



THORPEDENE SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

ACHIEVING, CARING AND RESPECTING WITH CONFIDENCE

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We've had a lot to celebrate this week with a busy end to the Spring Term at Thorpedene. Our Year 2 classes visited Belfairs Woods exploring wildlife and habitats and Swans class spent the day at Hadleigh Farm learning about animals and their homes.



After the Easter break we are launching our brand new clothes recycling bin as part of our Sustainability plan. You will have seen the new addition as you enter the school. Our School Council set up and ran a poster competition and had the difficult job of choosing the winners! Well done to all of the entries who receive house points and the overall winners.

This week we also saw our Early Years and Key Stage 1 Easter Bonnet Parade, we were amazed at the amount of children who had taken time to prepare their hats and the number of Parents and Carers who attended to support this event - thank you.

Mrs. Frost

Reminder

All children are expected to wear our full school uniform when attending school - unfortunately we have noticed an increase in children not wearing the correct school uniform including hoodies and tracksuit bottoms, instead of school jumpers and trousers. On PE days children attend school wearing their school PE kit.

Let's start the new term with all children wearing the correct uniform - a reminder of our uniform expectations can be found here [Thorpedene Primary School & Nursery - School Uniform](#)

We always have a selection of good quality second hand uniform in school - please speak to a member of the Office staff if we can help provide correct uniform for your children.



Congratulations to these children who were presented with their Easter treat in our Celebration Assembly this week.



William - Chicks
Frankie - Ducklings
Amalie - Reception
Harley M- 1S
Louis H- 1N
Misty Mae - 2W
Blair Crowhurst - 2B





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INFORMATION & ATTENDANCE

Class	%
1S	98.5%
4W	97.4%
1N	97.1%
3F	95.8%
3C	95.2%
6L	95%
4SR	94.3%
2B	94.3%
4B	94.2%
2W	94%
5W	92%
5M	91.7%
5LG	91.6%
6S	89.3%
Swans	86.7%
Total	93.8%

Congratulations to 1S for getting 98.5% attendance
And 4W and 1N for reaching the school attendance target of 96%

HAVE A GREAT EASTER HOLIDAY

We are back in school after the Easter Holiday on Monday 13th April. The gates will be open at 8.35am until 8.45am.

We look forward to seeing you all then.

Please remember that if your child is unable to attend school, to safeguard your child we need to be informed each day by either telephone, leaving a message on the App or emailing the school office before 8.30am.

Please give the name of your child, their class and the reason why your child is not able to attend school that day.



Attendance Matters





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CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN

Thorpedene Stars!

Each week our Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Frost, Mr Hamilton, Mrs Jackson-Mayo and Miss Carter) select one child each from across the school who has stood out for their demonstration of one of our Core Values of ACHIEVING, CARING, RESPECTING and CONFIDENCE.

Congratulations to the children below for being this week's stars!

- ★ Marni in 5M for being such a CARING member of Thorpedene School ★
- ★ Millie in 5W for continuous hard work and ACHIEVEMENT in class! ★
- ★ Harvey 4W for working hard on his CONFIDENCE in working with others and writing more sounds within his writing more independently ★
- ★ Jack G in 2B for engaging in the Year 2 trip this week and being RESPECTFUL to adults and showing kindness to his friends. ★

Congratulations to the following students achieving in Accelerated Reader, Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots!



Swans:	Accelerated Reader	TTRS	NUMBOTS	Nessy	Most nuggets earned	Most time working
Ashleigh	4SR: Evie	Yr3: Zane	1N: Luke	Louie (1N)	Freddie (3C)	
1N: Ali	4W: Jenson	Yr4: Freddie	1S: Remie	Emma (2W)	Destiny (4B)	
1S: Grace	5LG: Charlotte	Yr5: Frankie	2B: Ivy	Noah (3F)	Kian (4W)	
2B: Jack	5M: Marni	Yr6: Jimmy	2W: Aaliyah	Destiny (4B)	Connor (5M)	
2W: Emma	5W: Sophie			Kian (4W)	Elijah (6S)	
3C: Ilinca	6L: Elijah			Alex (6L)		
3F: Noah						
4B: Larissa						





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COMIC RELIEF 2026

Here are some photos from our children enjoying Red Nose Day last Friday, where we raised £137.88.

They were set a series of Taskmaster Challenges to complete in their classes throughout the day to have fun and test their brains while raising some money for a worthy cause!



Southend East Community Academy Trust



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WHAT ELSE HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Thank you to all the grown-ups who came to 1N's enrichment morning, the children had great fun learning about and building windmills this week for their Design and Technology topic. With the weather being so windy this week, we even got to test them outside on the playground.





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This week Year 5 investigated how shadows change as the day goes on. They enjoyed drawing round their shadows with chalk and seeing how they grew throughout the day!





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On Monday, Reverend Dave from St. Augustines Church joined the KS1 assembly to talk about what Easter means to Christians. He brought a Simnel cake, Hot Cross Buns and an Easter Egg and what they represent at this time of year.



On Tuesday, Year 2 visited Belfairs Woods to learn about habitats, go on a bug hunt, become honeybees and bumblebees in a race to get the pollen and become tree detectives and get to know the characteristics of a tree.

The children behaved well and enjoyed learning about nature and some woodland friends.





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Last week, 3F performed their sea-shanty themed class assembly to Parents/Carers. The confidence shown by the children to speak clearly, sing loudly and share the history of the seaside and Southend On Sea. Well done all!



Here are some more amazing photos from Miss Blatch's Year 5 photography club! Can you work out what the pictures are spelling out? Well done to all the children who took part!





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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Essex Wildlife Trust Registered Charity No. 20095

Easter Holiday Events in South Essex

30th March	31st March	1st April	2nd April
Langdon Lake Explorers Grange Farm Forest Family Fun Langdon Wild Evening Out	Ingrebourne Wilder Holiday Club Belfairs Fairies and Elves Bedfords Nature Tots Special & Family Forest Fun Grange Farm Nature Tots Special	Langdon Nature Tots Special Ingrebourne Family Forest Fun	Langdon Wilder Holiday Club Grange Farm Pond Dipping Belfairs Nature Tots Special & Family Forest Fun Bedfords Den Building & Easter Crafts
3rd April	4th April	5th April	
Thameside Egg-Celent Easter Grange Farm Egg-Citing Easter Langdon Woodland Storytime Belfairs Den Building Langdon Family Forest Fun	Langdon Easter Crafts Belfairs Nature Boat Race Grange Farm Egg-Citing Easter	Bedfords Egg-Citing Easter	Thameside Family Forest Fun Thameside Paracord Workshop

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Easter Holiday Events in South Essex

6th April	7th April	8th April	9th April
Thameside Egg-Citing Easter Belfairs Nature Scrapbooking (Family & Adult and Teen Sessions) Langdon Pond Dipping	Ingrebourne Wilder Holiday Club Bedfords Nature Tots Special & Family Forest Fun	Grange Farm Wilder Holiday Club Langdon Nature Tots Special & Family Forest Fun Ingrebourne Adventurers Thameside Wild Evening Out Ingrebourne Wild Evening Out	Langdon Wilder Holiday Club Grange Farm Nature Tots Special & Family Forest Fun Belfairs Nature Tots Special & Family Forest Fun
10th April	11th April	 <p>Scan the QR code for timings and more information. Or head to our website essexwt.org.uk/events</p>	
Belfairs Wilder Holiday Club	Bedfords Wild Evening Out		

Week 1

Week 2

Easter Holidays

At Belfairs with the Wilder Learning Team

Fairies and Elves
Tuesday 31st March
10am - 11:30am ; 1:30pm - 3pm
£7.73 per child

Nature Tots Special
Thursday 2nd & 9th April
10am-12pm
£8.80 per child

Wilder Holiday Club
Friday 10th April
9am - 3pm
£37 per child

Family Forest Fun
Thursday 2nd & 9th April
2pm-4pm
£8.80 per child

Easter Weekend

Den Building
Good Friday 3rd April
11am - 12pm; 1pm - 2pm;
2:30pm - 3:30pm
£5.64 per person

Nature Scrapbooking
Easter Monday 6th April
For Families 10:30am - 12:30pm
For Teens & Adults 2pm - 4pm
£8.80 per Child/Teen, £10.88 per Adult

Nature Boat Race
Saturday 4th April
10am - 12pm ; 1:30pm - 3:30pm
£8.80 per person



Scan the QR Code for more information.
Or head to our website www.essexwt.org.uk/events and filter location for Belfairs

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EASTER SOCCER ★ SCHOOLS 2026 ★

**SOUTHEND UNITED
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

DATES

- Week 1: 30/03/26 - 02/04/26
- Week 2: 07/04/26 - 10/04/26

VENUES

- Garon Park
- Clements Hall
- Eversley Leisure

TIMES

- 9:00am - 3:00pm (PAID)
- 10:30am - 2:30pm (HAF)

Scan Here To Book!



£25 PER DAY!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE - BOOK EARLY!

Fun Football Games
 Skill Development
 Matches & Tournaments
 Qualified Coaches
 Prizes & Awards
 Make New Friends!





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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS

FREE WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/ CARERS

of primary aged children to support with
mental health and wellbeing

Provided by your Mental Health Support Team
@EssexHST_and_SETcamhs

bit.ly/3MaR1wj



Coming up in April...

Positive Parenting: Supporting Your
Child with Challenging Behaviour
1st April 7 pm

Understanding Anxiety & Emotional
Based School Avoidance
21st April 10 am



CART AND WAGON SHED



CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION

Celebrating Southend City Day

EASTER CRAFT MORNING AND SERVICE

Free craft activities, refreshments,
and a short Easter service for
primary school age(ish) children
and their families*.

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL 2026
10 - 12
St Augustine's Church Hall
SS1 3HX

www.st-augustine.info 01702 587597
* Children must be accompanied by an adult
No need to book, just come along!

ST AUGUSTINE'S
Thorpe Bay

The Cart & Wagon Shed have organised an art competition celebrating Pride in Shoeburyness. They welcome entries from local children. All entries will feature in a special exhibition to be held during our VE Day celebrations on Saturday 2nd May at the Cart and Wagon Shed. Please click on the link for further information.

[The Cart and Wagon Shed - Children's Art Competition - Celebrating Southend City Day | Facebook](#)





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MARCH	
30 th - 10 th Apr	EASTER HOLIDAY
APRIL	
24 th	Healthy Carnival: 3.15pm - 3.30pm
29 th	Year 4 School Trip to Barleylands Farm
29 th	Swans Parent Enrichment Session: 9.10am
MAY	
6 th	5W Class Assembly: 9.05am
8 th	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore With Me Session: 2.30pm
11 th - 15 th	Year 6 SATs
18 th	Year 3 Egyptian Day (<i>children are invited to dress up as an Egyptian</i>)
25 th - 29 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
JUNE	
9 th	KS2 Borough Sports
17 th	Class Photos
19 th	Father's Day Sale
22 nd - 24 th	Year 6 Residential Trip
23 rd - 24 th	Super Sports
26 th	EYFS/Yr 1 Explore with me Session: 2.30pm
JULY	
1 st	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
1 st	Year 5 & 6 Sports day
3 rd	Transition Day
6 th	Summer Fayre: 3.30pm
7 th	KS1 Borough Sports
8 th	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
9 th & 10 th	Year 5 Residential
10 th	Nursery Sports Day
13 th	Enrichment Session for Whole School: 2.00pm - 3.00pm
13 th	Open Afternoon: 3.15pm - 4.30pm
15 th	Year 6 Production: 1.45pm
16 th	Year 6 Production: 6.00pm
23 rd	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 9.15am
23 rd	School Closes at 1.00pm to all pupils for the Summer Holidays

