

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

Even with the very cold weather, there has been an excited learning atmosphere around the school this week, as children engage with their lessons and have enjoyed aspirations week.

Aspirations week

Across the school and the Osborne Co-operative Trust, we have had 'Aspirations week.' Aspirations week is a time for children to think about their futures and be excited about the types of jobs and career opportunities they may have as adults. We have had a whole host of workshops across the school, involving Police, Nurses, Dentists, Engineers and Computer Scientists. We hope the children have enjoyed the week and been inspired by the stories of everyday people and the jobs they do. Please do check out our Facebook page for pictures and more information of the week we have enjoyed!



Weather

We continue to have very cold weather and as such it is important that the children are wearing warm coats, vests, hats, gloves, and scarves to school. We wouldn't want any children missing out on fresh airtime outside because they are too cold!



School Website

We emailed out at the beginning of week, but just wanted to give a further reminder that the School Website address has changed. You will be able to access the website using the address below:

<http://east-tilbury.osborne.coop>

We wish you and your family a relaxing weekend ahead.

The Leadership Team

Upcoming Events



SATs Workshop

On Thursday 25th January 2024 we will be holding a Year 6 parent meeting regarding the upcoming SATs tests.

Curriculum Enrichment Day

On Friday 9th February we will be having one of our termly Curriculum Enrichment Days where the pupils get the opportunity to focus on one area of the curriculum for the day.





SEND in Focus

ReThink ReCreate ReCycle

Open to all young people aged 5-16 with SEND

Competition opens:
22nd January 2024
Competition closes:
28th March 2024



Take a plunge into the world of recycling like never before. It's not just about bins and bottles; it's about turning everyday items into extraordinary creations and give them a new lease on life.

We want to see your innovative minds at work, turning old items into mind-blowing masterpieces.

HOW TO ENTER

- Collect the items you want to recycle and transform these finds into a mind-blowing creation.
- Take a photo of your masterpiece, and in a paragraph, share the inspiration behind your creation while highlighting the materials you recycled.

Email it to QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk
Remember to include your name, age, year group and current school setting.



THINK ABOUT:

What message does your creation convey about recycling?

How did you recycle materials to create something new and exciting?

How can your creation inspire others to join the movement?



SEND in Focus

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



SEND in Focus

Specialist Health Visitor Appointments with PATT SENDIASS via MS Teams

These appointments are for parents with children who have additional needs. It is an opportunity to meet with our team to discuss how our service may be able to assist. This may be signposting to other services, explaining processes, coordinating health care, referral, intervention, or support. It is also an opportunity to meet the PATT SENDIASS team and get advice and guidance on education and school issues.

To book a 15 minute, online appointment, visit www.patt.org.uk/booking-page
Or scan the QR code below.

Please be assured that you will have the opportunity to speak with Caralyn or a member of her team in private during these sessions.

2023	Time	2024	Time
Thursday 21 st September	10.30am -12.30pm	Thursday 18 th January	10.30am – 12.30pm
Wednesday 18 th October	10am – 12pm	Wednesday 29 th February	10am – 12pm
Thursday 16 th November	10.30am – 12.30pm	Thursday 28 th March	12.30pm – 2.30pm
Wednesday 13 th December	10am – 12pm	Wednesday 17 th April	10am – 12pm
		Thursday 16 th May	10.30am – 12.30pm
		Wednesday 19 th June	10am – 12pm
		Thursday 11 th July	12.30pm – 2.30pm

Because of the nature of the roles in this team we may need to cancel at the last minute, if this happens, I will arrange to speak with you at a different time.



Health Visitor Sessions





SEND in Focus

PATT ADHD Support Group

For families with children and young people with
ADHD and neurodiversity

Booking essential

If we need to cancel a session you will get notification via email

To book: www.patt.org.uk/adhdsupport or scan the QR Code below.

Facebook: PATT ADHD Support

First Wednesday of each month 6.30pm to 8.30pm

7th February 2024	Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
6th March	PATT Office
1st May	Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
5th June	PATT Office
3rd July	Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
4th September	PATT Office
2nd October	Stanford Le-Hope Family Hub
6th November	PATT Office
4th December	PATT Office

3rd Friday of each month 9.30am–11.30am

PATT Office, 51 Lodge Lane, Grays, RM17 5RZ

19th January 2024	16th February
15th March	19th April
17th May	21st June
19th July	27th September
25th October	29th November



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



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 need some additional Lego for our pupils to play with. If you have any at home, that you no longer need, donations will gratefully be accepted via the school office.

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

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. If you need support providing this, please contact Mrs Jarvis or Mrs Allen via the school office.

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

- Dolls buggies & prams
- Dolly's
- Buckets & Spades
- Scooters
- Dressing up clothes



Diary Dates

Thursday 25th January 2024	Y6 SATs Meeting for parents/carers
Friday 26th January 2024	Reception Parent Workshop and stay and play
Monday 29th January 2024	Select pupils to perform at 02 Young Voices concert
Friday 9th February 2024	Curriculum Enrichment Day
Friday 16th February 2024	Non-Uniform day
19th – 23rd February 2024	Half Term
w/b 24th February 2024	Clubs restart
27th & 28th February 2024	Reception Hearing, vision, height and weight check
Friday 15th March 2024	Reception Parent Workshop and stay and play
Friday 22nd March 2024	Curriculum enrichment day 22nd Friday
Friday 29th March 2024	Bank Holiday – No school
Monday 1st April – Friday 12th April 2024	Easter Break
Monday 15th April 2024	Pupils Return to School

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

The next Non-Uniform day is on Friday 16th
February 2024



Non-School Uniform Day

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.



Class News

Reception

This week in Reception we have been very busy! As it has been aspirations week, we have had two very important visitors in to talk about their jobs.

On Monday we had two firefighters come in and we enjoyed learning about what they do and what we should do in an emergency. We got to try on all their fire gear and use their radios to give messages to our friends. Two of the adults in each class had a race to see who could put on the fire gear the quickest, which we all found very funny!

We also had a visit from a dental nurse who told us all about the importance of brushing our teeth and how often we should do it. We looked at all the different equipment they use at the dentist and even had a go at role playing being dentists ourselves.

We all talked about what we want to be when we grow up and thought about what sort of things we might need to know about to reach our goals.

Here are some pictures of us from this week!



Class News

Year One

In English this week, Year 1 have been exploring the story 'The Queen's hat'. The children had an experience day where they visited London Zoo online. They visited different animal areas and discussed the language for how animals sounded and moved. Additionally, we had another experience day exploring all about the London Eye. We then went on a virtual tour of lots of tourist attractions around London. The children used a range of language to describe their tour.



Year Two

In computing, year 2 have been looking at creating algorithms. They began by planning their algorithm, discussing in groups which way they would like their bee bot to travel. Once they had decided where they would like their bee bot to go, they used their algorithm to programme a sequence on the floor robot. Year 2 had lots of fun programming their bee bots and watching them follow the algorithm sequences they had given them.



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Year Three

As a school, we celebrated Aspirations week and Year 3 participated in fun activities! Pupils had the pleasure of spending a whole morning in the company of a police man. The police officer was kind enough to show us various tools used in his line of work and answered a variety of questions. Additionally, the first half of year 3 made a visit to the library and enjoyed exploring and engaging with librarians. This is a huge effort to encourage pupils to become familiar with their local library and promote the love of reading across the school.

In Computing, we have started to build upon the basic skills learned on Scratch. Pupils had great fun adding backgrounds, changing the direction, and rotating their sprites. In Science, we continued the topic of looking at the various food groups and explored the nutritional information printed in food packages. A variety of food packages, varying from burger meat, cereal, sweet curry chicken with rice and vegetarian options were examined. We looked at the fats, salts, calories, and sugars to determine how much of each food would contribute to a balanced diet. In English, we created sentences focusing on figurative language based on *The Magic Paintbrush* by Julia Donaldson. Pupils enjoyed looking at a magic paintbrush to generate descriptive phrases and independently researched Chinese traditional locations to enhance their vocabulary.

Year Four

In Geography, we are learning about 'Our Earth'. At first, we looked at the Earth's different layers, then the tectonic plates, the 7 different continents and finally we located the different countries of Europe. Can you name these countries?



In Art, we analysed different painting techniques, compared paintings by artists according to elements such as texture or colour and practised creating tints and shades when colour mixing.



Class News

Year Five

This week has been Aspirations Week, and we have been exploring suitable career paths and what qualifications we need. On Monday, we were visited by a police officer who works for the Ministry of Defence, and she shared some incredibly interesting facts about her job. We also took part in two live lessons, based around space and engineering. On Friday we had our second visitor, who is a practicing dental nurse. She helps in training future dentists, so gave us valuable insight to this aspirational career. In other areas of the curriculum, we explored chronology relating to the Maya and studied some of the music written by inspirational composer Hans Zimmer.

Year Six

This week has been Aspirations Week across the Osborne Trust and we have been exploring our career ambitions. On Monday, we had a live virtual session with other schools in the trust, led by an aerospace engineer from Airbus. She spoke to the children about her role, what it takes to be an aerospace engineer, and being a woman working in STEM. The children also got to design a futuristic aeroplane and complete a space themed coding activity. On Thursday, we participated in another live session: *The Spaceship Earth Primary Show*. During this exciting session, the pupils were able to decide the path of an Earth Observation mission, navigating orbiting satellites along the way. Both of these sessions allowed the children to explore career opportunities within STEM, and a lot of the Year 6s shared their new ambitions as a result of these sessions.





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	Anjali	For writing cvc words independently.
REC	Abdullah	For always having a positive attitude.
RES	Cobie	For having a positive attitude and working hard.
1GC	Max	For always trying his best.
1FK	Alfie	For his amazing and consistent effort in English.
1BA	Lola	For being a brilliant role model to her peers.
2BG	Raul	For having an amazing week and achieving full marks in his spelling.
2RS	Huda	For using her phonics knowledge to read tricky words this week.
2CH	Eshaal	For settling in well in her first week.
2RM	Daisy C.	For working really hard on her handwriting this week.
3VP	Penelope AB	For her perseverance and effort in all subjects, across the curriculum this week.
3ML	Greta	For her perseverance and effort in all subjects, across the curriculum this week.
3SG	Polly G	For consistently working hard and taking part in lessons.
3SA	Davey M	For showing great efforts in his writing and reading.
4CP	Roxie B	For increased confidence to share her written work aloud.
4NM	David	For keeping his Pinky promise, remembering his Swimming & PE kit, as well as being always respectful and ready for learning.
4JP	Charlie C	For making a great effort in Maths and for volunteering to share his progress to help others.
5AB	Arayah	For her positive attitude in maths lessons.
5TH	Alae	Showing increased confidence in maths.
5MR	Edeyene	For her rainforest work.
6LC	Devon L	For great use of language in his narrative.
6NB	Clemence E	For her outstanding effort.
6JM	Oliver P	For a consistently positive attitude to learning and excellent effort across all subjects.



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.

14th January - 19th January 2024



6JM 174

6NB 82

6LC 26

14th January - 19th January 2024



5MR 27

5TH 7

5AB 0

14th January - 19th January 2024



3ML 387

3SG 340

3SA 177

3VP 97

14th January - 19th January 2024



2RS 7

2CH 5

2BG 5

2RM 0

14th January - 19th January 2024



4NM 112

4CP 17

4JP 3

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

East Tilbury Primary School

Princess Margaret Road
East Tilbury, Essex, RM18 0EP



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 · 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

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen, if that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sullivan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.







The National College

NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023							December 2023						
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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