

TERM DATES 2025 – 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

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
No wraparound care on this day
Return on: Mon 13th April

*Friday 1st May is a non-pupil day
Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday*

Year 6 SATS Week:

Mon 11th – Thurs 14th May 2026

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
No wraparound care on this day
Mon 20th July is a non-pupil day

TERM DATES 2026 – 2027

September 2026:

Return on: Thurs 3rd Sept
*Tues 1st is a non-pupil day
Weds 2nd is a non-pupil day*

October Half Term 2026:

Break up: Fri 23rd October
Return on: Mon 2nd November

Christmas Holidays 2026-27

Break up: Fri 18th December at 2.30pm
Return on: Tues 5th January
Monday 4th Jan is a non-pupil day

February Half Term 2027:

Break up: Fri 12th February
Return on: Mon 22nd February

Easter Holidays 2027:

Break up: Thu 25th March at 2.30pm
Return on: Mon 12th April

*Friday 30th April is a non-pupil day
Monday 3rd May is a Bank Holiday*

May Half Term 2027:

Break up: Thurs 27th May
Return on: Mon 7th June

Fri 28th May is a non-pupil day

Summer Holidays 2027:

Break up: Weds 21st July at 2.30 pm

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

Friday 27th March 2026

(last day of term - early finish)

Friday 17th July 2026

(last day of term - early finish)

Dear parents, carers and friends

We began the week gathered together in worship. Mrs Dyball led us beautifully as we reflected on how we can continue to grow our kindness, empathy and love for others, marking World Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Belonging' – something that sits at the very heart of our Catholic mission.

Jesus of course made everyone feel that they belonged. He welcomed the outcast, ate with those others rejected, comforted the lonely and reminded us that we are all children of God. The children have continued to explore this theme throughout the week in their classrooms, considering how they can ensure that everyone in our community feels seen, heard and loved.

We enjoyed a wonderful Chinese New Year celebration lunch this week – and it truly was delicious! It's very important, in the spirit of belonging, that the rich diversity of our school community is celebrated.

This week our Year 6 pupils were officially registered for their SATs examinations. Parents attended an information evening led by Mrs Lewis, which was both informative and reassuring. Whilst SATs are an important milestone, I would like to reassure families that Year 6 pupils continue to receive their full, broad curriculum. They are being very well prepared, academically and emotionally, and we are incredibly proud of their maturity and commitment.

On Tuesday, two of our Year 6 pupils joined me for a very special cheque handover following our fantastic joint schools BCCS Christmas concert. We travelled alongside pupils from St Thomas More, St Clare's and Holy Family for what was a truly collaborative and uplifting event. I am delighted to share that we donated a cheque for over £3000!



Year 5 and 6 also thoroughly enjoyed their visit to St Benedict's College to watch a performance of Joseph. The children (and staff!) especially loved spotting past pupils on stage – what a joy to see their talents flourishing. Experiences like this inspire our own pupils to dream big.

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend our end of unit RE branch celebrations this week. The children treasure the opportunity to showcase their most precious work. Gathering together in prayer and liturgy to celebrate their learning is always truly special.

This week we practised our lockdown procedures in line with our Martyn's Law policy. The children were carefully prepared in an age-appropriate way and took part sensibly and maturely, without fear or worry. These drills are an important part of ensuring we are fully prepared and able to keep our school community safe, and I was very proud of how calmly and responsibly the pupils responded.

A gentle reminder regarding school uniform. Our uniform is an important part of our identity; it promotes pride, equality and a sense of belonging. When children arrive dressed smartly and correctly, it sets the tone for learning and shows that we are working together in partnership. We are grateful, as always, for your continued support in ensuring children wear the correct uniform, stick to our rules around jewellery and hair styling, wear appropriate footwear and wear our PE kit as opposed to general sportswear.

Today's FOST non-uniform day was, as always, generously supported – thank you so much for your donations. Your continued backing of FOST makes such a difference to the experiences and resources we are able to provide for the children. PS- Keep working hard on your £20.26 challenges- I'm really looking forward to seeing some super fundraising!

God bless and have a wonderful half term break!

Mrs Maguire

Attendance Data

94% and below

94 - 97%

97% and above



	Last week %	This week %
Reception	94.1	91.9
Year 1	95.3	80.0
Year 2	93.0	93.7
Year 3	93.8	90.3
Year 4	92.9	97.5
Year 5	96.8	93.9
Year 6	95.0	96.3
Whole School total:	94.4	92.0



Well done to Year 4 for highest attendance this week!



Menus

Lunch Menu

Week after half term is Week 1

Wraparound Menu

Week after half term is Week 1

Nursery Snack Menu

Week after half term is Week 1

Please visit the school website to view the menus:

<https://www.st-teresas.essex.sch.uk/page/?title=Menus&pid=72>



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

Breakfast club



School Meals

The dinner menus are available on the school website and via Seesaw



After School Club - 3.15 - 6.00pm

Places for the after-school club must be booked via your child's ParentPay account (or by contacting the office for nursery children).

The cost is £9 per child per session YR - Y6

£16.50 per nursery child per full session and £8.25 per nursery child per half 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 18th FEBRUARY

There will be two Masses in the parish on 18th February for Ash Wednesday. The first will be at St John's at 10.00am and the second at St Teresa's at 7.00pm.

There will not be a 10.00am Mass at St Teresa's that day and Parishioners are invited to attend St John's instead.



We carried out a survey to find out how each class like the new play equipment. We asked the questions because we wanted to know how all the children like the new playground. We found out from our questions that most of the children in school like the new playground. New equipment continues to be added outside. We have tyres for fun for all ages. We have taken all the ideas that you have suggested and the school will continue to create a lovely playground for all of us.

Year 1 said that they like the rock-climbing wall best. 'It is hard to get to climb, this makes it fun. We have to push our feet, balance and stretch our arms.'

Year 4 liked the rope bridge, it got the most votes.

Year 3 like the high platforms and the bridge.

Year 2 like everything!



Written by 'Your Voice' representatives

World Book Day

Advance Notice that World Book Day this year is on Thursday 5th March however, we will be dressing up on **Friday 6th March**. The half-term break may be a good opportunity to get your thinking caps on and your sewing machines out ready for costume designing!



St Teresa's Church

First Holy Communion programme 2025/6

Sessions - 9.15am - 10.45 am St. Teresa's school (pick up from the church)

Communion

28/2/26- We give thanks & We remember and celebrate.

21/3/26- We share the bread of life

25/4/26 - Retreat 10 -2pm (children to bring a packed lunch) -

16/5/26 - Reconciliation session - times to be advised

First Holy communion rehearsal

Wednesday 3rd June 2026

6.00pm -Group 1 7.00pm-Group 2

June 7th 2026 First Holy Communion service -9am and 11am (in normal mass)

Going Forth Mass - June 14th @ 9.00am



Future SEND tea/coffee session dates for your diary

Wednesday 11th March 9 – 10:30am

Visiting guest from Autism Anglia.

They offer free autism and ADHD support for families in the Colchester area.



Free Autism & ADHD advice at your pace.

SPACE offers free support to families of children and young people with SEND.

Delivered by peer educators – all parents and carers with lived experience.

Get support your way:

- in person – meet us at Local Offer roadshows, coffee mornings, and community events

April 22nd 1:30 – 3pm

Visiting guest from SPACE.

They will do a brief introduction about their services followed by an informal Q&A with and parents. They welcome any questions related to all aspects of SEND.

Thursday 2nd July 1:30 – 3pm

Visiting guest from Autism Anglia.



Online FREE talk by Jane Keyworth

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

March 26th 7-8pm



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Essex Fire Museum Open Day

2026



17th and 22nd Of February

10:30AM To 4:00PM

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THE YARD PROJECTS'

YOUTH HOLIDAY CLUB

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FEB HALF TERM

**CALLING ALL 10-16 YEAR OLDS COME AND TAKE ON THE 2-DAY CHALLENGE AT THE YARD PROJECT –
DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, AND CREATE LIKE A PRO
TWO DAYS. REAL TOOLS. REAL SKILLS. REAL FUN.**

ACTIVITY:

Join us to create a custom bird box or feeder. You'll have the chance to design, build, and finish your project – then mount it on a stand or attach it to a tree to help attract birds to your area.

DATE:

Tuesday & Wednesday -17th & 18th of FEB 2026

Time:

9:00AM-3:00PM

DRESS CODE:

Old clothes and trainers. (Steel Toecaps not required but can be worn)

LOCATION:

Futures Changing LTD,
Unit 12, Grange Way Business Park, CO28HF

IMPORTANT DETAILS:

CERTIFICATES ON COMPLETION!

SCAN ME



- Please arrive by 9:00am.
- Free breakfast options will be available for students before 9:30am.
- Breaks will be scheduled during the day, and students may go off-site for lunch if they have permission. A permission slip must be returned to TYP prior to attending.
- Any allergies must be disclosed before attending.
- Please ensure prompt pick-up at 3:00pm.
- All activities must be booked and paid for in advance. Students are required to commit to two days in order to complete their projects.

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SCS FEBRUARY HALF TERM COLCHESTER FOOTBALL CAMP

The Stanway School, Winstree Road, Colchester, CO3 0QA

2 Day Camp

Monday 16th February | Tuesday 17th February

- 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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FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OUR SCS EVENTS IN COLCHESTER

PLEASE EMAIL: colchesterscs@gmail.com
or CONTACT 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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SCS FEBRUARY HALF TERM

COLCHESTER MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

Braiswick Primary School, Apprentice Drive, Colchester, CO4 5SE

1 Day Camp

Friday 20th February

- 10 am - 1 pm > Age 4-5 years > £20 per day
- 10 am - 3 pm > Age 6-15 years > £25 per day



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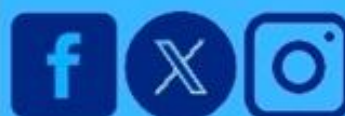


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Free Family Fun Day!

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Join us in the Kingsland building and car park with a whole day of community fun!

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Saturday 21st February
11am - 4pm



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