



Dates for Your

DIARY



JULY

21st July - Last day of term

2nd Sept - children return to school

FSM VOUCHERS - Summer Holidays

Funding has been made available from the DWP Household Support Fund to provide a one-off £50 supermarket voucher to each eligible FSM pupil.

Voucher codes will be sent to those eligible as soon as the system is up and running. Codes are valid for 3 months..

Year 6 Uniform 2025-26

Those still waiting for jumpers, we are hoping to receive them over the holidays ready for collection on 1st Sept. A text will be sent out to advise when to collect.

NEWSLETTER

A message from the

PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/carers

As we reach the end of the term there is much to celebrate. Over recent weeks we have celebrated our children that have achieved 200 reward points with their hot chocolates, we have celebrated children receiving 300 reward points with an afternoon tea with an invited guest – well done to these children for showing the Ravens Values.

We also celebrate our Year Six children who shared their talents with us in their leaver's assembly with their own production of 'Get me out of here!', good luck to our year six children in their new schools.

Well done to our 17 children who achieved 100% attendance and got to go on a school trip to Hasty's Farm – Mrs Love was very proud. We were also proud of all the children who achieved 95% attendance and got to go on the bouncy castles last week. Well done to all these children! We know that with good attendance you have a greater chance of success – well done!

As we reach the end of the term we also have some goodbyes to say, Mrs Yes who has taught Michael Jordan Class this year and Mrs Parry both leave us this term and we wish them the best of luck in the future. Mrs Boggas in our finance team also leaves, taking retirement, and will now have an opportunity to travel – we wish her amazing adventures and hope she sends us a postcard.

Have an amazing holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 2nd September.

Mrs M Cartwright

Principal



Year 6



Year 6 Sleepover & Festival

One of the most unforgettable moments for Year 6 was the school sleepover and our RAVFEST. They stayed up late with friends, played games, told stories, and laughed until their sides hurt. The festival was just as amazing — face painting, dancing and full of fun. It felt like the perfect celebration to end their time in primary school whilst making unforgettable memories. A big thank you to all staff that helped out with the events giving up their own time, it would not have happened without the dedication of Ravens Staff.

Ravens staff are so proud of year 6 2025!

Now it's time for new adventures. Secondary school is just around the corner, and though it might feel a little scary, you are ready. So good luck to all of you and remember you are all amazing!



THANK YOU

to our local Scout group for
lending their tents to the
school for the Year 6 sleepover.



If you are interested in joining the
Scouts, please contact:

1st CLACTON SCOUT GROUP

Tuesdays 6-8pm

£4 per week

Call 07860 824239

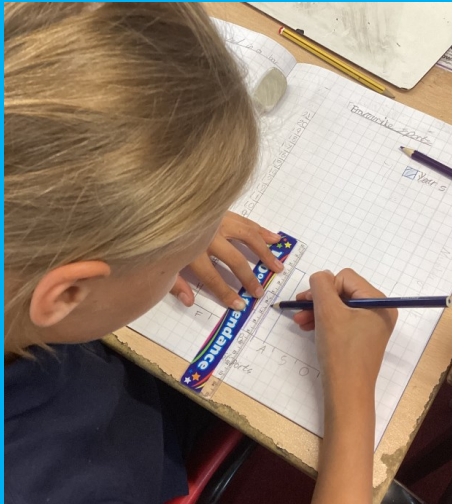
Sports Week!!

Sports Week at our school was a vibrant celebration of athleticism, teamwork, and school spirit!

As part of our **Sports Week 2025** celebrations, we were honoured to receive support from a number of companies and local businesses whose contributions helped make the event a success.

- Clacton Rugby Club
- Great Athletes
- Amazing Activities
- Bradley Higgins





Free School Meals Information

Attention Parents/Carer's of current Year 2 children

RE: Free School Meal Entitlement.

As you may be aware all children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) receive a school meal under the governments Universal Free School Meals scheme. As of September 2025 when your child goes up to Key Stage 2 (Year 3) this will no longer apply.

You can either provide a home packed lunch or your child can still opt for a School Meal at a cost of £2.95. School Meals must be paid for using our online payment system in advance.

Ar-rears are not allowed.

Free School Meals are available to some parents/carers if the eligibility criteria is met. We have our own online checking service and would have already established if you are entitled to Free School Meals. If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals then please apply online via the Essex County Council website—

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals/apply-free-school-meals>

We will only be able to provide your child with a Free School Meal once confirmation is received by the school either from Essex County Council or via our own eligibility check.

You can apply from 1st August to ensure the confirmation from Essex County is ready for our return in September.

FSM Vouchers for Summer Holidays:

We have been advised by Essex County Council that the supplier account through which the school issues super-market vouchers has been affected by a phishing scam.

As a precautionary measure the Council have had to freeze all school accounts to prevent fraud. This means we cannot issue any vouchers until further notice. The Council is working with the voucher supplier to find a quick solution. We realise that with the holidays upon us the timing of this situation is not ideal, but we will be liaising with the Council and as soon as we receive instructions from them we will act to ensure you receive your voucher as soon as possible. Please keep an eye out for further communications.

Summer Hols Free Activities!

All eligible parents received a code on 20th June, see below for more information and how to book.



Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?


Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

www.activeessex.org

  @EssexActivAte



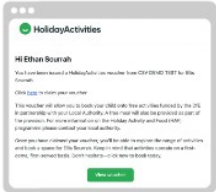
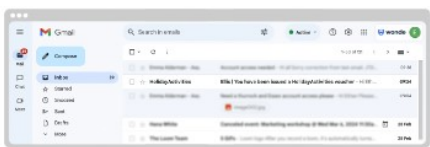


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

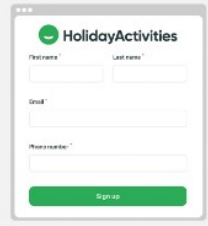
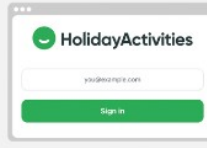
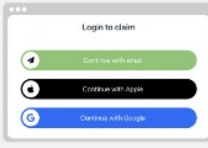
Step 1 – Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



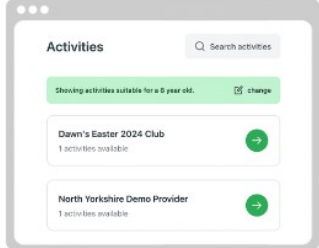
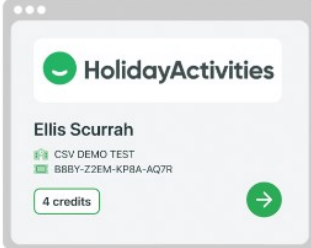
Step 2 – Select **Continue with email** and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



Step 3 – Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.



Safeguarding

Please be vigilant during the Summer Holidays when around water. There is lots of information and safety advice on the Tendring District Council website : <https://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/content/beach-safety>

Beach Safety

The beach is a great place to be, especially during the summer months, and there are some simple steps you can follow to stay safe.

Know your flags!



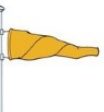
When the red and yellow flag is flying, it shows that the beach lifeguards are on duty in between the two flags.



The red flag indicates DANGER! Never enter the water when this is flying.



When the black and white chequered flag is flying, this means an area of water has been marked for watercraft. For your own safety, do not swim in these zones.



The orange windsock flying shows that the wind conditions are especially dangerous. Under no circumstances should you take an inflatable out onto the sea.

Find the red and yellow flags and swim between them. Always read and obey any safety signs but if in doubt, ask one of our Beach Lifeguards. Always swim where there are other people around or better still, swim with a friend!

Inflatables

Inflatables are great fun especially in a pool but can pose a danger when used in the sea. If you insist on bringing one with you to the beach, there are some precautions you should follow:

- Children's inflatables should always have a line connected which is held securely by an adult on the shore.
- Make sure children are within easy reach at all times.
- NEVER take an inflatable out in strong winds or when you see large waves.

A wind blowing off shore can be misleading - the sea can look calm and safe by the beach but can very quickly sweep an inflatable away from the shore. It only takes a slight breeze to blow an inflatable out to sea.

What to avoid when swimming

When swimming if you get into trouble stick your hand in the air and shout for help. If you see someone in difficulty, alert the Beach Patrol immediately. If none are visible, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

Keep away from piers, groynes, harbour walls, breakwaters, jetties, outflow pipes and sea defences as in certain conditions they can cause serious injury. This is because conditions around these structures are changeable with rips, undertows, large breaking waves and unpredictable wake from passing vessels. The water's depth can also change suddenly and without warning.

Keep an eye on the tide - always check the tide before you enter the water. Also you must be careful that you are not cut off by a tide when walking along the shore.

Be safe in the sun!

No one wants a spoilt day on the beach because of too much sun. Spending even a short time in the sun can give you sunburn, heat exhaustion or heat stroke which is why you need to protect yourself by:

- slipping on a hat
- slipping on a long-sleeved t-shirt
- using appropriate sunscreen

The hottest part of the day is between 11am and 3pm so try to avoid being in the direct sun during these times where possible.

Our Beach Patrol Teams are there to help you make your stay on the beach as safe as possible - do not hesitate to speak with them if you have any queries or require further information.

If you have any concerns over the holidays please see below useful contact information:

Contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or email: help@NSPCC.org.uk

Childline: 0800 11 11

Essex County Council's Children and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627. For adult safeguarding concerns, call Essex County Council Adult Social Care on 0345 603 7630.

Send



SEND COFFEE MEETINGS

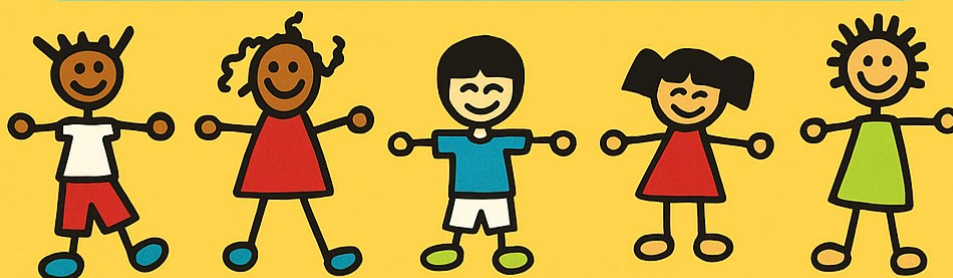


Autumn
2025

September 18th 2.45–3.15
Meet your SENDCO

October 16th 2.45–3.15
**Referrals Come for support
with a referral for your child.**

December 4th 2.45–3.15
Christmas Coffee Afternoon
All welcome





“School keeps you safe, it educates you, it prepares you for your future. Don’t miss out!”

Celebrate 100% attendee’s! Mrs Love rewarded the children who have not missed a day in school for the whole year with a trip to Hasty’s Farm



ATTENDANCE

For all school attendance queries or if your child is going to be absent from school please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Love on:

01255 424 328 option 4





ACL **FREE**

SUMMER FUN

JOIN US IN ACL CLACTON

30/07/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00
 06/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00
 13/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00
 20/08/2025 10:00 - 12:00 OR 13:00 - 15:00

WANT TO SIGN UP?
[ACSESSEX.COM/FAMILY LEARNING](https://acsessex.com/family-learning)
 OR VIA THE QR CODE



COMMUNITY & FAMILY LEARNING

ACL **Essex County Council**

Local Activities

CLACTON RUGBY CLUB

MINI & YOUTH PLAYER TRIALS

If you child is aged between 6 and 16, boy or girl, we're looking to strengthen our teams with new talent for next season!

What We're Looking For:

- Children up to Year 3 to join new and established tag rugby teams
- Children and Youths up to Year 11 to join established boys and girls contact rugby teams

What We Can Offer:

- Opportunity to join some great teams
- Develop sports and life skills both on and off the pitch
- Play regular matches, festivals and tournaments across Essex and Suffolk
- Social events
- Low cost to take part - £35 joining fee, £10/month subscription

If you're ready for a new challenge we'd love to hear from you!
 Trials will take place at 10:00 every Sunday in August, so get in touch now!

INTERESTED?

Contact MY Chairman, David Williams on 07779 640 746
 Or email: ClactonMYRugby@gmail.com

GET IN TOUCH TODAY!





LUNCH NEWS

A new menu will be served from September 25: The website has been updated.

W/c 1st Sept—Week 1

W/c 8th Sept—Week 2

W/c 15th Sept—Week 3

Please ensure the school are aware of any food allergies or dietary requirements your child has.

PACKED LUNCHES

Please be reminded we are a nut fee school.

Term dates

Summer Hols

Pupils finish: Mon 21st July

2025 –2026

Autumn

2nd Sept: Children return

27th—31st Oct: Half term

3rd Nov: non pupil day

18th Dec: Last day of term

Spring

5th Jan: Children return

16th-20th Feb: Half term

27th March: Last day of term

Summer

13th April: Children return

4th May: Bank hols

25th-29th May: Half term

26th June: non pupil day

17th July: Children finish for the Summer hols

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our uniform supplier is PMG school wear, please go to www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk to order uniform.