

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a fun-packed and creative learning experience for all – as is always the case here at East Tilbury Primary School!

Year 6 Residential



Last week, the year 6 children and staff stayed at Stubbers Adventure site. The children loved the activities, food and the experience of being together, collaborating and becoming a great year group team. I'm sure the children had lots to tell their parents once they caught up on sleep! A big thank you to all the instructors at Stubbers for making the trip so much fun, and of course our amazing staff



team for looking after the children. The year group really were a credit to the school and their families!

Year 5 – Young Leaders visit the Royal Opera House Purfleet

On Tuesday, we took 20 young aspiring leaders from Year 5 to work with a local Arts organisation 'Kinetika'. Kinetika have a long standing relationship with the school and have support us in many arts initiatives over the last ten years. This year the organisation wanted to help launch a young leaders programme and our school was selected to take part. The children enjoyed collaborating with other young leader and had an opportunity to create a silk flag and visit a nature area. We look forward to the projects this group of children may lead in the future!



Summer Fete

A huge thank you once again to our PFA for re organising our summer fete. They work tirelessly on a voluntary basis, to raise additional money for the school which, support the extra resources that often schools cannot buy. At the end of last year they were able to provide funds for the Opal playground equipment, as well as the gazebos that were needed in the summer. We are looking at improving our sensory room and further improving the outdoor area in the upcoming year. If you would like to be part of this amazing team, please speak to our office team.

We wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead,

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.

Important Information

Thurrock Council secondary school admissions

If your child has just started the last year of primary education, you must now apply for a secondary school place.

Important information – applying for a secondary school place for September 2025

If your child was born between **1 September 2013** and **31 August 2014**, you must apply for a secondary school place for **September 2025**

Apply online from 2 September at thurrock.gov.uk/admissions

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and select 'Secondary school admissions'. You will be able to open an online copy of our prospectus for Thurrock primary schools, booklet called **Secondary Admission Information September 2025**, which you should read carefully before applying.

You must have an email account to apply online.

You should also try to join us online at one of the briefing sessions before you complete an application.

Three briefing sessions for parents will be held on Wednesday 18 September 2024 via webinar on the council website.

First Session: 1pm - 2pm; Second session: 4pm - 5pm; Third session: 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Go to thurrock.gov.uk/admissions and select 'Secondary school admissions' to access the webinar.

Offers will be available for applicants via your online account from **12:30am on 3 March 2025**.

Apply for a secondary school place

When making an application you can list up to six schools that you wish to apply for, in your order of preference. You can list schools outside of Thurrock – including grammar schools – if you wish.

If you are applying to any school that is religious by character, make sure you also complete their supplementary form and return it direct to the school by the closing date for applications.

If you have more than one child transferring to secondary school, you must apply separately for each child needing a place.

If you do not complete the application and return it by the closing date of **31 October 2024** you may be given a place at the nearest school with a space available, after all on-time applications have been dealt with.

If you have read all our information online and still have questions, please contact our Admissions Team by emailing school.admissions@thurrock.gov.uk or phoning on **01375 652 652**.

We need you



Year 1 Need Your Help

We are looking for junk modelling materials – cardboard tubs, egg boxes, thin cardboard (like cereal boxes), plastic containers (clean please).



Exciting News! Join Us in Enhancing Lunchtimes at Our School with OPAL 🌳🎨📖

Hey everyone! We're thrilled to share that we're taking our lunchtimes to the next level with our OPAL (Outdoor Play & Learning) initiative! ✨ Thanks to OPAL, our lunchtimes have already seen a positive transformation, and now, with your support, we can make them even better. 😊

📺 Donation Wishlist:

- Prams (toy size and child size) 🧸
- Dolls & Teddy Bears (large and small) 🧸
- Lego 🧱
- Reading Books 📖
- Scooters 🛹
- Bike Helmets 🚲

Your contributions will help us create a more fun and engaging lunchtime experience for all our students.



SEND in Focus



Competition
Opens:
09/09/24

Competition
Closes:
18/10/24

Entries are welcome from whole schools, classes, resource bases, or individuals.

Picture This: Your Art on the EHCP Portal!



We're excited to announce a unique opportunity for SEND children and young people aged 5 to 16, with an EHCP, in primary and secondary schools to be part of something amazing!

What's the Competition About?

We're launching an online EHCP (Education, Health, and Care Plan) portal and need your creativity to make it stand out. Your designs will shape a portal that truly represents young people.

Categories for Your Design



Design an image(s) for any of the following categories:

Family

All about me

My future

Education

Health

Competition Details

- Your image(s) must be an original work created by you.
- Your submission can be drawn on A4 plain paper or digitally created.

How To Enter

- Create your design(s) and email them to: QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk
- Include your full name, age, school/setting, and the category your image(s) is for.

Prizes

The winning images will be showcased on the EHCP portal, and winners will receive a certificate for their creativity and contribution.

Get Creative and Good Luck!



SEND in Focus



Is your child struggling with learning or behaviour at school?



Are you concerned about your child's development?



Would you like information, advice or guidance about Special Educational Needs?



Do you want to know what's going on in Thurrock for SEND families?

PATT SENDIASS provide free, confidential, and impartial information, advice, and support to children and young people (up to 25 years) and their parents and carers, in relation to Special Educational Needs and Disability.



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.PATT.ORG.UK
CALL OR TEXT 07702 127 252**

Diary Dates

Thursday 17th October 2024	Individual/Sibling Photos
Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November 2024	Half Term
Week Beginning Monday 18th November 2024	Mon/Tue: EYFS/KS1 Parent Consultations Weds/Th: KS2 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 4th December 2024	Pantomime (09:30 – all years)
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 6 th January 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday 7th January 2025	First day of Spring 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
- School Uniform
- Hygiene Products
- Wellbeing

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

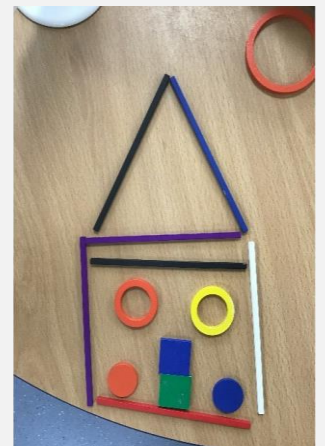
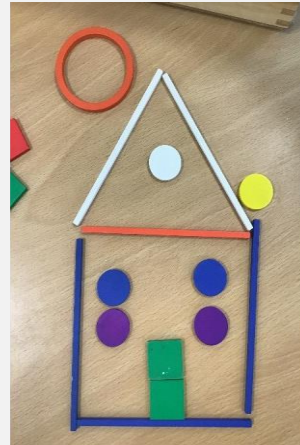
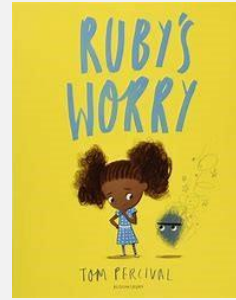


Class News

Reception

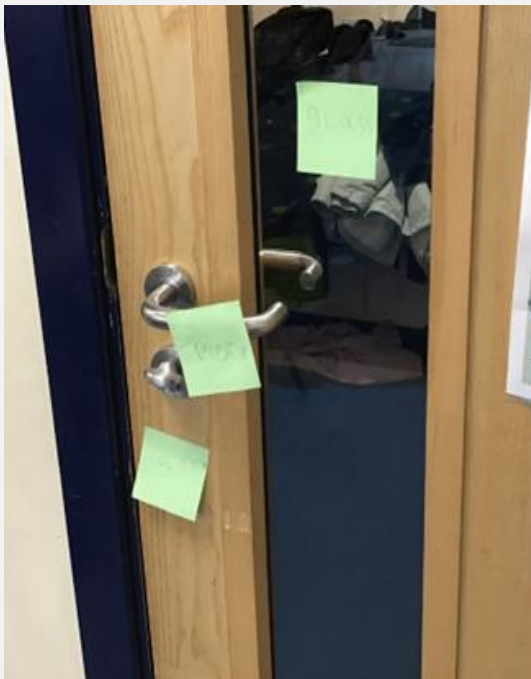
This week in Reception we have been reading Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival. We have been discussing when we might feel worried and who we can talk to when we do. We were able to come up with suggestions for people we can talk to at home, school and when we are out in the community. The children have been introduced to Grandma Fantastic and we explained that she is a lovely woman who brings us a basket full of amazing new words for us to learn. This week we learnt words to describe our emotions.

During Maths we have been enjoying singing a range of counting songs, where we have acted them out and explained what numbers will come next in the sequence. Our Confidence in exploring the continuous provision in the classroom has grown and we can now independently select and use the resources. We have enjoyed sorting and arranging the shapes to create our own houses. We could even tell the adults the different shapes that we had used.



Year One

In science this week, Year One have continued to delve into our autumn term topic – 'Everyday Materials'. We explored our surroundings to identify and name a variety of materials. We noticed that a lot of objects were made from either wood, plastic, or metal because they are strong, durable materials. In addition to this, we identified that some objects can be made from more than one material, for example, our classroom chairs are made from plastic and metal. We had lots of fun hunting and labelling the materials in our classrooms.



Class News

Year Two

In English this week we have been continuing with our learning focused on the text 'The Crow's Tale'. Through drama and sunshine-themed music, we explored and discussed the effects of the sun's warmth on the animal community. We then worked collaboratively to generate the creatures' feelings and dialogue on summer days. Next, we looked at a range of photographs of a forest during a storm and used sound effects to recreate the tension of a storm brewing. In maths this week our focus has been on partitioning. Through the use of manipulatives such as dienes and multilink, we have worked hard to recognise the place value of both tens and ones in a two digit number, thinking carefully about the number facts that we can derive from these. In PSHE this week we have been thinking about what makes a good friend. We then used these ideas to create our own 'friendship soup'. In D.T. this week we tested the stability of a range of shapes including a cuboid, cylinder and a triangular based pyramid.



Year Three

We have been learning lots this week in year 3. We have all settled nicely and are enjoying our new classes. In English, we have been adding to our adventure narratives and have used expanded noun phrases and adverbs to make our writing more interesting. In Maths, we have been using base 10 to secure our place value knowledge and partition numbers. We created number posters, showcasing what we know about numbers and the different ways the numbers can be represented. We have begun exploring our topic for this half-term, which is the Stone Age; we have organised events in chronological order on a timeline. In Science, this week we have looked at grouping rocks and the properties of Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic rocks.

Class News

Year Four

For our first computing lesson this year, we focused on defining and understanding networking. Firstly, we showed how easy it is to relay messages when we are connected. Then we connected further by using string and each message had to be vocalised via the 'router' in the middle. Which also helped with communication.

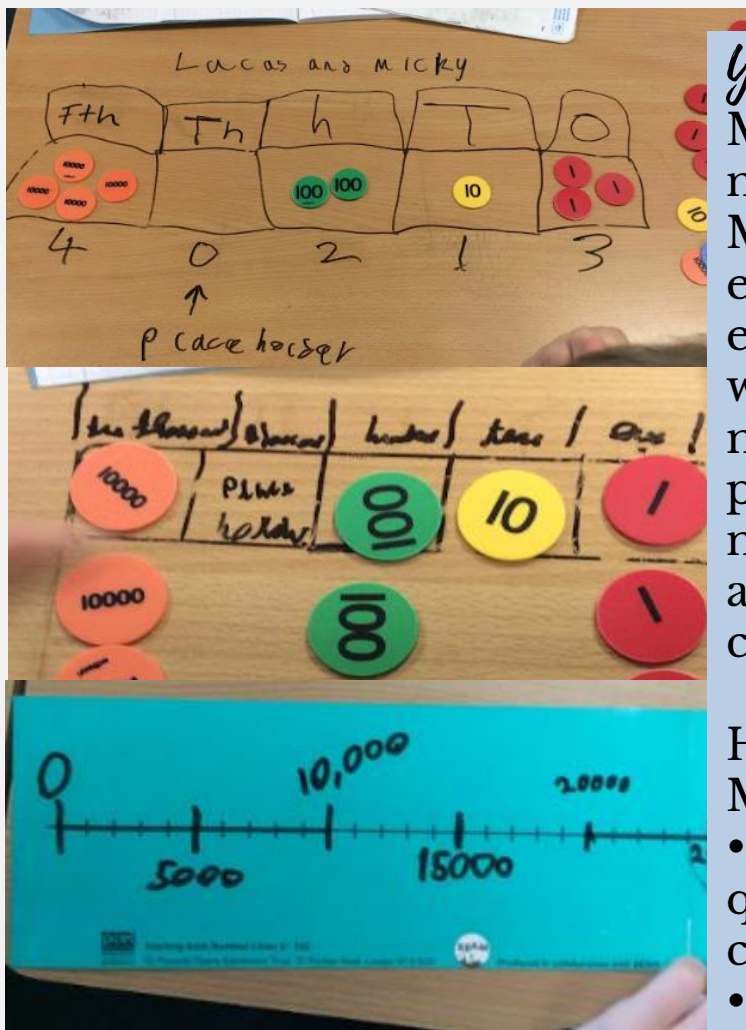


Year Five

Maths Fun in Year 5 this week, our new Maths programme 'Ark Mathematics Mastery', it emphasizes hands-on learning experiences. This week we worked with 5 digits numbers using manipulatives such as counters, place value charts, Dienes, and number lines to help us visualise and internalise mathematical concepts.

How Can You Support Your Child's Maths Journey?

- Encourage your child to ask questions and explore maths concepts at home
- Engage in maths-related activities and games with your child



Class News

Year Six

Year Six – Stubbers Responses.

Despite going last week, the Year Six learners wanted to share their feedback and responses to their residential at Stubbers last week:

“It was incredibly fun, I loved the kayaking as we all jumped in after! It was so much fun! 😊”

“Stubbers was really fun! I loved everything! My least favourite activity was probably the high ropes; I was petrified. My favourite was either paddle boarding or rock climbing; the food was really good. The only thing I didn't enjoy about Stubbers was the nights were freezing... But I loved the disco!!!”

“I enjoyed Stubbers! I loved all of the activities, especially paddle boarding. Overall, it was fun, but the only down fall was that at night in the tents it was FREEZING COLD. The food was amazing though.”

“It was so fun I loved it! The food was amazing. The activities were so good; there was so much great things to explore, and I loved it when we done the paddle boarding, air rifle shooting and double kayaking. The nights were very cold, but I wish I could go again (just in the middle of summer) and it was just all an amazing adventure.”

“Stubbers was great! Most of the activities were amazing accept the high ropes (I was terrified) but other than that the activities were great! The campus was great so much stuff to explore but the tents were so cold.”

“I feel like all of us had a lot of fun. I wish we can start all over again. And the food there was very, very, very good. My best activity in Stubbers was on water.”

For those unable to join us at residential, they enjoyed making collages and planting seeds. They also enjoyed a range of exciting activities.

Back at school, we have started our unit of English based on ‘The Arrival’ and explored the emotions in a family of someone leaving home for new opportunities. In mathematics, we have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 10,000,000 (ten million). Arguably, the most hype, has been around our science lesson exploring circuits – where we all thoroughly enjoyed getting creative with the bulbs, buzzers and motors.





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!

RBG	Noah	For having helping hands around the classroom.
RES	Ava	For sitting beautifully on the carpet and being a really good friend.
RFK	Mia	For being an amazing role model by being helpful when tidying the classroom.
1BA	Isabella	For a brilliant effort in phonics.
1EC	Louie	For his impressive computing work.
1LD	Holly	For having a positive attitude and doing super work in computing!
2RM	Frankie-Lee	For having a brilliant attitude towards her learning this week, especially in maths.
2CH	Marlow	For his positive attitude towards his learning.
2MF	Freddie	For showing positive behaviour towards learning.
2BG	Ronnie	For working hard, participating and trying his best in all his subjects.
3ML	Esme	For always being ready to learn and participating in class discussions.
3RS	Reggie	For an excellent first week at ETPS.
3SG	Malakai	For his exceptional resilience and efforts in maths.
3VP	Neariah O-A	For being kind and considerate to his peers.
4CP	Isla-Rose F	For consistently making the right choice and being a role model in 4CP.
4KC	Sherlyn C	For contributing lovely ideas during lessons.
4MR	Ema V	For being hardworking, kind, helpful and positive role model to her class.
5NM	Harvey	For being a great role model and enthusiastic participation in all lessons.
5SA	Finley T	For being a great role model and enthusiastic participation in all lessons.
5TH	Elena	For excelling in maths reasoning, and showing a positive attitude towards maths.
6AB	Reuben W	For having and demonstrating a very positive attitude to his learning.
6LC	Anna R	For having and demonstrating a very positive attitude to her learning.
6NB	Lily-Anne M	For having and demonstrating a very positive attitude to her learning.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

ALWAYS ONLINE



Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE



Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

VOICE & TEXT CHAT



Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

VIOLENCE



While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION



As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

FREE TRIAL

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.



PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.



MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.



REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

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Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/final-fantasy-14>

Keep in Touch



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

Tel: 01375 846181

Email: office.etp@osborne.coop

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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 · 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

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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