



March 2024

COMMUNITY NEWS



School Crossing Patrol vacancies

Are you looking for paid work
supporting your community?

Essex County Council is recruiting School Crossing
Patrol Officers for this school.

Hourly rate £11.81, part time/term time only.

For more information and to apply,
please visit www.workingforessex.com



Colchester Royal Grammar School

Sci-Fest 2024

Saturday 16th March
10am - 4pm

6 Lexden Road, CO3 3ND
Free entry

Families welcome - fun interactive activities



Premium activities will incur a small charge. Refreshments available.

See following page for more details...



Activities include

Colchester Zoo - Rangers & Wildlife
Coding - Python & Scratch
Dinosaur Escape Room
Dissection Lab
Essex Wildlife Trust
Essex University - Baby Lab & Maths
Face Painting
Mini Monsters
Planetarium

Puzzle Rooms
Sci-High Forensics
Smoothie Bikes
Tech Hub
VR Mini Beasts
VR Oceans
VR Space
VR Wild Beasts
Wipeout

Lunch & refreshments will be available to purchase from Ronnie's Kitchen, the CRGSA and the school's canteen.

Limited parking on site, entrance via Creffield Road or St Mary's Public Car Park, CO3 3AA, a short walk from the school.

 @ColchesterRGS  @colchesterroyalgrammarschool



The poster features a large yellow climbing wall at the top with several children climbing. Below this, on the left, is a blue and orange splash graphic with the text 'ALL YEAR ROUND School's Out Activities'. To the right of this graphic is a cartoon illustration of a girl building with blocks. Below the splash graphic is a photo of a girl swimming in a pool, with the text 'Swimming Everyday during May and Summer'. To the right of the swimming photo is a photo of a group of children in a field, with one child in the foreground wearing a purple shirt that says 'CREATIVE CREW'. At the bottom left, a list of dates is provided: 'Easter', 'May Half-Term', 'Summer Holidays', 'October Half Term', and 'Christmas'. Below this list is the text 'Choose individual days or come for the week for 20% OFF'. At the bottom right, there is an Ofsted logo and a QR code with the text 'Scan for Info' above it.

ALL YEAR ROUND
School's Out
Activities

Swimming
Everyday during
May and
Summer

Essex's number one premium school holiday activity camp is at CRGS! Whether it's the long Summer Break, Easter, or the shorter Half-Terms, we can't wait to welcome children from all schools in Colchester!

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October Half Term
Christmas

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CREATIVE CREW



March 2024

Newsletter

FACE it!



The CPD Standards Office
CPD PROVIDER: 22640
2024-2025
www.cpdstandards.com

Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

**National Standards CPD accredited
with certificate**

Monday
18 March

19:00 -21:00

£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes can lead to huge improvements with your ability to communicate with someone on the spectrum.

Tuesday
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy
A different approach to supporting Anxiety, Anger, OCD & Neurodiversity

Thursday
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Inclusive Practice - Working with Father's Webinar

Hosted by The For Baby's Sake Trust

Friday 22nd March 2024

2 – 4pm



Engaging with Father's and father figures has been evidenced in research to improve outcomes for babies, children & young people.

This webinar will:

- Increase knowledge of why it's important for your service to engage and work with father's and father figures.
 - Will provide practice tips on how to ensure your practice is father inclusive.
- Enable you to hear directly from father's about their own experience of their journey to becoming a father.
- Support services to think father inclusive practice across universal to targeted support.

To book your free space please follow the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/essex-county-council-inclusive-practice-working-with-fathers-tickets-818450185537?aff=oddtcreator>

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St Augustine of Canterbury

Anglican, Methodist and URC

YOU are invited to
come and Join the Fun
Social Evening

Saturday 23rd March

7.00 pm to 9.00pm

Quizzes

Raffle

Sharing your favourite things like
poems or song or doing a party piece

And more.....

Bring and share food with an Eastern
Mediterranean theme

Suggested donation £5



Raising funds to support the Bishop of
Chelmsford's Lent Appeal to support the
Diocese of Jerusalem's Healthcare Ministry.

For more information or to let us know you will be coming contact
infostaugustines@gmail.com

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FAMILY LEARNING

**FREE! ONLINE
COURSES**



- Go To Sleep!
- Setting Boundaries
- Raising Girls
- First Aid Workshop
- Managing Big Emotions
- Getting Teens To Talk
- Mindfulness & relaxation
- Anxiety Coping Techniques for Teens



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call our friendly team on
03330 321 017



Search 'Family Learning' at
aclessex.com



Queries
**aclfamilylearnin
g@essex.gov.uk**

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Essex County Council

CMXSC.CO.UK | ACTIVE CAMPS

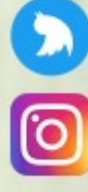
JOIN OUR TEAM EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOR OUR **ACTIVE CAMPS!**

**OFFERING YOUR CHILD A SAFE SPACE TO LEARN, SOCIALISE, STAY ACTIVE,
FORM FRIENDSHIPS, DEVELOP INTERESTS AND BUILD CONFIDENCE**

Come and join our team every school holiday for lots of fun, sports and much more! PLUS exciting new activities & theme days we can't wait to share with you.

Book now visiting www.cmxsc.co.uk

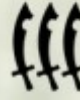
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Everything you need to know!



Venue – St Pius X Primary School Tennyson Road,
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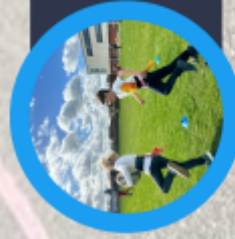
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more



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EASTER HALF TERM 2024

The School of golf is hosted by Little Channels golf centre

Half day camps all 09:00-12:00 £30

Fundamentals taught around all areas of the game
Activities and challenges to complete
Use of top tracer range technology

Competition morning £25

9 hole competition for more experienced players
7 hole short course competitions for youngsters
Ability appropriate hole lengths
Prizes for first and second place

Tuesday 02nd April Half day camp

Wednesday 03rd April Competition morning

Thursday 04th April Half day camp

Tuesday 09th April Half day camp

Wednesday 10th April Competition morning

Thursday 11th April Half day camp

To book

07794316769 jack@theschoolofgolf.org

07920745095 matt@theschoolofgolf.org

The School of Golf, Pratts Farm Lane West, Back Lane, Little Waltham, Chelmsford, CM3 3PR
Tel: 01245361100 Email: theschoolofgolf@hotmail.co.uk



FREE EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

1st April - 12th April

Eligible school aged children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education!



IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal! We also offer specialist youth, SEND and mental wellbeing clubs.

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/ren do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.

www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate



NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS



**Easter
2024**

Coding

Learning

Inventing

TECH

HOLIDAY CAMP

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EASTER CAMPS 2024

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 -11

25TH MARCH -12TH APRIL 2024

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE

www.nextthing.education

HAF
PLACES
AVAILABLE

See following page for more details...

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

EASTER CAMPS 2024

25TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL



Coding
& Robots



Circuitry
& Inventions



Creative
Technology



STEM
Engineering



Tech
Fun

Example weekly theme only, please see website for your camp specific activities

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

25TH - 28TH MARCH 2024 - 4 DAYS **LIMITED SPACES**

2ND - 5TH APRIL 2024 - 4 DAYS **LIMITED SPACES**

8TH - 12TH APRIL 2024 - 5 DAYS **LIMITED SPACES**

"Wonderful Time"

"Our son had a **wonderful** time at Tech Camp, he was so proud of the song he made and **mixed** together himself and couldn't wait to play it for us when we collected him."



How to book

STEP 1

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
OR SCAN THE QR
CODE BELOW



STEP 2

FIND YOUR
NEAREST CAMP



STEP 3

£5 OFF IF YOU
BOOK BY 15 MARCH
WITH CODE BELOW

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BOOK NOW AT
www.nextthing.education

T: 01442 873150 E: info@nextthing.education

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childrens and
maternity market

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Everything you need for your ever
growing little ones

Saturday 20th April 1-3pm
Springfield Parish Centre

Stalls available for £10 on Facebook
www.facebook.com/mummyandmechelmsford
or contact Hannah Walsh 07890180506



£35
per day

NETBALL CAMP

Led by experienced Level 2 netball coaches. Open to Yr4-7 netball players who want to improve their game play and learn new skills whilst having fun!

EASTER HOLIDAYS

11 April Years 4-7 10-3pm

12 April Years 4-7 10-3pm



Chelmer Valley High School
Broomfield Road, Chelmsford, CM1 7ER



Book online

<https://form.jotform.com/240671641729359>

£35 per day or £65 for
both days



More Information 07890263723 | samantha.christie@hotmail.co.uk



School's OUT

CHELMSFORD
2024



Premium school holiday clubs at EIGHT locations across Suffolk & Essex. For 4-16 year olds, with over 100 action-packed activities offering something for everyone!



BOOK NOW!

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As a foster carer, you could provide a safe and stable home environment for a vulnerable child whilst enjoying a flexible and rewarding career that's literally life changing.



Tel: 01708 395 708 **Web:** www.nexusfostering.co.uk/Essex

Are you interested in teaching in Essex?

CTSN@Essex Primary SCITT has hubs in Braintree and Chelmsford.

Come along to one of our upcoming informal events to find out more.

Spring Virtual Events:

January

Wednesday 17th 5-6pm

Tuesday 30th 7-8pm

February

Wednesday 14th 5-6pm

Wednesday 28th 4-5pm

March

Monday 11th 5-6pm

Monday 25th 5-6pm

Please email Julie Gariazzo

(julie@essexprimaryscitt.co.uk) for further details.



Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

No need to book, just drop in!

Parent/carer workshops will also be running. More information to follow soon.

Scan the QR code to
find out more
information



or go to

[The Essex Local
Offer Website](https://www.essex.gov.uk/essex-local-offer)



Join us...

Monday 4 March 2024

The Holiday Inn, Basildon

Thursday 7 March 2024

Hamptons Sports and Leisure,
Chelmsford

Wednesday 13 March 2024

JobServe Community Stadium,
Colchester

Tuesday 19 March 2024

The Harlow Hotel, Harlow

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY CHILDCARE EXCLUSIVE SCHOOL DISCOUNT!

USE CODE:

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Learn a sport Bake a cake Ride a bike
Sing a song Run a mile

2024
my goals:



1

2

3

4

5

FUN FACT

The year 2024 is a leap year, with 366 days in total.

2024 IS THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON!
COLOUR YOUR DRAGON IN BELOW!



HEY!

I'm BILLY Barracuda!
I'm looking forward to an AMAZING 2024!



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TRUE OR FALSE?!

1. Bees eat honey! ☐
2. January is the 1st month! ☐
3. 2024 is an odd number! ☐
4. The Olympics is on in 2024! ☐
5. Watermelons are vegetables! ☐

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



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to see more info about our camps!

How many fireworks can you see?



ANSWERS



Fireworks = 12
Spot The Difference = 5
True or False
1. True
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. False

Can you find the words in this Activity Word Search?

E	B	A	R	O	I	I	Y	O	D	A	N	C	E
T	A	A	R	C	H	E	R	E	N	I	N	M	O
R	I	S	E	Y	N	R	E	F	R	L	E	I	
W	A	C	T	R	O	P	S	R	O	T	O	M	A
R	E	K	I	R	S	S	N	B	F	A	C	L	B
F	R	G	T	N	O	D	T	I	O	L	A	E	O
B	O	R	S	K	M	I	W	S	O	E	A	F	N
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O	S	T	Y	E	S	O	D	E	B	F	O	O	

TENNIS
SWIM
AEROBICS

FOOTBALL
MOTORSPORT
DANCE

BAKING
ARCHERY
FENCING



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S P R I N G

Fill the pots
with plants
and flowers!



Colour your
Butterfly



FUN FACT

Spring is the season when
animals, like bears and
hedgehogs awaken from
hibernation!

QUIZ TIME!

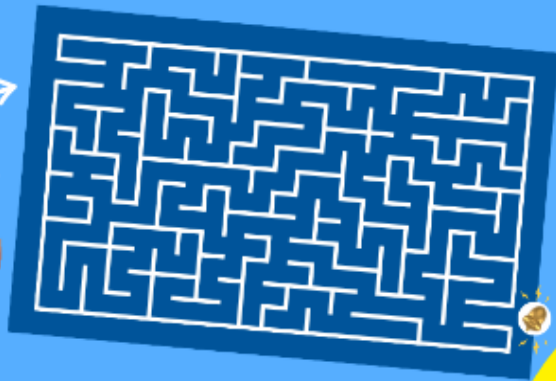
- 1 Which insect visits 2,000
flowers each day?
- 2 What's the name for a baby
rabbit? (eg. Puppy = Dog)
- 3 What type of bread bun is
eaten through spring?
- 4 What two seasons is spring
in between?
- 5 Which Disney movie is
about a young deer?

HEY!

I'm BILLY Barracuda!
I'm looking forward to
blossoming spring!



Help the Squirrel
find a golden Nut!



SPRING WORD SEARCH

O K J G H P Z F V X Y Z
G I S R U W B B O O T S
A T Y A B L U E B I R D
E E U S G A R D E N T H
A H U S W Y W B K M U K
P X U K Q B L O S S O M
M G L M S J B A R T R C
J U R R B A N E R A G R
A P T A V R W E W F S L
T D R I Q O E V S K V U
U L I N L L G L C T R G
L D A F F O D I L N V R
I V U E P J H O J A C E
P W I Q N C M U D O Q E
S E E D S B S Q C X Q N



BLOSSOM GARDEN RAIN
BLUEBIRD GRASS SELLS
ROOTS GREEN TULIPS
CHICKS KITE LARKSHELLA
DAFFODIL MUD WARM
FLOWERS NEST

ANSWERS



Quiz Time
1 Buns
2 Kitten
3 Hot Cross Buns
4 Winter & Summer
5 Bumble

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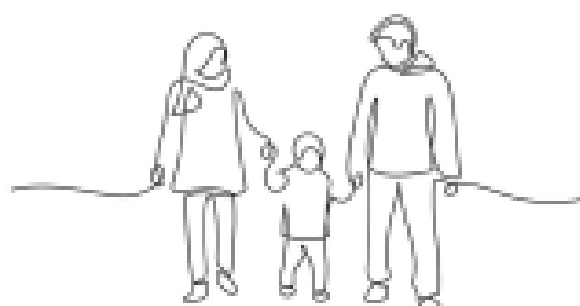


call our friendly team on
03330 321 017



Child and Family Counselling Services

Parents are now able to access direct support for their child by referring them into the safe hands of our Child and Family Counselling Services (CFCFS). We have a team of highly experienced Counsellors, Specialist Child and Adolescent Counsellors and Play Therapists available within the counselling team who work in our specially adapted therapy rooms.



We offer support to children, young people and parents through talking, play and art therapy.

CFCFS provides therapy to children, young people and families. We support many different issues such as:

- Self-harm
- Identity
- Anxiety
- Bullying
- Bereavement
- Parental separation and family issues or conflict.

The pathway is overseen by our Head of Child and Family Counselling Services, who is supported by a team that are both passionate about and dedicated to the wellbeing of children and young people. The team has achieved very positive and reparative outcomes for children and families.

What can you expect?

After an initial contact, we will arrange an assessment to explore the issues your child may be experiencing and will then identify which model best supports the difficulty your child may be facing.

Who do you contact?

If you are worried about your child and would like to talk to us further, please either email Catherine cmunns@bccs.org.uk or call on 07792 732206 and we will be pleased to help.

Take a moment to read about the experience a parent shared with us:

I had contacted a number of professional services to assist me in helping my daughter. At the suggestion of my daughter's school a referral was made to BCCS and it was then that I met one of their counsellors. After months of unanswered questions and "hitting brick walls" I finally had answers, structure and a profound understanding of how a small little girl's mind works.

For me, there has been nothing so worrying as watching your child struggle and the BCCS counsellor's help has enabled me to help her for which I will be forever grateful.



www.bccs.org.uk



headoffice@bccs.org.uk

BCCS, 133 High Street, Billericay, Essex, CM12 9AB

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society - Registered Charity Number: 1000661



BCCS

a children's charity for Essex and East London



London Marathon 2024

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 21st April 2024. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 28th July and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.