



Newsletter

11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach another half-term break, we continue to be impressed by the efforts and creativity of our pupils and staff.

World Book Day 25th Anniversary – Thursday 3rd March 2022

We are excited to invite all pupils to dress as their favourite book character for World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March 2022. Dressing up can be as simple or creative as you would like. The idea is to have fun and celebrate the wonderful world of books. Please use the following link, which has lots of 'do it yourself' costume ideas: <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

A letter with more details of the day's events has been sent to you today via your email.

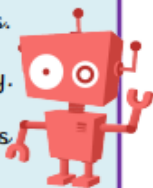
Safer-Internet Day

[Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

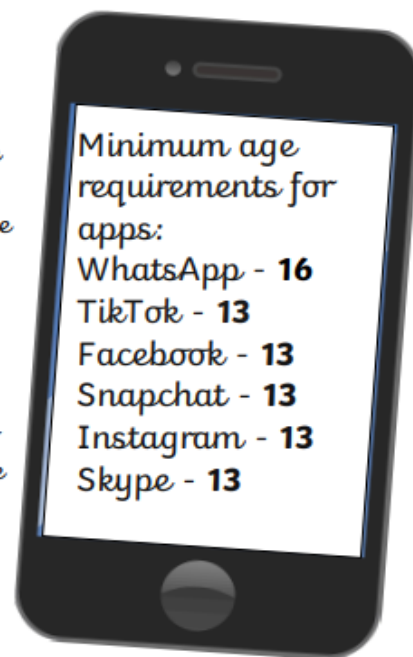
[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers

Online Research Tips

- 1) Make your keywords as precise as possible. If you're looking for information on a Tyrannosaurus Rex, don't type in "dinosaurs".
- 2) Use two or more keywords in your search, but put the most important keywords first. For example, if you wanted information about what the T-Rex ate, you might use the following keywords in this order - Tyrannosaurus Rex diet. The search engine will look for web pages that contain all of these words.
- 3) Make sure you spell the keywords correctly.
- 4) Use a child-friendly search engine, such as [Kiddle](#).
- 5) Include the words - '**for kids**' - to help make the results more age appropriate.



Keeping a healthy dialogue with children about their online activity and a degree of monitoring, especially on messaging sites, and setting clear boundaries is the best way of keeping your child safe.



These applications have age limits in place to keep users safe, and protect younger users from inappropriate contact and content.

In school this week, we join thousands of schools across the country to recognise the importance of our pupil's safety online. Children took part in learning workshops and assemblies to reiterate the familiar messages that we deliver through our e-safety learning programme of study. For more information on helping your children stay safe online see the image below or visit: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022>
We wish you and your family a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 21st February.

The Leadership Team

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.



20-day challenge for World Book Day

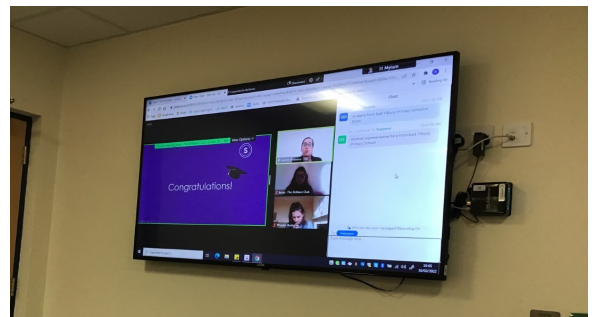
12th February – 3rd March

Colour each completed day on the calendar. Return this calendar to your class teacher on World Book Day (Thursday 3rd March 2022) to be entered for the winner's raffle!

12 th February Make a book mark for your books	13 th February Read in the morning	14 th February Whisper read	15 th February Read outside
16 th February Read in your pyjamas	17 th February Read a book with lots of pictures	18 th February Read something other than a book	19 th February Read in your bedroom
20 th February Draw a picture of your favourite character	21 st February Read a book someone else chooses for you	22 nd February Ask your family or friends about their favourite book	23 rd February Read a poem or a rhyme
24 th February Read a non-fiction book	25 th February Read with someone you love	26 th February Read on a tablet or another screen. (maybe the TV subtitles)	27 th February Read under a cosy blanket.
28 th February Read to someone over the phone	1 st March Read using a funny voice	2 nd March Write a review of your favourite book	3 rd March Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!

Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme

We are ever so proud of our pupils once again, as another twelve year five pupils have graduated from the Brilliant Club's Scholars Programme, with top grades. The twelve pupils took part in a virtual graduation ceremony on Thursday, together with other pupils from across Essex, including our very own Brentwood County High School. Hosted by the prestigious Cambridge University's Newnham College, pupils heard more about what it takes to study at the world's top universities and celebrated their own achievements in completing a university style module all about British politics. Well done to all of our pupils for their effort and commitment in completing this module and successfully graduating this week.



Important dates:

Monday 14th February—Friday 18th February 2022	February Half Term:
Monday 21st February 2022	Children return
Wednesday 23rd February (9am)	RFC Road Safety Walk
Wednesday 23rd February (10am)	3SH Road Safety Walk
Wednesday 23rd February (1pm)	5CP Road Safety Walk
Thursday 24th February (9am)	RJG Road Safety Walk
Thursday 24th February (1pm)	5NB Road Safety Walk
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day
Monday 7th March (9am)	RMB Road Safety Walk
Monday 7th March (10am)	3RM Road Safety Walk
Monday 7th March (1pm)	5TH Road Safety Walk
Friday 11th March (9am)	REC Road Safety Walk
Friday 11th March (10am)	3NM Road Safety Walk
Friday 11th March (1pm)	5BG Road Safety Walk
Monday 4th April– Monday 18th April 2022	Easter Holidays:
Tuesday 19th April 2022	Children return
Monday 30th May– Friday 3rd June 2022	May Half Term
Monday 6th June 2022	Children return:
Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2022	Non Pupil days (INSET days)

Please ensure all consent forms are returned for Year 3 and Year 5 Road Safety Walks.



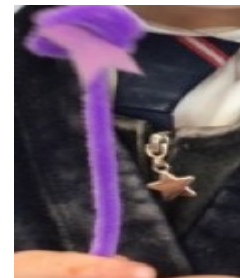
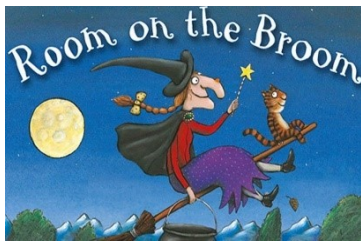
Please be advised that due to COVID-19 there have been some changes to our school dates.
All given dates are subject to amendment.

Classroom catch up

Reception

In Reception we have been looking at 'Room on the Broom'. We have been retelling the story using pictures and drama. Then we wrote which animals we would have on the broom if we were the witch. We have done lots of witch activities like making wands with stars on the end and beads on them, making potions with different colours and mixing them together and wearing masks to retell our story.

In maths we have been looking at more and fewer. We have practiced counted objects and seeing which group has more and which group has fewer. We have also looked at making it so both groups have the same number of objects in them.



In Topic this week we have been looking at where we live and different countries around the world. WE have spoken about different places we have been to and what happens there that is the same and different to where we live. We explored on a map where we live as well!

Year 1

Last week, year 1 were introduced to sketching and mark making. They began to understand how to make different lines, dots, marks, patterns, and textures to create artwork. Firstly, they focused on self portraits and the skills we use when drawing a self-portrait. They looked at starting with a light sketch, adding shadows, and looking closely at those fine details. After this, year 1 looked at drawing animals. They used the skills they had previously learnt to draw a range of animals in their sketch books. Once they were happy with their drawings, they then brought these to life by making their chosen animal out of clay. The children had so much rolling, kneading, and making their animal sculptures. We think they look amazing!



Year 2



In Science this week, we have been describing the importance for humans of hygiene. We spoke about different ways to keep clean and then did a Science experiment to show the importance of cleaning. We used glitter to represent germs and looked at the best way to get rid of them. We tried to clean our hands by using water and towel, just a towel and by using water, soap and a towel. We learnt that to get all of the germs of our hands, we needed to use water, soap and then dry them with a towel.

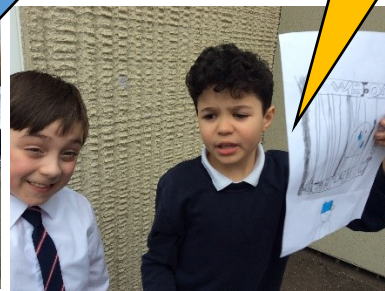
News from Year 3, to round off the Unit of 'Where the Wild Things are' we applied all the skills we learned about, to our own fantasy narratives. In British Values we found out about 'Human Rights'; 'We are all born free' by Amnesty International is a great book that explains the rights to children in a pictorial way. We then created our own posters and banners before holding our own Human Rights demonstration.

We have the right for Education

We are born free!

We have the right to be

We Have Rights!



In Math's we used our knowledge of addition and subtraction to solve problems that involved Money and in Science, we have continued to observe the growth of our recently planted Spring bulbs.

Year 4

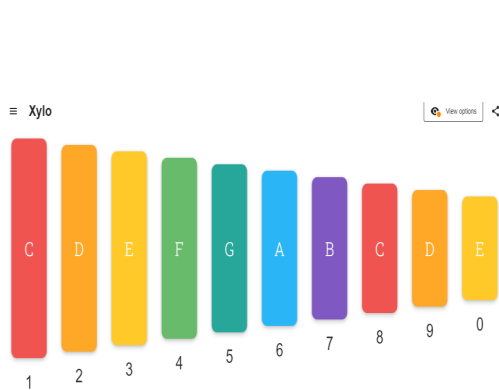
In Year 4, we have continued to use *The Lorax* to inspire our learning. This week, we have completed our enrichment art project by creating stunning backgrounds and adding illustrations for each of the characters.

This emotive environment themed story has provided great opportunities to advance our appreciation of poetic writing and reflect on places that are special for us. During our English lessons pupils have sketched a location, annotated it with key vocabulary and have begun drafting poems. Pupils have drawn on their developing knowledge of key features such as alliteration, onomatopoeias, similes, etc.

In our Foundation subjects, pupils have enjoyed the opportunity to use what they have learnt in a cross-curricular way. Throughout this half term pupils have explored a variety of features within a range of video editing apps and have produced their own short adverts. This week's music lesson brought together pupils previous learning and allowed them the chance to create their own compositions by using an online xylophone (playxylo.com) utilising the school iPad and headphones.

Nothing brings learning to life quite like seeing things for ourselves. Given our recent environmental themed learning, numerous pupils expressed a great deal of interest in the felling of the tree in the Bata Memorial Park. Subsequently, when a small section mysteriously found its way into class, many pupils were very keen to inspect this artifact for themselves and count the tree rings.

Additionally, in our daily reading skills lessons, pupils have keenly engaged with reading Roald Dahl's *The Twits*, assisted by following the text whilst listening to a theatrical dramatized reading. This has given pupils a rich cultural opportunity and has inspired many pupils to read more at home. Ahead of the half term break, teachers have been checking on pupil's reading book bands and have been thrilled to see many pupils continuing to make great progress. We will be updating book allocations on ActiveLearn BugClub shortly.



Year 5— O Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?

Happy half-term all! We have been working really hard in the build-up to the end of this week.

In English, pupils have become playwrights and they have recreated their own version of Romeo and Juliet. We started by re-enacting some of the scenes and honing our drama skills. We then challenged our amazing Year Fives to create our own alternative ending for this tragic play. Some pupils had the pair survived; others led them to a gruesome death... some even had one kill their lover!

Mathematics:

During Maths, we have been exploring fractions and considering how we could, add/subtract, compare, order and change between proper and improper fractions. Pupils used various methods in order to attempt to solve various problems involving fractions. We even looked at the unorthodox 'Butterfly Method'.

Reading Skills:

Some classes have come to the end of their text for this half term and have been enjoying watching the video version of their texts. The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe has been viewed by some of the classes and others have continued to read their class text. Mr Palser's group have been looking at The BFG and have created their own 'Blood Bottler' with labels.

Our afternoons:

During foundation lessons, we have been looking at a variety of topics, including: French, we had a lesson looking at ordering a chosen Subway-style sandwich; History, pupils were exploring what the Maya people did for leisure and recreation; PE, we had a whole year group competition on the playgrounds and the halls and in science, pupils were looking at forces and measuring the strength of forces using a Newton Meter.

Year 6

In science this week, we made blood! First, we learned about the different cells that are in our blood and what their roles are. We found that plasma makes up 55% of our blood and helps to transport other cells and nutrients around our body, red blood cells make up 44% of our blood and carry oxygen to all of our organs, white blood cells make up 0.5% and help to defend our body against bacteria and viruses and platelets also make up 0.5% and help our blood to clot to stop us from bleeding when we have a cut. We used role-play to help us to understand these different jobs and then created a model of blood using yellow water, red cheerios and white and pink marshmallows. We were careful to make sure we estimated the right quantities when making our models.



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	Ella	For making good choices all week
RMB	Dami	For showing great listening skills and following instructions.
RFC	Zidane	For always being a good role model.
REC	Huda Y	For her perseverance with her name writing
1CH	Ellie P	For having a much-improved attitude towards school life and her learning.
1GC	Charlotte	For being an excellent role model.
1FK	Yesu	For settling in well into her new class.
1BA	Carsten	For his contribution during carpet time.
2VC	Marko	For developing his independence.
2RS	Lucy	For writing a lovely story in English about Buzz Lightyear.
2NL	Layton S	For always trying his best and supporting others with their learning.
3RM	Niamh P	For working hard this week to develop her story writing
3SH	Isabelle C	For her imaginative re-working of Where The Wild Things Are
3NM	Amalia V	For independently attempting to read and write unfamiliar words using her phonics knowledge
4JP	Harper	For determination and perseverance in all activities this week, despite harming her wrist at the weekend.
4MR	Aubreigh W	For challenging herself to improve her free verse poem independently
4SA	Alex A	For being helpful and trying his best all week
5CP	Daniel H	For being a role model pupil within year 5; continuously making his teacher proud.
5BG	Rhiannon H-D	For having an amazing week in maths.
5NB	Amin B	For being highly supportive of his peers, demonstrating his ability to be a role-model.
5TH	Archie R	For his all round effort across the curriculum.
6LC	Gabriella C	For great writing in English.
6VP	Elsie L	For an excellent, engaging narrative, which built suspense and tension.
6JM	Rubie H	For excellent effort in assessments this week.

Maths Marvels



Well done 5NB with an amazing 727 points!

Points have risen again this week—well done! Let's all get logged on and keep the points rising so we can see who will be our TT Rock Stars leaders after half term?



A huge well done to 4JP with an AMAZING 11060 points!!!

Well done to everyone who has accessed Mathletics this week.

All classes	Activity Points	Live Points	Total Points
4JP	11060	5048	16108
3SH	3960	922	4882
4MR	3350	0	3350
4SA	2700	43	2743
1FK	2460	0	2460
RJG	1900	0	1900
RFC	1580	0	1580
2RS	1280	0	1280
2VC	1150	489	1639
6VP	1060	17	1077
3NM	880	0	880



Do you have SEND?

Are you really proud of something you have done lately to help somebody else?

If so, we would love you to share this achievement so we can celebrate just how brilliant you are!

Feel free to show us your act of kindness any way you choose.

You are welcome to send your entry off directly, using the email on the flyer, or you can bring it to Mrs Mylam - just make sure you have your name and age on the back.

Have fun designing.



Whole School Nurture Approach

As part of our Whole School Nurture Approach, we often look at how we can support others.

Why not try one of these challenges at home to support someone you know.

- Do three random acts of kindness.
- Find a funny fact and pass it onto someone to make them smile.
- Give a compliment to everyone in your house today.
- Give back to the planet and find a way to re-use one item this week. Maybe you could turn an empty bottle into a bird feeder or cut up an empty tube to make a marble run.

If you manage to complete one of these challenges, Mrs Stevens would love to hear about it!

COMMIT TO BE FIT!

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 Spring terms.

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



THUROCK RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB



OUR UNDER 7/YEAR 2 TEAM IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR NEW PLAYERS

TRAINING IS EVERY SUNDAY AT 10AM WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON TEAMWORK, RESPECT, ENJOYMENT, DISCIPLINE, SPORTSMANSHIP, WHERE EVERYONE IS INCLUDED

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, GET IN TOUCH BY CONTACTING OUR COACH SAM ON 07765404492

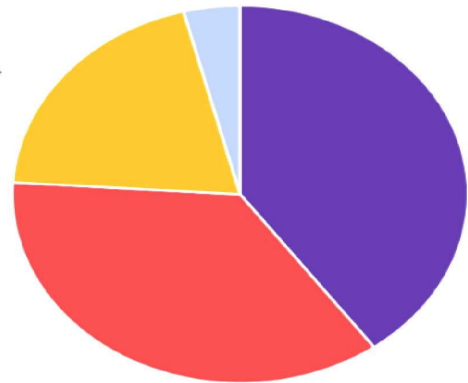
 @thurrockrugbyfootballclub
 @thurrock_rfc
 @thurrockrfc

OAKFIELD, LONG LANE, GRAYS, RM16 2QH
When: Sundays 10am-12pm
WWW.THUROCKRFC.COM

ETPS PFA Update



Splitting the £1.00



- **40p** goes to our school
- **36p** goes to cash prizes
- **20p** goes to admin costs
- **4p** goes to VAT

How it works...

It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to East Tilbury Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to East Tilbury Primary School

The Maths... 100 tickets sold a week means
= £30 weekly cash prize
= £2,080 a year for our school



To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: **East Tilbury Primary**

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



ETPS PFA Update



Play Today
Win A Getaway

Support Our Lottery This Term
WIN a Forest Staycation!

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize winner every week
- Jackpot of £25,000!

Play Now! Go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: East Tilbury Primary



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for T&Cs. Closing dates: 26th February 2022



ETPS PFA Update



WORLD BOOK DAY

**PFA Book sale
Thursday 3rd March 2022**

Donations

- We are looking for good condition books for a book sale. Collections start on 21st February, last day for collection is 1st March.

Drop off points

PFA Stall outside year 3-4 blue gates on a Monday and Wednesday before and after school.
Uniform Shop on a Tuesday & Friday Mornings.
The Library has kindly let us have a space for donations on a Saturday.

You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.

- Dr. Seuss

PFA

We would just like to say a huge thank you for your continued support. All money raised will go back into the school.

- I do believe something very magical can happen when you read a good book.
JK Rowling



CHECK IN WITH YOUR FRIENDS

If one of your friends doesn't seem OK, checking in on them can make a huge difference. One in every five children struggles with their mental health, so let's make sure we support each other through any difficult times.

BE A GOOD LISTENER

ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP

SHOW EMPATHY

SEND A NICE MESSAGE

BE KIND

★ BE ★ SUPPORTIVE

**IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A FRIEND
TELL A TRUSTED ADULT**



I SAW THIS AND THOUGHT OF YOU!



WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW I'M THINKING OF YOU!



I'M HERE WHEN YOU NEED ME.



MISSED YOU AT SCHOOL TODAY. EVERYTHING OK?





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.





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 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.



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;

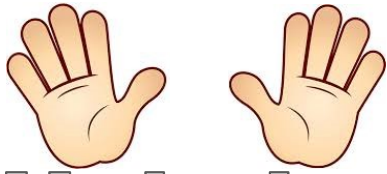
- Depending on the subject you wish to teach and whether you meet the eligibility criteria, you may be eligible to receive a tax-free ITT training bursary from the DfE.
- For more information on funding please visit the following website <https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-your-training>

Full programme overview can be found here

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



ST. CLERER'S
SCHOOL



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



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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: [@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

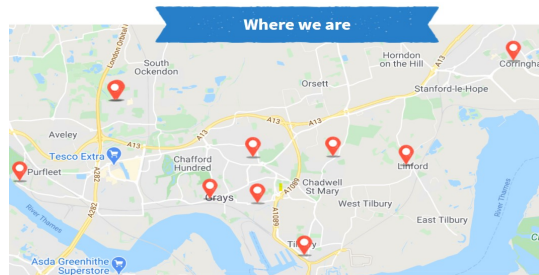
◇ Mrs Mylam

◇ 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 \[www.nspcc.org.uk\]\(http://www.nspcc.org.uk\); \[www.facebook.com/nspcc\]\(https://www.facebook.com/nspcc\)](#)



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