

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.

Harvest donation

This week we were contacted by the local foodbank to express their thanks for the donations received at the beginning of the half term. We are very grateful for all the food items donated to support the good work of the foodbank in helping local families.



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 15th Dec 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

- ❖ 1/12 – Christmas pantomime performance to the children am and pm during schooltime
- ❖ 5/12 – 13/12 – Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards – see newsletter for details
- ❖ 6/12 - Christmas pantomime performance to the children am during schooltime - all children will see the show spread over the two days 1st and 6th
- ❖ 6/12 – Christmas Dinner day – children can wear a Christmas jumper to school (normal uniform with a Christmas jumper)
- ❖ 7/12 – National Christmas jumper day - children can wear a Christmas jumper to school (normal uniform with a Christmas jumper)
- ❖ 11/12 – Y1 and Y2 – Afterschool (4pm pick up) 'Christmas cinema' – additional information and sign up to follow
- ❖ 12/12 – RJG Christmas performance 2.30pm – see reception performance letter for details
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- ❖ 15/12 – PFA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 7pm- plenty of Christmas family fun! – see PFA letter for details
- ❖ 18/12 – Key Stage 2 'Christmas cinema' evening after school - additional information and sign up
- ❖ 20/12 – last day of term – children can wear non-uniform (Christmas themed if they like!) - £1 voluntary contribution towards biscuit time
- ❖ Year groups 1-6 will also be producing a Christmas song which will go live on Facebook before the end of term
- ❖ After-school teacher led clubs will run until Friday 8th December.



We booked the pantomime back in June expecting the performance to be in our sports hall with the whole school attending but, as we discovered in September, we can't use the hall as we have had to convert it into 4 classrooms due to the RAAC problem.

This has presented us with a considerable problem because we can only get about 8 classes into our small hall, and we have 25 classes. To make sure that every pupil has a chance to come

to the pantomime, we have booked 3 separate performances which is a really good solution but means that the cost has now gone up to £2100 from £700.

We would be really grateful if you could support us with this by giving a voluntary donation of £3 to help finance the performances. We don't want to cancel, and we don't want to make it for only some of our pupils, so we are asking for your support. We recognise that everyone is struggling in the current economic climate and regret having to ask for help but feel that it is a wonderful part of Christmas traditions that the children could experience, and if you could possibly contribute it will be greatly appreciated.

We wish you all a relaxing weekend ahead,

School Leadership Team

Upcoming Events

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SEND in Focus



Occupational therapists are experts in sensory processing, self-care and gross and fine motor skills. They offer support and guidance for children who have sensory sensitivities, fine motor activities such as handwriting/scissor cutting, dressing skills, toileting, feeding and accessing physical activities such as ball games. Their overall aim is for children to develop the necessary skills to perform everyday tasks and to help them become more independent.

Children's Integrated therapies in Thurrock offer an Occupational Therapy service to support with all of these areas. They provide short video clips in their Resource Hub to help you support your child with different, fine motor skills, gross motor skills and sensory needs.

Please take a look at their website:

[Children's Occupational Therapy | NELFT NHS Foundation Trust](#)

HEROES OF THE HEART



Are you ready to celebrate the unsung hero in your life?

We want you to share stories of the extraordinary individuals who have made a positive impact on your lives.

Open to all young people aged 5-16 with SEND

Who has been your guiding light through challenges?

Which superhero in your life deserves to be celebrated?

Who makes every day brighter for you?

Competition opens:
21st November 2023
Competition closes:
21st December 2023

How to take part

Nominate someone special - it could be a sibling, friend, parent/carer, teacher, health professional, or anyone who has made a positive difference in your life.

Share their name, relation to you, and how they've made your world brighter. Explain why you nominated them and provide a little background information to help us understand the depth of their impact.

Don't miss the chance to spotlight your extraordinary stars!

- Include your name, age, year group, and current school setting.
- Submissions can be sent to QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk
- An exciting prize awaits someone with the most touching and impactful story.



Important Information



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

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 still 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

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

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

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



Diary Dates

Friday 1st December 2023	Pantomime
Friday 1 st December 2023	Reception Speech and Language Parent Workshop and stay and play
Wednesday 6th December 2023	Christmas Dinner Day – Children may wear Christmas Jumpers
Wednesday 6th December 2023	Pantomime
Thursday 7th December 2023	National Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th December 2023	RJG Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13th December 2023	RES Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th December 2023	REC Christmas Concert
Friday 15th December 2023	SEND and Nurture drop in
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Monday 18th December 2023	Key Stage 2 ‘Christmas cinema’ evening after school - additional information and sign up to follow
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Last day of term.
Thursday 4th January 2024	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 5th January 2024	Trust Conference Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 8th January 2024	Pupils back to school
Thursday 25th January 2024	Y6 SATs Meeting for parents/carers
Friday 26 th January 2024	Reception Parent Workshop and stay and play
19th – 23rd 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

We have had another exciting week in reception learning about people who help us. This week we have been focusing on the police, we have found out lots of interesting facts such as – not all police officers wear uniforms and that police officers have police dogs that are trained to help find many different things.

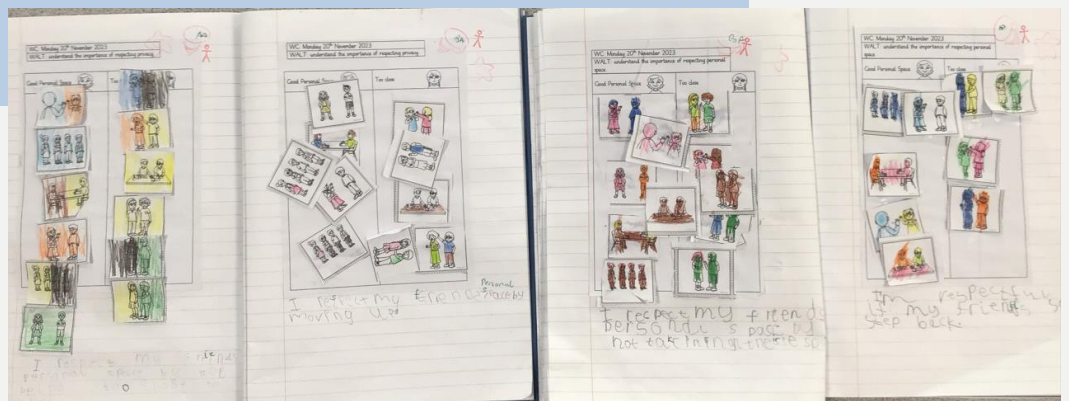
In maths we have been exploring circles and triangles, we have made pictures with the shapes and also, we have been looking for shapes around the classroom.

We are also practising for our Christmas Concert and we cannot wait to perform it for you.



Year One

In PSHE, we have been discussing what it means to be in our friend's personal space and the importance of respecting it. Talking or sitting really close to our friends might make them feel uncomfortable, angry or upset. After, we discussed how to check if we are in someone's personal space. Finally, we had lots of fun exploring different scenarios about personal space and what it looks like to invade our friend's personal space. In RE, we discussed one of the beliefs Christians hold about Jesus, which is, he performs miracles. To gain an understanding of this, we read a Bible story 'Jesus heals a blind man'. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story as well as role - playing it.



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Year Two

In Art, we made our very own felt. Once we had compared factory made and manmade felt, we watched a step-by-step video on how to make it. We then worked with a partner to create our felt. There were quite a lot of steps and some bits were fiddly, so we took it a step at a time to ensure we understood exactly what to do. We really enjoyed making it and are thrilled with the final outcome!



Year Three

This week, we have been exploring figurative devices in English; we have studied alliteration and generated some amazing vocabulary. Here are some of our examples: worthy weapons, fantastic flint, cosy clothes and sparkling stones.

In science, we have been amazed by the power of mesmerizing, magnificent magnets! We have been diving into the captivating world of magnets! From exploring their invisible forces to understanding their fascinating properties, this topic is guaranteed to create sparks of curiosity and excitement amongst our little scientists!

This week, our fantastic Year 3 students have:

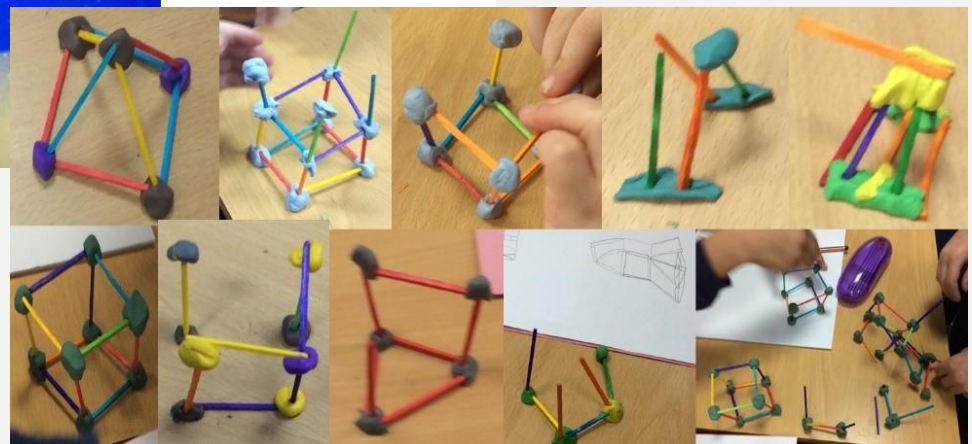
- ✓ Investigated different types of magnets and learnt about their uses in everyday life.
- ✓ Explored how magnets can attract and repel each other.
- ✓ Discovered the Earth's magnetic field and its importance.
- ✓ And so much more!

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Year Four

Year 4 pupils have enjoyed getting hands on with some practical learning. Last week in Science, pupils delved into the intricacies of digestion through an engaging hands-on experiment. With enthusiasm, they constructed a dynamic model of the digestive system using everyday items such as orange juice, water, biscuits, and tights. Mimicking the digestive process, the pupils marvelled at the transformation within their makeshift system, fostering a tangible understanding of how our bodies break down and absorb nutrients. This practical approach not only made learning about digestion memorable but also sparked curiosity and excitement within the classroom.

This week, in Design & Technology, pupils immersed themselves in the world of structures, drawing inspiration from the innovative pavilions showcased at the 2020 World Expo in Dubai. Guided by design criteria and their research, pupils participated in discussions, annotated sketches, and began creating hands-on prototypes. They communicated their ideas, fostering creativity and critical thinking. Pupils actively engaged in constructing free-standing frame structures using matchsticks and clay, from simpler designs to more intricate and abstract forms, showcasing their evolving understanding of design principles and structural concepts.



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Year Five

This week, year 5 have been learning about Viking culture. We were shown Viking runes—the alphabet that they used called the Futhark—and were able to try to write using them. Our names and messages were quite tricky as the Vikings did not use all of the letters like we do today. In English, we have continued to write our class letter to John Stones about child labour, looking at the counter arguments and debating our own thoughts on the topic. On Tuesday, we were invited to attend the online safety roadshow at the Civic Hall. During this, we were told about the hidden dangers in the apps that some of us use and how to stay safe when using them. We also looked at famous youtubers and how what they do online, can influence the things we do and not always in a safe way. We were taught ways of keeping safe and what to do when we feel unsafe. In maths, we have started to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000 and have been looking at using a written method to help us to recognise what happens to our numbers when we do this.

Year Six

This week in Year 6 we pondered the question: *What colour is light?* By shining light through prisms, we discovered that light is in fact a spectrum of colour. We then also made colour wheels, which when spun quickly, blended its colours together to appear white; revealing that the colour white is also a spectrum. In computing, we began to create our own websites using Google Sites. Our websites were informational websites themed around WW2. Some of the children have also competed in the Thurrock primary dodgeball competition today, and we are excited to learn the results. Well done to those who participated.





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	Poppy	For making good choices in her independent learning.
REC	Rhylee	For independently writing his name.
RES	Dolcie	For always being a good friend and including everybody.
1GC	David	For making positive choices and working hard in all subjects.
1FK	Cleo	For being a kind friend and an amazing role model.
1BA	Eden	For extra efforts outside of class.
2BG	Amelia	For her calm, positive nature.
2RS	Lola	For her great effort in maths when adding and subtracting numbers.
2CH	Eddie	For his great effort in English this week.
2RM	Zach H	For using interesting adjectives in his writing this week.
3VP	Dilichi N	For creating an incredible animation.
3ML	Amerleigh-Rae	For consistently giving her best efforts in all subjects and independently completing her English work.
3SG	Dalaigh J	For improved focus and effort in all lessons.
3SA	Victoria J	For increased effort across the curriculum.
4CP	Raibah B	For always working hard.
4NM	George S	For his determination to improve his focus and efforts particularly in Maths.
4JP	Antoinette	For being a model learner, always working hard, and for looking out for others.
5AB	All of 5AB	For their fantastic behaviour when representing the school at their workshop.
5TH	Kashayla	For challenging herself to uplevel sentences.
5MR	Olivia T	For a noticeable improvement in her effort across all her class work.
6LC	Stevie-Louise B	For her hard-work and dedication in writing.
6NB	Lucas G	For his determination to improve, especially with his handwriting.
6JM	Isla Y	For being a supportive classmate and role model to her peers.



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.

19th November - 24th November 2023

6LC 483 6JM 377 6NB 226

19th November - 24th November 2023

5MR 162 5AB 31 5TH 28

19th November - 24th November 2023

3SA 101 3VP 59 3SG 31 3ML 24

19th November - 24th November 2023

4CP 506 4NM 289 4JP 1

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



Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE



Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://". The "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is, especially if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online; they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the event's sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS



A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert





Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of Tech Radar magazine, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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