

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:

8th July - Reception class service at 230pm

9th July - Year 1 & 2 service at 11.00am

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, carers and friends,

We began the week thinking about the great feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. We listened to the story of Saint Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, and reflected on how everyone has the capacity to change—how anyone can find faith. We prayed for the gift of conversion and asked God to help us share the Good News of the Gospel with others, inspired by the life and mission of Saint Paul.



There was plenty of sporting success to celebrate this week! On Monday, pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented our school brilliantly at the Primary Athletics Festival—a fantastic event full of energy and effort. A big thank you to the parents, including our parent governors, who volunteered to transport and supervise pupils on the day—your support made it possible for the children to take part, and we are so grateful.

Sport continued with our amazing Sports Day on Wednesday. Although the picnic was a washout and we missed the last couple of sprint races, it was still a joyful celebration of teamwork, determination and school spirit. Thank you all for coming along—and enormous thanks must go to Mrs Herron, our true sports champion. So much of what she does happens quietly behind the scenes and I'm sure way beyond her working hours(!), from meticulous planning and risk assessments to organising equipment, sorting logistics, and ensuring everything runs smoothly and safely. Her energy, dedication, and passion for school sport is an inspiration to all of us, and we are so fortunate to have her leading the way.

On Tuesday, I was fortunate to attend the Year 4 Class Mass, which was a truly special occasion. It's a joy to see each class mark the end of the academic year with a Mass or prayer service. Thank you to all the parents who joined us to celebrate the Eucharist together.

Today I've not been in school as I've been celebrating Mass with Year 6 pupils from across the Rosary Trust, this time at Our Lady Immaculate Primary School in Chelmsford. After Mass, we enjoyed a giant picnic in the park followed by fun and games on the sports field. It's a privilege to see our Year 6 pupils enjoying these final few weeks before they take their next steps.

Congratulations to Mrs Lewis, who was presented with her CCRS certificate at Brentwood Cathedral today—what a lovely moment of recognition for her commitment to Catholic education.

It's not too late to join us for our Quiz Night this Saturday—further details are overleaf. We'd love to see you there!

I know Miss Hilton said it last week, but I'm still riding the high from the amazing FOST Fest. Thank you again to everyone who supported the day. The FOST team will be in touch soon to share the grand total raised—do try to attend the next AGM to have your say on how the funds will be spent!

Coming up next week: Bikeability, swimming (for Years 1, 5, some Year 6s and Hive), the music concert, Year 1's school trip, Citizenship Awards, and the Year 6 Leavers' Party!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.
God bless,
Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Week before ½ term %	This week %
Reception	99.33	98.33
Year 1	96.67	96.67
Year 2	98.67	97.33
Year 3	96.56	99.69
Year 4	96.56	98.75
Year 5	96.88	96.25
Year 6	98.67	95.67
Whole School total:	97.59	97.55

EVERY

SCHOOL DAY

COUNTS

Well done to Year 3 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 Sophie
 Y1 Adrian
 Y2 Irene
 Y3 Amar'e
 Y4 Alexis
 Y5 Alex

Sofia
 Noah and Jesse
 Katie
 Ethan (Golden Quill)
 Michaiah
 Silvia-Grace

Gabriel
 Kester
 Emily
 Maddie
 Ambrose
 Josie

Intellectual Curiosity

Friendship

Excellent Manners

Resilience

REC Ehioma
 Y1 Layla
 Y2 Cora
 Y3 Joshua
 Y4 Tilly
 Y5 Maisie

Demyras
 Daniel
 Grace
 Kayne
 Jack
 Oscar C

Ruben
 Piniru
 Irene
 Arlo
 Kairos
 Harriet

Oscar
 Mila
 Hugo
 Laila
 Adriana
 Roberta

Teacher of the week: Miss Hilton

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.

Parking

A reminder to please be considerate of other road users, our neighbours and pedestrians when parking to drop off and pick up your children. No cars should be parking on the pavements or across driveways.
Thank you for your continued support by being considerate to all members of our community.

Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for staff to join our team. Please see below for details of the vacancies available and links to the websites where you can apply for the positions:

Experienced Nursery Practitioner

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=112159>

HLTA part-time (2 days) Temporary

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=112167>

Learning Support Assistant

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=112270>



Universal Free Breakfast Club - IMPORTANT

Please note that UNIVERSAL FREE Breakfast Club will be based in the Year 1 Classroom on **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.



ParentPay Accounts

As we approach the end of the academic year, please can we ask that you keep a close eye on your child's ParentPay account to ensure that payments are kept up to date and any outstanding amounts are cleared. This is particularly important if your child is in Year 6.



Ideally your child will have a 0.00 balance on their ParentPay account by the end of term (if you have credits on your child's account these will be carried over to the new academic year or either transferred to a younger sibling or credited back to your account if your child is leaving).

Please note that you can amend the amount that you wish to pay for dinner money to ensure that any 'odd' amounts outstanding can be cleared.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

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.



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.

**Sporting
success at
the Garrison
Athletics**



BRING A ... DAY

TUESDAY 15TH JULY 2025

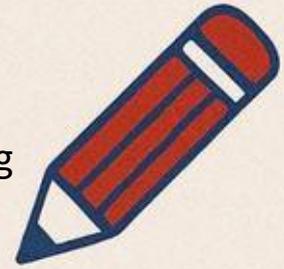


IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE BRING IN A NO LONGER NEEDED ITEM FROM YOUR HOME TO HELP US MAKE OUR RECEPTION AND NURSERY SETTING FEEL MORE LIKE HOME.

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
office@st-teresas.essex.sch.uk

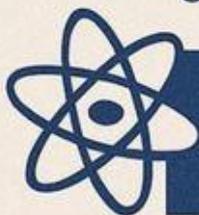
**ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
QUIZ NIGHT
FUNDRAISER

IN SUPRORT OF OUR NURSERY
SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2025
7:30 PM

**A NIGHT OF FUN
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Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each or FREE with a school membership code
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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
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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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



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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



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SUMMER CAMPS 2025

VENUES

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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

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2ND

1 MONTH OF WEEKEND
ART CLASSES

3RD

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ANIMAL



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4. Create a piece of art!
5. Learn about a new country!

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?

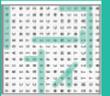
Order the words in alphabetical order for example... 1. Apple, 2. Ball etc

- 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