

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been another busy week at school with lots of exciting learning taking place.

Year 6 Enterprise Fair

Thank you to all the children and staff in year 6 for putting on a great Enterprise Fair this week. The children had a whole range of activities that other year groups could enjoy – from face painting to hot dogs, there was certainly something for everyone! This was a great opportunity for the Year 6's to plan, prepare and then deliver an exciting fete like experience for the children of the school.



Meet the new teacher

As we approach the end of this academic year and begin to think about September, it is important to be able to prepare the children for their next year group. Next

Wednesday, after registration, children in our current yR-y5 will be spending the morning with their new teacher. The children will spend time getting to know the teacher, as well as the teacher getting to know them. The children will also complete a range of activities designed to start preparing them for the year ahead. Normal drop off procedures will still apply.

Open Classrooms Evening Wed 9th July, after school-3.30-5.15 and 5.45-7.30pm

On Wednesday 9th July (3.30-5.15 and then 5.45-7.30pm), classrooms across the school will be open to exhibit work. Please enter via the silver or blue gates (first 10 minutes of both slots) at either end of the school and then use the office entrance – exit via the office. You are also welcome to introduce yourself to your child's next teacher. Please be mindful that there will be other parents in the classrooms with you so your conversations with staff won't be able to be formal as we cannot offer privacy. If you require a more private conversation, please make an appointment through the usual channels. You are more than welcome to see the whole school as you move through the building, particularly our exhibition in the hall. Teachers will be stationed in their current classrooms. We ask that you are not on the site between 5.15 and 5.45 to allow staff a short break. We look forward to welcoming you into the school.

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.

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.

Year 1 and 2 both need junking modelling materials for a project next week. This includes toilet roll tubes, small clear yoghurt pots, cereal boxes and egg cartons. Please pass any that you can donate to the teachers or the school office.

Please be reminded that pupils should not be wearing jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears may wear small stud earrings but hoops are not permitted.
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

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



Primary Engineers



Ten Year 6 pupils attended the Primary Engineer celebration event at Dunton. Here they had to discuss their design and construction processes with Ford Engineers, as well as taking part in the tilt and drop test. The process was thorough, and three pupils were runners up for overall best tower, earning a medal and certificate in the process. We are so proud of our engineers.



Enterprise Event - Year 6





ETPS Coffee morning


Are you worried about how your child will cope with their transition to the next year group?

Would you like to discuss your child's wellbeing with a member of our pastoral team or the Mental Health Support team?

Come and join us for our last coffee morning of the year!

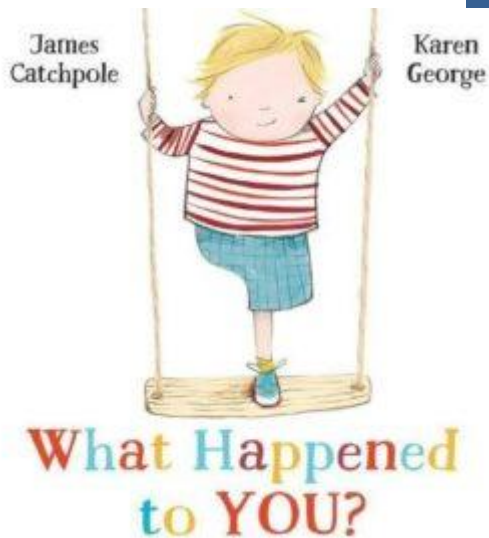
Tuesday 8th July 2025
9am

Enter and exit the coffee morning via the Year 1 gate (opposite Little Angels).



Recommended Reads

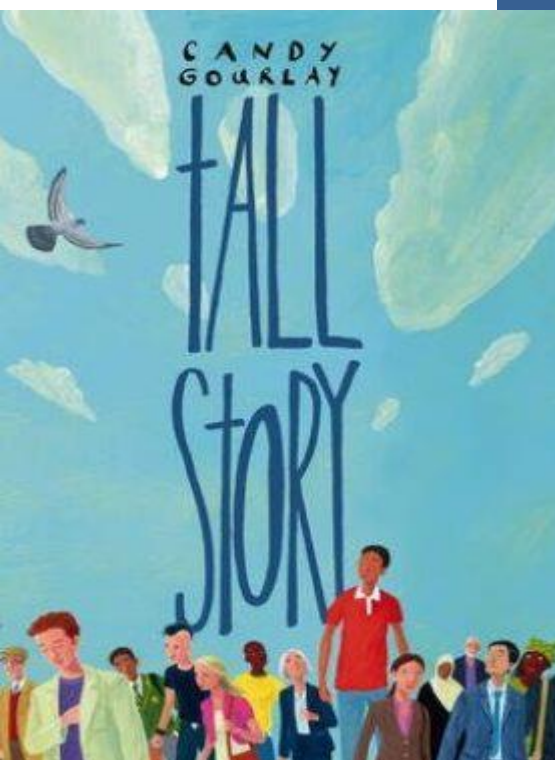
Each week we will be recommending great books that you can share with your children.



What Happened To You?

by James Catchpole, illustrated by Karen George

A little boy is engrossed in his game of pirates. He's busy tackling crocodiles and dodging sharks when some new children arrive in the playground. Noticing that he only has one leg, the inevitable questions begin – where is the other leg? Is he hiding it? Was he attacked by lions? Or did it fall down the toilet? Joe has to fend off a barrage of interrogations before the kids all finally get on with the important job of avoiding being eaten by sharks.



Tall Story

by Candy Gourlay

Engagingly told in alternate chapters by four-foot, thirteen year-old Andi, in the UK, and her eight-foot, sixteen year-old half brother Bernardo, in the Philippines, Candy Gourlay's novel draws on her own experience as a Filipino.

Andi has moved house, and is fighting to be able to continue playing basketball in her new school. Bernardo is awaiting papers which will allow him to rejoin his mother and stepfamily in England, and already has a local reputation for his basketball skills.



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.



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CALL OR TEXT 07702 127 252**



SEND in Focus

All things Thurrock SEND

Parents are invited to engage with the Assistant Director for Education and Children's Commissioning and the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services & Education. They can share their experiences on topics such as the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) service, inclusion, phase transitions, and community access. Sessions are scheduled on various dates from March to July 2025. Parents are encouraged to participate and share their insights.

The sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

- 19 March, 2025, at 6pm
- 28 March, 2025, at 10am
- 23 April, 2025, at 6pm
- 25 April, 2025, at 10am
- 21 May, 2025, at 6pm
- 22 May, 2025, at 11am
- 27 June, 2025, at 10am
- 4 July, 2025, at 10am
- 16 July, 2025, at 6pm

Places can be booked [here](#)

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

18
CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 3* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Diary Dates

30th June 2025, 1st July 2025, 2nd July 2025	Year 6 transition days at St. Cleres
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Transition Day
Tuesday 8th July 2025	Parent Coffee Morning
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Open Evening
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	2 Johns e-safety workshop for parents 6-7.30pm
Friday 18th July 2025	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10:00-11:30
Friday 18th July 2025	Last day of the academic year for pupils (Non-Uniform day)
Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025	INSET Days (no school for pupils)

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



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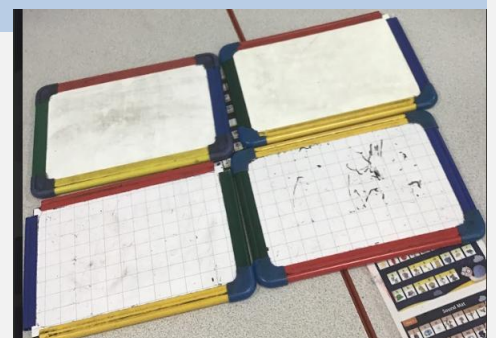
Reception

This week in Reception has been very exciting as we went to Barleylands Farm. We enjoyed going on a tractor ride seeing lots of horses, watching a birds of prey display, meeting exotic animals as well as feeding all the farm animals! We all had such an amazing day and everyone was incredibly well behaved and a credit to the school.



Year One

This week in Year 1, we have enjoyed starting our new story Journey in English. We have designed our own magical worlds and described them using interesting adjectives. In maths, we have been learning about arrays to support our multiplication and division. We went on an array hunt around the classroom and made arrays from different items. We have been enjoying continuing our work on scratch and adding new sprites and making them move.



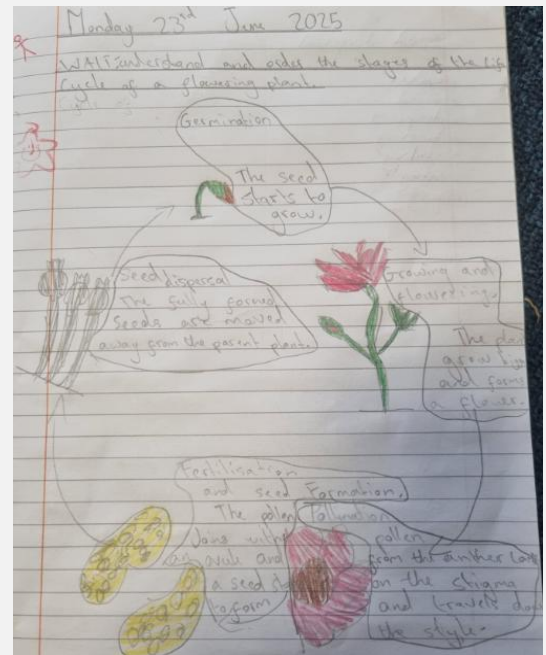
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Year Two

This week in year 2 we have been completing our Ferris Wheels. The children had to think really carefully about stability and how this would impact their structures if the final design wasn't supported enough. In maths, we have been exploring patterns in our times tables. We created our own arrays to help us with our exploration and noticed key comparisons between the 2 and 4 times tables.

Year Three

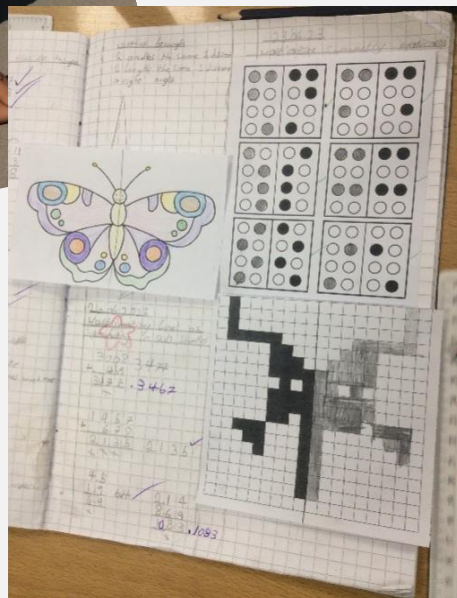
This week in year 3 we have been learning about capacity in maths, we have been converting ml to l. In DT this week we have been looking at the features of castles and discussed the purpose of castles. In English this week we have been writing sentences for our informal letter. For science we looked at the life cycle of a flowering plant and labelled the parts of a plant.



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Year Four

Year 4 have been studying shape, direction and symmetry in maths this week. This included a practical lesson where they were asked to firstly mirror each other and then create shapes using their bodies and a playground line for the line of symmetry. They then applied to maths context in the following lesson.



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Year Five

This week in Year 5, we have enjoyed creating our Apple Flapjacks in groups as part of Our cooking and nutrition unit in design and technology. The children were able to practise the skills of mixing, spreading, slicing/dicing and practised our cooperative values of solidarity, democracy and self-responsibility. In preparation for their Bolognese sauce in 2 weeks, they began to design their labels for their jars which they had brought in dash incorporating bright designs, creative ideas and all the necessary nutrition information needed for a Bolognese sauce. In science the children explored the changes that babies experience and senior adults using data from bar charts, line graphs and tables. They were able to interpret data and use this to create facts, which became the foundation for their informative posters. In French, the children developed their vocabulary by using their negative form to describe the rooms they do not have in their house. Through listening activities and reading comprehension tasks, they were able to write and verbalise short sentences in French and extended their ideas using a conjunction. As the temperature increases, we would like to remind parents and children to continue to apply sunscreen before school and ensure that children are coming in with a water bottle, which they can fill up throughout the course of the day to remain hydrated.



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Year Six

This week was our big Enterprise event! On Thursday, stalls were opened during the morning and many exciting products and services were on offer. Bracelets, cards, food, lemonade... to throwing sponges, face painting and games. Lots of fun and excitement was spread around the school. More pictures will be shared across the school's social media, so keep an eye out.

At the time of publication, we are still totaling up our profits, but we are grateful for every penny shared, as this will help fund resources for Year Six camp outs for years to come and we're already buzzing for next year's Enterprise event!





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!

RES	Andie	For being a kind and considerate friend.
RBG	Harrison	For trying his best in all areas of his learning especially his independent writing.
RFK	RFK	For being amazing role models during our Barleylands Trip.
1EC	Khadija	For her confidence in the classroom.
1LD	Kajus	For working so hard to create a wonderful piece of writing.
1BA	Caoimhe	For always making the right choices and being a good role model for her peers.
2RM	Renaesmae B	For her hard work and enthusiasm with her writing this week.
2BG	Isabelle H	For her amazing effort and hard work in all her subjects this week.
2CH	Max	For demonstrating resilience during all lessons.
2MF	Phoebe	For setting well into school and making new friends.
3VP	Harper H	For her hard work and effort in all lessons.
3RS	Shahaan	For his hard work and effort in all lessons.
3SG	Misha	For her remarkable effort and resilience during DT.
3ML	Louie	For his amazing effort to learn his times tables.
4MR	Dilans	For always working his hardest, being polite and bringing a good sense of humour to the class.
4KC	Jack C	For great improvement in his concentration, focus and contributions in lessons this week.
4CP	Maddison H	For settling in well to life at ETPS.
5SA	Reice F	For going above and beyond in Science and Design and Technology this week.
5NM	Eryk	For his commitment and efforts to learning in all lessons.
5TH	Aronas	For writing a detailed diary entry.
6AB	Sadie	For her dedication to learning her lines.
6NB	Ronnie	For being such a remarkable rapper during rehearsals.
6LC	Kashayla, Perri and Belle	For their philanthropic approach to the year 6 enterprise event.



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.

23rd June - 27 June 2025



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Thurrock
Teacher Training

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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.

*'Our trainees success rate
Securing QTS = 100%
Employed = 100%'*



Our partner schools for
2025/2026 include:

Primary

Chadwell St. Mary, Deneholm, East Tilbury, Thameside, Stifford Clays, Horndon-on-the-hill, Stanford-le-Hope, Doddinghurst, Little Thurrock, Arthur Bugler, Warren Primary, Bonnygate Primary, Woodside Academy

Secondary

Grays Convent, Marshalls Park, Ormiston Park Academy, St. Clare's School, William Edwards The Gateway Academy, Brentwood County High, Hathaway Academy, Orsett Heath Academy

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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

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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