The Buzz
Keeping you up to date with our weekly news bulletin
Earls Colne Primary School and Nursery
AUTUMN TERM EDITION NO. 9

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Welcome to the Earls Colne Primary and Nursery School Newsletter.

UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS

If you have recently changed address, would you please update the school office asap, so this can be updated on our system.

2024 POPPY APPEAL

Well Done Everyone!
We wanted to pass on our thanks from our local Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal team, who informed us the school raised a massive £238.27 for the Poppy Appeal this year.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The last day to pre-order a Christmas lunch is Friday 06th December, please make sure you have put your order in to avoid any disappointments.

Key dates – 2024-25	
December 2024	
Saturday 07th	Christmas Fair at the Village Hall
Tuesday 10th	KS1 Nativity performance (1.45pm)
Wednesday 11th	KS1 Nativity performance (1.45Pm)
Thursday 12th	Reception Nativity performance (2pm)
Thursday 12th	Christmas Jumper Day!
Wednesday 18th	Early Years & KS1 Carol service – 9.15-10.00am (Families welcome) KS2 Carol service – 10.30-11.15am (Families welcome)
Thursday 19th	Christmas Lunch & wear a Christmas jumper too!! (No tuck KS2)
Friday 20th	Last day of term!
January 2025	
Monday 06th	First day of term!

3PR Weekly Totaliser Champions!

This week's winners are Zebra Class!

Well done for working so hard!

Aaliyah Mannering – For being really sensible and remembering adult's direction.
Flori Wood and Henry Taylor – a sensational poem about Autumn.

Attendance Champions

Congratulations to 4C class whose attendance was a fantastic 97.3% for the week beginning 25th November 2024.

Be a Star!
CHRISTMAS PRESENT APPEAL
Please support our Christmas Present Appeal by donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present.
You can drop off your donations at The Salvation Army Corps at 26-28 Rayne Road, Donation Centre on Anglian Way or the Braintree Police Station .
The gifts will then be sorted and distributed to families in the area.
You can also scan the QR code which takes you to our Amazon Wishlist.
SCAN ME
Last collection date is Monday 23rd December
Suggested gift list:
We believe every child deserves a new gift at Christmas so we are unable to take used or second hand items for the Christmas Present Appeal.
0-3 years: dolls, teddy bears, cot mobiles, baby clothes, bath toys, CDs of suitable music and nursery rhymes, puzzles
3-5 years: dolls and action figures, cars, lorries, DVDs and CDs (music and nursery rhymes), colouring sets, pencils, crayons, books, puzzles
5-9 years: educational games & toys, stationery (colouring sets, pencils, crayons, school sets), CDs & family friendly DVDs, books, puzzles, wordsearch, crosswords
9-12 years: games and toys, stationery, DVDs, books, t-shirts, hair accessories, gloves, scarves, hats
13-16 years: books, make-up and toiletries (please try to ensure non-allergic ingredients if possible), gloves, scarves, hats, t-shirts, hair accessories and gift vouchers
The Salvation Army is a Christian church and registered charity in England (214779), Wales (214779), Scotland (SCO09359) and the Republic of Ireland (CHY6399)

WINTER HOLIDAY
School's OUT
Activities
The number one activity camp in Essex is coming to Colchester Royal Grammar School this Winter Holiday! We can't wait to welcome children from all schools in the Colchester area for festive winter themed activities!
Accept all Childcare Vouchers & Gov.UK Tax Free Childcare
Ofsted Early Years Provider
HAF FUNDING
Head to app.holidayactivities.com to make your booking!
COLCHESTER ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Creffield Road Entrance, Colchester, Essex, CO3 3ND
Ofsted Number: EY548121
Winter Holiday
Thursday 2nd January
Friday 3rd January
NORTH POLE
Scan for Info
www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk

AN AFTERNOON WITH Santa
at Courtaulds Halstead Bowls Club
Wednesday 11 December 2024
Colchester Road, Halstead, CO9 2EN
3:30-5:00pm & 5:30-7pm slots available
Santa visiting and handing out each gift
Meet the EHAAT mascot
Raffle
Games and activities
For the whole family!
Refreshments available to purchase
Licenced bar
Hot dogs, bacon rolls, snacks, treats
Tea and coffee
£10.00 per child
Must be booked in advance
Suitable for ages up to 11 years
Non-refundable
To register your interest and book your place please email visitsanta@ehaat.org
COURTAULD HALSTEAD BOWLS CLUB
In aid of
Essex & Herts Air Ambulance
Your local life-saving charity
Charity Number: 1108989

HOLIDAY
CRAFT CLUB
CHRISTMAS & NYE
FESTIVE CRAFTS, COOKING,
GAMES, DISCO
INDOOR & OUTDOOR PLAY
9AM-3PM
additional times available
Quaker Meeting house
23rd & 30th dec
FIND OUT MORE
HTTPS://THE-CRAFT-HUB.CLASSFORKIDS.IO/CAMP/10

Your community

Are you interested in being involved in a community group? Would you like to develop your own group and work in partnership with your local Family Hub? Please contact our Community Connector on 0300 2470014 or essexmid-PB19adminhub@nhs.net

Volunteering Opportunities

If you have skills or time to spare and would like to volunteer with us across various locations in Braintree, please contact us on 0300 2470014 or essexmid-PB19adminhub@nhs.net

Early Support – 0-19 years

We have staff available Monday – Friday who can provide advice and support to children, aged 0-19 years, and families in our local community. This can include behaviour support, child development, toileting, sleep, getting out and about, connecting with people in your community, transition to school or senior school, school Readiness, healthy lifestyles and emotional wellbeing

Drop in Self weigh

An opportunity for you to 'drop in' to our hubs and weigh your baby/child – no need to book an appointment. A member of the team will be available for support if needed.

BookTrust Bookstart

Bookstart aims to encourage a love of books, stories and rhymes in children from as young an age as possible – Within our sessions, we will be incorporating stories, songs and rhymes plus sharing tips and strategies for parents to continue to share books and songs with their children.

HOME START Essex

help families from all backgrounds, with at least one child under the age of 5, through their most challenging times. To find out more please speak to a member of our staff as we have family groups that run within our family hub and delivery sites or visit their website.

www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

0300 2470014

Carousel Family Hub – Braintree District

hcrg Care Group

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Believe in children Barnardo's

Braintree District: 6th January – 4th April 2025

Welcome to your local family hub, where you can access **free**, friendly and high-quality health services in your community, school, online or family home. We offer a variety of sessions to support your child's development and build strong parent-child relationships.

Family Hubs ensure that children, young people and families (0-19 years or up to 25 years if SEND) can access integrated early support.
We provide a one-stop shop of family support services for your mental and physical health plus your educational and social care needs. Our partner agencies include midwives, GP's, CAMHS and local community groups.

The focus of our service is making sure that everyone in Essex has the best possible start in life through meeting the identified needs of children, young people and families.

Carousel Family Hub
Chapel Hill
Braintree
CM7 3QZ
Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm

Harlequin Delivery Site
Spa Road
Witham
CM8 1NA
Monday & Thursday 9 – 5pm

Seesaw Family Hub Delivery Site
Lancaster Way
Braintree, CM7 5UL

Acorn Delivery Site
Beridge Road
Halstead
CO9 1JH
Monday & Friday 9 – 3.30pm

Silver End Delivery Site
Silver End Village Hall
CM8 3RQ
Wednesday & Friday 9 – 5pm

Please note that buggies are not allowed into our sites and must be left outside.

Commissioned by

Essex County Council NHS

Acorn Family Hub Delivery Site, Old School Hall, Beridge Road, Halstead, CO9 1JH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drop-in support & self-weigh **9.30am – 3.30pm**				**Drop-in support & self-weigh** **9.30am – 3.30pm**
Stay, Play and Learn **9.30am–11.30am** A drop in, 10-week rolling programme for parents / carers and children aged 1-5 years, covering play and development including crafts and singing **Antenatal infant feeding workshop** **This workshop covers** advice and support around preparing for the arrival of your baby and infant feeding. You will be invited to this workshop by the Healthy visitor. If you have any queries, please call us. **Pop in during our opening hours to access our free Community Wardrobe – clothes available for 0-8-year-olds.**	**Development Reviews** **9-12 months & 30-36 months** **9.30am-12.30pm** An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment. **Introducing Solids** **(Virtual workshop)** **10am – 11.30am** **2nd & 4th of each month** Support and advice on introducing solid food to your baby – call to book. **Infant Feeding Support (Virtual)** **10am-11.30am** Support and information on feeding your baby - breastfeeding, formula feeding or combi-feeding – please call to book. t: 0300 2470014	**First Time Parents** **1.00pm-2.30pm** Support for new parents/carers. 4-week course – call to book. **School-age health advice drop-in** **3.00pm-4.30pm** Drop-in to discuss support around sleep, toileting, behaviour, anxiety and other concerns. **Let's Talk Together** **(Virtual 3-week workshop)** Support for 18–30-month-old children with their early language development. **Please call for confirmation of dates/times** ActiveEssex **Scan the QR code to find out how to get active for free in your community.**	**Development Reviews** **9-12 months & 30-36 months** **9.30am-2.30pm** An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment. **Weathersfield Baby and Toddler group** **9.30am-10.30am** **The pavilion, Hedingham Road, Wethersfield, CM74EQ** This is a weekly community run group and is attended by the Healthy Family Support Practitioner every 3rd Thursday of the month to offer support, advice and weigh your baby. **Typical Toddler workshop** **We can support and provide advice around your child's behavioural needs. Please call us to be added to the waiting list for our workshop.** 	**Infant Massage** **5-week course** **10.00am-12.00pm** Support with colic, reflux and attachment. Please call to speak to our duty practitioner **Baby Beginnings** **1.00pm-2.30pm** A drop in, 10-week rolling programme for parents / carers and babies aged 0-1 years, covering play and development including crafts and singing. plus, support and information on feeding your baby -breastfeeding, formula feeding or combi-feeding. **Healthy Start Vitamins** If you are pregnant or have a child aged under 4 years, then you may be eligible to receive free Healthy Start vitamins. Visit www.healthystart.nhs.uk to check eligibility and apply. Vitamins available to collect from Carousel Family Hub. **Emotional regulation and resilience group.** **6-week course for 5-11 years.** Please call us to find out more or to book a place.