



Weekly Newsletter

St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School



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2nd Half Summer Term 2025 - Friday 18th July 2025

TERM DATES 2024 – 2025

Summer Holidays 2025:

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

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

As we reach the end of this extraordinary year, I want to thank you for walking the journey with us – and what a year it has been.

In January, we finally welcomed Ofsted after eleven years. It was a moment of huge pressure, but we rose to the occasion. Their Outstanding judgement across all areas was a moment of deep pride and recognition of what we already knew – that St. Teresa's is a place of excellence, warmth, and care.

We didn't stand still. We said yes to the opportunity of opening a nursery. Little Flowers opens in September and we pray it will bless families and the future of our school. Huge thanks to Miss Hilton, Mrs Gill and Mrs Hale for making that vision a reality.

We also expanded wraparound care and launched our Universal Breakfast Club – one of very few locally – as we continue to find creative ways to support our families.

This morning's end-of-year Mass reminded us that each of us has God-given gifts and talents. Our school is full of talents and service- this year has been filled with moments of kindness, growth, resilience and joy.

To our pupils – thank you for the light you bring every day. To our Reception class – your welcome is always the warmest! And to our First Holy Communion children – you prepared so reverently and celebrated beautifully.

To parents and carers – thank you for your support and trust. FOST's record-breaking fundraising is a testament to your generosity. I can't wait to see how this money can be spent- perhaps a dream playground will be the next project!

To staff – your care for children and for each other is extraordinary. Headship can be lonely, but not here – and that's thanks to you.

Finally, to our wonderful Year 6 – your leavers' assembly this afternoon was bittersweet. You're ready for the next step, but you'll always have a home at St. Teresa's.

We wish all our families a summer of rest and renewal. For those moving on, you go with our love and prayers.

God bless,
Mrs Maguire

Please note that after-school wrap-around care will not be available on 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.

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	98.00	93.33
Year 1	97.67	95.67
Year 2	96.33	95.00
Year 3	99.06	97.50
Year 4	97.50	94.69
Year 5	96.56	95.31
Year 6	96.33	93.33
Whole School total:	97.36	95.00

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Well done to Year 3 for highest attendance this week!

Well done to Year 2 for highest attendance overall this academic year!



Certificates



There were no merit certificates - this week we held a special leaver's assembly for our Year 6 pupils.



Goodbye & Good Luck
Year 6



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.

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 your child's ParentPay account.

The cost is £9 per child per session

After School **Club**

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.

Has your child had all their childhood vaccinations?

By the time children start school they should have had their MMR and 4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccinations. If your child missed having these vaccinations, it's not too late!

Childhood vaccines help to protect your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases, and help stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines, such as babies too young to be vaccinated and those who are too ill to be vaccinated.



The MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps and rubella. The 4-in-1 pre-school booster protects against diphtheria, polio, tetanus and whooping cough.

The MMR vaccine can be given at any age, including to adults, and the 4-in-1 pre-school booster vaccine can be given to anyone up to the age of ten.

Speak to your GP practice to book any missed vaccinations.

From January 2026 children who were born on or after 1 July 2024 will be offered their 2nd MMR dose when they attend for the new 18 month appointment.



Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



Arriving in your local library this summer!

The challenge where children across Essex explore the magical connection between storytelling and nature! Read six books or do a range of other challenges to receive a certificate and medal!

**Saturday 19 July to
Saturday 6 September 2025**

Find out more about how to take part in this free activity:

libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge



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Summer Reading Challenge

ACL

FREE



SUMMER FUN



JOIN US IN ACL COLCHESTER

05/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

19/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

26/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

**WANT TO SIGN UP?
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OR VIA THE QR CODE**



**COMMUNITY &
FAMILY LEARNING**



Essex County Council



Good Beginnings Course

A course for parents and carers of autistic children, or those with social communication needs, in reception and younger.

The course covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- play
- sensory processing
- supporting distress and emotional regulation
- eating, sleeping and toileting
- managing anxiety

This course is an opportunity for parents and carers to come together to share experiences and tips in a supportive environment.



Scan the QR code to book
a place





August Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each
or **FREE** with School Membership - 90 minutes long

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk Recordings available for 48 hours

Anxiety Explained	4th 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4th 7pm
What is ACT?	5th 10am
Introduction to OCD	5th 7pm
Raising Self Esteem	11th 10am
Decreasing Depression	11th 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	12th 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	12th 7pm
Improving Family Communication	18th 10am
Autism: Improving Communication	18th 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	19th 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	19th 7pm
Understanding Anger	25th 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25th 7pm
Facing Defiance	26th 10am

COLCHESTER FAMILIES SUMMER PROGRAMME 2025

MON 21ST JULY UNTIL MON 18TH AUG

All activities on the programme are to be accompanied by an adult. All activities are FREE unless stated. Activities must be booked as some activities have limited places available.

Booking process:

Email your local CDW Michelle Dunn Michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk for an annual registration form link and booking information.

Complete forms, email CDW when complete where required. Please note an annual registration is to be completed for all adults and children attending (1 per person).

Please do not expect to turn up on the day without your booking or confirmation.

Bookings close Thursday 17th July
#MISSIT&MISSOUT

If you have any questions, wish to book or need support completing forms, please email michelle.dunn600@mod.gov.uk.



ARMY WELFARE SERVICE | ARMY BE THE BEST | Community Support

Week one

- MONDAY 21ST JULY**
FUNCTION ONE ENTERTAINMENT
SOFT PLAY AND GAMES
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL
- TUESDAY 22ND JULY**
HOME START
HUNGRY LITTLE MINDS
1230-1400
COMMUNITY HALL
- WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY**
PARENTS AND TODDLERS
MAGIC WANDS & FAIRY WINGS
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL
- THURSDAY 24TH JULY**
ESSEX CHILD AND FAMILY WELL-BEING SERVICE
STORIES, MUSIC & ME
1330-1430
COMMUNITY HALL

Week two

- MONDAY 28TH JULY**
FUNCTION ONE ENTERTAINMENT
SOFT PLAY WITH INDOOR / OUTDOOR GAMES
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL
- TUESDAY 29TH JULY**
ESSEX LIBRARY
STORY & RHYME TIME
1000-1200
COMMUNITY HALL
- WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY**
PARENTS AND TODDLERS
COLD COOKING
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL
- THURSDAY 31ST JULY**
ESSEX OUTDOORS FOREST SCHOOL
0900-1200
MEET BY FOREST BEHIND MONTGOMERY SCHOOL

Week three

- TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST**
HOME START
HUNGRY LITTLE MINDS
1230-1400
COMMUNITY HALL
- WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST**
LITTLE LEARNERS MESSY PLAY
1300-1345
COMMUNITY HALL
£3.50 PER CHILD
- THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST**
ESSEX OUTDOORS FOREST SCHOOL
0900-1200
MEET BY FOREST BEHIND MONTGOMERY SCHOOL
- FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST**
PARENTS AND TODDLERS
DINOSAURS FROZEN IN TIME
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL
- FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST**
PARENTS AND TODDLERS
OUTDOOR PLAY & NATURE PICTURES
0900-1100
MEET AT COMMUNITY HALL

Week three

- MONDAY 4TH AUGUST**
8-16YRS ONLY
DJ WORKSHOP / RECYCLE CLOTHES WITH POSCA PENS
1000-1500
MEET AT YOUTH CENTRE
BRING PACKED LUNCH
- MONDAY 4TH AUGUST**
PARENTS AND TODDLERS
PARACHUTE GAMES & SOFT PLAY
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL

BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 17TH JULY
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HUNGRY LITTLE MINDS
1230-1400
COMMUNITY HALL
- WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST**
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COMMUNITY HALL
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0900-1200
MEET BY FOREST BEHIND MONTGOMERY SCHOOL
- FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST**
PARENTS AND TODDLERS
DINOSAURS FROZEN IN TIME
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL

Week four

- MONDAY 11TH AUGUST**
FUNCTION ONE ENTERTAINMENT
SOFT PLAY
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL
- TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST**
HOME START
HUNGRY LITTLE MINDS
1230-1400
COMMUNITY HALL
FREE
- WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST**
PARENTS AND TODDLERS
BUBBLE PARTY
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL
- THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST**
ESSEX OUTDOORS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ESSEX LIBRARY
FOREST SCHOOL
0900-1200
MEET BY FOREST BEHIND MONTGOMERY SCHOOL
- FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST**
PARENTS AND TODDLERS
OUTDOOR PLAY & PASTA
JEWELLERY MAKING
0900-1100
COMMUNITY HALL

Week five

- MONDAY 18TH AUGUST**
THE BIG BEAR FREE ART PICNIC IN PARTNERSHIP WITH FUNCTION ONE
OUTDOOR GAMES
1000-1300
MEET ON FIELD NEXT TO CPL BUDD GYMNASIUM
BRING OWN PICNIC

BOOKINGS CLOSE THURSDAY 17TH JULY
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the partnerships and funders (ABF The Soldiers Charity and HM Treasury) that have helped to make this programme possible.

We are excited to announce that we are registering interest to expand and develop the Greek School of Colchester!

Our charity, "Nostos" (Reg. Charity No. 1213081) promotes Greek language and culture in the local community, currently offering Year 1, Year 3, and KS2 Fast Track classes that connect learners with Greek language, history, dance, and traditions.

We are now looking to welcome more families and learners of all levels. Please get in touch! We'd love to hear from you

✉ info@nostos.org.uk or 07478 083 083

🌐 nostos.org.uk | www.facebook.com/nostosgreekgroup

LET'S LEARN

greek

TOGETHER

Email info@nostos.org.uk or call 07478 083 083 to register your interest

Greek Language and Culture Community of Colchester - Nostos
Reg. Charity No 1213081

GREEK SCHOOL OF COLCHESTER

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Reg. Charity No 1213081

Team Builders



Holiday Club 2025
for ages 5-11

27th August 2025 to 29th August 2025

9:30am until 12pm

Must be pre-booked



GO TEAM

£5

Per Day

At Kingsland Church, 86 London Rd,
CO3 9DW

YOUTH FEST

5 AUGUST 2025

Youth Festival is back!
An exciting festival of events across
Castle Park & Firstsite.

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS COLCHESTER FOOTBALL CAMP

STANWAY SCHOOL, WINSTREE ROAD, COLCHESTER, CO3 0QA

2 Day Camp

23rd & 24th July | 4th & 5th August | 18th & 19th 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
& pay by 22nd July!



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WHATSAPP GROUP



FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT
OUR 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 card on the day of camp.



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SUMMER HOLIDAYS

COLCHESTER MULTI-SPORT CAMP

PARSONS HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL, COLCHESTER, CO4 3EZ

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



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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

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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adventure

**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITY DAYS
BOOK 4
GET 1
FREE!**



CHILDRENS ART COMPETITION

OPEN TO
CHILDREN
AGED 7-11

1ST

3 MONTHS OF WEEKEND
ART CLASSES

2ND

1 MONTH OF WEEKEND
ART CLASSES

3RD

AN ART MATERIAL FILLED
HAMPER

CREATE A
PICTURE OF YOUR
FAVOURITE
ANIMAL



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



Deadline: 1st 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



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ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

HIGHLY RATED
School Holiday
Camps!!!



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AT A SCHOOL
NEAR YOU IN **2025!**
EXCLUSIVE PARENT DISCOUNT

USE CODE **SCHOOL20** FOR AN
EXTRA £20 OFF YOUR BOOKING!

*Minimum 2 days. *Not to be used in conjunction with other offer codes

- ⦿ 4 to 14 year olds!
- ⦿ 80+ Activities!
- ⦿ Choice each session!
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- ⦿ Flexible bookings!



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ACTIVITY DAY CAMPS

Don't Stop
Learning, try this!

1. Read a Book!
2. Bake something new!
3. Explore a new park!
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

Essex Fire Museum Open Day



Sunday 27th
July
2025
10:30AM
To
4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



Tuesday 19th & Sunday 31st
August
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

The Essex Fire Museum is open every Tuesday and Thursday over the school holiday. We don't have enough volunteers to run family fun days each week (with different stands and activities) but families are welcome to attend and have a look at the artefacts we have on site. This might suit some people who prefer a quieter environment. Entrance to the museum is always free but we would still like people to message us before coming, just so we can keep the main station informed of numbers. Our contact is: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

We have three family fun days coming up at the Museum also. These will need to be booked via Eventbrite:

Sunday 27 th July 2025	Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 27 Jul 2025 at 10:30 Eventbrite
Tuesday 19 th August 2025	Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Tue 19 Aug 2025 at 10:30 Eventbrite
Sunday 31 st August 2025	Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 31 Aug 2025 at 10:30 Eventbrite

If you are able to mention this in your newsletter we would be very grateful.

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water 😊).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

Our address and contact details are:

Essex Fire Museum, Grays Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays RM17 5QS **Phone:** [01376 576847](tel:01376 576847)

Email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Website: [Fire Museum \(essex-fire.gov.uk\)](http://Fire Museum (essex-fire.gov.uk))