

### Term Dates 2024 – 2025

#### October Half Term 2024:

Break up: Fri 25<sup>th</sup> October  
Return on: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> November

#### Christmas Holidays 2024-25

Break up: Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec **at 2.30pm**  
Return on: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> January  
*Fri 20<sup>th</sup> December is a non-pupil day*

#### February Half Term 2025:

Break up: Fri 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Return on: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> February

#### Easter Holidays 2025:

Break up: Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Return on: Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May is a non-pupil day  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday*

#### May Half Term 2025:

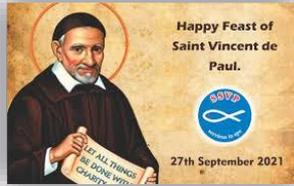
Break up: Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Return on: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June

#### Summer Holidays 2025:

Break up: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July  
*Mon 21<sup>st</sup> and Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July are non-pupil days*

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

It is that time of year again when I get to write to you all and share some of the amazing learning that has been taking place in school whilst Mrs Maguire, Mrs Lewis, Mr Rees, Ms Shergold, Mrs Dyball and Year 6 have been having the most fantastic adventure in Aylmerton. Mrs Maguire has said that Year 6 having been amazing all week and have had the best time! I am sure they will share more information on what they got up to soon!



In assembly on Monday I spoke to the children about St Vincent de Paul, whose Feast day is celebrated today. I explained to them that this year I would be setting up a Minnie Vinnies group, a group of children who will support the school and local community with the motto 'see, think, do' and live following the example of St Vincent de Paul, making a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

I have at this time put a link on Seesaw for any children in Year 3 - 6 who would like to sign up to become a member of our school Mini Vinnies group. I will share the information with Year 6 next week as I am sure there will be many children wanting to join.

In **Reception** class the children have been focusing on the book 'Oliver's Fruit Salad' and were very excited to take home their own fruit salads that they designed. Hopefully they will be just as excited to eat them.

**Year 1** had the most exciting day on Tuesday when we had some pets visit our class. Bogi brought in her hamster Nova, Hermione her tortoise Mr Tortoise, Miss Willing brought Stevie the Gecko, Miss East brought her cat Harry and Theo's mum brought in their puppy Daisy. We have been thinking about how to care for pets and the children asked lots of fantastic questions. They have now asked if we can have a class pet!  
**Year 2** focused on the biblical story - Noah's Ark and created their own promises to God on rainbows, having been inspired by this precious bible story.  
**Year 3** were very proud of their creative story openers all about Ollie Orangutan who Sang. Mrs Heath was very impressed with the children's superb ideas.

**Year 4** created story sticks to help them retell the story of God's covenant with Abram and also wrote, edited and typed up newspaper articles about the flood in our story "Song of the River".

**Year 5** have been drawing Lord Kitchen posters, concentrating heavily on his hand. They had lots of attempts and everyone was thrilled with their outcomes. They also became newspaper reporters and spent time typing a report on the assassination of Franz Ferdinand!

Today is National Teaching Assistants Day! Honestly, what would teachers do without them. They are simply the most priceless resource in our school and the children are so lucky to be supported by the most dedicated support staff! I am sure you will join me in thanking them for all they do!

Today we were joined by the Sisters of Walsingham who spent the day with us and visited each class to support them with understanding more about the Parish mission which is taking place from today until Sunday. The children spent time exploring what 'built on rock' means in a biblical sense and created some fantastic collages. On page 3 and 4 of this newsletter, you will find more information about the parish mission and timings.

Sadly, today we say "*do widzenia*" to Mrs Fairbank who is leaving us to start an exciting new chapter in her career. She has been such an asset to our school, always so positive, caring and kind! We are going to miss her incredibly and wish her all the luck in the world!

Next week we will be celebrating our Patron, Saint Teresa's Feast Day on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 with a special mass in the church at 10.00am. This will be the first mass of this academic year and it would be wonderful if you could join us in our celebrations. We will also be raising money for Macmillan next Friday, so please look on Seesaw (or page 5) for more information and timings for the day.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, God bless you all.  
Miss Hilton

*We are occasionally asked to promote activities/clubs etc. from local groups. Such activities are not quality assured by the school and parents should be aware of the need to reassure themselves of the quality and safety of the services on offer, for example by visiting, looking at inspection reports etc.*

### After School Club - 3.15 - 6pm

Places for the after school club must be booked via the school office.

#### After School Club



**Open**

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts at 8.00am. Food will be served until 8.20am only. Children will be escorted to class at 8.40am.

### School Meals

The dinner menus are available on the school website and via Seesaw



Remember to check Seesaw and the website for useful information, letters and dates!

### Attendance Data:

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	100	98.67
Year 1	97.32	99.67
Year 2	99.35	97.42
Year 3	98.71	98.06
Year 4	93.75	96.25
Year 5	99.69	96.88
Year 6	95.00	Away at Aylmerton
Whole School total:	97.66	98.12



Well done Year 1 for highest attendance this week – so very nearly 100%!

### Merit Certificates

Congratulations to the following children who received a merit certificate in our assembly this afternoon:

- Y1: Noah, Hermione, Adrian, Scarlett, Logan
- Y2: Kunle, Arielle, Gabbie, Joshua
- Y3: Marina, Elijah, Esther, Laila
- Y4: Jack B, Daniel, Olivia, Tilly
- Y5: Alex N, Nuala-Rose, Oscar, Silvia-Grace



**National Teaching Assistants Day:** A special thanks to Mrs Fairbank, Ms Shergold, Mrs Dyball, Mr Smith, Mrs Lawicka, Ms Young, Miss Willing, Mrs Pamment, Mrs Souter, Mrs Reid and Miss Bartleet for always supporting the children and teachers with a smile on their faces. They are truly PRICELESS!

### Open days / tours of the school

We will be holding open days for prospective families to come and view our school on the following dates:

- Monday 7th October at 1.30pm
- Friday 8th November at 9.30am
- Tuesday 19th November at 6.00pm

To book a place on one of the above dates please use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Gr2mKPL4Zn>

We look forward to welcoming you.





# Friday 27th November



Jesus built His house upon a rock.



As part of the Church's Mission weekend, we were lucky enough to be visited by Sisters from Wallsingham. They told us about how they live out there with God at the centre.

"We live our life committed to God. We are married to God. Our house is a convent where we have a chapel. We pray about 3 hours a day and read the Bible for half an hour each day. Like you, we have chores and jobs. Our robes are called habits."



We make 3 promises:

Poverty  
Chastity  
Obedience

They do this every year until they promise to do it forever and then get a ring to show this commitment to God.

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# PARISH MISSION

ST TERESA OF LISIEUX AND  
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

**'BUILD THIS HOUSE  
ON ROCK'**

**GOD**



**OTHERS**

**OURSELVES**

This Mission is an opportunity for all our community to grow and deepen our faith, to build community and to heal our inner selves.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

Parish Mission  
St Teresa of Lisieux and St John the Baptist  
27-29 September

**'BUILD THIS HOUSE ON ROCK'**

Day	Time	Event	Those involved
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Opening Mass	All
	8.15pm	Meal for all in School Hall with discussion in-between courses on 'Parish'	Social Committee with volunteers All
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	<b>Morning prayer with music</b>	All Choirs
	10.30am - 11.15am	<b>RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD</b> For all groups Adults in Church Ages 11 – 18 (Church Hall) Ages 7 – 11 (School) Ages 4 – 7 (School) Ages under 4 (Quiet Room)	All
	11.15am - 11.25am	<b>Adults – silent reflection</b>	All
	11.30am	Coffee/Tea break	All
	12.00pm	Adults – discussion in small groups	
	12.30pm	Adults – feedback from groups	
	1.00pm	Light lunch in Church hall	
	1.45pm - 2.15pm	<b>Church open for Adoration</b> <b>All to join</b>	
	2.30pm	<b>RELATIONSHIP WITH OURSELVES</b> For all Groups	Other groups with their own activities
	3.15pm	<b>Adults - Silent reflection</b>	
	3.30pm	Adults – discussion in groups	
	4.00pm	Mass of Healing	All
	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Praying the Fiat Rosary</b>
11.30am		Splitting into our groups	
11.30am		<b>RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS</b> For all groups	Other groups with their own activities
12.15pm		<b>Silent reflection</b>	Adults
12.30pm		Group discussion	Adults
1.00pm		Shared lunch in School Hall	All
2.30pm		Preparation for Final Mass	Clearing up in School.
3.00pm		Mass	All
4.15pm	Tea/Coffee – goodbyes	Parish Hall	

## Macmillan coffee morning - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October



Please come and support the Macmillan coffee morning (day!) As previous years, we are inviting each class to come and join in the fun too!

Parents and other family members are warmly invited to the session which their children are attending in order to enjoy the experience with them. However, if you would rather have a little "peace and quiet" with your fellow parent friends, you can pop in at the end of the day just before pick up.

We are suggesting a minimum £1 donation for your child to come and enjoy a cake and a drink. If you are also planning to attend, please "dig deep" and donate as much as you can to this amazing charity. Last year we raised over £1000 again!

The timings are as follows:

9:00-9:30	Reception
9:30 - 10:00	Year 1
10:30 - 11:00	Year 3
11:00 - 11:30	Year 6
Lunch	
1:30 - 2:00	Year 4
2:00 - 2:30	Year 2
2:30 - 3:15	Before pick up session (Year 5 parents can come here)

Thank you in advance for your support, Mrs Herron and Year 5!

## First Holy Communion

Please see below for the First Holy Communion programme 2024/5

Sessions - 9.15am - 10.45 am St. Teresa's school (pick up from the church)

NB The first session will only take place in the church.



### Reconciliation

28/9/24 - We join the church - times to be advised

12/10/24 - God gives you love

16/11/24 - God gives you joy and peace

7/12/24 - God gives you forgiveness

11/1/25 - Reconciliation preparation

17/1/2024 - Reconciliation preparation and sacrament (children to arrive at 6pm in the church hall, service to start in the church at 7pm).

### Communion

1/2/25 - We walk with Jesus

1/3/25 - We learn about the mass & we share God's word.

22/3/25 - We give thanks & we remember and celebrate.

26/4/25 - We share the bread of life.

17/5/25 - Retreat 10 -2pm (children to bring a packed lunch)

### First Holy communion rehearsal

Wednesday 18<sup>h</sup> June 2025

6.00pm - Group 1

7.00pm - Group 2

June 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 - First Holy Communion services at 11am and 2pm

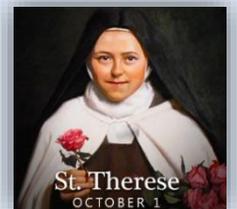
Going Forth Mass - June 29<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 9.00am

## School Mass

You are all warmly invited to join us for a whole school Mass on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 10.00am in Church to celebrate the start of the new academic year and the Feast of St. Teresa.

You are welcome to come back to school after Mass where FOST will be serving tea and coffee in the school hall.

We look forward to welcoming you.



## Individual School Photographs

Please note that the photographer will be in school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October to take individual photographs of the children. **Please can you ensure that your child has their jumper / cardigan in school on that day.**

Siblings will be photographed together during the day as a matter of course. If you have older / younger siblings not at St. Teresa's and you would like them included in a photograph with your child, the photographer will be available from 8.00am in the Music and Media room.

Please note that it is not possible to photograph cousins / friends etc. together due to time constraints.

## Parish Christmas Bazaar

We realise it is quite early to be talking about Christmas, but we just wanted to give you advance notice that the church will be holding its Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November and to ask for your help. As is tradition, we will be manning the tombola stall and we are asking for you to support us in this by donating cosmetics / toiletries towards the stall. Any donations can be left at the school office or taken directly to the Church. Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support.





# Calling all SEND parents and carers - Your school needs your voice!

Help make your school more inclusive for *all* children

Your school has signed up to a pilot project aimed at increasing inclusivity in school and building relationships and communication with parents/carers. The name of this project is Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS).

You may remember a survey being sent out about this project recently. We would now like to gather your views in person through a parent/carer 'cuppa and chat' event that will be run by a representative from Essex Family Forum (EFF). The event will be very informal and a real opportunity for you to share your views on what what is working within your school and what you would like to see improved. You can find out about the work EFF do here [www.essexfamilyforum.org](http://www.essexfamilyforum.org).

The group is open to all parents/carers of children at the school who have EHCP's are supported by One Planning, or who have children that may have currently unrecognised/undiagnosed SEND. Come along for a chat, to support one another and an opportunity to work with your school and to improve the outcomes for your child.

**Date:** Friday 4th October  
**Time:** 2.15-3.15 pm  
**Location:** Meet at School  
Reception/Entranceway



Department  
for Education

**TUES 15th  
OCTOBER**

**7:30pm**

**St Teresa's  
School**

**FOST AGM**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

# CHEESE & WINE NIGHT

**Please join the Friends of St Teresa's for our Annual General Meeting with Cheese & Wine Night.**

Every parent, family, staff member and parishioner of St Teresa's school and church are automatically a Friend and invited to be part of decisions how we can enhance the curriculum and school experience for our children.

## Free event!

### Agenda for the evening:

Arrive, grab a seat, help yourself to drinks and nibbles . . . and relax

Hear from FOST on

- what we have achieved in the past year
- our annual accounts and reports.
- future plans and aims

Take an opportunity to

- ask questions
- vote for new members
- share thoughts and ideas, including what you'd like to see in the future

**There is no obligation to volunteer or sign up by coming along.**

**Please just enjoy the evening, get to know us and share your thoughts!**



Please scan the QR code or click [here](#) to RSVP



FRIENDS OF ST TERESA'S, COLCHESTER Charity Number:1206040



St Mary's  
Colchester

ATTEND A  
SENIOR SCHOOL

*open day*

11&12 | 9.30-11.30am  
OCT | St Mary's Senior School

Reserve your place at [stmaryscolchester.org.uk/open-days](http://stmaryscolchester.org.uk/open-days)





In support of  
**St Helena**



## October Half Term Holiday Camps

**When:**

28<sup>th</sup> October - 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

23<sup>rd</sup> December - 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

**Time:** 8am - 5pm



Where: St Johns Primary School, Clay Lane Grove, Colchester CO4 0HH  
10% discount for a full week booking, 5% discount for siblings.

Please email [contactus@thecreationstation.co.uk](mailto:contactus@thecreationstation.co.uk) to take advantage of discounts.

Breakfast and snack provided each day.

Full day session £30 Half day £20

To book your space please use the link below:

October Half term:

[portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7109](https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7109) -

[portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7111](https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7111) -



Christmas Holidays:

[portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7110](https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7110) - Full day

[portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7113](https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7113) - Half Day

## October Half Term – Tech Camp

We have been asked to share the following information with you:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

October half term is fast approaching, and we have an excellent solution for childcare this holiday!

We are so excited to be running our October STEM tech camp at **Holmwood House School, CO3 9ST** from the **28<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November** this upcoming half term.

Our STEM camps are a fun and engaging environment to access impressive technology and learn the foundations of coding and engineering for 5-11 year olds!

Our spooky October tech camps will see a host of new activities that you won't want to miss out on:

### - Revolting Robotics & Creepy Coding 🤖

Learn how to program a robot with crazy functions like dancing or answering questions!

### - Crazy Circuits & Animation 🎨

Enter the world of circuitry and animation and utilize our tech and your creativity to create wonders of animation.

### - Enchanting Engineering & 3D Animation 🧑‍🔬

Learn even more impressive real-world skills like the foundations of engineering with our advanced tech and teaching, and let your imagination run wild with 3D animation!

### - Thrilling Inventions & Virtual Reality 🕶️

Explore a virtual reality with our VR headsets and dive into the world of Ocean Rift, the first VR underwater world, or choose Rush, to experience the feeling of jumping out of a plane!

Our October Tech Camps are the perfect opportunity for childcare that does more; enjoy a week of Halloween fun and outstanding education!

Spaces are **LIMITED** so book now to avoid disappointment. This camp is £45 per day, and we have a special offer of **£175 for 5 days**, which works out as only **£35 per day!**

Book here: <https://www.nextthing.education/>

We look forward to seeing you at camp! 🚀 🤖

**Next Thing** Ofsted Registered

# OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE UK  
28TH OCT - 1ST NOV

CHILD CARE PROVIDERS ACCEPTED

ROBOTS INVENTIONS  
MINECRAFT + LEGO ENGINEERING  
VR & TECH FUN

AGES 5-11 | £45 PER DAY  
9AM - 3PM DAILY

**5 DAYS**  
for only  
**£175**

**www.nextthing.education**

## OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024 What's on?

MINECRAFT ENGINEERING PROGRAM ROBOTS SPOOKY FILM MAKING LEGO ENGINEERING 3D CREATIONS

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your camp activities.

28TH OCT - 1ST NOV LIMITED SPACES

Check out what parents are saying...

"The kids absolutely loved the camp. They could not stop talking about what they did and how much fun they had and begged to go back. Great tech camp!"

★★★★★

**SPECIAL OFFER**

# BOOK 5 DAYS FOR ONLY £175

What to bring to camp

Packed Lunch and Snacks (not mandatory)  
Water Bottle  
Medication (if required)  
Halloween Costume (Friday Optional)

**www.nextthing.education** E: [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education)  
T: 01442873150

THE CRAFT HUB PRESENTS

# HALLOWEEN HALF TERM

MONDAY  
SLIME SESSION

TUESDAY  
HALLOWEEN DECOR  
MAKING

WEDNESDAY  
TSHIRT PRINTING

★ THURSDAY  
HALLOWEEN COOKING

FRIDAY  
HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

15% DISCOUNT CODE  
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28TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER

BOOK ONLINE AT [HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/THECRAFTHUBCABIN](https://bookwhen.com/thecrafthubcabin)

EARLS COLNE | COLCHESTER | STANWAY



# HALLOWEEN CRAFT HUB

OCTOBER

HALF  
TERM

9-3PM



EARLS COLNE, THE CRAFT HUB CABIN  
CO62JX - MONDAY - FRIDAY



Stanway - Lakelands community centre  
30th Wednesday



Colchester Community Association  
Monday & Tuesday 28th - 29th





# SRR ELITE CHEERLEADING

Enquire today:

EMAIL: [srrelitecheerleading@outlook.com](mailto:srrelitecheerleading@outlook.com)

INSTAGRAM: @srrelitecheerleading

FACEBOOK: SRR Elite Cheerleading



## Classes:

**Monday:** Supernova - 4:30-5:30pm - Mersea  
Women's Institute Hall, Kingsland Road CO5  
8RB

Shooting Stars - 5:00-6:00pm - Colchester -  
SEND Friendly  
Lakelands Centre, CO3 8WU

**Tuesday:** Supersonics - 5:00-6:00pm - Colchester  
Lakelands Centre, CO3 8WU

**Friday:** Rockets - 6:00 -7:00pm - Witham  
KL Ariel Studio, Perry Road, CM8 3YY

**Sunday:**

Open Tumble Session - 9:00- 10:00am - Colchester  
Shockwaves - Competition Development Team -  
10:00am-12:00pm  
Iceni Gymnastics Club, CO3 0LE

## FITC Holiday Camps

Please use this link to book: <https://fitc-academy.classforkids.io> There is also a 15% discount code (OXG004) which is valid until Friday 11.59pm.



### **FITC ACADEMY FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP**

FITC Academy LTD, 66 Maldon Road, Tiptree, Essex, CO5 0TT  
Tel: 07962233893 Email: [info@fitc.co.uk](mailto:info@fitc.co.uk)



#### OCTOBER CAMP 2024

### **CALLING ALL "FOOTBALL LOVERS" THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAY!!!**

Our camps have been designed around the best players in the English Premier League. The challenges will be based around the players themselves and will be realistic and accurate to the attributes and playing style of the individual.



### **DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE THE WINNER OF THE SALAH OR HAALAND CHALLENGE?**

VENUE	DATES	TIME	AGE	PRICE
<b>BRAINTREE LEISURE CENTRE</b> BRAINTREE, CM7 1FF	Tue 29th Oct - Fri 1st Nov '24 (4 days)	10am-3pm	5 -13	£25.00 per day or £80.00 for full camp
<b>KELVEDON ACADEMY</b> DOCWRA ROAD, CO5 9DS	Mon 28th Oct - Thur 31st Oct '24 (4 days)			

### **IF YOU ARE A BOY OR GIRL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5-13 AND LOVE FOOTBALL, THIS IS THE CAMP FOR YOU.**

Our camps are jam packed with competitions, challenges, matches, tournaments, games, fun activities as well as lots of high level technical coaching. Each child, at the end of the camp will receive a developmental certificate to merit their achievements and encourage further participation. We will also be giving out prizes, medals, trophies and trials.

### **COME AND JOIN US FOR FOUR DAYS OF FOOTBALL FUN IN A SAFE, RELAXED AND DEVELOPMENTAL ENVIRONMENT.**

To book a place, simply go to <https://fitc-academy.class4kids.co.uk> and click on the camps section. Make sure you book your place early as the camp will have limited spaces available to ensure that the children all get fair and adequate attention.

### **COULD YOU BE THE NEXT JUDE BELLINGHAM OR PHIL FODEN?**

### **FITC OCTOBER CAMP 2024**



#### TOURNAMENTS AND AWARDS

We will run a round robin style "Champions League" tournament at every day of the camp. Every day we will give out "Player of the Day" and "Goal of the day" awards.

The tournaments will include SEMI FINALS and a FINAL which will be based on the league table that the players and teams have been working hard towards all camp.

A presentation will take place on the last day of camp at 2.30pm and will either be inside or on the pitch (weather dependant). This is where we will crown the champions, set up parent competitions, give out our developmental certificates and award medals, trophies and prizes.

#### FUN GAMES

- King of the Ring
- Gladiators
- Bull Dog
- Coconut Shy
- Champions League Shooting
- Football Tennis
- Power Shooting
- Football Bowling
- "Nutmeg" Game
- Headers and Volleys



#### COMPETITIONS

- Player Challenges
- Cross Bar Challenge
- Penalty Competitions
- "KEEPY UPPY" Champion
- Top Bins Challenge
- Footgolf
- Skill School
- Football Quiz
- Opportunities for FITC Academy trials

#### TECHNICAL COACHING TOPICS



- Ball Manipulation
- Dribbling & Turning
- Passing
- Tricks & Skills
- Running with the ball
- First Touch/Receiving
- Shooting/Finishing
- 1v1's
- Attacking/Defending
- Speed & Acceleration
- Goalkeeping

