

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

October Half Term 2024:

Break up: Fri 25th October
Return on: Mon 4th November

Christmas Holidays 2024-25

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

February Half Term 2025:

Break up: Fri 14th February
Return on: Mon 24th February

Easter Holidays 2025:

Break up: Fri 4th April
Return on: Tues 22nd April

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

May Half Term 2025:

Break up: Fri 23rd May
Return on: Mon 2nd June

Summer Holidays 2025:

Break up: Fri 18th July
Mon 21st and Tues 22nd July are non-pupil days

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

September 2025:

Return on: Weds 3rd Sept
*Mon 1st is a non-pupil day
Tues 2nd is a non-pupil day*

October Half Term 2025:

Break up: Fri 24th October
Return on: Mon 3rd November

Christmas Holidays 2025-26

Break up: Fri 19th December
Return on: Mon 5th January

February Half Term 2026:

Break up: Fri 13th February
Return on: Mon 23rd February

Easter Holidays 2026:

Break up: Fri 27th March
Return on: Mon 13th April

*Friday 1st May is a non-pupil day
Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday*

May Half Term 2026:

Break up: Thurs 21st May
Fri 22nd May is a non-pupil day
Return on: Mon 1st June

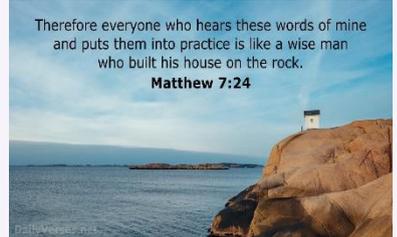
Summer Holidays 2026:

Break up: Fri 17th July
Mon 20th July is a non-pupil day



Dear Parents, Carers and friends,

We began the week with assembly thinking about 'building our house on rock' in support of the parish mission which took place last weekend. We listened to scripture and thought about how, if we build 'our house' (ourselves) by making good and right choices, we will do God's will and grow closer to Him. We followed this up during our Praise Assembly where we sang 'The wise man built his house upon the rock' and 'Our God is a great big God', which the children sang with such passion.



It was wonderful to come back to school this week following being away with Year 6 on residential. Year 6 parents I must start by saying your children were the BEST company- they were a pleasure to be away with- impeccable manners, good behavior and lots of fun and plenty of enthusiasm! I should also acknowledge the staff that travelled with Year 6- Mrs Lewis, Miss Shergold, Mr Rees and Mrs Dyball- they were equally brilliant and I must say a huge thank you to them for giving up the week with their own families. I was lucky enough to be in a Year 6 English lesson this week, sand dune poetry inspired by their Blakeney 'chill' was quite outstanding. Bring on Aylmerton 2025!

This week at school has been a busy one- highlights include our Feast Day Mass and celebrations, Year 1 Autumn walk and Year 5's Macmillan Coffee event. Our Feast Day Mass was also celebrated as the beginning of the school year mass. It was a wonderful celebration that helped focus our minds to the 'little way' of St Teresa. It was also lovely to end our feast day with extra play-time, cake and singing for the whole school- I do hope feast day celebrations create special lasting memories for all our pupils. Reception pupils attended mass too, leaving part way for a special liturgy and a craft activity of their own.

Year 1 enjoyed their Autumn/God's Creation walk where they looked for signs of Autumn and all the wonderful things that God created. They took some of the treasures they found home to share with their families.

Macmillan coffee morning I'm told is a strong tradition at St Teresa's and it was wonderful to see Year 5 working so hard organizing the event, with lots providing homemade cakes. All pupils visited the coffee and cake event and parents, grandparents and friends too- thank you if you were able to attend. Most of us will know someone who's life is affected by cancer, our coffee event for Macmillan has raised £727.90 in cash (we have not checked the card payments yet) which will support the 3 million people in the UK living with cancer. Well done Year 5 and Mrs Herron who champions this event every year.

Parking and safe driving on Clairmont Road- thank you to everyone that continues to park respectfully of our neighbors by not blocking driveways or parking on the pavements. One thing that I know causes congestion on the road is parents making 3-point turns during the busiest times- please can I plead with the parents who do this to avoid doing so, easing congestion for everyone.

PE uniform reminder- our PE kit is a navy blue or black plain tracksuit and coloured team t-shirt (which can be purchased from the school office). It is also very important for healthy and safety that trainers are suitable for sport e.g. not converse or wedged trainers.

Coming up next week: tours for prospective parents EYFS 2025 bookable via the link on the website under admissions, Year 1 trip to Hollow Trees Farm, EYFS and KS1 Phonics Event.

God bless you all
Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	98.67	94.00
Year 1	99.67	99.33
Year 2	97.42	98.71
Year 3	98.06	98.39
Year 4	96.25	95.31
Year 5	96.88	98.13
Year 6	Away at Aylmerton	96.25
Whole School total:	98.12	97.16



Well done Year 1 for highest attendance again this week!

Merit Certificates

There was no merit assembly this afternoon due to the Macmillan coffee morning taking place in the hall.



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

Breakfast club



School Meals

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



After School Club - 3.15 - 6pm

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

After School Club



Open

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

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.



Macmillan

Thank you to everyone who came to support Year 5's coffee morning, raising money for Macmillan. Whilst we have not counted all of the money, so far we have reached £727.90.



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>



Individual School Photographs

Please note that the photographer will be in school on Thursday 17th 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 Resources room.

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

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

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^h June 2025

6.00pm - Group 1

7.00pm - Group 2

June 21st 2025 - First Holy Communion services at 11am and 2pm

Going Forth Mass - June 29th 2025 at 9.00am



Interested in
helping the school
achieve the
GREEN
PLEDGE?

Help us reduce
our carbon
emissions

Help us
create a
climate
action plan



**LET'S
TAKE
CARE
OF OUR
EARTH**

Help us become
an
environmentally
sustainable
school

Find out more by:

Contacting Mary Johnson at gov.mj@st-teresas.essex.sch.uk

or

Speaking to Mrs Maguire via the school office.



Daily
Gazette

FIRST CLASS PHOTO SPECIAL

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2024

DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR COPY

**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

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 30th 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.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR
**CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR**

SATURDAY 30TH
NOVEMBER
11AM - 2PM

St Teresa's Church Hall and School Hall
16 Clairmont Road, Colchester, CO3 9BE



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





In support of
St Helena



October Half Term Holiday Camps

When:

28th October - 1st November 2024

23rd December - 3rd 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 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 -

portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7111 -



Christmas Holidays:

portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7110 - Full day

portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/7113 - Half Day



OCTOBER HALF TERM COLCHESTER FOOTBALL CAMP

Stanway School, Winstree Road, Colchester CO3 0QA.

2 Day Camp

Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th October

10am-1pm • Age 4-5 years • £15 per day

10am-3pm • Age 6-12 years • £20 per day

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SCS WHATSAPP GROUP



FOR MORE INFORMATION
ABOUT SCS EVENTS
IN COLCHESTER

PLEASE EMAIL: colchestersecs@gmail.com
or CALL LUKE ON 07593 557556 to book your child's place.

Boys and girls Welcome, Packed lunch and drinks bottle required.

Payments can be made by cash or bank transfer on the day of camp.
Kit needed: Sports clothing, shin pads, trainers/boots




SCS Coaching

@scscoaches
www.scssports.co.uk





COLCHESTER DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

MONDAY NIGHTS

5pm - 6pm

£6 per session

Venue:

Power League

St. Helena School, Colchester CO3 3LE

Email: colchesterscs@gmail.com

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 **28th October – 1st 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

OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

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

ROBOTS **MINECRAFT + LEGO** **VR**
INVENTIONS **ENGINEERING** **& 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 essential)
- Water Bottle
- Medication (if required)
- Halloween Costume (Friday Optional)

www.nextthing.education E: 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

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28TH OCTOBER - 1ST NOVEMBER

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

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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

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>



FITC ACADEMY FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

FITC Academy LTD, 66 Maldon Road, Tiptree, Essex, CO5 0TT
Tel: 07962233893 Email: 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
BRAINTREE LEISURE CENTRE 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
KELVEDON ACADEMY 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

