



Summertime Sunshine!

This half term is whizzing by rapidly! As always, the children are showing their resilience at this time of year. They are coping well with the heat and the whole school has shown their support to the Year 6 pupils this week whilst they sit their SATs papers.

We are incredibly proud of the Year 6 pupils for their attitude, effort, dedication and motivation throughout all of their SATs tests this week. They thoroughly deserve their day out at Colchester Castle Park and Ten Pin Bowling today.

As this warmer weather continues, we just want to politely remind you to send children in with a water bottle each day. Sun cream, caps and sunglasses are also advisable.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All absence must be reported on the first day. If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages for this academic year:

Class 1	95.9%
Class 2	96.0%
Class 3	93.8%
Class 4	95.1%
Class 5	94.4%
Class 6	95.4%
Class 7	94.0%
Class 8	92.0%
Whole school	94.6%

KEY DATES

- *Friday 23rd May: BSA after school sale
- *Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May: Half term holiday
- *Monday 2nd June: First day back to school
- *Tuesday 10th June: TFF Free Family Law Clinic
- *Thursday 12th - Friday 13th June: Y5 residential trip
- *Tuesday 17th June: SPORTS DAY! (am Y5/6: pm Y3/4)
- *Friday 20th June: Reserve day for SPORTS DAY
- *Friday 20th June: BSA after school sale
- *Thursday 26th June: TRANSITION DAY
- *Friday 4th July: Y3 trip to Walton On The Naze
- *Friday 11th July: BSA Summer Fayre
- *Friday 18th July: BSA after school sale
- *Monday 21st July: Last day of the school year.

Sad Goodbyes and a Welcome!



I have some sad news to share with you all: two members of our team will be leaving at the end of this school year. Mrs Evans will be leaving to develop her own private practice as a psychotherapist and Mrs Leathers is having a slight change in career by going to work in a pre-school with much younger children. Whilst we are very sad to be losing them, we wish them the very best for their new ventures.

We would like you to join us in welcoming Ms Heard to our team. Ms Heard is an experienced Learning Support Assistant with a wealth of knowledge and experience in supporting children with additional needs. She will be working part-time at our school.

The Tendring Show 2025

Our school entered this year's Front Cover Competition. The organisers had a fantastic response with over 2,000 entries from 30 schools and they have passed on their thanks to everyone involved.

The entry chosen for this year's front cover was from The Gilbert School in Colchester.

FREE CHILD E-TICKET

The organisers are offering free child tickets to all participating schools. This year, they are e-tickets .

TENDRING SHOW – SATURDAY 12TH JULY – FREE CHILD E-TICKET

As a thank you for entering the Front Cover Competition, the Tendring Show are offering free child e-tickets for every child in our school. To claim your ticket(s), simply redeem this promotion code at the checkout of the online ticket page on their website

<https://tendringshow.ticketsrv.co.uk/tickets/>



PROMOTION CODE: BROOM

School Bike Bus

Wivenhoe Council recently launched the Millfields School Bike Bus. It operates only on a Friday and has been a great introduction for both parents and children into active travel. Of course, there are many other positive benefits.

They would like to try and help the parents of Broomgrove Juniors set up a School Bike Bus too.

With this in mind, they have asked if our parents would be interested in setting up a Broomgrove Bike Bus. Please respond using this link:

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/fridedays-bike-bus/>



University of Essex



FREE CONFIDENTIAL LEGAL ADVICE FOR FAMILIES

Has your relationship broken down?

Issues Concerning Children?

We are pleased to be working with Essex University Law Clinic to provide a local school based confidential law clinic, to provide legal advice and information on a wide variety of issues affecting families, such as divorce and contact with children.

All advice is given by University of Essex law students in strictest confidence under supervision.

Tuesday 10th June 2025 – AM

**BROOMGROVE JUNIOR SCHOOL
by appointment only, No drop ins.**

Appointments will be offered following submission of referral form
please pick up a referral form from the school office or call or email:

info@tendingfamiliesfirst.org or call - 07944333685 |

**Organised by Tending Families First in collaboration with the Essex
Law Clinic**



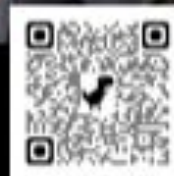
Are you interested in Primary Teaching?

We have teacher training opportunities available for people interested in becoming a Primary Teacher

Come and find out more at our on-line Primary Teaching Information Events



Find out more



Register your interest now!

enquiries@advanceteach.org.uk

Why Us?

We have placement schools in Tendring, Colchester, Braintree and surrounding areas.

With over 20 years of experience delivering teacher training, we offer knowledgeable trainers, excellent facilities and personalised support.

Monday - 19th May
@1pm

Monday - 9th June
@1pm

We look forward to seeing you!



ALL ABOUT KIDS COLCHESTER

COLCHESTER FAMILY FEST

2025



SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

11-4PM

AT

Firstsite

Colchester



THE GO TO EVENT FOR FAMILIES

TO EXPLORE WHAT IS AVAILABLE LOCALLY



AFFORDABLE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

INFLATABLES | MEET & GREET | ENTERTAINMENT | STALLS

FOOD & BAR | INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES | MUCH MORE..

SO MUCH INCLUDED WITH YOUR TICKET!

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2025-2026

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- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = Non-pupil days

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i>	75 days
Spring Term:	Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026 <i>Half Term 16 February – 20 February</i>	55 days
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i>	65 days
		195 days

Please note:

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. The NHS has provided this guidance for parents and carers:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/#:~:text=If%20your%20child%20has%20mild,they%20can%20go%20to%20school>

Holiday Requests

The school has been receiving an increasing number of holiday requests in term time. I have included the term dates for the academic year for your information within this school newsletter.

Holidays in term time are always taken as an unauthorised leave of absence. Parents who take these periods of absence do so with the full knowledge that the school may issue a penalty notice. There is no entitlement in law for pupils to take time off during the term to go on holiday.

At Broomgrove Junior School 'exceptional circumstances' **will be interpreted as:** ... being of unique and significant emotional, educational or spiritual value to the child which outweighs the loss of teaching time (as determined by the headteacher). The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are events that are **"rare, significant, unavoidable and short"**. By **'unavoidable'** we mean an event that could not reasonably be scheduled at another time, outside of school term time.

Examples of 'exceptional' events that are "rare, significant, unavoidable and short" may include but are not limited to: a parent or carer being a member of the armed forces and has been on active duty so could not reasonably schedule the absence for another time, the death of a close family member, the attendance at the funeral and the attendance at the wedding of a close family member.

Furthermore, we will not consider applications for leave during term time:

- at any time in September. This is very important as your child needs to settle into their new class at the start of the academic year as quickly as possible.
- during assessment and test periods in the school's calendar affecting your child.
- when a pupil's attendance record already includes any level of unauthorised absence or they have already been granted authorised leave within that academic year.



Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools **after 19th August 2024**.

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.