

TERM DATES 2024 - 2025



May Half Term 2025:

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

Summer Holidays 2025:

Break up: Fri 18th July at 2:30pm
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 at 2.30pm
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 at 2.30pm
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 at 2.30 pm
Mon 20th July is a non-pupil day

Forthcoming Events:

12th - 18th May:
KS2 SATS week

Tuesday 3rd June:
Y2 Trip - details to be confirmed

Wednesday 4th June:
Y6 Trip to the theatre in London

Week Beginning 16th June:
Sports Week

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

This week we have had a range of collective worship - in class-based celebration of the word, we thought about Mary and continued the theme into 'Praise' assembly as we focused on celebrating Our Lady during the month of May.



In our Global assemblies we thought about the election of the new Pope, joining a live stream straight from Vatican City and in the afternoon Mrs Burrows led us in highlighting 'deaf awareness week' with the key message of 'never leaving anyone out' and accepting difference. Mrs Lewis ended the week exploring the significance of VE day and the importance of peace in our world. Quite the range of topics!

It's comforting to know that God can be found in all things.

Despite another short week we have crammed a lot in! In sporting news football has topped and tailed the week with our boys' football team facing Prettygate away on Tuesday and our girls playing away to Montgomery today. Year 1 and 2 representatives attended a fun run today at the northern gateway. Ms Garton tells me they were determined, focused runners- they certainly wore their medals with pride leaving school this afternoon. As always, all children that represent the school make us so very proud.

FOST- this week FOST met with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss the upcoming FOST FEST. Fundraising will focus largely on enriching playtimes and outdoor learning which benefits every child. We know we would like to update the aging KS1 and KS2 playground areas and we have lots of other ideas on how to enhance playtimes. These are big ticket items and therefore we will need the whole community to come together to make the FOST FEST (and other events) a success. Details of FOST FEST, including how to help and get involved, are within the newsletter overleaf. Look out for more information next week - especially about the teachers who have nominated themselves to potentially face the ice-bucket challenge!!

Nursery- we are...finally... LIVE! Having been a dream for quite some time we are now finally (thanks to a Herculean effort from many staff) taking admissions for our nursery provision opening in September. Please share the word and direct people to the new nursery pages on our school website.

Admissions and tours- we are currently full in all year groups and hold waiting lists in many classes however we do still have four spaces in next year's Reception class available. We would love to fill these spaces before our transition days take place later next month so please spread the word. We have a series of tours/open days detailed overleaf.

Upcoming dates- Sports day: Wednesday 2nd July- morning of flat races followed by a family picnic and early finish if desired!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend - God Bless - Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	97.92	96.25
Year 1	97.08	97.92
Year 2	94.17	96.25
Year 3	96.48	97.66
Year 4	91.02	99.22
Year 5	97.27	96.88
Year 6	95.97	99.19
Whole School total:	95.68	97.64

EVERY

SCHOOL DAY

COUNTS

Well done to Year 4 for highest attendance this week!

Certificates

Congratulations to the following recipients of certificates!



Catholic Social Teaching

Writer of the week

Doing Little Things Well

REC Isaac
 Y1 Keira
 Y2 Grace
 Y3 Toby
 Y4 Michaiah
 Y5 Freddie
 Y6 Marcus

Katie
 Casper
 Henry
 Laila
 Harry
 Margherita (Golden Quill)
 Lisa

Luca
 Aurelijus
 Felicity
 Ethan
 Ambrose
 Silvia-Grace
 Amber-Mai

Intellectual Curiosity

Friendship

Excellent Manners

Resilience

REC Victoria
 Y1 Alicia
 Y2 Fela
 Y3 Halsten
 Y4 Jacque
 Y5 Millie
 Y6 Erin

Boaz
 Logan
 Charlie
 Cormac
 Alexis
 Pheonix
 Alexander

Ella
 Joyelaa
 Edward
 Arthur
 Jacquan
 Oscar B
 Gabriel

Rosie
 Amelia
 Alice
 Silouanos
 Henry
 Jacob T
 Isabella

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club starts at 7.30am.
 Food will be served until
8.40am.
 Children will be escorted to class
up till 8.45am
 Those signed up to UFBC- a
 reminder this is available after
8:15am ONLY.



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 your child's
 ParentPay account.

The cost is £9 per child per
 session



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.

LIVE ASSEMBLY FROM ST PETER'S SQUARE

"Upon this rock I will build my church ... I will give you the keys of the kingdom of the heavens..."
Matthew 16:18-19



On Thursday we joined other schools from around the country to join a live assembly from Vatican City with Greg and Gabe from Mark 10 Mission. They explained why they were in St Peter's Square and what was happening that was so special and important. They told us all about the Sistine Chapel and the Cardinals who have been given the important job of choosing the next pope. On Wednesday night, black smoke billowed from the chimney which indicated that a pope had not been chosen. Greg explained that only white smoke rising from the chimney will indicate a new pope, a new father. The Latin words '**Habemus papam**' will be said by one of the top cardinals on the papal balcony and then the world will wait to see who has been chosen to lead the Catholic church. Greg shared the gospel reading from Matthew in which Jesus said 'You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church' and asked us to reflect on how the Cardinals in the Sistine chapel are choosing the next rock for Jesus to build his church on. Greg and Gabe asked us to join together to pray the Holy Spirit prayer and perhaps, you could say this at home and pray for who we now know has been chosen to be our next pope, Pope Leo XIV.

Come Holy Spirit
Come Holy Spirit
Come Holy Spirit

POPE LEO XIV

'Habemus papam'



Faithful God,

**You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.**

**Be with your new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV
in his service of the Church.**

**Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.**

**May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.**



★ **St Teresa's Primary School - Additional Open Day / School Tours Now Available!** ★

We are absolutely thrilled to welcome those of you who have already been allocated places in our Reception class from September 2025. We can't wait to meet you and your little ones as they embark on this exciting journey with us.

If you have been allocated a place with us, you will have received information about our forthcoming information evening and induction days which will be taking place in the summer term. We are putting together welcome packs, pouring a lot of love and care into them, to ensure that they contain everything you need to know as your child starts this new adventure.

For those of you who may not have secured a place just yet or who may still be undecided about your school choice, or if you are considering our nursery provision from September, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend one of our additional open days and school tours which will be taking place on the following days:

Monday 19th May
Wednesday 21st May
Friday 23rd May
Thursday 5th June
Friday 6th June
Monday 9th June
Tuesday 10th June

NO NEED TO BOOK - just come along at any time between 9.30am and 3.00pm

On Thursday 5th June we will also be offering tours from 5.30 – 7.30pm

This is a fantastic opportunity to come and meet our friendly staff and chat with some of our current pupils. We believe that seeing our vibrant school community in action will help you make an informed decision for your child's education.

We look forward to welcoming you!

YEAR 6 PARENTS

*You are warmly
invited to...*

Our Friday assembly on Friday
16th May at 2:45 in the school
hall where we congratulate
Year 6 for their hard work in
SATs week and hand out their
Year 6 hoodies

SEND tea/coffee session

You are invited to come and join our SEND tea/coffee session.



This is an opportunity for parents who have children with SEND to meet one another and share experiences.

Mrs Burrows will also arrange a focus theme for each session. There may be a presentation, information sharing or a guest speaker at the start of the session. This will be followed by an opportunity for parents to spend time together in our relaxed and friendly setting.

Date of session: Friday 23rd May 2pm – 3:15pm

There will be a focus on 'Understanding and Supporting Sleep Difficulties'

You are invited to join all or part of the session. Feel free to drop in when you can.

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)

Communion

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



St Mary's School Year 7 Scholarships

Please see details of our Scholarships Information Evening on Thursday 15 May, 6pm-7pm at St Mary's Senior School.

We would be delighted if any parents of pupils in Years 3-5 could attend to find out more about our Scholarships programme. Places for this event can be reserved following the link below:

<https://stmaryscolchester.org.uk/visit-us/>



year 7 scholarships

INFORMATION EVENT

Find out about our enhanced Scholarship programme, designed to accelerate the development of pupils that are able, in a variety of disciplines. Learn about the benefits and expectations of being a St Mary's Scholar, how to apply and the process involved.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD New for September 2026 for girls who demonstrate exceptional achievement in any field	ARTS Art Scholarship Drama Scholarship Music Scholarship
ACADEMIC Academic Scholarship (awarded following exceptional performance in Year 7 assessment) STEM Scholarship	ALL-ROUND St Mary's Lower School pupils will be considered for the All-round (Miss Comrie) Scholarship
SPORTS Games Scholarship	

15 MAY | 6-7pm | St Mary's Senior School

Reserve your place at stmaryscolchester.org.uk/visit-us

KS1

5:30pm -
6:15pm

KS2

6:30pm -
7:30pm



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MAY

ST TERESA'S
CHURCH HALL

FOST SPRING DISCO

TICKETS £4 - PURCHASE ON PARENTPAY
PAY IT FORWARD OPTION - Purchase an extra ticket for
someone who might not otherwise be able to attend.

Drinks, sweets, snacks and disco accessories sold on the night.
Suggested spending money no more than £5.



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

FOST FEST 2025

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH

3:15PM – 7:00PM

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun, laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories!

Event Highlights

BBQ
ICE CREAMS
RAFFLE
TOMBOLAS
BAR

GAMES
INFLATABLES
LIVE MUSIC
ACTIVITIES
DISPLAYS

Included in entry price

ticketed entry

Adults £4
School Age Children £6
Pre-Schoolers Free

SAVE THE DATE

Tickets available on ParentPay now!



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3:30PM - 7:30PM

ticketed entry

Adults £4
School Age Children £6
Pre-Schoolers
Free

FOST FEST 2025

ST TERESA'S SCHOOL

Sponsored by



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WE NEED YOU

To make this event a success, we need your help!
We're looking for volunteers to assist with ...

SETTING UP, RUNNING STALLS OR CLEARING UP ON THE DAY

PRIZES, SPONSORSHIP OR MATCH FUNDING FROM YOU OR YOUR WORKPLACE

**WHETHER YOU CAN SPARE AN HOUR OR
THE WHOLE DAY, YOUR SUPPORT
WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

If you can help,
please complete
the form
[here](#)



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

Tickets available on ParentPay now!

As a local school of FITC Academy, we want to reward every student with a 15% discount off of the camps.

To take advantage of this, simply click on the below link and type in discount code MLG548 <https://fitc-academy.classforkids.io> This code will be active until 16th May 2025.



FITC ACADEMY FOOTBALL HOLIDAY CAMP

FITC Academy LTD, 66 Maldon Road, Tiptree, Essex, CO5 0TT

Tel: 07962233893

Email: info@fitc.co.uk



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MAY HALF TERM 2024

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

This MAY, we have two venues for our Football Camps. WITHAM and BRAINTREE. These camps have been designed around the best players and the best teams in world football. The challenges we have designed, have been 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 LAMINE YAMAL OR ERLING HAALAND CHALLENGE?

VENUE	DATES	TIME	AGE	PRICE
<u>BRAINTREE LEISURE CENTRE</u> BRAINTREE, CM7 1FF	Tue 27th - Fri 30th May 2025 (4 days)	10am-3pm	5 -13	£25.00 per day or £80.00 for full camp
<u>WITHAM RECREATION GROUND</u> LABURNUM WAY, CM8 2LG	Tue 27th - Fri 30th May 2025 (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 DECLAN RICE?

FITC MAY CAMP 2025



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



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

COMPETITIONS

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



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- ⦿ Flexible bookings!



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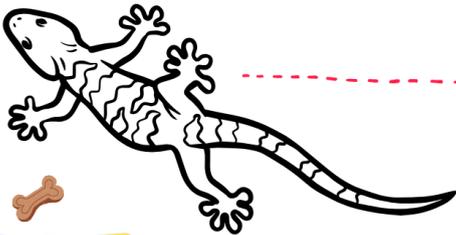
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BARRACUDAS

ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

Name & Colour in your Pet Lizard!

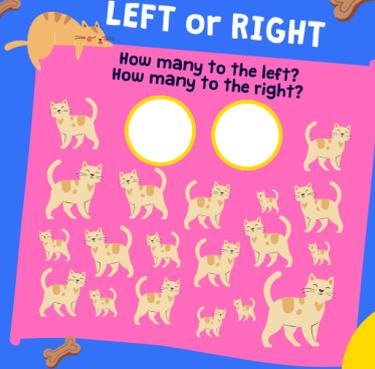


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DOG	FROG	FERRET	PARROT
CAT	RABBIT	MOUSE	TORTOISE
FISH	PUPPY	LIZARD	HAMSTER
BIRD	PIG	KITTEN	CHAMELEON

LEFT or RIGHT

How many to the left?
How many to the right?



SCAN ME!
to see more info about our camps!



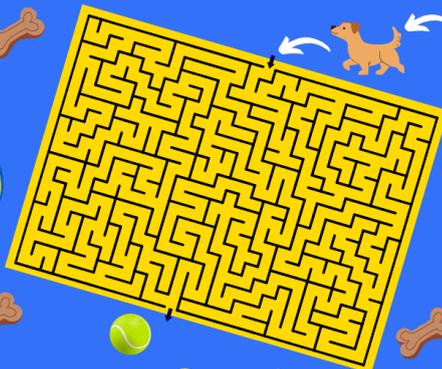
How many Dog Treats can you see?

NATIONAL PET MONTH!

FUN FACT

In 2024, the UK had an estimated 38 million pets, with 57% of households owning a pet.

HEY!
I'm BILLY Barracuda! National Pet Month, which started in 1989, celebrates and raises awareness of responsible pet ownership!



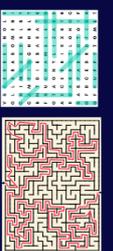
Help max get through the maze to find his ball!

PET ANAGRAMS!

EXAMPLE: ACT = CAT

1. RESTAMH
2. SHOGLDIF
3. BIRTAB
4. LIBERG
5. NEAIUG GIP

ANSWERS



1. RESTAMH
2. SHOGLDIF
3. BIRTAB
4. LIBERG
5. NEAIUG GIP

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MAY HALF TERM School's OUT Activities



Essex's number one Activity Camp is coming to Colchester Royal Grammar School this May Half Term! We can't wait to welcome children from all schools in the Colchester area and beyond for 4 days of non-stop fun!

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May Half Term

Tue 27th - Fri 30th May

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CHOOSE YOUR DAY CAMP

All of our venues provide our range of age-specific clubs. Which one will you be joining this Half Term?



Designed by Primary School Teachers to aid in the development of children in Early Years.

Activities include:

- Sensory Play
- Painting
- Baking
- Drawing
- Water & Sand Play
- Dress-up & Photobooth
- Parachute Fun
- Arts & Craft
- Indoor Bouncy Castle
- Mask Making
- Hungry Hippos
- Treasure Hunts



A day camp for girls and boys who want to explore their creative side, be active and have time to chill.

Activities include:

- Arts & Crafts
- Giant Twister
- Human Hungry Hippos
- Themed Music
- Bake-off
- Ceramics
- Hama Beads
- Jewellery Making
- Sand Art
- Tie-dye
- Dance on Stage
- Archery



A day camp designed for those looking for an action-packed week jammed full of exciting activities!

Activities include:

- Nerf Targets
- Archery
- Football
- Mario Kart Arcade
- Kin-Ball
- Unihoc
- Laser Tag
- PickleBall
- Dodgeball
- Roller Racers
- Basketball
- Inflatables



Once children mature into teenagers they want to gain more responsibility, so we offer them a chance to assist on one of our other day camps whilst having fun during their school break.

Activities include:

- Assigned Mentor
- Working Journal
- Observe & Question
- Apply & Improve
- Assist in Leadership
- Work Experience
- Gain Rewards
- Build Confidence



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FOR EVERYBODY**

Sunday and Monday

**25TH AND
26TH OF
MAY**

**10.00AM
TO
5.00PM**

KIDS

**Joe Peek Puppets
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and more**

ATTRACTIONS

Wrestling
The British Lawn Mower Racing Association
Amazing Reptiles
Petting Farm
The Spotty Boys
Cookery Demo Tent
Chain Saw Carving
Kent Kite Flyers
Archery
Flying Ryan Stunts



- Archery
- Tudor Living History
- Equestrian Fun Club
- Ferret Rescue
- Jonathan Marshall
- Gemmas Farm
- Rural Crafts
- Birds of Prey
- Local trade stands
- Heavy Horses
- AND MORE!



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MAY HALF TERM

COLCHESTER FOOTBALL CAMP

STANWAY SCHOOL, WINSTREE ROAD, COLCHESTER, CO3 0QA

2 Day Camp

Tuesday 27th May and Wednesday 28th May

- 10 am – 1 pm > Age 4–5 years > £20 per day
- 10 am – 3 pm > Age 6–12 years > £25 per day



Book 2 days get £10 off



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Payments can be made by cash or card on the day of camp.



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