

25th March 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

The lovely weather has certainly lifted the spirits of the children this week and they have enjoyed being able to take advantage of the outdoor learning spaces!

Parent Consultations

It has been a successful first week of parent consultation calls this week. The Reception, year 1, year 3 and year 4 teachers appreciated the interaction with parents and look forward to seeing all the progress the children will make in the summer term. The remaining year group teachers are looking forward to speaking with parents next week.

Bikes and Scooters

Please be advised that while we encourage children to enjoy riding their scooters and bikes to school it is important for safety reasons that they don't ride them once on school grounds. We have many children and parents accessing and leaving the site and we would not want any accidents.

Paper

We have had a number of discussions recently with parents who have informed us that their children are telling them that we have run out of paper! We would like to ensure you that this is not the case. However, we are very conscious of our environmental responsibilities and as a school we seek to avoid wasting paper and making sure we are using our resources effectively.

We wish you and your family a nice weekend,

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





If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, you should have received a HAF (Holiday Activity and Food) voucher that will enable you free access to Essex Activate activities over the Easter break. If you are unsure how to activate the voucher, please use this link

https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4529534704529-How-to-claim-your-HAF-voucher

If you can't find the email with the voucher, please check your junk folder. All vouchers have been sent out using the email address that you provided to the school.

Friday 1st April—Non-Uniform Day

The last Friday of each half term will be a non-uniform day to support our daily biscuit time.

For this we are asking for a small voluntary donation or a packet of plain digestive biscuits.



We have some great resources available to support and develop your child's learning at home. Ask your child's class teacher if you need support to login.



Young Minds have some top tips for talking to your young person about the events in Ukraine. Please see the link below for more details.

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/blog/top-tips-for-talking-to-your-young-person-about-the-events-in-ukraine/



Important dates:

Monday 21st March — Friday 1st April	The Big Walk and Wheel		
Friday 25th March	Curriculum Enrichment Day		
Friday 1st April	Biscuit Non-School Uniform Day		
Monday 4th April– Monday 18th April 2022	Easter Holidays:		
Tuesday 19th April 2022	Children return		
Friday 27th May 2022	Biscuit Non-School Uniform Day		
Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June 2022	May Half Term		
Monday 6th June 2022	Children return:		
Tuesday 19th July 2022	Biscuit Non-School Uniform Day		
Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st 2022	Non Pupil days (INSET days)		



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

All given dates are subject to amendment.



To support our daily biscuit time, we will be holding a non-uniform day on the last day of each half term.

For this day we are asking for a small voluntary donation or a packet of plain digestive biscuits.

Dates for these events each half term can be found on the weekly newsletter.





- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
 - Help your school win some fantastic prizes

Are you taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school competition?

21 March-1 April 2022

www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

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Classoom catch up

Reception

This week in Reception we have been completing different Pirate challenges and thinking carefully about what a pirate might need to sail on the seas! We practiced using different adjectives to describe the pirates and what they looked like as well as designing our own pirate outfits.

Would you like to be a pirate? We answered that question, and gave our reasons as to why we would or wouldn't like to be a pirate. Violet said no, because she would miss her mummy if she has to be away at sea all of the time! Jackson said he didn't want to be a pirate because he didn't want to fight because it hurts people. Anton said yes because he wanted to collect treasure!

In Maths we have been working on number bonds to 10 and even to 20. We have enjoyed singing the number bond rocks song to help us with our learning!







Year One

In Maths this week, we have been consolidating our knowledge of counting to 50 forwards and backwards, counting in multiples of 2s and 5s and discussing number bonds to 20. These were explored practically by using a range of concrete manipulatives, pictorial representations and by playing games. Interestingly, we learnt that multiples of 2 are even numbers and can sometimes be multiples of 10. Year I have really worked hard this week in readiness to build on the acquired Maths skills in the coming summer term. Well done Year I!









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In Art this week, we have been creating planets. To do this, we have * been using paper mâché. We had * lots of fun layering pieces of paper * onto the balloons using paste. There

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sunflower

During Science, we have been learn-

Through role-play, we pretended to

be a sunflower seed going through

the process of growing. Afterwards, **

we labelled the life cycle of a Sun-**

ing about the life cycle of plants.

Year 3

The focus this week in English was poetry. The children explored poetic devices, such as onomatopoeia, alliteration, and rhyme, then created their own shape poems. The children really enjoyed creating their Bubble poems,

with added Bubble solution for inspiration.





In Maths, we have been learning how to measure and calculate perimeter using 2D shapes. The have been learning that the specific properties of certain shapes, meant that it wasn't necessary to know the measurement of all sides of a shape to calculate its perimeter.

In Geography, the children continued to explore South America, focusing on the Brazilian Rainforest. The children worked in groups to create all four levels of a rainforest: forest floor, understorey, canopy and emergent layer.

Year 4

This week in year 4, we have had such a peculiar yet interesting week! Given that our rooms in the morning were used for mock SATS, we have had the pleasure of joining classes to share this unique experience together. Lessons such as reading skills and geography were engaging as the children learnt about settlements, built their own using Lego and created further designs on the playground using chalk! On Friday, we also had the pleasure of cooking and enjoying a food tasting. Pupils were able to create fruit skewers and mini pizzas. They also designed a healthy eating menu with a calorie limit of 2000 calories. The Year 4 team are very proud of how the children have adapted to the changes this week and supported one another throughout their learning. Well Done!





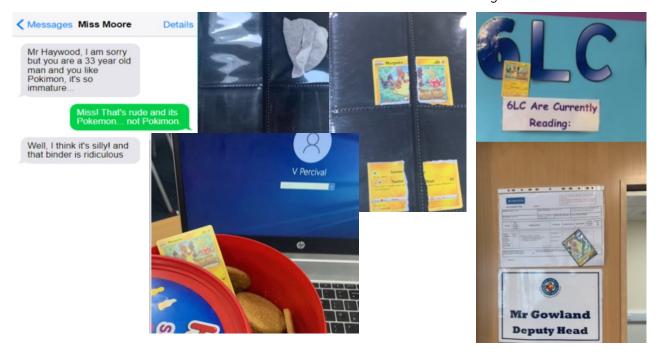




Fours, Sixes, Decimals and The Mystery of the Missing Morpekos!

The weather has been stunning this week, the birds are singing joyfully and the sun has been smiling down over the whole school. However, something not so joyful has happened in Year Five this week!

In English, the teachers' beloved Pokémon cards have suffered a loss! Their favourite cards (over 45 Morpekos) have gone missing... presumed stolen! Pupils came into school on Tuesday to a distraught and frustrated group of adults, who were devastated by the loss of their beloved cards. However, the pupils have been amazing investigators; they have been piecing together various parts of this puzzle by looking at some suspicious CCTV and some evidence found around school. Ask your child to tell you who they think is to blame and what their reasons are! Here's some of the disturbing evidence!



During Maths, pupils have been exploring decimal numbers and fractions; the children have been challenged to convert between both of those. By showing resilience, pupils have been able to use different strategies to achieve the desired answers and have worked exceptionally hard on some very, very tricky questions!

With the weather blessing us during PE, pupils have thoroughly enjoyed cricket this week. The children have been challenging themselves with batting and bowling skills. As a warm-up, the students were put into teams of three and they had to practise their catching and throwing skills during a time limit; each successful pass and catch was worth one point; however, if they dropped the ball, their score reset! Some of the groups made it to over one hundred accurate passes and catches without dropping the ball once! Just a quick reminder: with the improvement of the weather, you may wish to apply sun cream before school—especially during PE days. 5CP & 5NB PE—Monday afternoons and 5TH & 5BG—Wednesday afternoons.

Have a lovely weekend! From all the adults in Year 5:).

Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been getting ready and preparing for SATs—we had a practice week! We followed the same pattern of testing that we will be following the week commencing Monday 9th May. The children showed incredible resilience and perseverance when tackling their test papers; we are very proud of them.

Dates for the formal SATs can be seen below:

Date	Activity
Monday 9 May 2022	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 10 May 2022	English reading
Wednesday 11 May 2022	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 12 May 2022	Mathematics paper 3

In history this week, we discussed Ancient Greek democracy and compared this to modern life. We learnt that democracy is a system of government, where the whole population gets to vote for representatives to stand for their area. Additionally, we found out that in Ancient Greece, only citizens could vote. Children & slaves were not considered citizens, so they could not vote. Women were citizens, but without political rights, so they could not vote. They believed all Greek men (except slaves), rich or poor, had the right to vote.

To really understand how this system worked, we created our own 'Ekklesia' and came up with some new laws, which the whole class voted on democratically.



We are incredibly proud of all KS1 and KS2 children who have been published as part of the Young Writers competition.

Well done to them all!

More information about the competitions they hold can be found using the link below ...

https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/







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	Olly	For using his phonic skills in his writing.
RMB	Oliver W	For using his phonics skills in his writing.
RFC	Zidane	For using excellent manners and being a positive role model.
REC	Teddy D	For his positive attitude towards his writing
1CH	Ryan	For their positive attitude towards their learning this week.
	Gracie	
1GC	Ronnie	For independently using his phonics knowledge in his writing.
1FK	Isabelle	For her improved attitude towards her learning.
1BA	Harvey	For working hard in Maths this week.
2VC	Tobias	For great focus and listening during lessons.
2RS	Bentley	For demonstrating great throwing skills during PE.
2NL	Eryk S	For his effort and enthusiasm toward his learning.
3RM	Maci T	For exceptional effort with her writing.
3SH	John W	For embracing our school behaviour code and cooperative values
		consistently.
3NM	Nadia W	For showing resilience when solving calculations
4JP	Paula	for great participation and encouragement of others during our
		cooking themed curriculum day
4MR	Millie-Ella R	For being an empathetic and caring friend to her peers and showing
		kindness in the class.
4SA	Alice C	For continuously demonstrating the cooperative values of self-help
		and self-responsibility towards her learning and friendships.
5CP	Lucy L	always showing resilience in her work.
5BG	Billie J	Showing a positive attitude towards her learning.
5NB	Kaiden H	Outstanding work during Reading skills.
5TH	Makayla E	Continued excellence, especially in Maths.
6LC	Minal A	For consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards his
		learning and working extremely hard during the mock SATs.
6VP	Flyn B-M	For demonstrating an increased positivity towards the mock SATs.
6JM	Brendan G	For outstanding effort during Mock SATs week.

Maths Marvels



Well done 5NB with an amazing 560 points this week!
Who will be our TT Rock Stars leaders next week?





A huge well done to 3NM who currently have the most points this week.

Well done to everyone who has accessed Mathletics this week!

All classes	0	Activity points	Skill Quests\$ points	Live points	Total points
3NM	>	5980	0	0	5980
RJG	>	2430	0	0	2430
3SH	>	1390	0	497	1887
4JP	>	1190	0	706	1896
1BA	>	1120	0	0	1120
4SA	>	1100	0	30	1130
6LC	>	1000	0	0	1000
1FK	>	820	0	0	820
4MR	>	510	0	0	510
RFC	>	440	0	0	440
2NL	>	390	0	0	390
2VC	>	350	0	0	350
5BG	>	300	0	0	300
5CP	>	270	0	165	435



Short Term and Working Memory

Children can be forgetful at times especially when it comes to uninteresting tasks, such as brushing their teeth. Although there is often nothing to worry about, there are other skills that your child will need as they grow older requiring effective use of their memory skills. Having good memory skills is one way for them to stay organised and remember all sorts of information without writing everything down. So how can you improve your child's memory skills? There are different and numerous approaches to help your child enhance their memory skills.

Why not give some of these games a try:

- Kim's Game Place a number of objects on a tray (these can be general items or items of interest ie their favourite toys). Allow your child to look at the objects for a fixed period of time and then cover them over. What items can they remember?
- What's missing? Set the tray up in the game above but this time take an item away. Ask your child what item is missing. Alternatively, you can add an item. Can they tell what is different?
- Memory cards Using a normal deck of playing cards or matching pictures, turn them face down and ask them to turn them over to find the matching pair.
- Memory bag Place a number of objects in a bag. Pull out one object at a time and place them in front of your child. When all objects have been displayed, put them back into the bag and ask them to pull them out in the same order (they can look at the objects or use touch to identify them).



I went to the... The first person uses the statement 'I went to the...' (you can choose a place ie supermarket/football stadium/zoo etc). The next repeats the statement and names the first person's answer followed by their own...and so on. If you want to make the game more difficult, you can use the alphabet, starting each answer with the next letter in chronological order.



This term has seen a development in the Wellbeing Hub, with it now been open each day for lunch. It has been wonderful to see so many children access this brilliant provision.

Next week the Wellbeing Ambassadors will be meeting together. This will be the first group meeting and we are looking forward to seeing the children to explore their role further.

Keep an eye on the newsletter next week for an update on how the meeting went.















Book outo free Easter holiday clubs!

April 4th-14th 2022

Eligible children and young people are invited to join our FREE fun-filled school holiday clubs, run by a network of locally trusted organisations! Brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

Who is eligible?

Clubs are FREE for school aged young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, or from low income working families.

Where are clubs running?

Clubs are on offer across all 12 Essex County Council Districts & Thurrock

What do clubs offer?

Each organisation provides their own unique variety of physical and enrichment activities, as well as a tasty, nutritious meal for every child.

In addition to inclusive mainstream clubs, we also run dedicated SEND clubs and Mental Wellbeing hubs. To find out more about each of these offers, visit the link below

activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/









COMMIT TO BE FITT

PE Days

Monday—2VC, 2RS, 4MR and 4SA
Tuesday—1BA, 4JP, 5NB and 5CP
Wednesday—RT, RB, 1GC, 1CH, 1FK, 5BG and 5TH
Thursday—3SH, 3RM, 3NM and 2NL
Friday—RC, RG, 6JM, 6LC and 6VP

BE ACTIVE KIDS®

Be Active Kids has some great resources which can be used at home to get children active ... including some wet weather ideas!

http://www.beactivekids.org/resources/handouts/



ALL STARS
GIRLS AND BOYS
STARTING
6/5/22 18:30
Reception – Year 2





www.allstarscricket.co.uk www.dynamoscricket.co.uk





GIRLS <u>DYNAMOS</u> STARTING 9/5/22 18:30 Year 3 – Year 6



ETPS PFA Update

£1 per week

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot





Splitting the £1.00

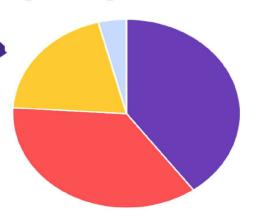
How it works...

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



40p goes to our school

36p goes to cash prizes

20p goes to admin costs

4p goes to VAT

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





WIN A £500

VOUCHER

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost £1 each
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

To support your school, go to:

YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

and search for: East Tilbury Primary

Players must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 23rd Apr 2022. T&Cs apply (see website for details).





in a three-month period during 2021, no fewer than 45 million people in the UK experienced a suspicious attempt at being contacted via their mobile. Phone scams are a common form of cyber-attack where fraudsters engage directly with their intended victim through their smartphone. As our phones carry so many sensitive (and therefore potentially valuable) details about us, it's vital that trusted adults are afert to the tactics that scammers use to get access to user accounts, personal data and private information for financial gain. THE RISKS?

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IMPERSONATION

NUMBER SPOOFING

FAKE TECH SUPPORT

SIM HIJACKING

Advice for Parents & Carers

DEMN!

DO SOME DIGGING

BREAK OUT THE TECH

TRY A CALL BLOCKER

REPORT INCIDENTS

VERIFY THE SOURCE

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Meet Our Expert





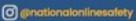
National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday



www.nationalonlinesafety.com











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

PF 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.



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)

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 $\overline{\textbf{OR}}$ £9,250 incl VAT leading to QTS and a PGCE.
- Gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) and an optional postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)

I∏ 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.govuk/funding-your-training

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



Full programme overview can be found here https://www.tes.com/institute/school-direct-itt-







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



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

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 NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk; 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