

# School News

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have continued to work hard to finish this academic year off in the best possible way. Our water event yesterday afternoon was so much fun and a great way to end the year together as a school community.



### Year 6 Leavers

It was a great way to end the year, as the year 6 children performed their leavers' play. It was encouraging to see their creativity shine through and for so many parents to come and support their children. We wish all the year 6 children well as they begin the next part of their school life at Secondary School.

### Drop off and collection map

As we look ahead to the new academic year, please be advised that you will receive a drop off and collection map sent to you via email prior to the first week of September before the children arrive back in school.

### 2 Johns e-safety workshop

On Tuesday this week we welcomed back the 2 Johns! They are highly regarded speakers on the subject of online safety and provided an inspiring workshop to children, staff and parents. If you missed the parent workshop you can use the link below (valid until 5<sup>th</sup> August) to watch one of their presentations – well worth a watch! Please do not download the content in any format – thank you.

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/XOD1oZvwzGE6RdC7qcS1vAPWJht8tEf7IELb2UGiYARIPm8mBsj8Y1eSY5Llr\\_fb.Q\\_NTFiKbogSU0CIA](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/XOD1oZvwzGE6RdC7qcS1vAPWJht8tEf7IELb2UGiYARIPm8mBsj8Y1eSY5Llr_fb.Q_NTFiKbogSU0CIA)

### Summer Holidays

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We also wish those staff who are moving on to pastures new all the best for the future (Mrs Khanom and Miss Perkins).

The Leadership Team

# *Important Information*

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Absence**

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

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

# We need you...



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

Please ensure all school reading books are returned next week. Reading books will still be available via our online Bug Club library over the summer holidays.

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

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

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





# SEND in Focus

## Transition



We recognise that some children will be finding this time of year difficult due to their up and coming transition to a new school or a new year group.

Within school, we are already supporting individual children who may need additional strategies to cope with the transition. We are also working with many of the secondary schools to ensure a smooth transition to their new setting.

If you want any advice on supporting your child through this journey, here are some useful websites that may help:

<https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/supporting-childrens-transition-to-secondary-school-guidance-for-parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/helping-your-child-manage-the-move-from-primary-to-secondary-school/>

If you have any further concerns with your child transitioning, please feel free to contact Mrs Mylam or Mrs Allen.



# SEND in Focus

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Your Aspirations, Our Priority

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

## Thurrock's Local Offer

# Supporting Families

*Support, information, and advice for families of children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).*

Transitions

Health & Well-being

Leisure & Activities

Social Care & Support

[www.askthurrock.org.uk](http://www.askthurrock.org.uk)



# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

### 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



### 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



### 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



### 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



### 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



### 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

### 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

### 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

### 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

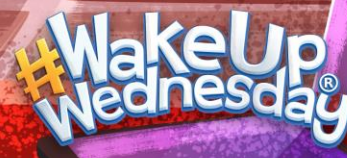
### 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

### Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College

# Diary Dates

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025	INSET Days (no school for pupils)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	INSET days (No school for pupils)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	First Day back for pupils
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	October Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – 2nd January 2026	End of Term Holidays
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET day (No school for pupils)
Tuesday 13th January 2026	Year 4 start swimming lessons
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2026- Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	February Half term
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Trust day (no school for pupils)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Easter Holidays
Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May 2026	SATS week
Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026	May half term
Monday 20th May and Tuesday 21st May 2026	INSET Days (no school for pupils)

# Do you need support?

## East Tilbury Primary Schools Online Pastoral Support.

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

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

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

## WE CAN HELP WITH

- Food
- School Uniform
- Hygiene Products
- Wellbeing

## FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

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



# Class News

## *Reception*

This week in Reception we have been thinking about our senses. We have discussed things we see, smell, hear, touch and taste that remind us of summer.

We have written some beautiful sentences to impress our new teachers.

In maths we got to play maths games such as snakes and ladders which was fun.

We also had so much fun during our water event. We were very wet and loved soaking our friends and teachers.

## *Year One*

This week in Year 1, we have been exploring capacity in Math's. We have enjoyed seeing which items hold more water and which hold less, and we applied this to our water event on Thursday. We have written about our favourite things from the year in English and explained why we enjoyed them. We are very excited for the summer holidays and enjoying the sun.

## *Year Two*

This week in year 2 we have focused on strengthening our basic grammar and punctuation skills. In maths, we created our own maths games. In Art, we completed a line drawing of Stitch, looking carefully at the simple shapes that form the face and body.

# Class News

## Year Three

What a fantastic week! We had a blast at our **water fight**, cooling down and having loads of fun together. The children also enjoyed watching the **Year 6 leavers' production** — what a great show from our oldest friends! As we spend our **last week together**, we're making the most of every moment, celebrating all the fun and learning from this year. Have a great summer!

## Year Four

Our topic of Ancient Egypt came to a close this week, with our Enrichment day at the heart of it, we then completed the painting and details of our canopic jars. No real organs inside!



# Class News

## *Year Five*

This week in Year 5, we have had an absolute blast doing fun activities and creating good memories before the Summer holidays. To start the week off, the pupils enjoyed a History lesson that looked at the end of the Vikings and explored the 3 battles of 1066. Pupils were able to predict who they thought would win amongst themselves as they studied the battle of Fulford, Stamford Bridge and Hastings. In computing, we continued to use our skills in Scratch to create a quiz where pupils were able to use the 'if ...else' condition and provide effective feedback to one another. We also enjoyed the water event on Thursday- the pupils had a fabulous time with the year 6 year and thoroughly enjoyed their leavers performance. The Year 5 team would like to thank all of you for your support this year and wish you all a restful and safe Summer break.

## *Year Six*

We wish our year 6 children all the best as they transition to secondary school. It has been a pleasure to teach you this year.

If you would like to see a reel of their time at ETPS please head over to our Facebook page.

The Year 6 Team.





# Reach for the Stars



Our 'Stars of the Week' are the children that have gone over and above in their efforts. We are very proud of them for their achievements and thought they deserved an extra-special mention!

RES	RES	For having an amazing Reception year. You are all superstars!
RBG	All of RBG	For being amazing.
RFK	All of RFK	For having an amazing Reception Year. Be proud of all that you have achieved, you are all superstars!
1EC	Everyone	For always trying their best and working so hard all year.
1LD	Everyone	For always trying their best and working so hard all year.
1BA	Everyone	For always trying their best and working so hard all year.
2RM	All of 2RM	For working incredibly hard this year.
2BG	All of 2BG	For having an amazing year.
2CH	The whole of 2CH	For being absolutely fabulous!
2MF	The whole class 2F	For being an amazing class. It was an absolute pleasure teaching you all this year. Thank you!
3VP	3VP	For always trying their best and working so hard all year.
3RS	All of 3RS	For all your hard work and effort this year.
3SG	3SG	For an amazing year!
3ML	3ML	For an amazing year!
4MR	4MR	For always trying their best and working so hard all year.
4KC	4KC	For working incredibly hard this year.
4CP	All of 4CP	For an amazing year!
5SA	All of 5SA	For showing resilience and supporting one another.
5NM	All of 5NM	For being just totally amazing all throughout the Year!
5TH	5TH	For always trying their best and working so hard all year.
6AB	6AB	For being amazing!
6NB	6NB	For being amazing!
6LC	6LC	For being amazing!



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

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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