



# School News

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another exciting week at East Tilbury Primary with lots of creative learning and exciting opportunities taking place for pupils to learn more about the world around us.

### Lyfta

After the Easter holiday we will be embarking on an Osborne Trust wide initiative to support pupil's learning about the world around us and the people within it. This will be delivered through the digital platform 'Lyfta'. Lyfta is designed to provide an immersive and interactive experience for pupils as they learn about different cultures and individuals throughout the world. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.lyfta.com/> We are excited to begin this learning journey and look forward to seeing the impact it has on our children. As a school and trust, we have chosen to use Lyfta and the lessons they provide for several reasons:

- ❑ **Enhanced Learning:** Lyfta's immersive storytelling and interactive environments make learning more engaging and memorable for students.
- ❑ **Cultural Awareness:** The platform enables students to explore different cultures and perspectives, fostering global citizenship and understanding.
- ❑ **Critical Thinking:** Lyfta encourages critical thinking and problem-solving skills through its storytelling and interactive elements.
- ❑ **Personal Development:** The platform nurtures values such as empathy, resilience, and compassion.
- ❑ **Curriculum Integration:** Lyfta can be easily integrated into the school curriculum, linking various subjects and themes.

### Positive relationship and Behaviour Policy review

Please note the invitation sent in the previous newsletter to attend the policy review on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 2pm. We really value your views and want to share the research that backs our policy.

### End of term

Please be reminded that next week is the last week of term. We break up for the Easter holiday on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March and return on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

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**



# 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/  
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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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# Children's Occupational Therapy Preschool Drop-in Clinic

## 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

# Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th March 2026 – 2PM	Parent Workshop - Positive relationships and behaviour Policy Please call the school office to sign up
Wednesday 25th March 2026	Spring Production (AM and PM)
Thursday 26th March 2026	Spring Production (AM and PM)
Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026	Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April 2026	Return to school
w/b 13th April 2026	No teacher run clubs this week
Monday 4th May 2026	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th 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 19th May and Thursday 21st May 2026	Year 2 external trip: Essex Fire Museum- 9:30am-1pm
Thursday 21st 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 4th 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>h</sup> (9.30-10.30) EYFS Wednesday 17 <sup>h</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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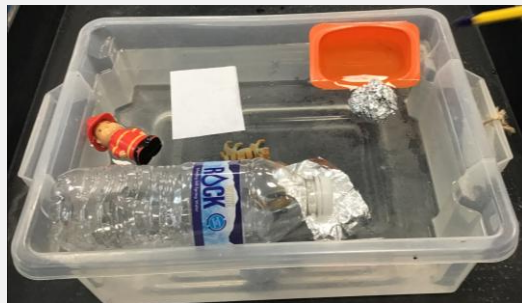
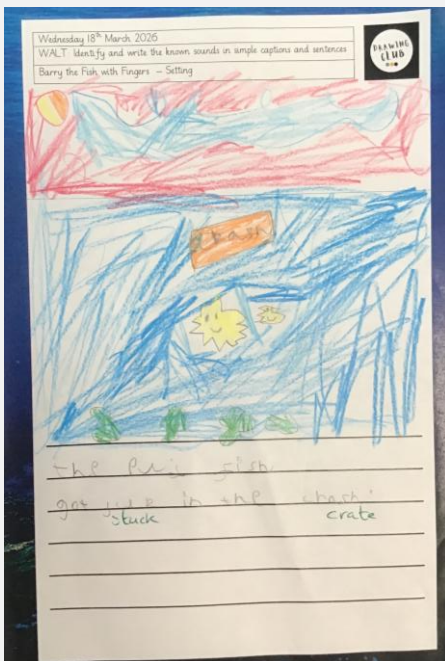
## Congratulations

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!

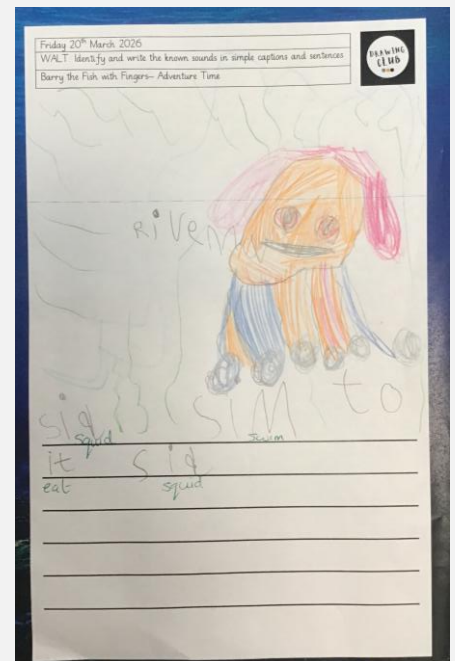
# Class News

## Reception

This week in reception we have read the story Barry the fish with fingers written by Sue Hendra. Our favourite part in the story was when Barry used his fingers to tickle his friends. We have written some amazing sentences using our new digraphs that we learnt in phonics, or and ur. In maths this week we have been doubling and halving numbers, we made towers and split them into two equal parts to make half. We also tested and made predictions for which materials will float or sink. We found out that something heavy will sink and floating is when an object stays on top of the water. R said "if it has air in it it floats, if no air it sinks".



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## Year One

Year one have had a very exciting week! We had our kings and queens day on Friday. We made lutes and pan flutes, and we enjoyed finding out what different sounds they made. We also took part in our own coronation, and we crowned a class king or queen. We loved waving our East Tilbury Primary School flags and interviewing each other about the coronation. We also made our own shields. Then we went outside and took part in some jousting and archery.

Earlier in the week we also enjoyed making our own 3-D paintings in art, using paper in imaginative ways to create a sculpture.

# Class News

## *Year Two*

In Art, the children have been transforming their map drawings into amazing 3D pieces of artwork. They explored how to bring their ideas to life using a variety of materials including cardboard, tissue paper and coloured paper.

In Maths, we have been learning all about money. The children practised recognising coins and worked hard on solving problems involving spending up to £1. They especially enjoyed working out how much change they would get when buying different items.

In Science, we explored food chains. We learned how plants and animals are connected and talked about the important roles of producers, consumers and predators. The children enjoyed building simple food chains and discussing what might happen if one part of the chain changed.



## *Year Three*

This week has been full of creativity and curiosity in the classroom. In English, the children continued exploring poetry, experimenting with personification, alliteration, and rhyme to bring their ideas to life. In Maths, we wrapped up our fractions unit by investigating equivalent fractions and discovering how different fractions can represent the same value. French lessons had us practising animal names and enjoying the challenge of matching new vocabulary to familiar creatures. In Science, we explored how shadows change, using light sources and objects to investigate how size and shape can be altered. It's been a wonderfully busy week of learning and imagination.

# Class News

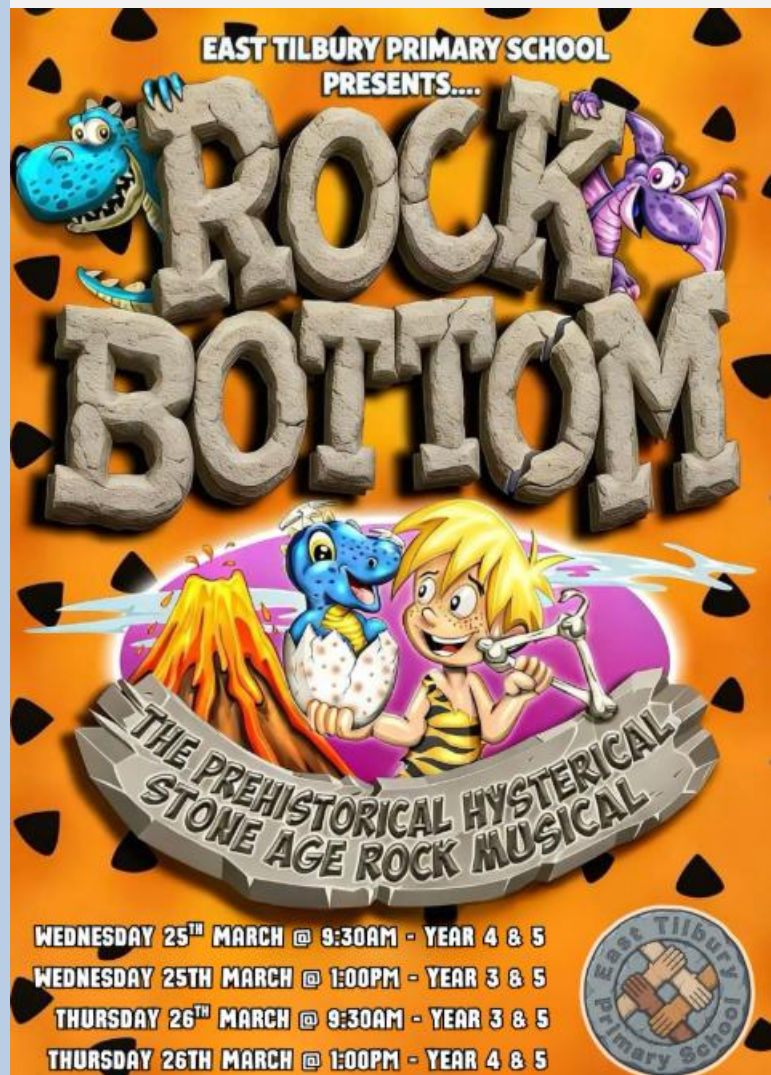
## Year Four

In Year 4 this week, Year 4 have been working incredibly hard in rehearsals for *Rock Bottom*. We have shown fantastic dedication, putting so much effort into perfecting both our singing and dancing. We are so proud of how far they've come. We can't wait to share the performance with our parents/carers next week—it's going to be brilliant.

## Year Five

In Y5, we are very excited about our 'Rock Bottom' performances to parents, carers, friends and family next Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March, performances start at 9:30am and 1:00 pm. If you have not yet booked your free tickets to watch one of the performances, please call the office on 01375 846181 or use MCAS.

We have been busy rehearsing with Y3 and Y4 and are ready to welcome and impress our audiences. 'There's no place I'd rather be: Rock Bottom!'



# Class News

## Year Six

We've had an exciting and imaginative week in year 6! We began by launching our newspaper reports inspired by *The Three Little Pigs*. The children loved debating who was truly guilty, and many made strong arguments for why the wolf might actually be innocent. Their enthusiasm and creativity brought the story to life in wonderful ways.

In maths, we shifted our focus to statistics. The class explored line charts and pie graphs, learning how data can be represented visually. We also used Excel spreadsheets to create and interpret different types of charts, helping everyone build confidence with digital tools.

To end the week on a high note, we enjoyed a fantastic trip to Duxford. The children were fascinated by the aircraft and displays, and it was a brilliant opportunity to connect our learning with real-world history.



# 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	Rivenna	For always making good choices and being a good role model.
RMB	Ivy-Rae	For her perseverance and effort in her independent writing.
RES	Bogdan	For his amazing independent writing.
1SL	Maelie	For her amazing writing during our independent write
1CD	Susie-Lee	For her enthusiasm and kindness towards others
1EC	Charlotte	For her amazing phonics this week.
2BG	Charlie	For his amazing performance and confidence shown in his Rock Steady performance.
2NB	Arlie	For his improved focus and effort across the week.
2RS	Louie	For his effort in English lessons this week.
3TG	Amelia	For settling in well and being a great member of 3TG!
3CS	Evie P	For showcasing her incredible vocals during the Rock Steady concert
3MR	Lucja	For settling into her new class and school smoothly and impressing us in the Spring Production rehearsals.
4ML	Zahara	For her effort during an independent write and using a range of vocabulary.
4CP	Seren G	For improved confidence in lessons
4BA	Harrison	For his effort during his independent writing in English
4KC	Caiya M	For her amazing effort in all lessons.
5SG	Greta R	For challenging herself when multiplying fractions in maths this week.
5SA	Elena C	For cheerfully helping in the production and settling in well.
5LC	Ruby H	For great acting in Rock Bottom rehearsals
6AB	Evie	Being supportive to her peers
6NM	Harvey	For being a supportive peer to his peers
6TH	Nevaeh	For being such an amazing role model for her peers



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)


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 = School Days

 = School Holidays

 = Bank Holidays

 = Weekends

 = additional autumn half term

 = Trust training day