

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

May we start by taking this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term. It has been an exciting, creative and brilliant term! We are incredibly proud to lead East Tilbury Primary and feel privileged to work with you and alongside you and look forward to the summer term ahead.

'Rock Bottom' y3/4/5 Spring Production

What an amazing week of performances it has been! The year 3/4/5 children and staff have worked exceptionally hard to produce such an amazing show. Thank you to all the parents for supporting with costumes, learning lines and songs and for attending the performances this week. The acting, singing and props were all just incredible!

We have so many talented children and as a leadership team we were so proud of all of them.



Y6 Trip to Duxford

Last Friday the year 6 children and staff visited the Imperial War Museum Duxford. It was an amazing opportunity to explore how aircraft impacted WWII and to learn about the personal stories of RAF service men and women. The children were a credit to the school, and we even got to see a Spitfire plan take off just as we were about to leave!

As a leadership team and staff, we wish you and your families a relaxing Easter holiday break and look forward to seeing the children back again on Monday 13th April.

The Leadership Team

School News

A MESSAGE FROM REVD MICHÈLE

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Pupils,

I just wanted to say how much I have enjoyed visiting the school community in this second term of the school year. In January I led an assembly for the Year 5's when we thought about the season of Epiphany, The Wise Men and New Year resolutions. In February I welcomed the Year 1 pupils to St Catherine's Church and we had fun pretending it was Sunday morning. And on Monday I led the Easter Assemblies for the whole school. We travelled from Pancake Day to Easter Sunday and had a think about all the special moments of preparation that Christians follow at this time of year.

If you're not going away for the Easter holidays you might like to join us for our, 'Come and make an Easter Garden' family activity afternoon.

It's on Saturday 4th April, 2-3.30pm at St Catherine's Church in East Tilbury. There will be lots of lovely craft activities, games, refreshments and an opportunity to hear the Easter Story. There's no charge for the session but you will need to book a place and children must be accompanied by an adult.

You can book a place by calling me on 01375 671754, send me a message to 07749303622 or email me at: mjmarshall@fastmail.co.uk

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



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5.00-6.00PM EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME
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EVERYBODY IS WELCOME**

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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

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



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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

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.

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NHS



Autism Post Diagnosis Support

19th January Occupational Therapy

16th February Communication, Speech and
Language

16th March Feeding and Eating

20th April Toileting

NHS
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

OT advice line for further assistance: 0300 300 1670

Diary Dates

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 5 th and Wednesday 6 th 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 19 th May and Thursday 21 st May 2026	Year 2 external trip: Essex Fire Museum- 9:30am-1pm
Thursday 21 st 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 4 th 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 th (9.30-10.30) EYFS Wednesday 17 th (1.30-3.00) Yr 3-4	Sports Day
Monday 22 nd June 2026	Half of Year 1 at Hyde Hall
Tuesday 23 rd and Friday 26 th June 2026	Reception Barleylands trip
Tuesday 30 th 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



READERS OF THE WEEK

1SL
&
5LC

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 been reading the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley' by Sarah Roberts. We have been discussing what we need to do to look after our oceans and planets as well as drawing characters and settings from the story. In Phonics this week we have learnt 'ow' and 'oi' and we are now very near the end of our Phase 3 sounds!

Yesterday we went out on a Spring Walk where we explored the wind using windmills and we even created our own wind streamers as well as going on a spring scavenger hunt where we drew and took pictures of all of the Spring things we found!



Year One

In computing we worked in pairs to plan different routes around the mat before we created an algorithm. During our discussion, we noticed that there can be more than one approach to achieve the same outcome. Once we had planned our routes and programmed our floor robots, we tested and debugged them, fixing any errors. As a further challenge, we explored creating routes which needed to visit specific images in a set sequence and explored moving around the mat using only two directions to reach a destination.

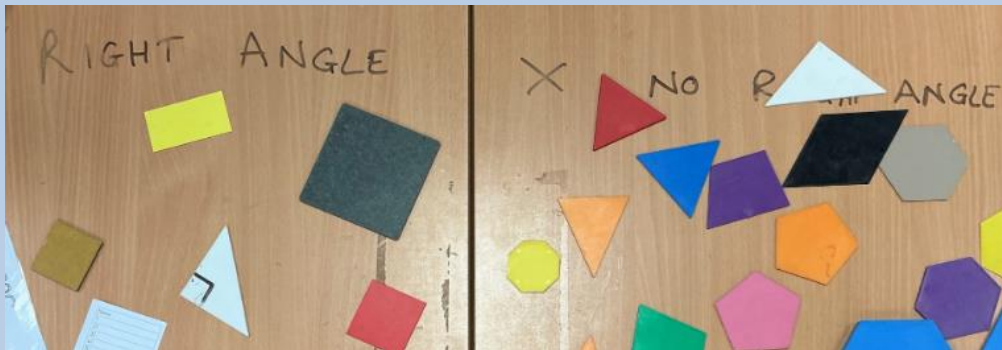
In Art, we created our own Tree of Life. We explored Marco Balich's Tree of life sculpture and discussed the features it has, and how we thought it was made. We then spoke about the animals and insects we may see in a tree of life and how we could include this. We then used the skills we have previously learnt to shape paper to create our own masterpieces.

Class News

Year Two

This week in Year 2, the children have been busy developing their geometry skills by **sorting and arranging shapes** in different ways. They explored a range of 2D shapes and worked together to group them based on **the number of vertices, right angles, and lines of symmetry**.

The class enjoyed hands-on activities where they compared shapes, discussed their properties, and explained their sorting choices using mathematical vocabulary. They particularly enjoyed investigating which shapes had **right angles** and discovering surprising shapes with **more than one line of symmetry!**



Year Three

What a week it has been for Year 3! The spotlight was firmly on our talented pupils as we finally took to the stage for our production of Rock Bottom.

After weeks of rehearsals, the children delivered two truly "rocking" performances - one to the whole school and another to a packed audience of parents and carers. We couldn't be prouder of their energy and commitment.

Our Year 3 ensemble was simply incredible. The wall of sound they created was powerful, and every word was delivered with clarity. It wasn't just about the singing; the children mastered a series of complex actions to complement the songs, adding a fantastic visual layer to the storytelling.

For many, this was their first major performance in front of a large audience. Seeing their smiles (and the occasional prehistoric roar!) was a joy.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us. Your cheers and applause made the experience even more special for the children. They have certainly earned a restful Easter Holidays!

Class News

Year Four

What an amazing final week of the spring term it has been for Year 4. The highlight for all of us has undoubtedly been our brilliant spring production, *Rock Bottom*. The children have thrown themselves into every rehearsal and performance with such enthusiasm. They have loved being part of the choir, singing with confidence, and dancing along to the lively songs. Their hard work and energy truly shone on stage.

In maths, we have been exploring decimals, learning how to compare numbers with decimal places, and practising multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. The children have shown great determination as they've tackled these new concepts.

In English, we have been bringing our independent writes to a close, focusing on editing and improving our work to produce thoughtful, polished pieces. It has been wonderful to see how much pride the children take in their writing.

Our science lessons have continued to spark curiosity as we investigated electricity and circuits. The children have enjoyed experimenting and building their understanding of how electrical components work together.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term. We look forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting summer term ahead.

Year Five

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 cast, who have worked so hard to put on an absolutely amazing show. Over the past few months, the children have shown dedication, enthusiasm, and real teamwork as they learned lines, rehearsed scenes, and supported one another.

Their effort truly shone through in all 5 performances. From confident acting to expressive singing, fantastic energy on stage, and not forgetting the backstage crew - every pupil played their part in making the production a resounding success.

It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow, and they should all feel very proud of what they have achieved. Well done, Year 5, rest and we will see you all in the Summer term.

Class News

Year Six

As we wrap up this short but busy term, Year 6 has been buzzing with excitement! Last Friday, our trip to Duxford War Museum was a highlight, where students demonstrated their respect and good manners throughout the day. A great time was had by all!

In English, we delved into the world of newspaper articles, posing the intriguing question: who is the real criminal, the Three Little Pigs or the Big Bad Wolf? Pupils enjoyed writing from their chosen perspectives, showcasing their creativity and critical thinking.

In Maths, we introduced proportions and ratios, laying the groundwork for more complex concepts. Our Computing lessons involved using Excel sheets to present data, where students applied formulas to enhance their understanding. History saw us summarising our learning about Ancient Greece through the creation of posters and PowerPoint presentations, integrating art and computing skills for a truly cross-curricular experience. What a fantastic week of learning!



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	Isidora	For being a kind, polite caring friend.
RMB	Sarai	For her increased resilience and independence with her writing in class.
RES	Ivana	For her increased confidence in her writing.
1SL	Anastasia	For always working hard and being a positive role model.
1CD	Hadassah	For being a kind friend
1EC	Marni	For settling in well to ETPS
2BG	Renesmee	For her increased confidence and ability in her reading.
2NB	Hassan	
2RS	Vinnie	For his creative ideas in English this week.
3TG	All of 3TG	For amazing performances of Rock Bottom
3CS	All of 3CS	For incredible performances in the Rock Bottom production
3MR	All of 3MR	For working hard to learn the songs and dance moves for Rock Bottom.
4ML	All of 4ML	For incredible performances in the Rock Bottom production
4CP	All of 4CP	For incredible performances in the Rock Bottom production
4BA	All of 4BA	For incredible performances in the Rock Bottom Production.
4KC	All of 4KC	For incredible performance in the Rock Bottom Production.
5SG	All of 5SG	For awesome performances in Rock Bottom
5SA	All of 5SA	For awesome performances in Rock Bottom
5LC	All of 5LC	For awesome performances in Rock Bottom
6AB	James	For his improved effort with his joined handwriting
6NM	Faheema	For her overall positive commitment and attitude to learning
6TH	George	Showing a positive attitude all week



Thurrock
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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.

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Employed = 100%'*



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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

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- 2024 Trainee

For all enquiries please contact:
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

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


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