



Newsletter: 5th December 2025


Dear Parents/Carers



This week the children attended a Presentation Assembly. The children who displayed the most improved and outstanding work were awarded a certificate. Well done to all the children for their continued effort and hard work.

Year 1 will perform their Christmas concerts next Monday and Wednesday at 9.30am. If you have not bought your ticket, please purchase them from the school office. All donations will go to Friends of Oakwood to purchase resources and extras for the children such as the Christmas Pantomime and a Christmas gift.



On Tuesday, Year 2 will go to the Princes Theatre to watch the  Christmas Panto, Peter Pan. If you have not ordered a school packed lunch, please ensure you send your child with one prepared at home.



Year 1 and Reception will be visited by Chaplins Pantomime company at school, who will perform Little Red Riding Hood.

Next Thursday 11th is Christmas Jumper day and our Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to everybody who has already donated gifts for this event including Tesco, Tesco Express, Asda and Morrisons. We are able to accept donations up until Wednesday 10th. We look forward to seeing everybody there. Raffle tickets for the event are now on sale, from the school office, for £1 per strip.



Over the next 2 weeks the children will be completing their assessments for this term. Please ensure your child is well rested and in school, on time, every day. Thank you for your support.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Calley

Mrs K Maguire-Egan: Head Teacher



Key Dates	
December	
8th & 10th	Yr 1 Christmas Concert
9th	Yr 2 Pantomime at Princes Theatre
9th	Reception & Yr 1 Panto at School
10th	Christmas Dinner
11th	Christmas Jumper Day and Bazaar
15th & 16th	Yr 2 Christmas Concerts
17th & 18th	Reception Yr Christmas Concerts
19th	Christingle Assembly and Last Day of School
5th January	Back to School
Menu	WC 8th December –Wk 2



The class winners this week were Kingfishers in first place, followed by Rabbits and Cygnets.

Well done to all classes
but especially Kingfishers
whose reward will be
extra time in the
adventure playground.

Christmas Concerts



Christmas Concerts will be taking place shortly.

*Reception 17th & 18th
Year 1 8th & 10th
Year 2 15th & 16th*

Please remember to purchase your tickets for these concerts from the school office.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for the following:

Relief Mid Day Assistants

Parent Governors

Volunteer Readers

If you would like to find out more information, please contact the school office.

Reminders

No hoop earrings are to be worn.

Children are only to wear suitable footwear (no sandals or crocs)

Please label all items

Coats



Please make sure your child comes to school in a warm coat and please ensure that it is zipped/buttoned up. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Bazaar Reminder

Christmas Bazaar & Christmas Jumper Day



The Christmas Bazaar and Christmas Jumper Day will both be held on Thursday 11th December.

Christmas Jumper Day raises money for Save the Children and I would like to suggest a donation of £1 on the day. All money raised will go towards this outstanding charity.

The Bazaar will start straight after school. There will be lots of amazing activities and prizes to be won at the Bazaar together with exciting activities for the children.

We look forward to seeing you after school.



Reception & Year 3 Admissions for Academic Year starting in September 2026

If you need to apply for a Reception/Year 3 place for your child, please note this needs to be completed online. Applications are now open and you must complete your application by the statutory national closing date of 15th January 2026. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Reducing our Carbon Footprint



Below are this week's tips on how to save money and reduce our carbon footprint.

THIS WEEK'S ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- If you have a regular boiler, turn down the thermostat on the hot water tank. This will mean the water in the tank never gets too hot. There is little point producing scalding hot water if you then add cold water in your mixer shower or bath to get it to a comfortable temperature.
- Put on an extra jumper if you are chilly.
- Don't leave your computer and appliances on standby. Turn them off at the end of the day.



Registered Childminders

I would be grateful for the names and contact details of any register childminders that anybody could recommend. I can then pass the details onto parents when they request childcare.



The poster features a dark blue background with colorful splashes in blue, green, and purple. At the top, the word "Essex" is written in a green, cursive font, followed by "ACTIVate" in large, white, bold letters. A green apple character with a face and a pencil is integrated into the "A" of "ActivAte". Below the title, a blue banner with white and green text reads "Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food across Essex and Thurrock!". A list of six bullet points, each preceded by a blue checkmark, describes the clubs. To the right, an illustration shows two children, a boy and a girl, holding a blue sign that says "ACTIVate". At the bottom left, there is a paragraph titled "WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?" and a website link. At the bottom right, there is a QR code with a "SCAN ME" button above it. Social media icons for Facebook and Instagram are at the bottom left, with the handle "@EssexActivAte" next to them.

Essex ACTIVate

**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

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