

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

Non-uniform to support biscuit time and national 'Wear Red Day' 2023

At East Tilbury Primary School, we believe that everyone should be respected regardless of race, religion, or gender. Today was a sea of red as we had our regular non-uniform day to support the raising of funds for our classroom nurture biscuit time. We combined that non-uniform day with a national anti-racism event – 'show racism the red card'. To find out more please visit [Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card](#).

Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings - save the date!

Please put the following dates in your diaries for our teacher/ parent consultation meetings:

-YR, Y1 and Y2 will take place on Monday and Tuesday 13th and 14th November

-Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will take place on Wednesday and Thursday 15th and 16th November

Bookings will be via your MCAS app and the booking system will go live on the first Monday back (6/11) after half term at 9.30am and close on Thursday 9th November at 4pm.

The meeting will be face-to-face and take place in our dance studio hall from 3.30pm.

Poppy appeal

During the first week back, a range of Remembrance poppy items will be available for pupils to purchase in school, in support of the work of the Royal British Legion. Suggested donations for these items range from 20p to £2 and they will be on sale from Monday to Friday.



We hope that you and your families enjoy the half-term break, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 6th November.

The Leadership Team

Upcoming Events

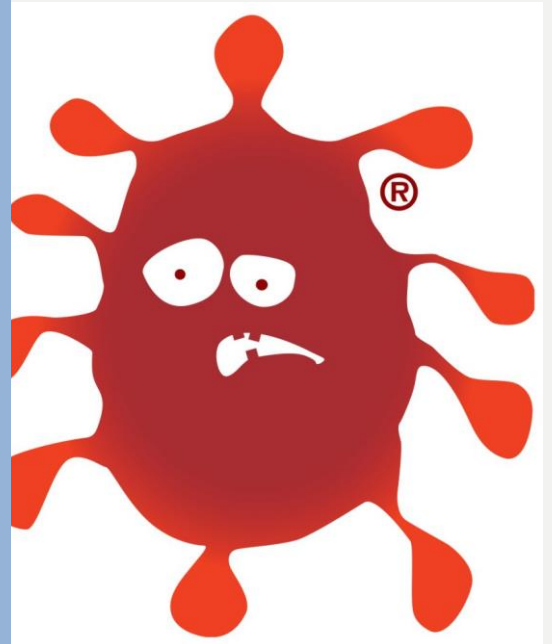


Children in Need

We are having a SPOTacular “dress up and donate” day for Children in Need. Pupils may wear spotty clothing for a SPOTacular look on Friday 17th November 2023.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that consent forms for your child's annual flu vaccination are due within the next few weeks. Flu can make children very ill. Remember to give consent and keep your child protected. Please complete a consent, refusal or call the EPUT Immunisation team on 0300 790 0597, option 1, if you require further assistance. You only need to complete a consent form once for this flu season.





SEND in Focus

Introducing SNAP! SNAP is an Essex charity which helps thousands of families with children and young people who have an additional need or disability.

There website is filled with important advice in areas such as: education, leisure, money and health.

Why not take a look at:
www.snapcharity.org



Important Information



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

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

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

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

This session explores how parents, carers and practitioners can support their children to navigate the online world. Visit the website to access the link. Please note that this session is for over 18s only.

www.thurrocklscp.org.uk

THURROCK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

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

Absence

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

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

We need you



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

Thank you

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

We are missing a significant number of reading books. If you have any left at home (whatever condition) from last academic year, please return them.

Thank you

Please be reminded that pupils should not be wearing jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears may wear stud earrings but hoops are not permitted.

Thank you for your support

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

- Tennis balls
- Footballs
- Bats
- Dressing up clothes
- Colouring books
- Crayons
- Big cars
- Lego



We need you



Harvest Collection 2023 – 9th November

Thank you for collecting for Thurrock Foodbank. Here is a list of items you may be able to donate. Please make sure everything is in date. We are very grateful for your support.

- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat
- Rice
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned Potatoes
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Biscuits
- Tea/Coffee
- Long life fruit juice
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned custard
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Toiletries eg.soap, shower gel, deodorant



Diary Dates

Monday 23 rd October – 3 rd November 2023	October Half Term
Thursday 9 th November 2023	Reception Phonics Parent Workshop and stay and play 9:00-10:00 and 2:00-3:00
Friday 10 th November 2023	Reception Phonics Parent Workshop and stay and play 9:00-10:00 and 2:00-3:00
Monday 13 th November 2023	EYFS and KS1 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 14 th November 2023	EYFS and KS1 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	KS2 Parent Consultations
Thursday 16 th November 2023	KS2 Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need
Friday 1 st December 2023	Reception Speech and Language Parent Workshop and stay and play
Thursday 4 th January 2024	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 5 th January 2024	Trust Conference Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 8 th January 2024	Pupils back to school
Thursday 25 th January 2024	Y6 SATs Meeting for parents/carers
Friday 26 th January 2024	Reception Parent Workshop and stay and play
19 th – 23 rd February 2024	Half Term



Do you need support?



East Tilbury Primary Schools Online Pastoral Support.

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

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

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

WE CAN HELP WITH

- Food
- Wellbeing
- Trip Payments

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

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

mycommunitychurch.org.uk/community/projects

Class News

Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning all about houses and homes. We have been talking about where we live, our favourite parts of our homes and drawing our own maps of where we are from too! We have enjoyed being creative and using a range of different materials to create different houses, we especially enjoyed junk modelling! In maths we have been using natural materials to make our own patterns. We started off by making AB patterns and challenged ourselves to make trickier patterns too!



Year One

In year one, we tested materials in Science. We saw Teddy who got wet from playing outside, so we discussed which material would be best to make an umbrella for him to use. We explored four different materials. From this, we discussed how we could test these materials and what we need to look out for. We placed Ted in a jar and covered the jar to test each material. We found that the plastic bag was the most suitable material because it was waterproof.



Class News

Year Two

This week in year 2, in English, the children have been continuing with the Write Stuff and exploring the features of a selection of animals including cheetahs using adjectives to describe them, ready to use in non-chronological reports. During Maths, the children have been completing a range of activities on number bonds (10, 20 and 30), also as a school the children participated in a trust wide Times Table Rockstars competition. In Science, the children have been looking at habitats and microhabitats, where they designed and created their own habitats.



Year Three

During this week, Year Three have been busy in English. We have been completing a piece of independent writing, based on the book 'The Stone Age Boy'. We are using all the writing features that we have been learning over this half term. We produced a plan to help us write our own narratives. We have enjoyed producing this work!

In Maths, we have been securing our place value knowledge and practiced adding and subtracting ones and tens. We have also practiced our times tables using TT rockstars as part of our trust competition.

In Science this week, we have been acting as palaeontologists. We carried out an experiment to observe the permeability of three types of rocks. We also tested their reaction to acid. We worked in small groups to dig for fossils in soil, once we had found the fossils, we pieced together two types of dinosaurs. We had lots of fun as palaeontologists!

Our History lesson this week was about Stone Age tools and weapons. We discussed how modern-day tools have changed overtime. We found lots of similarities and looked at the purpose of the tools which were used in the Early Stone Age. We have enjoyed our first half-term in Year Three and have made lots of progress already. We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you after the holiday!



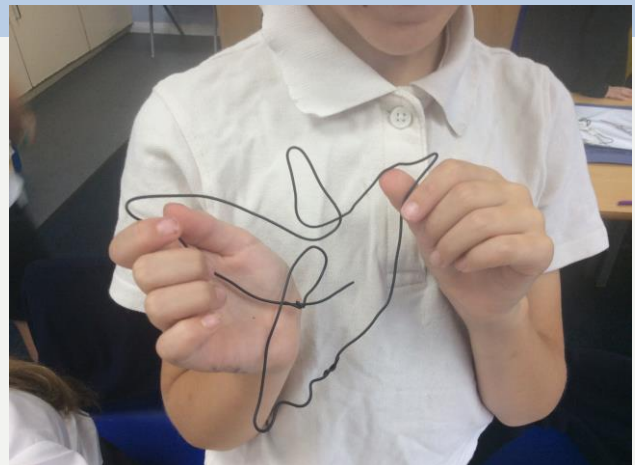
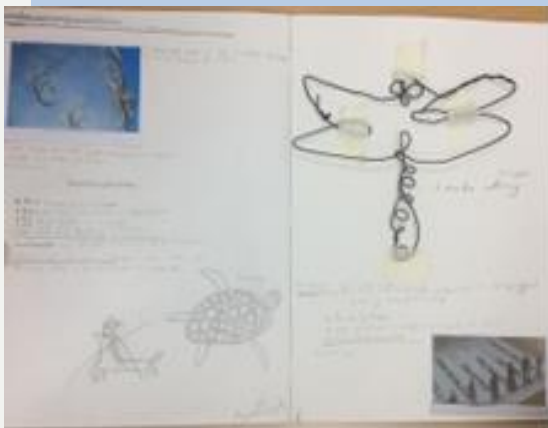
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Year Four

During our recent Art Enrichment Day, we delved into the world of sculptures and shadow art. Firstly, we explored the remarkable works of Jaume Plensa, who crafts captivating sculptures from wire and metal. His art graces galleries and museums worldwide. Inspired by his creations, we sketched ideas for our sculptures and contemplated where we might display them. We then had the opportunity to create our own sculptures using garden wire.

In our second lesson, we ventured into the realm of shadow art, with a focus on artist Sokari Douglas Camp. She uses various materials to tell stories about her Nigerian heritage and global issues. We studied examples of shadow art employing letters and numbers, inspiring us to design and cut out letters from recycled cereal boxes. These letters adorned our classroom with words like "kind," "friendship," "together," and "fun."

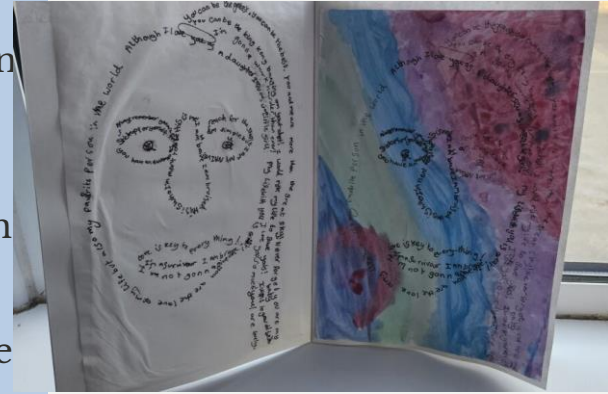
Lastly, we celebrated the work of El Anatsui, a sculptor who creates beauty from discarded materials, emphasizing environmental consciousness and historical context. Drawing inspiration, we planned our sculptures, using recycled materials like cardboard, scrap paper, masking tape, and string to bring our creative ideas to life, either individually or in groups.



Class News

Year Five

This week, year 5 have been learning about the causes and impacts of the Vikings. We were able to look at the differences between England and Scandinavia and this helped us to gain a clearer understanding of why the Vikings chose to settle in England. We have continued to look at the key grammar concepts that we should be using in our writing over the course of the year. In French, we have been looking at the school day and have been able to create some exciting timetables for our ideal school day. On Friday, we began to use our knowledge of motors and how they work, to create 'Doodlers'. We have had to design our cup and create a circuit to enable the doodler to move around and doodle on a page. Finally, we were able to complete our artwork from curriculum day last week. We have been able to come up with some creative designs for our portraits and have used a variety of different back grounds for them.



Year Six

On Friday last week, Year 6 enjoyed their curriculum enrichment day, which focused on using photography in art. Throughout the day, the children were exposed to various techniques which make use of photography in art. They particularly enjoyed learning about Macro photography, which is extreme close-up photography. Children used iPads to try their hand at their own Macro photography, braving the dropping temperatures to photograph nature on the school grounds. The children also used existing photographs to create photo montages, by placing their photos in an arrangement to make it look as though it were a city, inspired by a piece called 'Cheese Grater City' by Chris Plowman. They also used paintings, such as 'The Scream' by Edvard Munch, to inspire their photography – recreating them as a photo.





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	Archie	For making good choices and having a great attitude to his learning.
REC	Khira	For her progress in her name writing.
RES	Isabella S	For having a positive attitude to learning.
1GC	Oliver	For always having a positive attitude towards his learning.
1FK	Arthur	For his great effort in Maths this week.
1BA	Sahera	For consistently being a positive role model for her peers.
2BG	Elsie H	For having an amazing week and always having a positive attitude in her learning.
2RS	Ivy-Rose	For consistently making good choices this week.
2CH	Jenson	For participating in class discussions.
2RM	Zeniyah	For her brilliant attitude towards learning across all subjects.
3VP	Ethan	For consistently making the right choices this week.
3ML	Hallie	For her great effort in English writing this week.
3SG	Charlie	For extra efforts outside of class.
3SA	Ruby	For being incredibly resilient throughout the week.
4CP	Stevie	For enthusiasm during Music lessons.
4NM	Isabella	For a changed mind-set, approaching most tasks with enthusiasm.
4JP	Isabella	for a consistent positive attitude to her learning, including a great effort with her writing this week.
5AB	Sadie	For consistently demonstrating her best effort in all lessons.
5TH	Perri	Being a kind and considerate friend.
5MR	Sienna	For leading her group in creating a successful boat from recycling in science.
6LC	Safiyy	For hard work in maths this week.
6NB	Max	For his hard work, especially in maths this week.
6JM	Bernice & Poppie	For an amazing start at East Tilbury Primary School.



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.

15th October - 20th October 2023

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15th October - 20th October 2023

5MR 1614 5TH 1117 5AB 421

15th October - 20th October 2023

3SA 517 3ML 342 3VP 268 3SG 93

15th October - 20th October 2023

2RS 72 2CH 57 2RM 52 2BG 40

15th October - 20th October 2023

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Keep in Touch



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

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

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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



Have you received an ASD diagnosis for your child?

Do you have questions or concerns?

Do you need someone to talk to?

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



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you - EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template - meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online - but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time - so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

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ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself - so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play - or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers; voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 - including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Uziel Coleman is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site DDBase and has worked in the gaming industry for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mostly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including BBC and TechRadar.







NOS National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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

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