

**TERM DATES 2024 - 2025**



**Summer Holidays 2025:**

**Break up: Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2:30pm**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> and Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July are non-pupil days

**TERM DATES 2025 - 2026**



**September 2025:**

Return on: Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> is a non-pupil day

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> is a non-pupil day

**October Half Term 2025:**

Break up: Fri 24<sup>th</sup> October

Return on: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> November

**Christmas Holidays 2025-26**

Break up: Fri 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm

Return on: Mon 5<sup>th</sup> January

**February Half Term 2026:**

Break up: Fri 13<sup>th</sup> February

Return on: Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> February

**Easter Holidays 2026:**

Break up: Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm

Return on: Mon 13<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May is a non-pupil day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May is a Bank Holiday

**May Half Term 2026:**

Break up: Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> May

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> May is a non-pupil day

Return on: Mon 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Summer Holidays 2026:**

Break up: Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30 pm

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July is a non-pupil day

**Forthcoming Events:**

24<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 to West Stow Anglo Saxon Village

2<sup>nd</sup> July - Sports Day

4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Deanery Day

11<sup>th</sup> July - Year 1 trip to Walton Beach

17<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass at 6.00pm

**Last day of this academic year**

**Early Finish**

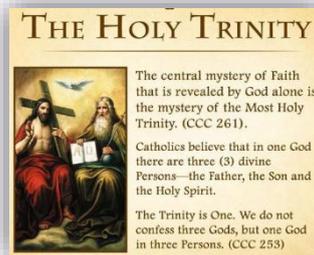
**at 2.30pm**

**on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

**Please note that there will NOT be any wraparound after school club on this day.**

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

We began our week reflecting on the mystery and beauty of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—three persons in one God. We're reminded of the love and unity at the heart of our faith, and how we are called to mirror that unity in our school family.



A huge well done to our netball team, who represented St. Teresa's brilliantly in their away match against Heathlands. As always, we are incredibly proud of all pupils who represent our school in sport—your teamwork, effort and sportsmanship are an example to us all.

On Wednesday evening, I had the honour of attending the Essex Teaching Awards with fellow Headteachers from the Rosary Trust. We were absolutely delighted to receive a 'Highly Commended' award in the category of Leadership Partnership of the Year. It was a joyful evening and a welcome recognition of the collaboration, innovation and hard work happening across our Trust to drive excellence in Catholic education.

Thursday evening brought another very special occasion—our Reception 2025 New Intake Evening. It was such a pleasure to meet the families of our newest pupils and to welcome them into the St. Teresa's family. Miss Hilton, fresh from her Diocesan Assistant Heads Conference, delivered a warm and informative presentation that I know helped settle nerves and build excitement. We're very much looking forward to welcoming the children for their taster afternoons next week, and to seeing all pupils enjoy their transition sessions, meeting new teachers and preparing for the year ahead.

Reception class have been out on a school trip to Highwoods Country Park today. I've already received some lovely photos from Miss East and Mrs Gill—it looks like the children had a wonderful time exploring and enjoying nature.

And now... the moment we've all been waiting for: FOST FEST! The sun is shining, the FOST team have been hard at work all day preparing, and the excitement is building. I can't wait to see so many of you there this afternoon for what promises to be a fantastic community celebration. Huge thanks in advance to our incredible FOST volunteers—before a single raffle ticket has been sold or cake eaten, your efforts are already deeply appreciated.

PS: I'm quietly confident I've avoided the 'ice bucket treatment'... having strategically voted for some very deserving colleagues on ParentPay!

This weekend, I am looking forward to attending First Holy Communion Masses. To all our pupils making their First Holy Communion—know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. May it be a truly blessed and memorable day for you and your families.

God Bless  
Mrs Maguire

## Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Week before ½ term %	This week %
Reception	96.33	98.33
Year 1	93.33	94.00
Year 2	99.33	99.00
Year 3	98.13	95.31
Year 4	99.38	96.56
Year 5	96.25	96.25
Year 6	93.00	94.33
Whole School total:	96.57	96.25

**EVERY  
SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS**

Well done to Year 2 for highest attendance this week!

## Certificates



There was no merit assembly this week due to Reception class being out on their trip and FOST FEST being set up.

### Breakfast Club

Early Bird Breakfast club starts at 7.30am with food served until 8.30am.

Universal Free Breakfast Club opens at 8:15am with children escorted to class up till 8.45am

Please **BOOK** for all breakfast clubs.



### 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.*

### Universal Free Breakfast Club - IMPORTANT

Please note that UNIVERSAL FREE Breakfast Club will be based in the Year 1 Classroom on **Friday 4th July** and **Monday 7th July** due to the Church hall having its floor polished and being unavailable.

For information the Year 1 classroom can be accessed via the prayer garden in the front playground.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### Nursery - government funded childcare

We have been advised that applications are open for 30 hours of government-funded childcare for September 2025.

All eligible working parents of children who will be at least nine months old on or before 31 August can now apply for 30 hours of government-funded childcare for September 2025 through the government's childcare expansion. Parents can check their eligibility and apply at [Childcare Choices](#).

### First Holy Communion

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



### Wrap-Around Care - Advance Notice

Please note that after-school wrap-around care will not be available on the following dates:

- Thursday 18th July 2025 (last day of term)
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (school pantomime day)

We hope that by giving families plenty of notice, alternative arrangements can be made. Thank you for your understanding.





# Sports Day 2025

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

9:30 – Welcome and warm up led by our Sports Ambassadors

Reception	KS1	KS2
Hoola Hoop Egg and Spoon Sprint Reception relays	3-legged Race Egg and Spoon Quoit balance to hurdles Sprint	Skipping Egg and Spoon Obstacle race Sprint

Year group	Predicted start time	Predicted end time
Reception	9:40	10:05
Year 3	10:05	10:30
Year 1	10:30	10:55
Year 4	10:55	11:20
Year 2	11:20	11:45
Year 5	11:45	12:10
Year 6	12:10	12:35

12:40 – House relays

Family picnic to follow. KS1 picnic lunch is provided. KS2 to bring their own packed lunch (unless entitled to FSM).

After lunchtime, families will have the opportunity to participate in some activities led by our wonderful Sports Ambassadors. Who will win? Parents or children? (Please make sure you wear clothes and shoes that you can be active in)

# CLASS MASSES

Father Riq has confirmed his availability to celebrate the following class masses/services:

Year 5 - 24<sup>th</sup> June @ 11:00am

Year 3 - 25<sup>th</sup> June @ 11:00am

Year 4 - 1<sup>st</sup> July @ 11:00am

Reception - 8<sup>th</sup> July @ 2:30pm

Year 1 /2 - 9<sup>th</sup> July @ 11:00am

You are warmly invited to join us in the church to celebrate our class masses.



# St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

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Headteacher: Mrs B Maguire M.A. NPQH



June 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Music lessons at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

We are offering individual music lessons in partnership with Essex Music Service. Music lessons will take place during the school day next term provided by specialist music tutors. Existing students do not need to re-register.

### How do I apply for lessons?

To add your child to the waiting list, please register by 7 July 2025.

When a lesson slot becomes available, Essex Music Service will send an invoice to you.

Payment is required before lessons can begin.

Please register on this link:

<https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1056#/courselist/25>

### How much do lessons cost?

There will be 30 lessons throughout the academic year i.e. 10 lessons a term.

10 x 15-minute lessons per term = £97.50 per term

### Can I get financial help in paying for lessons?

Families with a household income under £24,000 can apply for a 50% discount.

Looked after Children, Adopted Children and those who have had contact with Social Care can receive 10 x free 15-minute lessons per term.

Please register for [Financial assistance here.](#)

### Does my child need an instrument?

Yes, your child will need to take an instrument to individual lessons unless they are having piano or drum lessons.

If you do not own an instrument, Essex Music Service provide low-cost hire for all Essex children.

Please register for [Instrument Hire here.](#)

### Useful information

Please view Essex Music Service's [Terms and Conditions for Parents](#)

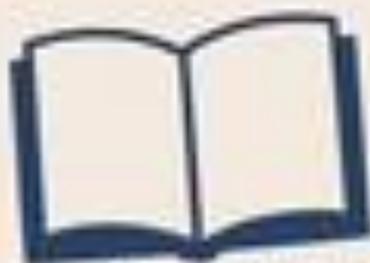
You may wish to read through our new [Parent's Guide to Music Lessons](#)

You can sign up to the Service's [free newsletter 'In Tune'](#) which includes details of music making for pupils during the school term and in school holidays

We look forward to developing your child's love of music!

Yours sincerely

Mrs B Maguire  
Headteacher



**ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# **QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER**

**IN SUPRORT OF OUR NURSERY**

**SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2025**

**7:30 PM**

**A NIGHT OF FUN  
AND REMINISCING 18+**



**GAMES CHALLENGES RAFFLE SURPRISES**



**LET THE PAST AND PRESENT  
UNITE TO SHAPE THE FUTURE**



Scan to  
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**£50 A TABLE  
(MAX 8 ON A TEAM)**

**FREE**

**ESSEX ROCK & MINERAL SOCIETY**



# **ESSEX ROCKS!**

Geology and Fossil Fun for ALL the Family

on  
**SATURDAY 12TH JULY**

**10am - 4pm**

at

**Tollgate Hall, Stanway, Colchester CO3 0RH**

Fizzing Rocks

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**Sales of rocks, minerals & fossils**

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK  
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code  
Book Online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) on the PARENTS page



Schools can purchase a  
**FACE School Annual Membership**  
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**  
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday  
31<sup>st</sup> July

19:00 - 20:00

**FREE**



## Supporting Healthy Screen Use

Screens are here to stay.  
Identifying the issues and step by step guide  
to reduce the negative impact.

Monday  
21<sup>st</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving  
practical interventions. Clear explanation of  
the condition in all its forms and extremely  
useful advice.

Monday  
28<sup>th</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



## Facing Defiance

Specific strategy to help parents manage  
defiant and challenging behaviour,  
especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA  
conditions, 5 to 12 years old.

Tuesday  
29<sup>th</sup> July

10:00 - 11:30

£24

recording available



## Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children  
who are anxious about school.  
Steps you can take to help them back  
into the classroom.



# July Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long  
Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk) Recordings available for 48 hours

Understanding Anger	1 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	1 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	8 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	8 July 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	14 July 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	15 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	15 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Autism Improving Communication	22 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	22 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am

# YOUTH FEST

**5 AUGUST 2025**

Youth Festival is back!  
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# Colchester Royal Grammar School

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## 11+ Open Evening

**Tuesday 24th June**

6.30pm - 9pm

Day school for boys ages 11-18 years  
with a co-ed Sixth Form and Boarding

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GUIDE

Limited parking at rear of school

No booking required

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Also, as your child attends a local school of FITC Academy, we want to give every student from the school, a 20% discount off of the camps.

To take advantage of this, simply click on the below link and type in discount code WKW696.

<https://fitc-academy.classforkids.io>

This discount code will expire on the 27th June 2025, so we encourage you all to book on fast.

## ***FITC SUMMER 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



# F.T.C



## SUMMER CAMPS 2025

### VENUES

BRAINTREE LEISURE CENTRE

KELVEDON ACADEMY

BOREHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

RICKSTONES SPORTS GROUND

**BOOK NOW**



## A DAY AT CAMP

### WARM UP/BALL MASTERY

Once all the players have arrived, we will start the day with a ball mastery warm up along with some activation drills. This will get the players mentally and physically ready for the day ahead.

### TECHNICAL COACHING

For this part of the day we focus on making learning and developing fun. We run lots of professionally designed practices to coach the children many of the attributes in football. This will be via drills, challenges, competitions and games.

### MATCHES/TOURNAMENTS

We will then split into age and physicality relevant groups (while taking friendship groups into account) and start our tournament. We will play round robin games, keeping track of all the bonus points earned throughout the day.



## A DAY AT CAMP

### WHAT WE COACH

Ball manipulation, dribbling, turning, tricks and skills, running with the ball, passing, first touch, shooting, 1v1's, attacking, defending, goalkeeping and more.

### FUN ACTIVITIES

Football Tennis  
Kick Up Challenge  
Cross Bar Challenge  
Competitions  
Player Relevant Challenges (Such as Saka/Salah)

### PRIZES/TROPHIES

Every player who attends a FITC camp will receive a developmental certificate and a medal. There will be trophies on offer for players of the camp and we will also hand out lots of prizes.

## HOLIDAY COURSES

### **Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 and 3 and Learn to ride courses**

**To book, please visit link**

[essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking](https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking)

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



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# CHILDRENS ART COMPETITION

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1<sup>ST</sup>

3 MONTHS OF WEEKEND  
ART CLASSES

2<sup>ND</sup>

1 MONTH OF WEEKEND  
ART CLASSES

3<sup>RD</sup>

AN ART MATERIAL FILLED  
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CREATE A  
PICTURE OF YOUR  
FAVOURITE  
ANIMAL



Use A4 paper and any medium (paint,crayon etc)



Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025



Send entries to:  
Queen Street Art School  
37 Queen Street, CO1 2PQ



If you would like your artwork  
returned send a stamped self-  
addressed envelope with the artwork

