

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at school, packed full of exciting learning opportunities for the children.

Cold weather

This week we have experienced some very early cold winter weather. As such, please ensure children come to school prepared for the cold, with hats, gloves, scarves and warm coats. It is important that we still provide the children with fresh-air time and play outside.



Christmas schedule

Christmas is fast approaching and as such we wanted to give you notice on the scheduled events at school. Please see the image below in a larger format on the pages to come in this newsletter. This will also be available on our Facebook page. For Christmas cards this year, children can bring them into their classes from the 5th Dec to the 13th Dec. When writing Christmas cards please put the first name, surname initial and class the child is in on the envelop to ensure smooth delivery. Can I draw your attention to Friday 29th November when we will be hosting the PFA Christmas Fayre, this will be an exciting Christmas event with stalls, games and maybe even a special guest. For more information on this please see correspondence and Facebook posts from the PFA.

Christmas events at ETP



- ❖ 29/11 – PFA Christmas Fayre after school - plenty of Christmas family fun! – see PFA letter for details
- ❖ 4/12 - Christmas pantomime - performance to the children during schooltime
- ❖ 10/12 - Lower school (Reception &KS1) Christmas performances 9.30am and 1.30pm
- ❖ 11/12 – PFA Christmas craft with KS2 in school
- ❖ 11/12 – Lower school (Reception &KS1) Christmas performances 9.30am and 1.30pm
- ❖ 12/12 – PFA Christmas craft with KS1 in school
- ❖ 12/12 – National Christmas jumper day - children can wear a Christmas jumper to school (normal uniform with a Christmas jumper) - voluntary contribution of £1 towards 'Save the children' charity.
- ❖ 16/12 – Christmas assembly hosted by Rev. Michelle in school
- ❖ 18/12 – Christmas dinner day for the children in school
- ❖ 20/12 – last day of term – children can wear non-uniform (Christmas themed if they like!)

We wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead,

School Leadership Team

Upcoming Events

29th November 2024

An event for the whole family to enjoy!

Free
Entry

CHRISTMAS GROTTO AND FETE

East Tilbury Primary School
Princess Margaret Rd
East Tilbury
RM18 8SB



Come and visit us from 3.30pm for lots of festive fun.

Live Music from our school choir

Fun & games with over 8 fun things to do

Hot Chocolate & Bar

Winter wonderland Snow globe to have a snowball
fight and photo opportunity - £3 min charge, family £5

Bouncy castle

Hot food stall from The Hungry Bear

Stalls selling items from Scentsy to stocking fillers

And lots more

Meet the Big man in red himself in Santa's Grotto

Pre booking only Limited availability. £5 per child



Keep update on our PFA facebook
page for more details



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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.

Thank you to all the families that donated to Children In Need today. Your support is very much appreciated.

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 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

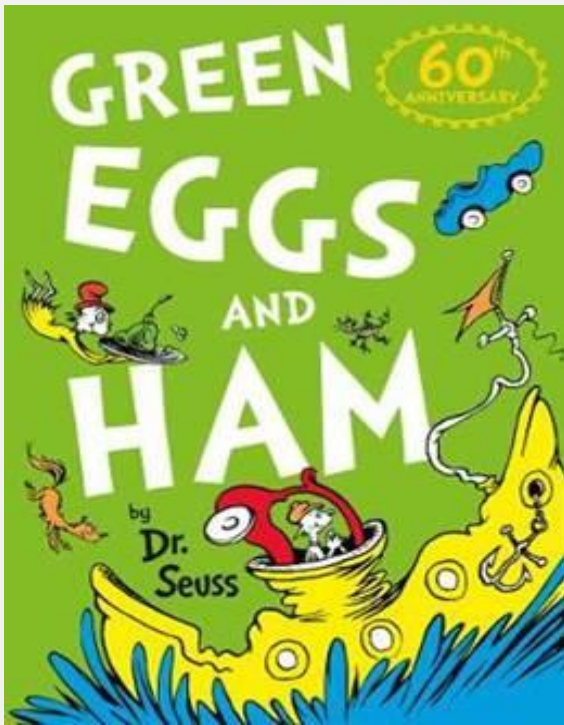
We are continually updating our OPAL resources and would gladly accept donations of:

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



Recommended Reads

Each week we will be recommending great books that you can share with your children.

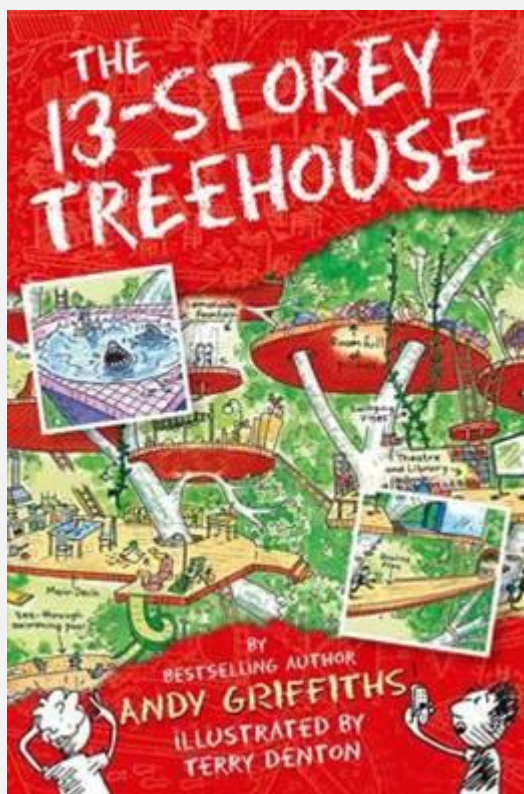


Green Eggs and Ham

Author: Dr Seuss

Publisher: HarperCollins

Sam-I-Am loves tormenting his friend, the hero of the story – and today Sam-I-Am's decided he's going to invite him to try a very unusual dish: green eggs and ham! Sam's friend is adamant he doesn't like it, but that doesn't stop Sam-I-Am...



The 13-Storey Treehouse

Author: Andy Griffiths

Illustrator: Terry Denton

Publisher: Macmillan

A rip-roaringly funny book about writing (or actually *not* writing) a book. The author and illustrator realise that they are due to present their latest book to their publisher within 24 hours.

Unfortunately they have absolutely no idea what to write, and all sorts of bizarre things keep happening which prevent them from writing anything! Living in a 13-story treehouse is hard enough, but that's the least of their problems.



SEND in Focus

Makaton Signs of the week:

Why not speak with your child and see what signs they can remember from what they've already been taught?

This week's signs are:





SEND in Focus



Autism
Post
Diagnosis
Drop-in

20th May
17th June
15th July
19th Aug
16th Sept
21st October
18th Nov
16th Dec

09:30-10:30am

Have you received an Autism 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

09:30-10:30am



Diary Dates

Friday 29th November 2024	Santa's Grotto and Fete
Wednesday 4th December 2024	Pantomime (09:30am – all years)
Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th December 2024	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performances 9:30am and 1:30pm
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Monday 16th December 2024	Christmas Assembly hosted by Rev. Michelle in school
Wednesday 18th December 2024	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December 2024	Non-Uniform Day
Friday 20th December 2024	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 6th 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 looking at paramedics and ambulances in our literacy lessons. We have looked at the amazing things that are kept in the back of an ambulance and had fun bandaging up our friends.

In maths we have been looking at numbers 3, 4 and 5. We have recognised our numbers and sang some silly songs.

We have also been practising our songs ready for the Christmas play. We have been meeting with the other year groups in the hall, so it has been very exciting.

In topic we have been looking at people who help us in our community such as librarians, shop keepers and lifeguards.

Year One

In art we looked at the work of Zaria Forman and how she uses lines to draw waves. We recapped the different types of lines we could use and the effects of different media before working together to create a collaborative piece of artwork to represent fireworks using expressive lines to music.



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Year Two

This week in year 2 we have been continuing our learning about hot and cold places. In Geography, we focused on climates and how these differ depending on how close a country is to the equator. The children were able to apply this understanding by colour coding their own world maps, using a key. In English, we have been reading the story 'George and the Dragon'. Using our knowledge of alliteration, we created captivating phrases to engage a reader. In maths, we completed our unit on measure. The children now have a good understanding of the differences between cm and M and are beginning to develop their skills to estimate lengths. In Art, we created our own felt! We had great fun combining materials by layering the fibres.

Year Three

This week in English we have been learning about Skara Brae, a stone age village. We learned how to write persuasive sentences and included lots of interesting vocabulary to persuade someone to visit. In maths, we have been learning about graphs. We looked at pictograms, tally charts and bar charts. We learned the importance of looking at the key and were able to find the most popular and least popular choices. In Science, we were investigating magnets and looking at how magnets repel and attract.



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Year Four

Maths:

We've kicked off our new topic in maths – *multiplication*. This week, we explored the concepts of multiples and factors, getting hands-on with finding patterns and connections between numbers. We've also been multiplying whole numbers and learning how to divide by 10.

Road Safety Matters

As part of 'Road Safety Week' our focus has been personal safety, we've been learning about the importance of road safety. We discussed how to stay safe when crossing roads, being visible to drivers, and the importance of paying attention when walking near traffic.

English:

In English, we've begun our new topic on newspaper articles. We've been learning all about the key features, such as catchy headlines, straplines, and the 5Ws (Who, What, Where, When, Why). Using the text *Wizards of Once*, we practiced stacking sentences to create descriptive and engaging writing. The classes have enjoyed looking at the concept of the story and an evil queen attempting to rid her kingdom of all magic!

History:

Our history lessons have taken us back in time to Sutton Hoo, a fascinating archaeological discovery that reveals so much about Britain's Anglo-Saxon past. The children were intrigued by the treasure-filled ship burial and its significance in helping us understand early British history. We've been discussing how this discovery sheds light on trade, culture, and life during the Anglo-Saxon period.

PE: Tag Rugby and Team Building

In PE, we've been working hard on our tag rugby skills, focusing on teamwork, strategy, and agility. The children have shown great sportsmanship and energy while improving their passing and tagging skills. We've also been emphasizing team building, encouraging collaboration and support to achieve our goals together.

RE:

Our RE lessons have been centred on the theme of life as a journey. We've been reflecting on the different stages and milestones in people's lives, discussing what makes these moments significant and how they shape our experiences. It's been wonderful to hear the thoughtful insights and questions the children have brought to this topic.

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Year Five

This week in Year 5, we kicked off the week focusing on a new unit in maths; multiples and factors. Pupils revised their times tables including 4's, 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's and 12's, and discussed the similarities and patterns between the multiples. In English pupils began to plan their independent Write and towards the end of the week they started writing their poem (based on the maleficence by Alan Bond). We also peer assessed our work and gave constructive feedback. In the middle of the week, we enjoyed an online safety talk - led by Essex police which helped us to learn about the various ways we can stay safe online and to be mindful of the content we are watching on our devices. The session explored the different ways in which they can handle stressful situations online and gave suggestions of trusted individuals pupils could talk to for support. In Art, we evaluated our installation pieces and was able to reflect on what went well and what we would improve- if we were to make it again. Finally, the pupils have enjoyed their PE session this week, where they continued to practice their motifs in gymnastics; learning new positions and ways in which their bodies can travel in a sequence.

As always, we encourage pupils to try to access the home learning platforms such as TTRS, MyMaths. When homework is set, it is usually a paper hand copy. In terms of reading, pupils should have access to an allocated banded book or reading for pleasure book (from home or school). Alternatively, Active learn (Bug Club) is available for online reading books. Login details are located at the front of their reading records, however pupils can get a physical reading book from their bookcases in class; any queries please feel free to speak to any member of the Year 5 team.

We wish you all a well-rested weekend.

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Year Six

Light is not white!

This week in Year 6, we made the same revelation that Sir Isaac Newton made – light is not white: it is a spectrum of colours. They investigated using prisms to discover the same colours of a rainbow: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Using this understanding, colour wheels were created and spun – showing how these colours can make ... white!

We are also extremely proud of our Year 6's for completing their mock SATs this week, their determination and resilience did not go unnoticed.





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	Allen	For his positive attitude towards Phonics and blending CVC words independently.
RES	Belle	For having an amazing week and growing in confidence.
RFK	Matilda	For her amazing effort and positive attitude towards her learning.
1BA	Lexie	For her brilliant effort in Maths this week.
1EC	Elham	For her effort in maths.
1LD	Chisom	For participation in class discussions and trying her best.
2RM	Youssef	For working so hard to learn his lines for the Nativity.
2CH	Lyla	For great reading.
2MF	Araoluwa	For showing great confidence and hard work towards learning.
2BG	Mathew	For his amazing effort in all his subjects, especially his writing.
3ML	Olly	For his increased focus in all lessons.
3RS	Trixie	For amazing effort in all lessons this week.
3SG	Daisy-Dolly M	For amazing effort in all lessons this week.
3VP	Sara	For self-responsibility and positive attitude to her learning.
4CP	Ezekiel A	For working hard throughout the whole week.
4KC	Aariya-Rae M	For always having a positive attitude towards learning and setting a good example to other pupils.
4MR	Bella-Rose	For making a huge effort with all her learning this week and an amazing piece of artwork.
5NM	Gem	For having a positive attitude towards her learning, improving on effort and presentation.
5SA	Lucas S	For showing resilience in PE and working hard all week.
5TH	George	For being a role-model to his classmates all week
6AB	Ellie G-W	For having a positive attitude and trying her best in all lessons.
6LC	Stanley B	For always having a positive attitude to learning.
6NB	Keanu M	For always striving to achieve his best.



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.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

goHenry

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>

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BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

this winter



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer
- so check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to **BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

**Be Bright,
Be Seen**

THINK

Keep in Touch



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

Tel: 01375 846181

Email: 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 · 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