



Newsletter

11/09/26

Dear Parents,
Welcome back to a brand-new school year! I am delighted to welcome all our pupils back to school, with a special mention to our new Reception children who have settled in incredibly well.

This is an exceptionally special year for us, as our school is celebrating its 140-year Jubilee! Over the summer, the main hall was beautifully redecorated, and our site safety improvements are still underway. Excitingly, work has begun on our new Nursery renovation for 3 to 4 year-olds, set to open on 22nd February 2027. To join the waiting list or request further information, please email:

nursery@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

Wishing everyone a happy, historic, and highly successful year ahead.

Best

Mrs Poulteney



Our children of St. Thomas of Canterbury are inclusive.

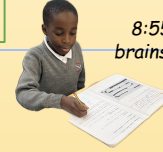
Forest School

All children in Year 2 and 5 will attend Forest school every Thursday this half term. Please come into school in your PE kit, wellies/spare footwear and a waterproof coat.



Punctuality

8:40 - School gates open.
8:55 - The school day begins.
All children should be seated in class by this time.
3:10 - Parents arrive to collect.
3:15 - School day finishes.



8:55, that's the rule, brains switched on and ready for school!



Follow us!



PE Days

Tuesday - EYFS & Year 6
Wednesday - Year 4
Thursday - Year 5 & 2
Friday - Year 1 & 3

Absences

If your child is absent, please remember to email

attendance@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk

by 8.40am with your child's name, class and reason for absence.

Diary Dates

14.09.26 - 18.09.26	Recycling Week
14.09.2026	Year 6 Parent Information Meeting at 2.30pm - 3.15pm
21.09.26	Parent Information Meeting at 2.30pm - 3.15pm



School Dinners!

Please ensure dinners are paid in advance on Arbor. Please check your Arbor balance - you may no longer be entitled to free school meals.

Meals are £2.80 per day. Please click the link below to view our Autumn menu:

[Autumn 26 Menu](#)



Year 6 Parent Information Meeting

When: Monday 14th September

Time: 2:30pm

Where: School hall



Please come along! Find out more about how to help your child succeed in Year 6, along with information regarding the upcoming Norfolk Lakes Trip and Year 6 SATs.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Reception Parent Information Meeting

When: Monday 21st September

Time: 2:30pm

Where: School hall



Please come along! Find out more from Mrs Foley about how to help your child succeed in Reception.

We look forward to seeing you there!



♥ We are really excited to share that some of our talented Year 6 students are taking part in the upcoming production of Matilda The Musical!

Eva in class 6M will be bringing the character of Lavender to life, while Tatyanna, also from 6M, will portray a schoolgirl. Additionally, Ariyanna in 6M will be showcasing her skills as a backing dancer and singer! It's wonderful to see our students get involved in such a creative and enriching experience - well done! 🎉

We encourage you to support our Year 6 students as they embark on this amazing opportunity.

YOUR BILLERICAY

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION AND PARADE

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Join us at 11am for the Parade and then FREE brilliant entertainment

BALLOON MODELLER
12pm-6pm Outside Boots Chemist

PUNCH & JUDY
1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm
30 minute shows by K Barbers

FACE PAINTING
11am-5pm Free, Inside Hamilton Carpets and Gimme Shooz

BUBBLE OLOGIST
12.30pm The Billericay Human Kind
1.30pm Slipped Discs
2.30pm Brown Sugar
3.30pm Flamingo

STILTS & ROLLER SKATERS
12.15pm-4pm
Across the High Street

MORRIS DANCERS
12.30pm
Outside The Chequers

CLOSE UP MAGIC
12.30pm-2pm - The Chequers & The Red Lion
2.30pm-4pm - The Railway, The Crown, The Constitutional Club
4.30pm-6pm - The Railway, The Crown, The Constitutional Club

COMMUNITY TRAIL
A trail finding 18 posters across the High Street to claim a free prize, while stocks last.
By Paul Robinson Solicitors.

ST MARY MAGDALEN CHURCH SERVICE
10am - A service of prayer and blessing for 'National Billericay Day'

BALDWIN CREATIVE STAGE
Connells Estate Agents and Paul Robinson Solicitors
1pm Dance Steps Academy
1.30 Penelope Wood
2pm Felicity Ison
2.20pm The Ruined Souls
3pm Dance Steps Academy
3.20pm Bailar Dance School
4.20pm Dance Steps Academy
6pm Blue Mantis

Parade starts at 11am

This event is supported by

Look out for even more to enjoy throughout the day, as businesses across the High Street host a range of activities and entertainment for everyone!

BCCS
Garden games & celebration wall

HUMAN KIND
Vegan BBQ & Superheroes

BILLERICAY FOOTBALL CLUB
Meet the mascot & Club stall - By Red Lion

KEY LIME PR & MARKETING
Free arts, crafts & painting for all

BILLERICAY LIONS CLUB
How you can get involved

MAGGIO LOUNGE
Kids mocktail making & glitter tattoos

BELLA ISCHIA Pizza slices

THE CHEQUERS
Bringing the pub outside & Sunday Soul Session 3pm-7pm

CREATURES GREAT & SMALL
Guess number of treats in jar & Billericay's Best Dressed Dog

BILLERICAY TOWN COUNCIL
(BY CHEQUERS) Find out what they do

CLOUD 9 Soft scoop ice cream

THE BILLERICAY BBQ

CRISTI'S BAR DJ sessions

THE RAILWAY AND THE CROWN
Live Music 12noon-6pm plus Sadies Kitchen Pop-Up

F E FARRER FUNERAL DIRECTORS
A celebration of Billericay through the ages with old photos

THE SILK LOUNGE
Free child's treatment with adult treatment. (18+ Apply)

FLAMINGO Free cupcake decorating

TOOTH CLUB
K Pop Demon Hunters mini makeovers, hook a duck & goodie bags

FJC SOLICITORS Free goodies

HOWE CHARTERED SURVEYORS (BY BCCS)
Knock down the brick wall game & treasure hunt map

Times and information correct at time of going to print.
For full details visit yourbillericay.org

YOUR BILLERICAY



Do you have a child or young person with SEND?

The **Thurrock SEND Local Offer** can help you find support, services, activities and information for your child, all in one place.

I had heard of the Local Offer, but I didn't realise how much information and support was available until I explored it.

Based on feedback from Thurrock families.



How could it help my family?



Need information?

Practical advice, guidance and resources for families.




Scan for support



Looking for support?

Find services, groups and activities near you.




Scan for activities



What's happening?

Newsletters, competitions and ways to get involved.




Scan for updates



Explore the full Local Offer

Everything you need, all in one place.

<https://www.askthurrock.org.uk>



Autism Post Diagnosis Support

Saturday 19 September - Aladdin's Cave
Friday 16 October - Occupational Therapy
Monday 16 November - Snap
December - No Session

Has your child received a diagnosis of Autism? Do you have questions or concerns?

The Specialist Health Visiting Team's Nursery Nurse and colleagues will be available:

on: the **third Monday** of each month, 9:30-10:30am
at: the **Child Development Centre, Gifford House, Thurrock Community Hospital, Long Lane, RM16 2PX**

Each month we will have a different topic. Please see the reverse for dates and topics of upcoming sessions.

For more information, please call **0300 300 1816**