



Final Newsletter of the School Year

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding school year at Broomgrove Junior School, I want to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful pupils, dedicated staff, and supportive families. Together, we have achieved so much—from memorable trips and creative projects to academic successes and sporting events. I am incredibly proud of how our school community has worked together, showing kindness, resilience, and a true love of learning. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another fantastic year ahead!

Warm wishes,
Karen Wright
Headteacher.

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	95.8%
Class 3	93.8%
Class 4	94.5%
Class 5	94.6%
Class 6	95.4%
Class 7	93.6%
Class 8	92.2%
Whole school	94.5%

KEY DATES

- *Friday 11th July: BSA Summer Fayre
- *Friday 11th July: End of Year Reports sent home
- *Friday 11th July: Y6 Dress Rehearsal
- *Tuesday 15th July: Year 6 performance at 1:30 & 6:30pm
- *Wednesday 16th July: Celebration Afternoon at 2:30pm
- *Thursday 17th July: Year 6 performance at 6:30pm
- *Friday 18th July: BSA after school sale
- *Monday 21st July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 2:30pm
- *Monday 21st July: Last day of the school year.
- *Wednesday 3rd September: Children return to school

From Tendring Families First:

For 2024 -2025, we have continued to build on the strategic direction of **'Tendring Families First'** and the ethos of **'Putting Children and Families First'** and the important work we do as a local charity providing early support across one of the most deprived districts in the UK.

Our support helps families struggling with multiple complex issues including poverty, family breakdown, isolation, mental health, and behavioural challenges. A continuing key priority area of support this year has been Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health for our children and families. This year demand for mental health support for our children and families has continued to increase and is particularly acute within Tendring as it has the highest number of Children and Young People aged 5-11 affected by mental health in Essex. Sadly, approximately 4 children and young people per week lose their life to suicide, most worryingly Tendring has the 2nd highest suicide rate in the whole country. (2021).

2024/25 Successes:

- 102 families supported with a Family Support Worker
- 119 children received therapeutic counselling sessions
- 20 children received Play Therapy sessions
- 5 children and families received Theraplay and Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy
- 12 children received Art Therapy sessions



At Broomgrove Junior School, we are extremely grateful for all of the professionals that provide these services for our families and our pupils and we intend to continue subscribing for these services as the impact upon children and their families has been wonderful.

Love To Ride!

With the summer coming up, families will be looking for activities. Love to Ride Essex is a perfect way to spend the days. Download the free app, log the cycling adventures you have, set yourself targets, and compete against others across the county. Regular prizes are awarded, and you can track your progress. Please promote the opportunity to pupils and their families, as we're certain loads of them can enjoy themselves and benefit from this.

<https://www.lovetoride.net/essex>



ANNUAL OPEN DAY

**FREE
ENTRY &
PARKING**

SUNDAY 20 JULY · 11AM-4PM



MEET THE PLAYERS
LOCAL EXHIBITORS
FOOD, DRINK & GAMES
CLUB Q&A



Call **01206 755 165** for more information or for an exhibitor's pack



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Save the Date for Colchester United's Open Day

Come and join us for Colchester United's 2025 Open Day on **Sunday 20th July** at the **JobServe Community Stadium**, as we showcase what's on offer ahead of the 2025/26 season.

- ✔ Meet managers and players from the Men's **and** Women's teams
- ✔ Take part in the Q&A
- ✔ New Col U kit reveal
- ✔ Free entry and parking

+MUCH MORE!

Danny and Nicky Cowley, along with the full U's Men's and Women's first team squads, will be in attendance. You'll have the chance to play alongside first-team players or receive coaching from Danny and Nicky on the astro-turf pitches.

Looking for autographs or want to ask the players or managers some questions? We've got you covered! Signing sessions will take place later in the day, alongside a Q&A session where you can ask about the upcoming season.

The Women's Team and Colchester United Community Foundation will also be at the stadium, giving you the chance to learn how to get involved in the thriving women's football scene and various community projects across the city and surrounding areas.

We'll also have a selection of local exhibitors on site, and there'll be plenty of options to keep you **fed, hydrated, and entertained** with food, drinks, and games for all ages.

31 **When** – Sunday 20th July 2025

📍 **Where** – JobServe Community Stadium, United Way, Colchester, CO4 5UP

For more information, or to request an exhibitor's pack, please call **01206 755165**.

COME AND DISCOVER COMPUTERXPLOREERS

Summer Holiday Tech Club

Limited
availability



Tues 22nd July – Fri 22nd August



Location:

Philip Morant School
Rembrandt Way
Colchester
CO3 4QS



Session Price

£30.00 per day

Session Times

09:00 – 13:00

**Check Schedule for
Daily Program Info**



THE ACTIVITIES

We cover many
subjects including:

3D Design & Print
Robotics
Coding
Minecraft
Game Design
Roblox Studio
VR – Laser Tag
RC Cars
Drone Proficiency

AGES 7 – 14 YEARS

BOOK ONLINE

01206 670143
colchester@computerexplorers.co.uk

PM Summer Holiday Camp Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	21st July	22nd July	23rd July	24th July	25th July
+ Every Day	-	-	Lego Engineering Build & Code	Bloxels 2D Game Design	Minecraft
Day Extras	Monday 28th July	Tuesday 29th July	Wednesday 30th July	Thursday 31st July	Friday 1st August
Lazer Tag	-	MakeCode Arcade	Ringbit Build & Code	Roblox Studio	Roblox Studio
Drones	Monday 4th August	Tuesday 5th August	Wednesday 6th August	Thursday 7th August	Friday 8th August
RC Cars	-	Minecraft	3D Design & Print	Lego Funfair Build & Code	Minecraft
VR Headsets	Monday 11th August	Tuesday 12th August	Wednesday 13th August	Thursday 14th August	Friday 15th August
	MicroBit Coding Fun & Games	Kodu Game Design	Minecraft	Makey Makey Music	-
	Monday 18th August	Tuesday 19th August	Wednesday 20th August	Thursday 21st August	Friday 22nd August
	Block to Text Coding	Minecraft	Bloxels 2D Game Design	Stop Motion Animation	Minecraft



Jump Back Up July 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	Take a small step to help overcome a problem or worry	2	Adopt a growth mindset. Change "I can't" into "I can't...yet"	3	Be willing to ask for help when you need it	4	Find something to look forward to today
5	Get the basics right: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	6	Pause, breathe and feel your feet firmly on the ground	7	Shift your mood by doing something you really enjoy	8	Avoid saying "must" or "should" to yourself today
9	Put a problem in perspective by seeing the bigger picture	10	Reach out to someone you trust and share your feelings with them	11	Look for something positive in a difficult situation	12	Write your worries down and save them for a specific 'worry time'
13	Challenge negative thoughts. Find an alternative interpretation	14	Get outside and move to help clear your head	15	Set yourself an achievable goal and take the first step	16	Find fun ways to distract yourself from unhelpful thoughts
17	Use one of your strengths to overcome a challenge today	18	Let go of the small stuff and focus on the things that matter	19	If you can't change it, change the way you think about it	20	When things go wrong, pause and be kind to yourself
21	Identify what helped you get through a tough time in your life	22	Find 3 things you feel hopeful about and write them down	23	Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	24	Choose to see something good about what has gone wrong
25	Notice when you are feeling judgmental and be kind instead	26	Catch yourself over-reacting and take a deep breath	27	Write down 3 things you're grateful for (even if today was hard)	28	Think about what you can learn from a recent problem
29	Be a realistic optimist. Focus on what could go right	30	Reach out to a friend, family member or colleague for support	31	Remember we all struggle at times - it's part of being human		

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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**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
		<u>195 days</u>

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'.