](https://www.facebook.com/EastTilburySchoolsPFA)

You can also go to

[www.tickettailor.com/events/  
parentsandfriendsassociationof  
easttilburyschools/2071049](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/parentsandfriendsassociationofeasttilburyschools/2071049)

**Purchase your  
tickets now by  
scanning the QR code**



# We need you...



Please label all children's school uniform. This helps us return lost property to the correct child and prevents parents from having to replace missing uniform as often. This is particularly important as the weather is colder and children are wearing jumpers/cardigans to school.



Our Year 1 classes are getting creative and are in need of junk modelling materials. If you have any of the following items at home, we'd love to have them:

- Toilet roll tubes
- Cereal boxes
- Egg boxes
- Any other clean, recyclable craft materials

Please hand them in to the Year 1 teachers or drop them off at the school office.

**Thank you for your support!**

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school each day. If you are struggling with this, please contact Mrs Jarvis or Mrs Allen.

Thank You



## Mud Kitchen Donations Needed!

We're on the lookout for any **old pots, pans, baking trays, and plastic or wooden utensils** to help stock our mud kitchen! If you have any kitchen items you no longer need, we'd love to give them a second life in our outdoor play area.



# SEND in Focus

## Speech and Language Drop-in Advice Sessions



Do you have any concerns about your child's speech? If your child is not already under the care of the Speech and Language Services, you are able to gain advice and support by self-referring through: [drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk)

Once you have made contact the service, they will send a link where you can 'choose and book' an appointment at a time and place that is convenient for you and, following the drop-in session you will be emailed with the outcome of the session and a link to the advice that has been provided.

If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Mylam

# Specialist Health Visiting Team Advice Line

**Tuesdays  
and  
Thursdays**

**Between  
09:30am  
11:30am**

**0300 300  
1816**

## Who Can Call?

Parents, Carers and Professionals for Children with additional needs that require specialist health advice and support, who are currently/previously known to the Community Paediatricians.



*For more information on the Specialist Health Visiting Team, please scan the QR code.*

**NELFT**

**NHS**



# Autism Post Diagnosis Support

19<sup>th</sup> January Occupational Therapy

16<sup>th</sup> February Communication, Speech and  
Language

16<sup>th</sup> March Feeding and Eating

20<sup>th</sup> April Toileting



North East London  
NHS Foundation Trust

Has your child received a diagnosis of Autism?  
Do you have questions or concerns?

The Specialist Health Visiting team Nursery Nurse and colleagues will be available on the third Monday of each month at the Child Development Centre, Gifford House, Thurrock Community Hospital, Long Lane, RM16 2PX

9:30am -10:30am

Each month we will have a different topic.

Please see dates and the topic for each session.

For more information please call 0300 300 1816



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NHS Foundation Trust

# Children's Occupational Therapy Preschool Drop-in Clinic



North East London  
NHS Foundation Trust

## What is Occupational Therapy

Occupational Therapists focus on the day-to-day activities that children want or need to do. This often includes developing independence skills such as **dressing, participation in mealtimes, self – care, play etc.** We look at the child's physical ability to do these activities, but we also look at whether there are any other factors such as developmental stage, attention or regulation which could be impacting on their ability to engage.

## Preschool Drop-in Clinic

This service is for **children aged 2-5 years** old who are registered with a GP within either **Basildon, Brentwood, or Thurrock**. If appropriate, you and your child will be offered a face-to-face appointment with an Occupational Therapist. Please note we do not offer Sensory Integration or accept to solely support an application for an Educational Health Care Plan (EHCP).



Please contact us to arrange an appointment on  
[childrensotdropin@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:childrensotdropin@nelft.nhs.uk)

OT advice line for further assistance: 0300 300 1670

# SMART SOLUTIONS!



This competition is open to all children and young people aged 5-16 with SEND.

- Do you enjoy coming up with ideas?
- Do you like building or creating things?
- Have you ever thought, "This could be easier"?



## The Challenge!

Create a model using household items that:

- Solves a problem, or
- Shows a challenge faced by children and young people with SEND in Thurrock, and how it could be improved
- You can use cardboard, Lego, recycled materials or craft items!



## ★ How To Enter ★

Please email photos of your competition entry model with a short explanation, or a short video explaining your idea, to: [QAsend@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:QAsend@thurrock.gov.uk) no later than 24 April 2026

You must include your full name, school/setting, year group, and whether you have an EHCP or SEN Support.

**Disclaimer / Terms of Entry-** By submitting an entry, you confirm that permission has been given for the child's first name, school, and work to be shared publicly – for example, on the Local Offer. Please ensure that entries are the child's own work and that only one entry per child is submitted. If you do not wish for these details to be shared, please state this clearly in your submission email.

# Diary Dates

Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6th May 2026	Reception balance bike training (parent paid run by Thurrock council.)
w/b Monday 11th May 2026	Yr6 SATs week Mon –Thurs (Yr6 breakfast for sats all week)
Saturday 16th May 2026	PFA colour run
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 2 external trip: Essex Fire Museum- 9:30am-1pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Call of the Wild Trip Year 3
w/b Monday 25th May 2026	Half Term
w/b Monday 1st June 2026	Times table check opens for yr4
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	Year 6 swimming
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	–Class photographs
Monday 8th June 2026	Year 1 Phonics check starts
Monday 8th June 2026	Year 4 Egyptian Pyramid Workshops
Tuesday 9th June 2026	Year 5 Viking Longboat Workshops
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> (9.30-10.30) EYFS Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> (1.30-3.00) Yr 3-4	Sports Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Half of Year 1 at Hyde Hall
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> and Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Reception Barleylands trip
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026,	Half of Year 1 at Hyde Hall
Wednesday 8th July 2026	Open Evening
Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026	INSET days

# Do you need support?

## East Tilbury Primary Schools Online Pastoral Support.

We are very excited to launch our new Pastoral service to our school community. From today you can access support by completing a simple and quick online form.

We have been working hard over the last few months to set up extra support for our families which is very much needed at this challenging time. If you require support, then please do not hesitate to reach out. We are hoping this service will be a fantastic addition to the support we can provide for our school community. Please reach out if you need anything, we are always here to offer you support.

To make the process simple we have created a QR Code (at the top of the poster) which you can just scan, and this will take you directly to the form.

## WE CAN HELP WITH

- Food
- School Uniform
- Hygiene Products
- Wellbeing

## FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

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



# READERS OF THE WEEK

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6NM

## Congratulations

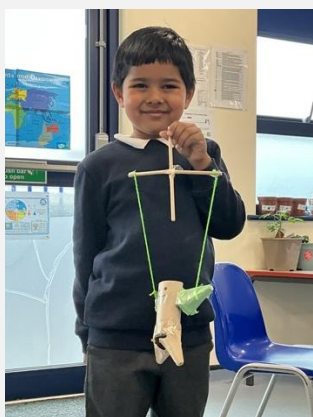
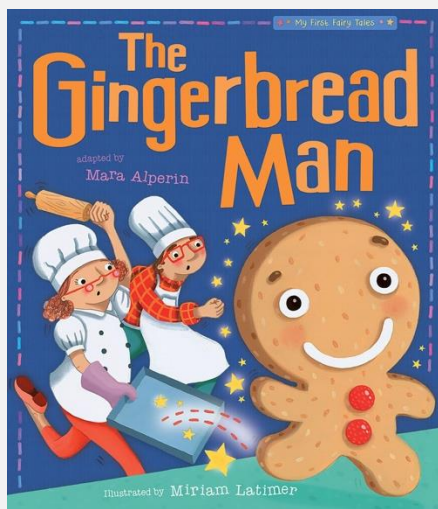
Each week, teachers keep track of how many pupils have read at home **at least five times**. The class with the highest number of regular readers is celebrated during our **Friday Celebration Assembly**. Let's keep up the great reading habits!

# Class News

## Reception

This half term in Reception we will be focussing on Traditional Tales and this week we have started by reading *The Gingerbread Man*. We have enjoyed looking at the characters, setting and even imagining our own baked creations that we could make. In our curriculum lesson this week we have had a go at making our own salt dough gingerbread men that we are going to design and decorate next week!

In Maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting within 10 using first, then and now stories to help us. We explored using counters and part-whole models to work out our answers.



## Year One

Year One have had a very exciting start to the summer term. In Science, we have planted our own sunflower and cress seeds and have been observing strawberry and tomato plants. We have also set up our own experiment to see what a plant needs to grow. In DT, we practised joining methods to make our own puppets. We made shadow, finger, rod and even marionette puppets! In English, we practised sequencing and writing instructions using bossy, imperative verbs. We especially enjoyed following the instructions to make our own cupcakes!

# Class News

## Year Two

This week, Year 2 have started an exciting new history topic all about The Great Fire of London. We began by comparing what London was like in 1666 to how it looks today. The children enjoyed spotting similarities and differences and learning how homes, streets, and daily life have changed over time. In Maths, we have been learning about shapes. The children have sorted and compared shapes based on their properties and have also explored repeated patterns, creating and describing their own patterns using a variety of shapes.



## Year Three

Welcome back after a lovely Easter break. The children have returned full of energy and enthusiasm, and it's been wonderful to see them settle straight back into learning. Here's a look at what we've been exploring this week in Year 3. We have begun studying a non-fiction text called *Earth-Shattering Events* by Robin Jacobs. The children have been reviewing the features of non-chronological reports and discussing the purpose of each section. They are now deciding on the topics they would like to write about for their own reports, and we're already seeing some exciting ideas forming. Our focus this week has been on reading analogue clocks. We've been working hard on being precise with time-telling, including recognising the minute hand, understanding intervals, and reading times to the nearest five minutes. The children have shown great determination with this tricky but important skill. In music, we learned about gospel music—its origins, its joyful sound, and how it has influenced many other musical styles. The class enjoyed listening to examples and discussing what makes gospel music unique. We have begun our new topic on **Rainforests**. The children explored where rainforests are located around the world and why they are such important ecosystems. There's already lots of curiosity about the animals and plants we'll be learning about next. Our PSHE lessons focused on **healthy and unhealthy lifestyle choices**. We discussed food, exercise, sleep, and emotional wellbeing, helping the children think about how small choices can make a big difference to their health. To finish off our Roman topic, we looked closely at the equipment Roman legionaries carried when invading Britain. The children were fascinated by the armour, shields, and tools, and enjoyed imagining what life might have been like for a Roman soldier.

# Class News

## *Year Four*

This week in Year 4, we have had a fantastic start after the Easter break! In English, we have been learning to write our own play scripts centred around the Great Plague of London. In math, we practiced measuring the perimeter of various shapes, enhancing our measurement skills. Our art lessons focused on improving our shading and mixing abilities, allowing us to create beautiful artwork. Additionally, we began an exciting new topic on ancient Egyptians, diving into their fascinating history.

## *Year Five*

Welcome to the Summer Term! This week in English we are writing our persuasive text about cleaning the oceans of plastic waste or making changes to the school day. In maths, we have been consolidating our learning of fractions and are moving on to learn about percentages.

In French, we have been learning to identify and say the names of food and drink items available at 'au salon de the' and learning which of these items are masculine or feminine nouns.

# Class News

## Year Six

Year 6 have returned after the Easter break settled, focused and ready to learn, which has been fantastic to see. They have quickly re-engaged with their learning across the curriculum and have shown a positive and mature attitude in the classroom.

In history, the children have enjoyed exploring Bata in our local area, developing their understanding of its historical significance and its impact on the community. In science, they have been researching fossils, asking thoughtful questions and building their knowledge of how fossils are formed and what they can tell us about the past.

Alongside this, Year 6 have completed some wonderful artwork inspired by our school values and our motto, *Together Everyone Achieves More*. Their creativity and teamwork have really shone through, and the finished pieces reflect both pride in their work and respect for one another.

We are very proud of how Year 6 have started the term and we look forward to all they will continue to achieve together.



# 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	Inaaya	For her amazing writing in phonics
RMB	Bailey	For excellent participation and engagement in Phonics this week,
RES	Layla	For working really hard on her reading.
1SL	Alfie	For his excellent effort in English this week.
1CD	Simon	For a great effort in maths
1EC	Asher	For his amazing maths work and pattern recognition
2BG	Zirwa	For her amazing effort in all her subjects.
2NB	Ayaan	For his consistent hard work across the week.
2RS	Rhylee	For his effort in English this week.
3TG	Michael	For his hard work and effort in lessons.
3CS	Rogue S	For demonstrating persistence when learning about the concept of time
3MR	Ava-Rose	For working hard during English lessons and reading to the class.
4ML	Harper	For trying hard and putting her hand up to join in class discussions.
4CP	Isabelle J	For her increased confidence to share her ideas in Maths
4BA	Huda	For being a positive role model to her peers.
4KC	Oyindola F	For showing great effort in all lessons.
5SG	Will M	For his creativity in English this week.
5SA	Hannah VZ	For always being a wonderful example in class and helping others
5LC	Alex P	For great work in maths this week
6AB	Lucas S	For showing resilience during art lessons
6NM	Ronnie S	For showing amazing engagement and attitude to learning
6TH	Aronas	For his inspiring Gruffalo themed poetry performance this week



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](mailto: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](mailto:office.etp@osborne.coop)

East Tilbury Primary School

Princess Margaret Road  
East Tilbury, Essex, RM18 8SB



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



Twitter:  
[@EastTPrimary](https://twitter.com/EastTPrimary)



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

- Mrs Dawson

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

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

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

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

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


Osborne Term Dates for 2025-26 (Approved by Trust Board 24/09/24)


September 2025							October 2025							November 2025							December 2025						
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 = School Days

 = School Holidays

 = Bank Holidays

 = Weekends

 = additional autumn half term

 = Trust training day