



# Newsletter

10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Poppy appeal

This week we were contacted by the chair of the Tilbury Royal British Legion to thank us for our donation. In total the school raised just under £500 and together with the other institutions and shops in the Tilbury area, £12,000 was raised for the charity. Thank you for all your donations to this worthy cause.



## Staffing

Mrs Carter (previously Miss Gibbons) would like everyone to know that she has not been eating too many mince pies and is actually expecting her first child! We wish Mrs Carter and her husband all the best at this time. On a sad note, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Cowlshaw (previously Miss Tsang) next week as she will be moving to another school after Christmas. Mrs Cowlshaw has been a valued member of the Reception team and we wish her well for the future. Next week, we will communicate with the parents of RFC as to who will be taking over the class from January.

## Christmas Dinner

It was great to see so many of the children in their Christmas jumpers enjoying their Christmas dinner. There was a lovely festive atmosphere around the school and it brought a lot of smiles to the staff who were helping to serve. Please be advised that next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> Dec) children can wear a Christmas jumper to school (normal school uniform other than the jumper please).

## Uniform

We have noticed an increased number of KS2 pupils wearing skirts that are very short and tight. Please can you make sure that your children's uniform fits properly and covers them, ensuring that their underwear isn't on show and that they are able to sit comfortably; this is to safeguard your children and ensure their dignity. If you are facing any challenges with uniform, please speak to one of us or Mrs Allen and we will endeavour to help wherever we can.

## Christmas Holiday

As per our school calendar, the last day of term will be next **Friday (17<sup>th</sup>)** with the children returning to school on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

We wish you all a relaxing weekend

The Leadership Team

## Important dates:

Christmas Jumper: Friday 17th December 2021

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20th December—Tuesday 4th January 2022

Non-pupil day: Tuesday 4th January 2022 (INSET day)

Children return : Wednesday 5th January 2022

February Half Term: Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February 2022

Children return: 21st February 2022

Easter Holidays: Monday 4th April– Monday 18th April 2022

Children return: Tuesday 19th April 2022

May Half Term: Monday 30th May– Friday 3rd June 2022

Children return: Monday 6th June 2022

Non Pupil days: Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2022 (INSET days)

Please be aware that if you take holiday during this time, you will be subject to a penalty fine. This is school policy for all holiday applications during term time.



Please be advised that due to COVID-19 there have been some changes to our school dates.

All given dates are subject to amendment.



Please label all of your child's school uniform. This will make reuniting your child with lost jumpers/cardigans much easier for staff. Thank you

## Lost Property

We have a range of lost property that has been left in our Wellbeing Hub. Please see the items below.



## Important Information regarding pupil absence

Any pupil that has 5 or more consecutive days illness will be required to provide the school with medical evidence. Medical evidence can be a GP appointment card, text, or prescription medication. Any illness for this length of time without medical evidence could be subjected to a penalty notice.



Thurrock Catering Services provide our school meals. Their contact email is [cateringservices@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:cateringservices@thurrock.gov.uk)



Dear Parent,

You may have heard of a company called imoves. They work with and provide 'active educational' resources to primary schools across the UK and beyond.

Each Christmas, they produce what they call an 'Active Advent' calendar which many teachers will use in school, during the last couple of weeks before the holidays.

This year, in response to the devastating impact of the pandemic, self isolation and lockdowns, they've gone even further.

They've created a completely free 'Active Advent' calendar, designed specifically for kids, their friends and their families to enjoy at home.

Just like the traditional advent calendar, an amazing new activity is revealed each and every morning throughout December - but with no chocolate in sight!

It's incredibly good fun, elf-y AND educational.

And most important of all - it's 100% FREE.

No catches, no hidden agenda, just a nice thing to do because it's the right thing to do.

They are relying on contacts and 'word of mouth' etc to spread the news, and that's why we are sharing this information with you.

You can join in literally 10 seconds at [www.activeadvent.fun](http://www.activeadvent.fun)

I'm sure it will be incredibly good fun - not just for the kids but for your entire family.

Thanks.



## East Tilbury Primary School Pre-Loved Uniform Shop.



The shop will be open every Tuesday & Friday morning between 8.30 & 9.15am.

We have the following items in stock at affordable prices:

School logo jumpers & cardigans £2.50 each

Plain navy jumpers & cardigans £1.00 each

Grey School Trousers £1.50 each

Grey skirts & pinafore dresses £1.50 each

Summer Dresses £1.50

Polo T-Shirts £1.00 each

Boys & Girls smart shirts £1.00 each

Warm winter coats £3.50-£5.00 each

St Clere's Blazers £5.00 each

Shoes & Plimsolls from £1.00

PE Shorts and T-shirts £1.00 each

PE Tracksuits £1.50-£3.00

For those parents that cannot get into the shop but are in need of uniform you can also drop us a message on [office.etp@osborne.coop](mailto:office.etp@osborne.coop) and we can source the uniform you require and get it delivered locally to you or arrange collection at the school office.

All the money raised from the uniform shop is put back into supporting families in our local community or into buying resources for the children to use within our Well-being hubs or on the playground.

Please keep us in mind if you have any good quality uniform that your child no longer needs that you would be happy to donate. We would be so grateful for any donations so that we can keep offering this service to our school community.

All donations can be dropped into the school reception or handed to a member of staff at the gate.



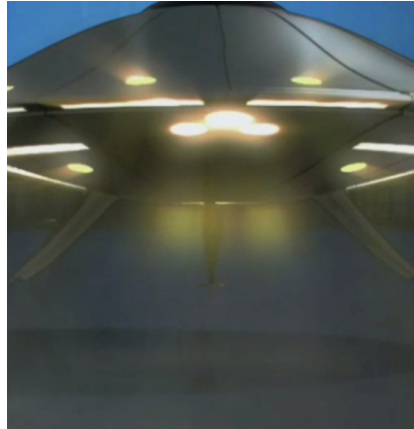
# Classroom catch up

## Reception

This week in Reception we were very excited to find out there had been visitors to our playground! We watched a video of the spaceship landing and tried to work out who might be in there and what they might look like. We thought about what words we could use to describe the alien and learnt that they are called adjectives. We tried very hard to use all of the sounds we have learnt so far this year and have been working very hard on our handwriting too!

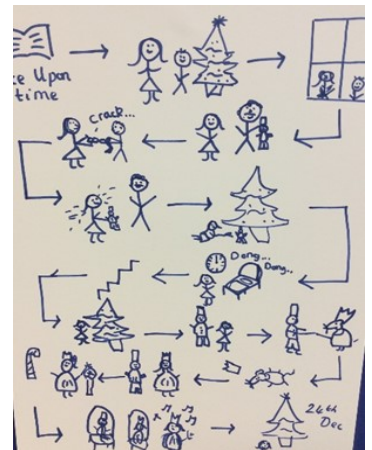
In Maths, we have been looking at 2D and 3D shapes, using them to build our own rockets and solve puzzles such as tangrams. We are very confident with our 2D shapes and are starting to recognise more 3D shapes and their properties.

We have been working very hard this week to perfect our Nativity performance and we cannot wait to share our hard work with our adults! As this week we have been focussing on Space and Space travel we spent the day becoming astronauts ourselves. We learnt about famous astronauts and what they need to do and know to go into Space. We completed our own astronaut training and carried out different activities to perfect our skills!



## Year 1

In year one this week we have been focusing on the story 'The Nutcracker' written by E.T.A Hoffman. We enjoyed reading the story and becoming familiar with the storyline. We then had lots of fun working in groups to role-play the story in chronological order. We recapped the story and came up with actions, which helped us to decide on symbols that we could use to create a story map as class. We created our own story maps, which helped us to retell the story to our peers.

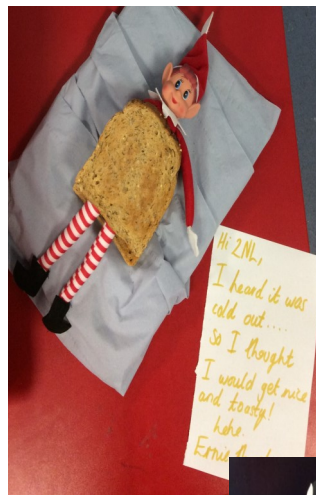


# Year 2

This week we have had a visit from some Elves! They have been up to mischief but also been watching us to see if we have been working hard. They have been making a mess of our book corner, eating our biscuits and even scribbling on our resources! We have had lots of fun watching to see what they get up to every day.



In Art, we have continued creating our hand puppets. We have been sewing the front and back part of our puppet together. We have used the skills we learnt over the last couple of week to do this. We are getting more confident at sewing and really enjoy it.





# Year 4

In Science this week, we focused on revising and recapping on all the knowledge we have learnt this term. Pupils engaged in a fun quiz to revise habitats, balanced diets, food chains and the various functions of our teeth.

English this week was extremely creative as the children invented their own historical narratives trying to retrieve their valuable stolen item during Anglo Saxon times. It was interesting to see how the pupils were able to retrieve modern day items such as iPads, poppits and pets from Saxon times back to the modern day. Pupils further engaged in peer assessment across the year group to share ideas and improve their writing techniques.

We have also enjoyed making cross curricular links between science and art by painting habitats and sketching animals on top of the paint. The contrast between colour and greyscale was an opportunity for pupils to expand on their comprehension of mixing colours and sketching techniques. Well done year 4 , some of these works will be displayed for the rest of the school to also appreciate how talented we are !



## Year 5 - Introducing Selwyn Sprout.

Following last week's Viking antics, this week we welcome a new member to the Year 5 team for the festive season: Selwyn the Sprout. Luckily (for Selwyn), he wasn't eaten during our Christmas meal. Instead, Selwyn was the centrepiece of our writing ideas for our festive narratives, which are to be developed in the coming week. This week we have reached out and interviewed the green guy about his past and why, like Mr B-G, he feeling like a scrouge. Getting to the bottom of this really helped him (and Mr B-G) find some Christmas cheer - and we will write this into our narratives next week - so be sure to check them out in next week's festive newsletter.



- (Some of) Selwyn's Adventure so far. -

Elsewhere, in Science we have been looking at filtration and how we can remove solids from liquids using evaporation and other processes. This lesson incorporated our computing nous, as we recorded our hypotheses and finding via iPads. Speaking of computing, this week we've begun developing informative websites all about Vikings to consolidate the penultimate week on the topic (Mayans will be our topic new the new term). P.E. has seen some close games of netball, with some outstanding displays on show.



This is Scandinavia:

This is where they lived (around 2,000 years ago).



This is what they used to move around the oceans!

It's called a longship.

-The Start of a Viking Website, created by a pupil. -



# Year 6

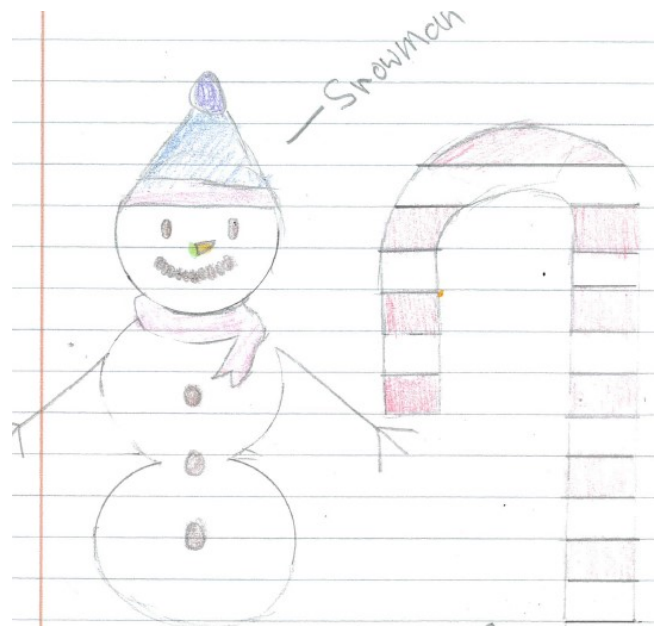
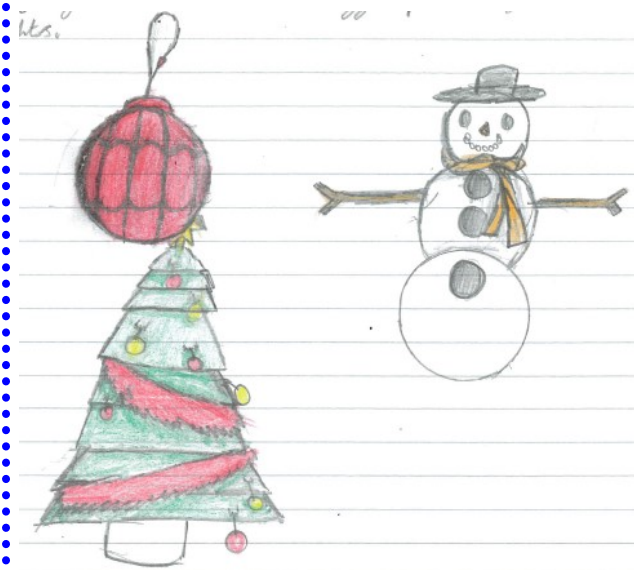
In Year 6 this week, we have had a very exciting time getting ourselves into the Christmas spirit with a range of activities. We enjoyed our Christmas lunch on Wednesday by feasting on the delicious meal prepared for us by the kitchen staff. To further get into the festive mood, we wore our lovely Christmas jumpers—we looked so fantastically jolly! To top off Christmas jumper day, we performed Elton John's 'Step Into Christmas' which we have been rehearsing in our classes. In groups, we practised a dance for a section of the song which we recorded and then edited to compile it as one great performance from the year group. We look forward to sharing this performance with all of our parents and carers.



In Science we learned about light painting which is a form of art that uses light and special cameras to produce bright and dynamic illuminations. It is a special technique that uses handheld lights to colour parts of the environment in a way to 'paint' a scene.



Below are some examples of the design ideas we created in order to make our own light art in next week's lesson.



# 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	Harper H	For showing great effort in the Nativity play
RMB	Sariyah	For showing courage and solidarity in the Nativity.
RFC	Afsat	For always being a great role model to her peers.
REC	Ivy-Rose	For her effort in the Nativity.
1CH	Bella T	For attempting a given task independently and completing it without support.
1GC	Sofia M	For working hard and being a positive role model.
1FK	Logan D	For making positive choices in school this week
1BA	Mia C	For making a great effort in English by applying her phonics knowledge in her writing.
2VC	Archie	For working hard and trying his best.
2RS	Thomas	For demonstrating good sewing skills.
2NL	Leena	For her outstanding effort and determination when sewing her hand puppet.
3RM	Mila	For working really hard to practise the Christmas song
3SH	Natalia	For using her language skills to support her peers in Year3
3NM	Vogue	For showing perseverance when solving mathematical questions
4JP	Esmae	for developing excellent times table knowledge.
4MR	Manreet	Writing and editing an outstanding historical fiction narrative
4SA	Miley	For working extremely hard in all subjects this week, especially English and handwriting.
5CP	Evita L	Independent effort in English.
5BG	Millie C	For her much improved attitude.
5NB	Scarlett O	For her outstanding learning across the curriculum.
5TH	Domyinkas	For his outstanding attitude across the curriculum.
6LC	Clara K	For being kind and helpful
6VP	David K	For an excellent diary entry
6JM	Caiden S	For showing enthusiasm and kindness during our Christmas song performance.

# Maths Marvels



Well done 6LC for an amazing effort this week with an incredible 663.

Who will be our TT Rockstars leaders next week?



A huge well done to 3NM again this week, who have achieved a brilliant 18650 Mathletics points!

Well done to everyone who has been on Mathletics this week.

All classes		ACTIVITY POINTS	LIVE POINTS	TOTAL POINTS
3NM	>	18650	0	18650
4JP	>	11810	1679	13489
4MR	>	2750	574	3324
2RS	>	2360	0	2360
4SA	>	2200	22	2222
1BA	>	1640	0	1640
2NL	>	1380	0	1380





## Do you receive any of the following?

- Income support
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Guaranteed Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit and your income (as calculated by the Inland Revenue) is less than £16,190
- Universal Credit
- Receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act of 1999
- In the Armed Forces

**If you can answer yes to any of the above you may qualify for free school meals/Pupil Premium**

The school office will help with your application. If your application is successful not only will your child receive free school meals, but our school will receive £1,300 additional funding (per child). This is called Pupil Premium.

All applications are confidential.







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# Family Support

We're here to support you throughout the holidays and beyond!

### Looking for Free Activities?

Head to [www.activeessex.org](http://www.activeessex.org) to find...

- ➔ Free downloadable activity packs for 5-16 year olds!
- ➔ Lots of ideas for fun family days out, all without cost!

**FIND YOUR ACTIVE** Search for online sessions and face to face activities near you, using the new Activity Finder!

### Essex Essential Living Fund

This grant system is open to anyone living in Essex. Applicants will need to answer questions about income and savings, and give proof of their financial situation. Grants can be used to pay for:

- ➔ furniture
- ➔ clothing
- ➔ fuel connection charges
- ➔ daily living expenses

Apply: [www.southend.gov.uk/extra-financial-help/essential-living-fund](http://www.southend.gov.uk/extra-financial-help/essential-living-fund)

### Support Services



**National Violence 24-hour helpline:** 0808 2000 247  
**Domestic Abuse Helpline:** 0330 333 7444

**Alcohol support:** [www.adfam.org.uk](http://www.adfam.org.uk)  
**Substance misuse:** [www.openroad.org.uk](http://www.openroad.org.uk)  
**Young People Drug & Alcohol Service:** 01245 493 311

**Emergency financial support:** [www.stepchang.org/debt-info/emergency-funding](http://www.stepchang.org/debt-info/emergency-funding)

## Family Support in Essex - here to help you and your family!



### Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

To access a range of health and wellbeing information to support you and your family, head to [www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk](http://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk), visit your nearest family hub or delivery site, or come to a drop in session (view the timetable online).

### Community360 and partner organisations - [www.community360.org.uk](http://www.community360.org.uk)

The Essex Family Support Service offers early help for families with children and young people aged 8-19, to help you build a happier life together. They will listen to you and take the time to work with you to find solutions.



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### Family Hubs Network

are here ensure families with children and young people aged 0-19 can access integrated early help to overcome difficulties and build stronger relationships. Visit [www.familyhubnetwork.com/hubs](http://www.familyhubnetwork.com/hubs) to find a hub near you!

### Foodbanks

can be found across Essex. As demand has increased, Essex County Council is supporting foodbanks and community organisations, and seeing new food voluntary groups develop. For info about your local foodbank email [essex.partners@essex.gov.uk](mailto:essex.partners@essex.gov.uk).

### Adult Community Learning

offer a wide range of free interactive courses, covering everything from first aid, budgeting and parenting, to wellbeing, mindfulness and crafts. Most sessions take place online, with some face to face crafts, storytime and parenting sessions available. Visit [www.aclessex.com/community-family-learning](http://www.aclessex.com/community-family-learning) to get started!

### Essex Library Services - Why buy when you can borrow?

This service offers a range of items to borrow for free! From bread makers and sports equipment, to telescopes and drum kits. Library members (18+) can reserve items using the library catalogue and collect from one of five libraries or your nearest mobile library.

### Housing support:

[www.crisis.org.uk](http://www.crisis.org.uk) / [www.shelter.org.uk](http://www.shelter.org.uk)  
**Free helpline:** 0808 800 4444

### Someone to talk to:

[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)  
**24-hour support line:** 116 123

### Citizens advice support:

0800 144 8848  
[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

### Mental Health Support:

**Mind:** [www.mind.org.uk](http://www.mind.org.uk) / 0300 123 3393  
**Adult social care:** 0345 603 7630  
**Young people crisis support:** 0300 555 1201

### Healthy Start Voucher

You may qualify for the Healthy Start scheme if you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or you have at least one child that's under 4. This voucher can be used for healthy foods, including:

- ➔ milk
- ➔ fruit and vegetables
- ➔ pulses
- ➔ plus you can get free vitamins

Apply: [www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/how-to-apply/)



## Want To Learn How To Swim?

### Thurrock Swimming Club

Thurrock Swimming Club is one of the leading clubs in Essex and the East Region. We produce many County, Regional & National Swimmers every year. As well as having a successful coaching programme, TSC has one of the best Learn to Swim and Academy schemes around. We follow Swim England's LTS scheme and also offer Swim Fit & Rookie Lifeguard sessions.

If you would like to join please use the link to our website <http://www.thurrockswimmingclub.org/aboutus/lts/> and complete the Joining Form at the bottom of the page.



# COMMIT TO BE FIT! GO W W I L L

## Clubs

It is wonderful to see so many children participating in after-school sports clubs. Many clubs will give the children the opportunity to play in local school leagues. We have A and B teams entered in both Football and Netball leagues for the Autumn and Spring terms.

## PE Kit

Half term is coming, and many children will have had growth spurts this half term. Can parents/carers please take this opportunity to check that PE kit still fits and replace it if necessary. Children will need to bring their PE kit back in the first day back after half term.

## PE days

Monday— 2VC, 2RS, 4MR and 4SA

Tuesday—1FK, 1BA, 4JP, 5NB and 5CP

Wednesday—RT, RG, 1GC, 1CH, 5Bg and 5TH

Thursday— year 3 and 2NL

Friday— RC and RB and year 6

## OPAL Outdoor Play and Learning Launch 2021



As I'm sure you may have heard from your children, we have introduced many new activities and resources for the children to use during their break and lunchtimes. This has seen numerous examples of wonderful creative play, imagination, cooperation, and problem solving. The children are very much enjoying the mud kitchens, but we need more pots and pans. Can I ask that anyone who has some old saucepans please send them our way, along with any small world toys such as dolls, dinosaurs, or action figures.

Many Thanks

The OPAL Play Team



Thurrock  
Teacher Training

## Schools Direct Salaried

- One year school based training
- In partnership with TES Institute (accrediting provider for QTS)
- Paid as an Unqualified Teacher
- Learn to teach with a qualified teacher present to observe at least weekly your lessons
- School pay your fees
- 50% of teaching timetable for the first term
- One 'TES day' weekly for the on line content
- Gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and an optional postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)

### You will need;

- A standard equivalent to a grade 4 in the GCSE examinations in English and mathematics (and Science if you are training to teach at primary level).
- A first degree\* of a UK higher education institution or equivalent qualification



## Schools Direct Fee funded (unsalaried) for Primary and Secondary

- One year school-based training
- In partnership with TES Institute (accrediting provider for QTS)
- Learn to teach with a qualified teacher present in every lesson
- Pay TES fees of £8,625 incl VAT leading to QTS only **OR** £9,250 incl VAT leading to QTS and a PGCE.
- Gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and an optional postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)

### ITT bursaries;

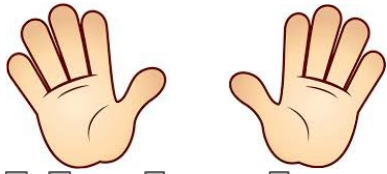
- Depending on the subject you wish to teach and whether you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible to receive a tax-free ITT training bursary from the DfE.
- For more information on funding please visit the following website <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-your-training>

Full programme overview can be found here

<https://www.tes.com/institute/school-direct-itt-programme>



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# Help is at hand

## Keep in touch!

We are missing being in contact but do not forget we are still here to help where we can.



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

Tel: 01375 846181

Email: [office.etp@osborne.coop](mailto:office.etp@osborne.coop)



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We are also regularly updating our Facebook page and Twitter feed.

Log on and have a look!



Twitter: [@EastTPPrimary](https://twitter.com/EastTPPrimary)

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 Head of School's absence:

◇ Mr Gowland

◇ Dr. Emmanuel

◇ Mr Bennett

◇ Mrs Jarvis

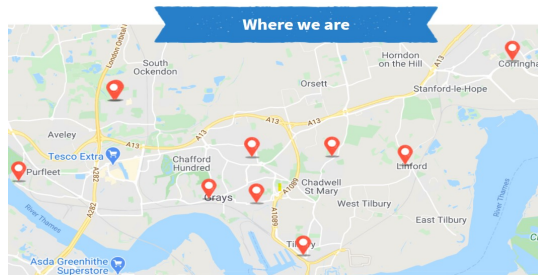
◇ Mrs Mylam

◇ Mrs Stevens is the EYFS Designated Lead.

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 \[www.childline.org.uk\]\(http://www.childline.org.uk\) · NSPCC 0808 800 5000 \[www.nspcc.org.uk\]\(http://www.nspcc.org.uk\); \[www.facebook.com/nspcc\]\(http://www.facebook.com/nspcc\)](#)



## LOCATIONS

*Here are the opening times and locations for our foodbank centres. Everyone who comes to the foodbank for*

**Tues 14:00-16:00:** St. Mary's Church hall, St. Mary's Church, Dock Rd, Grays, RM17 6EX.

**Weds 09:30-12:00:** Thurrock Christian Fellowship, 2-4 Chase Rd, Corringham, S17 7QH

**Weds 13:30-15:00:** 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, Grays, RM 17 5YF