



June 2026

COMMUNITY NEWS

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CALLING ALL YOUNG WIND AND BRASS MUSICIANS!



A wind orchestra for young players who have regular lessons and would like the opportunity to develop and play in a larger ensemble. Players are supported, as required, by members of Caprice.

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6pm - 7pm at Newlands Spring
Primary School

For more details
contact David Bome
db2705@sky.com

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Mid Essex Secondary Schools

Open Evenings for Years 7 and 12 and Tours for 2027-2028 intake

The Boswells School

Tel: 01245 264451 www.boswells-school.com



The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 30 September 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.30 pm and 6.30 pm

The Boswells School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Dates: 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 September 2026
Timing: 9.15 am to 10.30 am. Booking required.
Arrive at Reception 9.10 am

The Boswells School - Sixth Form Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 4 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentation: 6.00 pm and 6.45 pm
Sixth Form Open Morning tour: Wednesday 18 November 2026
at 9.15 am. Booking required.

The Beaulieu Park School

Tel: 01245 943500 www.beaulieuparkschool.com



The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Executive Headteacher & Head
of School presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25 September 2026

The Beaulieu Park School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 3 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Please visit our
website to book.

Director of Sixth Form
presentations: 6.15 pm and 7.15 pm

Chelmer Valley High School

Tel: 01245 440232 www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk



Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 17 September 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Dates: 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 September 2026
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am. Booking required.
Arrive at Reception 8.55am and 9.55 am

Chelmer Valley High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 15 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth
Form presentations: 5.45 pm

Chelmsford County High School

Tel: 01245 352592 www.cchs.co.uk



Chelmsford County High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 30 April 2026
Timing: 4.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 4.45 pm, 5.30 pm and 6.15 pm

Chelmsford County High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of
Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.00 pm

Great Baddow High School

Tel: 01245 265821 www.gbhs.co.uk



Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 22 September 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm and 7.15 pm

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Tour times by appointment throughout September and October 2026.
Please visit our website to book.

Great Baddow High School - Year 7 Sport Selection Day

Saturday 3 October 2026 (Application deadline midday on Friday 25
September 2026). Application via the school website: www.gbhs.co.uk

Great Baddow High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 21 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth
Form presentations: 5.30 pm (external applications only)
and 6.15 pm (internal students)

Hylands School

Tel: 01245 266766 www.hylands-tkat.org



Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 24 September 2026
Timing: 4.30 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm

Hylands School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Monday 28 September to Friday 2 October
2026 at 9.00 am. Please contact Reception
to book.

King Edward VI Grammar School

Tel: 01245 353510 www.kegs.org.uk



King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 7 Entry Open Days

Tours in Spring and Summer 2027 for Year 5 students will be advertised
on our website.

King Edward VI Grammar School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 18 November 2026
Timing: 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher & Head of Sixth Form presentations will take place at
various times during the evening.

Moulsham High School

Tel: 01245 260101 www.moulshamhigh.org



Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 17 September 2026
Timing: 5.45 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm. Music Aptitude presentations throughout.

Moulsham High School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: 22, 23, 24 and 29 September 2026 and 2, 5 and 14 October 2026
Timing: 9.00 am and 10.00 am on all days

Moulsham High School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 12 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm and 7.15 pm

Ormiston Rivers Academy

Tel: 01621 782377

www.ormistonriversacademy.co.uk



Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 24 September 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm

Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Date: Monday 28 September until Friday 9 October 2026
Timing: 9.30 am

Ormiston Rivers Academy - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Tuesday 6 October 2026
Timing: 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm

Plume Maldon's Community Academy

Tel: 01621 854681 www.plume.essex.sch.uk



Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Evening, Mill Road Campus

Date: Thursday 17 September 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

Plume Academy - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours, Mill Road Campus

Please refer to the Plume Academy website to book your tour, available from the 14 September 2026.

Plume Academy - Year 12 Open Evening, Fambridge Road Campus

Date: Thursday 8 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of College presentations: 5.45 pm

The Sandon School

Tel: 01245 473611

www.sandon.essex.sch.uk



The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm and 6.45 pm

The Sandon School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Various dates in September and October - please contact our reception team to book.

The Sandon School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 22 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 5.45 pm

St John Payne Catholic School

Tel: 01245 256030 www.sjp.essex.sch.uk



St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 1 October 2026
Timing: 5.30 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher's presentations: 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm and 7.45 pm

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Please contact the school to arrange a visit. We look forward to meeting you.

St John Payne Catholic School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Wednesday 14 October 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form presentations: 6.00 pm

William de Ferrers School

Tel: 01245 326326 www.wdf.school



William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Evening

Date: Thursday 17 September 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Executive Headteacher and Headteacher's presentations: 6.20 pm and 7.00 pm

William de Ferrers School - Year 7 Entry Open Morning Tours

Various dates in September and October, please contact our reception team to book.

William de Ferrers School - Year 12 Open Evening

Date: Thursday 5 November 2026
Timing: 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form's presentations: 6.20 pm

Parents and carers can apply for their child's school place online using the Essex Online Admissions Service at: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. Alternatively an application form can be found on their website or you can request a form by calling 0345 603 2200 or use the one at the end of The Secondary Education in Essex 2026/2027 Booklet (if you would prefer to apply on paper). **Please do not do both.**

You will be able to make your application online from **11 September 2026**.

The closing date for secondary applications is **31 October 2026**. This is the statutory national closing date set by the Government.

GREAT BADDOW HIGH SCHOOL WEEKLY SWIMMING LESSONS



14 WEEK SWIMMING COURSE ** INTRODUCTORY OFFER **

WE ONLY CHARGE FROM £33 A MONTH OVER 4 MONTHLY INSTALMENTS

WE HAVE SWIMMING LESSON 30 & 40 MINUTES EVERY WEEK

SMALL CLASS SIZES MAX OF 4 CHILDREN AND YOU REALLY WILL NOTICE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN CONFIDENCE AND ABILITY, AS LOTS OF INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION WITH TEACHERS IN THE POOL UP TO THE LENGTH SWIMMERS

WE TEACH AT GREAT BADDOW HIGH SCHOOL, CM2 9RZ

SATURDAY'S- BETWEEN 9-10.30AM

SATURDAY'S- BETWEEN 12.45-2.45PM

We also Teach & Help Children with Additional needs

Please email dandsswimschool@gmail.com
for more details



Thank you for continuing to support us
These items are most needed at present:

Small jars instant coffee
Long-life fruit juice
Fruit squash
UHT milk
Tinned meat meals
Instant mashed potato sachets
Tinned vegetables
Tinned potatoes
Tinned pulses, tinned spaghetti
Cup soups and tinned soup
Ketchup and mayo
Tinned rice puddings
Sponge puddings
Instant custard sachets and tinned custard
Jam and spreads
Savoury crackers
Cereal bars and chocolate biscuit bars
Packets of sweets

All toiletries inc: washing up liquid, toilet rolls, deodorant,
shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, shaving foam,
laundry tabs/pods, anti-bac and surface cleaners

Items can be delivered to our warehouse at
450A Beehive Lane CM2 8RN

www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk

See also weekly Top 5 most needed items updates on Facebook



Farleigh Hospice's

Open Gardens 2026



Visit some of the most beautiful private gardens
in mid Essex this summer.

Beaulieu and Channels – Saturday 23 May

Springfield – Sunday 7 June

Danbury and Little Baddow – Sunday 14 June

Little Waltham and Classic Car Show – Sunday 14 June

South Woodham Ferrers – Sunday 5 July

For more information visit:
farleighhospice.org/gardens





GOALKEEPER CAMP

Braintree Leisure Centre
Panfield Lane
Braintree
CM7 1FF

**Thursday 6th August 2026 &
Thursday 20th August 2026**
10.00am - 3.00pm

Ages 6-12
£25.00



WHAT WE COVER

Handling, reflexes, agility, footwork,
1 on 1's, distribution (hands and feet),
shot stopping, diving, positioning,
high balls, first touch and much more.

THE
READING
AGENCY



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UNITED KINGDOM

READ to the BEAT



Information for Schools

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registered charity number 1085443 England and Wales.

Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new **BBC series about childhood friendship** and are looking for **kids aged 5 to 8** who are finding it hard to make friends.

If this sounds like your child - or someone you know - filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>

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Is your child finding it hard to make a friend?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about **friendship**.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



FREE practical courses for parents, carers and grandparents

We have a wide selection of upcoming courses designed to support you and your family, from everyday challenges to building confidence and stronger relationships.

[Explore Family Learning Courses](#)



What's Starting Soon?

Our courses are friendly, supportive, and designed with real life in mind. Take part in a way that feels comfortable, and learn practical ideas you can use straight away.

Free Family Events in Maldon

A snapshot of low or no cost fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex Helping you make the most of the summer holidays!

Families across Mid Essex can enjoy a range of free, fun summer events in Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon.

This guide highlights local activities, support, and welcoming spaces to help keep children entertained.

This is just a starting point, there are many more opportunities available through local organisations, offering plenty to explore this summer. Scan here to take a look at our web page for further activities on offer.

Find out
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SUMMER MULTISPORTS CAMP

FROM JUST
£25 A DAY!

27TH JULY - 27TH AUGUST 2026

DROP OFF: 8AM
PICK UP: 5PM

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Our Locations

CRESSING PRIMARY SCHOOL, BRAINTREE

MOULSHAM HIGH SCHOOL, CHELMSFORD

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, HEDINGHAM

GREAT DUNMOW LEISURE CENTRE

25% DISCOUNT CODE: EARLYBIRD25

WHEN YOU BOOK BEFORE 28TH JUNE

Growing Voices

Speech & Language Therapy



🌸 Helping Communication blossom

I'm Sandra, a Specialist Speech & Language Therapist supporting children aged 2-18 with speech, language and communication

Support for:

- ✓ Speech sound difficulties
- ✓ Language delays
- ✓ Developmental Language Delay
- ✓ Selective Mutism



Get in touch for a **free telephone consultation** to discuss how I can help

Get in Touch:

✉ sandragrewal.speechtherapy@gmail.com

🌐 <https://growingvoiceschelmsford.co.uk>

📷 @growingvoiceschelmsford





EMERGING ATHLETE PROGRAMME

For netballers U11-U19

For players new to the franchise environment or developing towards pathway opportunities

The Emerging Athlete Programme is the perfect place to start. A gateway to **PDP talent identification & county referrals!**



HIGH
PERFORMANCE
COACHING



SKILL
DEVELOPMENT



FIRST STEP
INTO PATHWAY
NETBALL



Timeless at the Castle

CHROME, CLASSICS & CHARM



Featuring:
**Car Display, Live Music,
Vintage Games, Stalls, and Tasty Treats**

12 JULY, 2026 | 10 AM - 4PM

HEDINGHAM CASTLE

PREBOOK TICKETS ONLINE FOR EARLYBIRD TICKETS AT

www.helenrollason.org.uk

OR PURCHASE ON THE DAY

For more information call 01245 380719
or email fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk

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CHILDREN'S

BASKETBALL SESSIONS



MINIS
3-5 YEARS

LITTLES
6-8 YEARS



BIGS
9-14 YEARS

**FREE TRIAL
SESSION**



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[@YOUNGBALLERZBASKETBALL](https://www.instagram.com/YOUNGBALLERZBASKETBALL)



Chelmsford City FC
UNDER 10'S
COME AND JOIN

Are you a girl in year 4 or 5?

Our wonderful new squad is growing nicely, but we could do with a few more faces.

Could that be you?

No experience needed, just a willingness to learn and have FUN!

Email
Snr-secretary@chelmsfordcitywomenfc.co.uk

Has your child tried gymnastics?



Help your child to stay active, build confidence and learn new skills with **EA Gymnastics!**

We're inviting local primary school children to try a **gymnastics session** at our Chelmsford gym!

These exciting classes are suitable for Reception – Year 6 gymnasts and focus on **fun, movement and confidence**, led by experienced gymnastics coaches.

No experience needed! Our sessions are welcoming, supportive and designed for all abilities.

Our gymnasts develop:

- 💪 Strength & coordination
- 😊 Confidence & resilience
- 🤝 Listening & teamwork skills
- 🌟 Focus & perseverance
- ... and much more!

Ready to get involved?

Trial spaces are limited. Book your child's spot today!

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 **Gymnastics**



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 cant wait to share with you.

Book now visiting www.cmxsc.co.uk

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Everything you need to know!



Venue - Mildmay Primary School, Robin Way, Chelmsford CM2 8AU



**Time 9.00am - 3.30pm
Early Drop Off 8.30am - Late Pick Up 4.30pm**



Age - For all primary school aged children from Year R - Year 6



Activities - Nerf Fun, Laser Tag, Football, Basketball, Tag Rugby, Gymnastics, Cricket PLUS much more



**Price - Normal Day £29.50
Early Drop Off £3 - Late Pick Up £6**

The Aqua Academy
Swim School



Only
£45.00
Per Child

Summer Holiday Swimming Crash Courses

The Boswells School
Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July
Daily 30min lessons from 9:00am - 11:00am

Beginner and improver sessions
for all children 3+

Contact Zoe to
reserve a space:

07935 319 462
TheAquaAcademy@virginmedia.com



The award-winning Swish has new classes in: **Columbus College, CM1 4JG**

Our classes in the Performing Arts run for Pre-School, School and College age children - from little stars to seasoned pros!

We believe that every child has the opportunity to reach their potential using the performing arts to develop life long skills and talents.

For over 30 years, Swish has been delivering carefully structured classes, captivating shows and locally tailored opportunities. Using only dedicated professionals, we are passionate about guiding children and young people along an exciting journey where they can fulfil their dreams.

We want every child at Swish not only to discover their brilliance but also to shine as brightly as a star in their own right.



Kelly Nicholas
Principal
Swish Chelmsford

Book your 2 WEEK TRIAL

scan the code to see full class information or simply call us:
0330 122 5 122



Swish's reputation speaks for itself:

- ★ Owned and run by professional actors and drama school graduates
- ★ West End stars and household TV names in our Alumni
- ★ Annual productions
- ★ TV/Film & theatre credits such as Paddington, Matilda & Cbeebies
- ★ National Runner-up in Channel 5's 'Don't Stop Believing'

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Swish
Chelmsford

☎ **0330 122 5 122**
🌐 chelmsford.swish.school

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 (CFCS). 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.

CFCS 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



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



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a children's charity for
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