

TERM DATES 2024 - 2025



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:

2nd July - Sports Day

4th July - Year 6 Deanery Day

11th July - Year 1 trip to Walton Beach

17th July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass at 6.00pm

Please be aware that there will be NO school staff led clubs in the last week of term. Tennis and SCS Football Club will be taking place.

**Last day of this academic year
Early Finish
at 2.30pm
on Friday 18th July
Please note that there will NOT be any wraparound after school club on this day.**

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy Friday, it's me again! You have waited so long for a newsletter from me and now you have received 2 in 3 weeks! I have to start the newsletter this week by saying an incredibly huge thank you to the FOST team, led with enthusiasm and drive by Gabby Skinner and also a massive thank you to our whole school community. What an amazing event it was, with the whole school and local community coming together to raise funds for our outdoor provision. The children had an amazing time and I know that you were all so generous. Mrs Shergold, Mrs Maguire, Miss East, Miss Gooneratne and myself were left feeling rather chilly at the end, but all for such a good cause so thank you for all those who voted as the ice bucket challenge alone raised just over £300!

On Tuesday morning I led assembly and we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi, the body of Christ. We listened to the scripture in which Jesus feeds the five thousand and thought about how each time we go to mass, we share in a feast with Jesus when we received his body and blood. We congratulated all of the children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday and ask that you keep them in your prayers as they celebrate their Going Forth Mass this coming Sunday at 9am.

This week has been another busy week at school, I am not sure there really is ever a quiet one with all the amazing learning and extra-curricular activities available for the children. We welcomed our new Reception children and families during transition this week and all the children from Reception - Year 5 met their new teachers and spent two afternoons getting to know them and taking part in exciting tasks and activities. Year 6 have had various transitions to their new schools this week and I know they returned very excitedly with stories of their experiences. As I reminded the Year 1 children this week, change can make you feel a mixture of emotions and if it leaves you feeling worried with butterflies in your tummy, talk to someone you trust because they will always help you.

A team of year 1 and 2 cricketers when to the Colchester Cricket Club on Tuesday to take part in a 3 Tees cricket event. They were so determined and represented the school incredibly, with some other schools commenting on their good behaviour and kindness. They did amazingly well and came back to school with shiny silver medals having come second place! Year 4 went on a very exciting educational trip to West Stow, which is an Anglo Saxon Village, where they learned all about life in the Anglo Saxon era. They explored artefacts and reconstructions of Anglo Saxon buildings and experienced what it would have felt like to be an Anglo Saxon. Year 2 had a visit from the Fire Brigade who brought a fire engine to school and spoke to Year 2 all about modern firefighting as they continue learning about the Great Fire of London. The children were excited to explore the fire engine and even got to use the water hose! Year 5 and Year 3 celebrated their class masses in the church and it was lovely to see so many families joining in with the celebration. Year 4 also demonstrated their amazing talents during their Orchestra performance for their families. It left me with goose bumps when watching and listening to them share their musical talents and I know that Mrs Herron had to hold back tears of pride! Thank you to Mrs Reeves for her dedication when teaching Year 4 this year and sharing her passion for music.

Whilst there are only three weeks left, there are still lots of exciting events yet to take place including Sports Day (please see school dinner menu for information on the picnic), St Teresa's Got Talent, the Year 5/6 production, Bring a ... day, Year 1 and 2's service, Reception's Service, Year 4' mass and of course Year 6's evening mass.

Please look overleaf for information on our 'Nursery Quiz (Saturday 5th July) and 'Bring a ... Day' (Tuesday 15th July).

Thank you all so much for being such supportive and generous families. We are very lucky to have you in our school community.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. God bless you and your families.
Miss Hilton

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Week before ½ term %	This week %
Reception	98.33	99.33
Year 1	94.00	96.67
Year 2	99.00	98.67
Year 3	95.31	96.56
Year 4	96.56	96.56
Year 5	96.25	96.88
Year 6	94.33	98.67
Whole School total:	96.25	97.59

EVERY

SCHOOL DAY

COUNTS

Well done to Reception 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 Sofia
 Y1 Casper
 Y2 Grace
 Y3 Lydia
 Y4 Blake
 Y5 Freddie
 Y6 Lenora

Harry
 Kucha
 Kunmi
 Myles
 Jayden
 Ezra (Golden Quill)
 Rowan

Oscar
 Alicia
 Simi
 Silouanos
 Kasinma
 Jacob P
 Aoife

Intellectual Curiosity

Friendship

Excellent Manners

Resilience

REC Ace
 Y1 Joyelaa
 Y2 Kunle
 Y3 Oscar
 Y4 Erin
 Y5 Amira
 Y6 Blake

Oakley
 Keira & Hermione
 Robyn
 Ellie
 Zara
 Sinead
 Ruth

Katie
 Avryn
 Zohra
 Leila
 Sophie
 Sam
 Nahla

Gabriel
 Bogi
 Edward
 Eddie
 Josie
 Silvia-Grace
 Lewis

Teacher of the week: Miss Garton and Ms Congdon

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.

Catholic Social Teaching Corner



“...those who promote peace have joy.” Proverbs 12:20

Our Global Assembly this week was led by Mrs Lewis and focused on Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day takes place on the last Saturday each June, falling this year on 28th June.

It is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving personnel to Service families, veterans and cadets.

Mrs Lewis began the assembly by reading from Proverbs, encouraging everyone to reflect on why we are called to be peacemakers.

Peace is not just the absence of war. It is part of God’s nature, and a value we should all seek to live out in our daily lives.

Some of the older children from our service families came up to share their experiences of the armed forces and why they are such special men and women who work for peace. Aoife, Jacque, Jacquan, Amar’e and Hugo all spoke so passionately about what their parents do in the Armed Forces and Hugo even brought in his Dad’s kit and explained how it worked. Mrs Lewis reminded the children that Saturday is such an important day to give thanks to all those who not only work for peace, but all those who have been injured or died in the pursuit of peace. This Saturday, offer up your prayers and give thanks to these incredible men and women who serve in the Armed Forces, working for peace in our country and around the world. They are all heroes!

Loving God,

We believe you want to bring your peace to our homes,
our communities and our world. Help us to be peacemakers,
listening to and loving each other.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

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](#).

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 12th 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 2nd 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 lead 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 - 24th June @ 11:00am

Year 3 - 25th June @ 11:00am

Year 4 - 1st July @ 11:00am

Reception - 8th July @ 2:30pm

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

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

BRING A ... DAY

TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2025

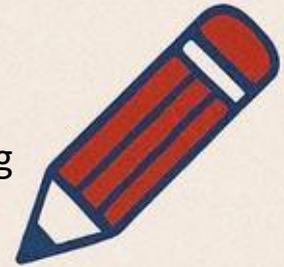
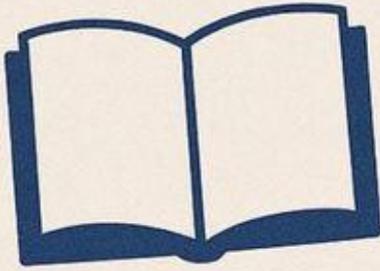


IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE BRING IN A NO LONGER NEEDED ITEM FROM YOUR HOME TO HELP US MAKE OUR RECEPTION AND NURSERY SETTING FEEL MORE LIKE HOME.

LET US DO LITTLE THINGS WELL TODAY

Some of the things we are hoping to collect are listed below. We are trying to remain as plastic free as possible. If you have any baskets you no longer need, we would also be so grateful for them. Some Reception children will be helping to collect the items on the front playground on Tuesday 15th July. All children are invited to wear their own clothes for this special day.

- bowls
- spoons
- trays
- dishes
- serving salad bowls
- trays
- salad spoons
- boxes
- massage rollers
- carvings
- African animals
- wooden masks
- pans for cooking
- frames
- kitchen utensils
- trinket boxes
- chopping boards
- plaques
- wooden carved balls
- curtain rings
- coasters
- woven mats
- wicker baskets
- mug trees
- bread bin
- pots
- jewellery pots
- wooden animals
- serving trays
- spoons, spatulas
- crank telephone



Please secure your table by emailing
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**ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

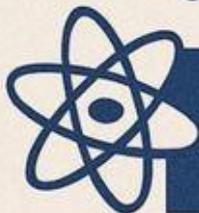
QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER

**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
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**£50 A TABLE
(MAX 8 ON A TEAM)**



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Thursday
31st 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
21st 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
28th 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
29th 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 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



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Boys and girls welcome. Packed lunch and drinks bottle required

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



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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

COLCHESTER MULTI-SPORT CAMP

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1 Day Camp

Wednesday 30th July | Wednesday 13th August

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



20% off when you book
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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



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SUMMER CAMPS 2025

VENUES

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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

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1 MONTH OF WEEKEND
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ANIMAL



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FUN FACT

In England and Wales, school attendance became compulsory for children between the ages of 5 and 10 in 1880!

HEY!
I'm BILLY Barracuda!
Summer has arrived!
It's time to jump in
the pool and play in
the sun!



3 Things I learned
this year?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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SUBJECT WORD SEARCH!

1.Geography 4.P.E. 6.L.T. 8.Art
2.Music 5.Science 7.English 9.Math



SCHOOLS OUT!
FIND YOUR WAY HOME!



SCAN ME!
to see more info
about our camps!

How many SUNS
can you see?

KNOW YOUR ABCS?

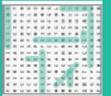
Order the words in alphabetical order
for example... 1. Apple, 2. Ball etc

- Sunshine
- Beach
- Holiday
- Ice cream
- Picnic
- Flowers
- Barbecue

ABC

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

ANSWERS



- Suns: 17
ABCs List:
1. Beach
2. Barbecue
3. Flowers
4. Holiday
5. Ice cream
6. Picnic
7. Sunshine