

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 together in collective worship thinking about harvest time. We listened to a very beautiful Psalm which inspired us to think about the changing seasons and that autumn brings about the time of harvest. I encouraged the children to think about harvest as a time of thanksgiving - we are thankful for the wonders of creation, for farmers, for food that we cultivate and food that grows in the wild. We sang collectively in praise.



It was wonderful to be able to finish Monday's assembly celebrating our new Year 6 prefects by distributing their special badges. Our Year 6 prefects work in teams with special responsibilities, we have mini-MDAs who help out in the dining hall, Admin helpers who support the school office, Curiosity Prefects who curate the 'Curiosity Cupboard' (incidentally they are looking for objects of curiosity to add to the cupboard if you have any interesting objects at home you would be willing to donate!), Reading Prefects, Computing Prefects, School Tour Prefects. It's wonderful to see just how grown up our Year 6's are and how sensibly they have begun fulfilling these extra responsibilities.

Talking of tours - our prefects expertly led tours for prospective parents for the Reception intake 2025 this week. I heard lots of great feedback about the quality of the tours. If you or someone you know is exploring schools for Reception intake 2025, do join an upcoming tour date soon.

Sporting news - Year 5/6 girls' and boys' teams took part in a football tournament on Tuesday and Thursday respectively. Very well done to all children that represented our school. St Teresa's always stands out for our great sportsmanship. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers that accompanied the children.

This weekend First Holy Communion classes start for children in Year 3 or above (see overleaf). We shall be keeping all the First Communion children in our prayers throughout the special journey they are undertaking.

On Tuesday our Governing Board met and enjoyed a learning environment tour, getting a feel for our new layout and new spaces. They were also able to look at RE books from across the school as part of their monitoring. Governors said: 'from the displays as you enter the school, to those in every classroom, it is clear that not only are we in a community of great faith, but also that learning comes alive here. Considering we are only a few weeks into term, the staff have gone out of their way to display and celebrate our pupils' achievements.'

I'd like to welcome a new member of staff, Miss Bartholomew, to our support team - she will be working with Year 1 predominately.

Next week - Year 4 trip to Flatford Mill, Year 7 Pizza evening, FOST AGM and school photos...

Have a great weekend. God Bless, Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data:

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	94.00	97.33
Year 1	99.33	96.00
Year 2	98.71	100
Year 3	98.39	99.03
Year 4	95.31	95.00
Year 5	98.13	98.13
Year 6	96.25	97.81
Whole School total:	97.16	97.61



Well done Year 2 for highest attendance this week – 100%!

Merit Certificates

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

- Y1: Keira, Abbie, Charlotte, Mila
- Y2: Adrian, Alice, Fela, Felicity
- Y3: Myles, Joshua, Amar'e, Ethan
- Y4: Nylah, Adriana, Harry, Alexis
- Y5: Alexandra, Sinead, Oscar B, Ezra
- Y6: Alexandra, Gabriel, Nkenna, Blake, Caitlin, Archie



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.



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.

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:

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.



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



Football superstars!



Our football teams played in the Colchester and Blackwater Partnership's tournament this week and made us so proud! They demonstrated great sportsmanship, skill and determination. WELL DONE EVERYONE! Thank you so much to everyone who helped with lifts and through your support. We'd like to especially thank Mr Nicholls and Mrs Sugarman who helped lead the teams with Mr Smith and Mrs Shergold.



Interested in
helping the school
achieve the
GREEN
PLEDGE?

Help us reduce
our carbon
emissions

Help us
create a
climate
action plan

Help us become
an
environmentally
sustainable
school



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

Find out more by:

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

or

Speaking to Mrs Maguire via the school office.

**TUES 15th
OCTOBER**

7:30pm

**St Teresa's
School**

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



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.

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





CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2024

30TH NOVEMBER

11AM - 2PM

Preparations are underway but we need
donations of :
chocolate for the tombola
bottles for the tombola
nearly new items
books
Good quality clean childrens toys

Please leave donations in the box in the
church foyer - thank you for your
generosity



ST TERESA'S BAKE OFF AT THE PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 30TH
11-2PM

COME AND ENTER
OUR CAKE
COMPETITION !
PRIZES TO BE WON!

Let's eat
CAKE!

CAKES TO BE DELIVERED TO
THE SCHOOL HALL BETWEEN
4 AND 6PM ON FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER OR 8 AND 10AM
ON SATURDAY 30TH
NOVEMBER CLEARLY MARKED
'CAKE COMPETITION'

*Please label all entries with name
and contact number / age for child
entry and a ingredient list for all items
entered

CATEGORIES ARE

- + ADULT - CAKE
- + ADULT- CUPCAKES
- + CHILD -CAKE
- + CHILD -CUPCAKES

FREE ENTRY (BUT WE KEEP
YOUR CREATIONS TO SELL
ON THE DAY)



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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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ABOUT SCS EVENTS
IN COLCHESTER

PLEASE EMAIL: colchesterscs@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




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www.scssports.co.uk





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PLANTS & GARDENS

OCTOBER HALF TERM



TAKE PART IN OUR AUTUMN GARDEN TRAIL



STORYTIME IN THE GARDEN

31ST OCTOBER 11AM & 2PM



CRAFT ACTIVITIES EVERY DAY

**TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER -
SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**

 Beth
Chatto's
Plants & Gardens

Beth Chatto Plants & Gardens, Clacton Road, Elmstead Market, CO7 7DB
www.bethchatto.co.uk email: customerservices@bethchatto.co.uk

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 Ofsted Registered

OCTOBER HALF TERM TECH CAMP

IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS ACROSS THE UK

28TH OCT - 1ST NOV

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS 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 needed)

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





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CRAFT HUB HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY CLUB



OCTOBER HALF
TERM

Highwoods
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<https://the-craft-hub.classforkids.io/camp/3>

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31/10/2024
AM & PM SESSIONS
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2 HOURS OF FREE FUN
DURING OCTOBER HALF TERM



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Essex County Council

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

