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# The GLC Parent Newsletter



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The first part of the Summer term has flown by, and once again, our young people continue to make us incredibly proud, consistently demonstrating our core values in so many ways. In particular, our young people at the end of their Primary or Secondary education have shown incredible responsibility in preparing for their exams. Their resilience, compassion to their peers and relentless focus to aspire to becoming active and thriving citizens, has been truly inspiring. I wish them lots of luck for the next stage in their journey, I am sure that their results will reflect their hard work.

At our annual general meeting [AGM] our young leaders spoke eloquently about the positive difference they are making at their academies, across the GLC and in the wider community. James Murray, the CEO of Ormiston recognised the exceptional work happening across the GLC and said, *'I was particularly struck by the students who presented from across the schools. They spoke with thoughtfulness about their leadership work and the initiatives they are helping to shape. Their contributions were a powerful reminder that the work of Gateway Learning Community is not only about academic outcomes, but about developing young people who are able to think critically, communicate clearly, work with others, show resilience and grow in self-confidence.'*

*There is also a genuine sense of belonging that connects students, staff, leaders, trustees and the wider community. That kind of culture is built carefully over time, and it was clear from the AGM, and from our wider conversations, that the GLC is creating school environments where young people are known, supported and encouraged to contribute.'*

We are grateful for our partnership with Ormiston and other valued partners; Steplab, Kinetika, KIT theatre and Royal Ballet and Opera [to name just a few] who support us to ensure our teaching, learning and curriculum are of a very high standard.

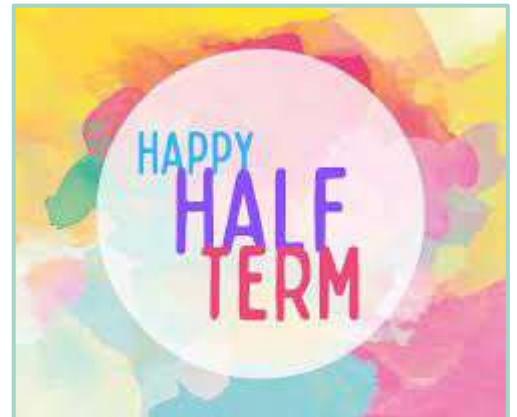
Our young people have been instrumental in planning and leading a range of exciting events for the upcoming half term and for the academic year ahead, once again showing their core values and developing their vital skills of creativity, critical thinking and communication.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the wide range of events planned for the rest of the Summer term:

- Eco Community Fests
- Year 11 Graduation
- Sports Days
- Year 11 Prom
- Infant and Junior Music Festival
- The Summer Arts Festival
- Year 6 Musicals

Have a lovely half term break.

Thank you for all your support so far this year.





## Discovery Enjoying the Stone Age Workshop

We are extremely proud of our Discovery children for their enthusiastic participation in the Stone Age workshop as part of their curriculum.

They engaged successfully in all activities throughout the day, demonstrating curiosity, resilience, and a strong willingness to learn.

This experience has contributed to their development, and we are delighted with the progress they have made over the course of this academic year.





## Suitcase Stories with Back on Track, Tilbury on the Thames

In the first session, students are introduced as Imaginative Investigators joining the Memory Agency, a secret organisation dedicated to uncovering the human stories missing from official history. Working on the Tilbury on Thames Trust's Back on Track project, they begin exploring records of the Windrush arrivals, learning how archival clues can spark creativity while recognising the difference



between what official documents include and what they leave out. Students will identify both factual details (such as names and dates) and emotional clues (feelings, moods, sensations), using these insights to shape a creative letter-writing response. The session also focuses on building excitement



## The GLC's Teatime Concert

On Thursday 30th April, the GLC held its second teatime concert, providing a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for students from across the trust to showcase their musical talents. The event featured a variety of performances, highlighting the confidence, creativity, and dedication of the pupils involved, and it was a wonderful opportunity for the school community to come together and celebrate their achievements. We were extremely impressed by the high standard of performances and the enthusiasm shown by all who took part.



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## Year 1 Filming with Drama Geezers

In the Spring term, the Year 1s took part in a workshop led by the Drama Geezers. As part of this experience, the children collaboratively wrote a book.

Due to the success of the project, the team has invited us to celebrate the children's work by creating a short film narrating the text. The film will be showcased at this year's GLC Summer Arts Festival.





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## Alien Video, KIT Theatre

Herringham Primary Academy recently took part in an exciting filming project with KIT Theatre, where pupils became part of the thrilling Alien Visit experience. During the adventure, the children discovered a mysterious alien egg and worked together to investigate where it had come from and what might hatch from inside. As the story unfolded, they were introduced to Nanoo, a friendly alien visitor who needed their help. Through imaginative drama activities, role play and interactive storytelling, the pupils used teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills to care for Nanoo and learn more about life beyond Earth. The experience was full of creativity, excitement and fun, giving the children a memorable opportunity to take part in a professionally filmed production.



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## The GLC Senior Citizens Meal

The annual Senior Citizens Meal at The Gateway Academy is always a much-loved evening filled with community spirit, entertainment and plenty of laughter. Senior guests from across the local area are welcomed for a special two-course meal, alongside live performances from children across the Gateway Learning Community, including singing and recorder performances that bring a wonderful festive atmosphere to the event. The evening also features a DJ, bingo, a raffle and a thoughtful gift for every guest to take home, making it a memorable occasion for all involved. Students from the academy's hospitality and catering courses play a key role in the success of the evening, preparing delicious desserts and professionally serving meals to guests, giving them valuable hands-on experience while helping create a warm and welcoming experience for the senior citizens.

A total of £763.60 was raised on the night and will be split between the Thurrock Foodbank and the Alzheimer's Society.



Thank you to all staff and students for making the evening memorable for our guests.

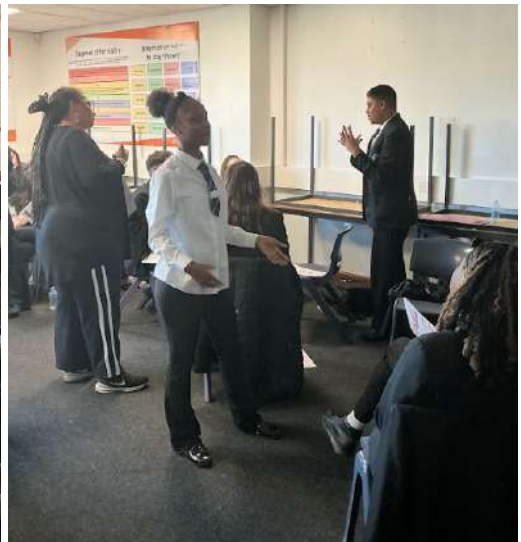


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## Speak Out

60 Year 10 pupils took part in the Speak Out Jack Petchey Workshop this month. They were impeccable as always and demonstrated all of the academy core values in their speeches. Topics ranged from 'the importance of exercise', all the way through 'what is the appropriate age to teach children about sex education?', to 'the pressures to be perfect'.

10 finalists were selected who will now work on developing their speeches ready for the assembly presentation on the 30th April.



## Gateway CCF at the Peak District

Truly on top of the world. Surrounded by breathtaking landscapes and challenging terrain, the experience pushed everyone to step beyond their comfort zones. Every student demonstrated impressive resilience, teamwork, and determination, supporting one another and rising to each challenge with enthusiasm.

It's a fantastic achievement and a testament to their commitment and spirit. A memorable and rewarding experience for all involved—well done to everyone who took part.



## KS3 Visit to Lower Thames Crossing

Our Year 9 and 10 students had an incredible visit to the Lower Thames Crossing, where it was fantastic to see them come alive through hands-on challenges, showing real resilience and teamwork. A special mention to Dominic Pudney, who had clearly done his homework – he impressed everyone with his knowledge of tunnelling and even asked a question the experts couldn't answer on the spot! We're so proud of their enthusiasm, curiosity, and engagement throughout the day.



## Y7 Spanish Spelling Bee Regionals Final outcome

It was a fantastic achievement for our three Year 7 students—Esther-Daisy Kuku, Muhammad Usman, and Jeremy Vasquez Chicas—who represented our school in Cambridge at the Year 7 Spanish Spelling Bee Regional Finals and placed in the top 49 out of 3,706 participants. This is an outstanding result, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and success.



## LAMDA Drama Exam

Year 10 students achieved incredible results in the most recent LAMDA Drama exam. The exam focused on communication and performance. Students had to score 80/100 marks for a distinction grade. 91% of our students achieved the Distinction grade. Huge congratulations!



## Staff vs Year 11 Football Match!

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the fantastic Staff vs Year 11 Football Match that took place on Friday after school. The event was a huge success, with an incredible atmosphere and a brilliant turnout of students and staff. It was wonderful to see so much support and enthusiasm on display, and it is undoubtedly a memory that many of our Year 11 students will cherish for years to come.

A special thank you goes to Jamie, Joe, Paul, Jon, Dan, Kyrese, Tarun, Zack, Alfie, Andre, Kian and Scott, who gave up their time to represent the staff team and make the occasion so enjoyable for our students. Their commitment, energy and competitive spirit helped make the event truly special and secured an impressive 5–1 victory for the staff team!

We would also like to thank everyone who supported behind the scenes, whether through selling tickets, supervising during the event or helping to run the tuck shop. Events like this are only possible because of the teamwork and dedication of staff who are always willing to go the extra mile for our students.

As Year 11 begin their GCSE exams this week, we would also like to recognise and thank all staff for the continued support, encouragement and guidance they provide every day. The care and commitment shown to our students makes a huge difference, and together we will help them finish this important chapter strongly and successfully.



## Year 10 Photography Trip

Mrs Hill accompanied 40 students and staff on a trip to London's Southbank, where they captured images of the urban environment as part of their GCSE Photography course.

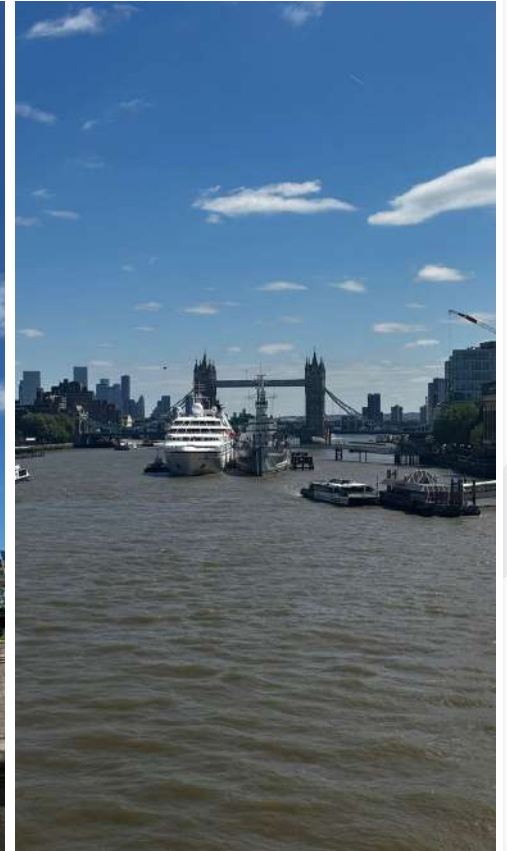
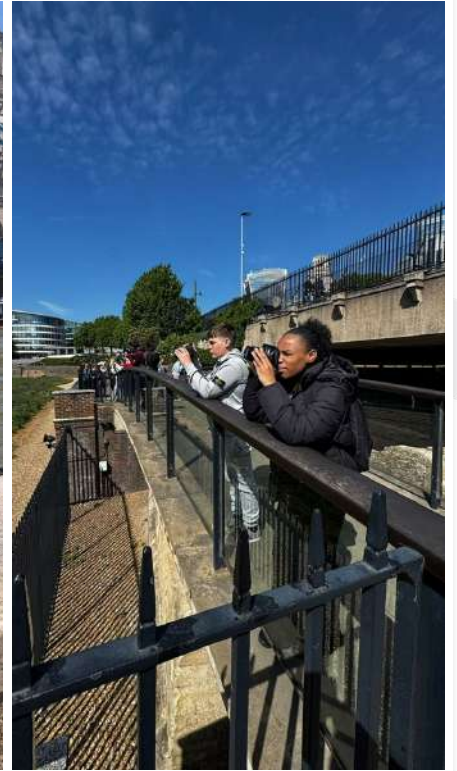
The students were outstanding throughout the visit, with several members of the public praising their behaviour and commenting that they were a real credit to the Academy.

During the trip, students visited a variety of locations and experimented with different exposure settings on digital SLR cameras, including long-exposure photography featuring moving trains and pedestrians.

The day was perfectly timed with a scheduled bridge lift, giving students the opportunity to witness and photograph a cruise liner entering the city as the bridge was raised.

We were also fortunate to enjoy excellent weather conditions, allowing students to produce some fantastic photographs for their portfolios. Overall, it was a memorable and highly valuable experience for everyone involved.







## Gateway Sports

The athletics season has started in impressive fashion for our school, with both boys' teams delivering outstanding performances in the opening round of the ESAA Track and Field Cup. Competing against strong opposition, both the Junior Boys and Inter Boys teams finished in an excellent third place overall, showing the depth of talent and determination throughout the squad. Most notably, the Inter Boys team has successfully qualified for the Regional A Final, placing them among the top 12 schools in the region. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the hard work, commitment, and dedication shown by the athletes and coaching staff throughout training.

Several students produced exceptional individual performances that played a major role in the team's success. Tobi Salman impressed in the triple jump with a powerful and technically strong performance, while Kimani Babatunde demonstrated great strength and composure in the discus competition. Elijah Durojaiye also stood out with an excellent performance in the hammer throw, showing both skill and determination under pressure. On the track, Sam Mowoe delivered a brilliant run in the 100 metres, combining speed and confidence to secure valuable points for the team. These performances not only helped the teams achieve success on the day but also highlighted the exciting potential within our athletics programme this year.

The girls' teams also represented the school superbly in their opening rounds, competing with great determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm throughout the competition. There were a number of encouraging performances across both teams, with athletes showing resilience and a strong competitive spirit against tough opposition. Their commitment in both training and competition has been excellent, and they have laid a strong foundation to build upon as the athletics season continues.

Attention now turns to the next stage of the season. All athletes must continue to remain focused and committed in training as preparations begin for the Regional A Final and the upcoming district athletics championships. Our school has proudly held the district athletics title for the past three years, and there is a strong desire throughout the teams to defend that achievement once again this season. Maintaining such high standards requires discipline, teamwork, and consistent hard work, but the positive start to the year suggests that our athletes are more than capable of rising to the challenge.



Success has not been limited to athletics alone. The Junior NBA basketball competitions are also continuing strongly, with our Year 7 girls, Year 7 boys, and Year 8 girls all just one game away from reaching finals day. These achievements further demonstrate the growing strength of our sports programme and the dedication shown by students across multiple disciplines. The continued success of both our athletics and basketball teams is helping establish our school as the school of choice for young athletes and aspiring basketball players in the local area.

Overall, it has been an extremely encouraging start to the sporting year. With talent, determination, and hard work across all teams, there is every reason to believe that even greater success lies ahead in the weeks and months to come.



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## Essex Fire and Safety Workshop - Respect

This week, Year 6 had a fantastic visit from Essex Fire and Safety, who delivered an engaging and thought-provoking workshop on Respect.

The session encouraged pupils to reflect on their choices, the impact of their actions, and the importance of showing respect to themselves and others. It was an interactive and memorable experience that sparked great discussions—well done, Year 6!



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## Rocksteady Concerts

The children delivered an energetic and confident performance at their Rocksteady concert, showcasing the musical skills they have developed over the term. Performing in bands, they demonstrated teamwork, rhythm, and stage presence as they played a range of popular songs to an enthusiastic audience. The experience gave pupils the opportunity to build confidence, express themselves creatively, and celebrate their progress in a live setting. It was clear to see the pride and enjoyment across all performers, with many rising to the occasion and embracing their roles as musicians in front of their peers and families.



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## Great Progress in 'The Burrow'

The Burrow have been reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and exploring repetitive language to support comprehension skills. The children are making great progress in their writing—some are identifying first sounds, others are hearing all the sounds in words, and some are beginning to complete full sentences. Well done to everyone!

They are also continuing to develop our receptive communication skills across all lessons and around the school, helping pupils apply these skills in new environments and routines. In Music, we have been focusing on following instructions such as “go” and “stop,” “fast” and “slow,” and “quiet” and “loud,” with encouraging progress.



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## *A Magical Alien Adventure with KIT Theatre*

At Gateway Primary Free School, Year 2 pupils enjoyed a truly engaging and creative experience during a special visit from KIT Theatre. The adventure began with a mysterious letter and a message from Agent Cedric about a shooting star landing on the school grounds. Soon after, the children discovered a strange egg in the playground, which they carefully looked after throughout the week. By Friday morning, excitement grew as the egg had hatched, and following another surprise message from Agent Cedric, the pupils tracked clues to the Forest School, where they were delighted to meet Nanoo the alien. Back in the classroom, the children eagerly helped Nanoo learn English and shared a nursery rhyme, demonstrating fantastic imagination, enthusiasm, and participation throughout the experience.



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## Year 5 Egyptian Workshop

Gateway Primary Free School became a bustling centre of discovery and imagination as pupils immersed themselves in the wonders of Ancient Egypt during a special workshop day. Children explored the role of ancient scribes by practising hieroglyphic writing, while others shaped clay into Canopic jars and Shabtis, learning about their importance in Egyptian beliefs surrounding the afterlife.

The day was filled with hands-on experiences, from recreating mummification rituals to designing scented perfume cones and protective amulets, including elaborate pectoral pieces worn by pharaohs and nobles. Artistic talents shone brightly through detailed tomb paintings and carefully stitched Egyptian-inspired patterns, bringing history vividly to life.

Through creativity, craftsmanship and storytelling, the pupils transformed their learning spaces into a fascinating glimpse of life along the Nile thousands of years ago. After break time, the children will continue their activities before enjoying an engaging storytelling experience and a magnificent royal banquet worthy of Ancient Egyptian royalty.





## GPFS Wellbeing Walk

Gateway Primary Free School recently held a successful Wellbeing Walk with Year 3 pupils and parents across the Year 3 classrooms. The event was organised and led by the school's Wellbeing Ambassadors, who planned a range of engaging activities linked to the "5 Ways to Wellbeing."

Pupils took part in creative, reflective, and active experiences including bracelet making, LEGO building, races, board games, cookie decorating, and writing thank you letters. The activities encouraged compassion, resilience, responsibility, creativity, and communication.

The ambassadors showed excellent leadership, confidently explaining how each activity linked to the 5 Ways to Wellbeing: Connect, Be Active, Keep Learning, Take Notice, and Give. The event created a calm, positive atmosphere where children could reflect, collaborate, and celebrate kindness and creativity.





## Year 5's Ancient Egyptian Workshop

The KS2 hall was transformed into a hive of creativity, where pupils stepped back in time for an Ancient Egyptian workshop. Young scribes practiced hieroglyphics while others molded clay Canopic jars and Shabtis for the afterlife. Hands-on learning brought mummification rituals to life, complemented by the creation of scented perfume cones and protective amulets, including ornate pectoral amulets.

Creativity flourished through vibrant tomb painting and intricate cross stitch patterns. From crafting sacred jewelry to preparing for eternity, the children expertly balanced artistry with history, transforming their classroom into a spectacular living museum of the Nile.

As we return from break time pupils will continue their creative activities, before embarking on a story-telling journey and a royal banquet 👑

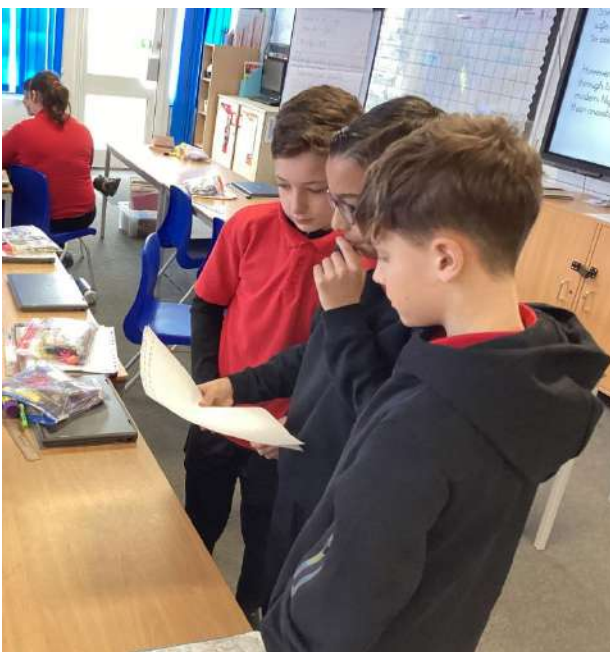


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## Year 6 Debates!

Year 6 have been preparing their notes for a debate, exploring the history of the Kingdom of Benin and the significance of the Benin Bronzes. Their discussion focuses on whether these artefacts should be returned to present-day Benin, encouraging thoughtful consideration of history, ownership, and cultural heritage.



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## Visit from Essex Fire and Police Safety Team

This week we had a visit from the Essex Fire and Police safety team who came in to teach us all about the importance of staying safe at home.

We learnt about how fires start and what hazardous items in our homes can contribute to fires. We explored different ways to prevent fires and keep ourselves safe at home.



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## A Mysterious Visitor Lands in Year 2

It was an exciting and imaginative experience for our Year 2 pupils as they took part in a special visit from KIT Theatre. After receiving a mysterious letter and a message from Agent Cedric about a shooting star landing in school, the children discovered an egg in the playground and carefully looked after it throughout the week. On Friday morning, they were amazed to find it had hatched, and after a surprise visit from Agent Cedric, they followed the clues to Forest School where they met Nanoo the alien. Back in class, they enthusiastically learned more about Nanoo, teaching her English and sharing a nursery rhyme, showing wonderful creativity and engagement throughout.



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## **Get Ready to Play Beat the Street!**

This week, we had an assembly to launch Beat the Street. Tilbury and Chadwell St Mary are being turned into a giant outdoor game starting next week!

Beat the Street is a free, fun challenge where your family can win prizes just for being active.

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## HPA Wellbeing Walk

Herringham Primary Academy recently held a successful Wellbeing Walk, where pupils took part in a range of activities linked to the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. Children enjoyed exploring Homes Around the World, taking part in Keep Active challenges, visiting the Welcome station, building homes, creating Bird Boxes, and spending time in the Reading Zone. Pupils also explored the Bug Hotel activity as part of the walk around the school grounds.

The activities encouraged children to connect, be active, keep learning, take notice, and give, while developing compassion, resilience, creativity, communication, and teamwork. The event created a calm and positive atmosphere where pupils could reflect, collaborate, and celebrate wellbeing together.



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## Celebrating Grace Darling!

We travelled back to Victorian times to learn about the hero Grace Darling. We discovered that back then, there were no cameras or internet! To remember Grace's bravery, people bought special "memorabilia" like plates and tea sets with her picture on them.

### Our Learning Highlights:

No Cameras?  
We learned how artists had to paint pictures by hand.

Commemoration: We learned that this means doing something special so we don't forget a hero.

Our Project: Every student designed their own commemorative plate to celebrate Grace's courage!

The children did a fantastic job bringing history to life with their artwork.



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## King Midas & The KIT Theatre

Year 5 had a fantastic time collaborating with the KIT Theatre during our latest writing unit. We dived deep into the ancient Greek myth of King Midas. The children used dramatic freeze frames and honed their acting skills to explore the characters' emotions and the consequences of the "Golden Touch."



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## Stone Age Experience Day

Year 4 took part in a Stone Age experience day today, which proved to be an exciting and enriching learning experience. The day began with an introduction of fascinating insights into the Stone Age period and what life was like during that time.

Throughout the day, the children engaged in a range of hands-on activities, including a hunter-gatherer challenge (archery), creating arrows with real flint heads, producing cave-style artwork on slate, examining genuine animal bones, and exploring various artefacts from the era.

It was a fantastic way to conclude our History unit, helping to reinforce and deepen the children's understanding of the topic while bringing their learning to life.



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## Year Group Anti-Bullying Assembly

Mr Burnett was welcomed into Year 5 where pupils were addressed on what bullying is and what we can all do prevent bullying. Pupils took time to reflect on their own actions within school and how we can all come together to build a positive community.



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## Year 2's Out-of-This-World Experience

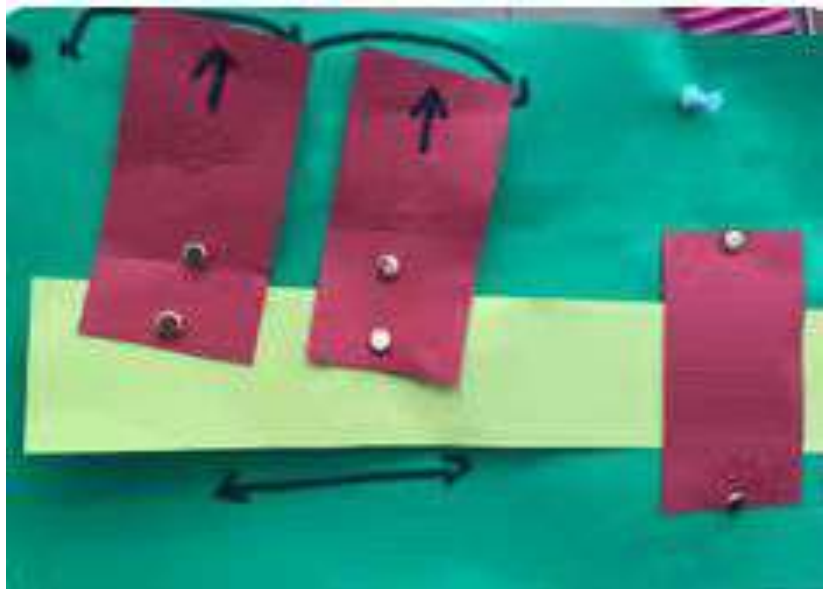
At Lansdowne Primary Academy, Year 2 pupils were immersed in a memorable and imaginative experience during a special visit from KIT Theatre. The excitement began with a mysterious letter and a message from Agent Cedric about a shooting star landing at the school. Soon after, the children discovered an unusual egg in the playground, which they carefully cared for over the course of the week. By Friday, they were thrilled to find it had hatched, and after another surprise appearance from Agent Cedric, they followed a trail of clues to the Forest School where they met Nanoo the alien. Back in the classroom, pupils enthusiastically supported Nanoo in learning English and shared a nursery rhyme, showing excellent creativity, curiosity, and engagement throughout.



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## Year 3's thrilling journey through history and engineering

This term, Year 3 pupils have embarked on a thrilling journey through history and engineering, beginning with a deep dive into the seafaring world of the Vikings and their legendary longships. Our young innovators then shifted gears into the future, exploring the logic behind Robots and the algorithms that power them. The classroom was transformed into a bustling workshop as we tackled hands-on Design and Technology projects, where children mastered the mechanics of pneumatic systems using air pressure to create movement, alongside the study of levers and linkages to understand how pivots and connected beams can translate force into action. It has been a fantastic term of discovery.



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## LPA Join the Beat the Street Launch Event

Lansdowne Primary Academy joined the nationwide Beat the Street at the launch event on 13 May, kicking off six weeks of walking, wheeling, cycling and tapping Beat Boxes across the local area. Pupils, families and staff are already embracing the challenge, turning everyday journeys into friendly competition as they collect points, explore their community and encourage healthier, more active travel habits. With teams forming and rivalries growing, the excitement is building as everyone aims to climb the leaderboard and see who will come out on top by the end of the challenge.





## Y5/6 Boys Play-Off Final

Pioneer 3–2 Warren

What a nail-biting game from start to finish—right down to the final whistle! The team showed incredible determination, resilience, and teamwork to secure a well-deserved victory.

Facing a strong Warren side, including players from professional club academies, our boys rose to the challenge and delivered an outstanding performance to be crowned Central Division Champions! TPA were awarded the shield.

We are so proud of every single player—a huge achievement for all involved!



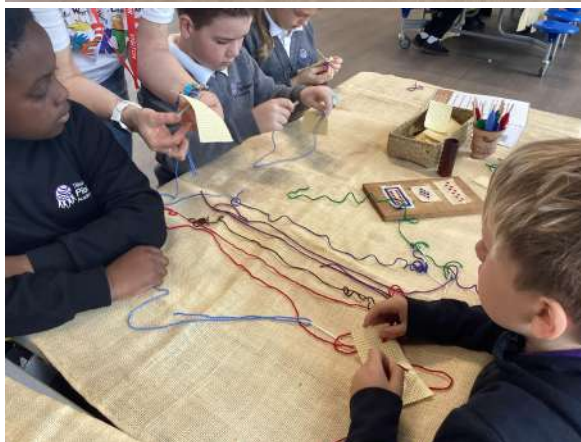
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## Ancient Egypt Workshop

What an incredible day of hands-on history! Our workshop was split into two halves:

During the morning we created custom perfumes, carved out hieroglyphics, sewing, made protective amulets, and mastered the ancient game of Senet. During the afternoon we shifted from making to moving! We used drama to reenact Egyptian life, explored cultural links through storytelling, and performed traditional ritual dances.



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## Planting Seeds and Growing Our Own Plants

The Year 2 children planted their own seeds as part of a project, creating a personal plant diary. They learned about what plants need to grow, including water, sunlight, and care. Each child took responsibility for planting their seed and began to understand the importance of looking after a living thing.

As they continue to observe their plants over time, the children will record changes such as growth, leaves, and height in their diaries. This helps them develop observation skills and an understanding of how plants change and grow.

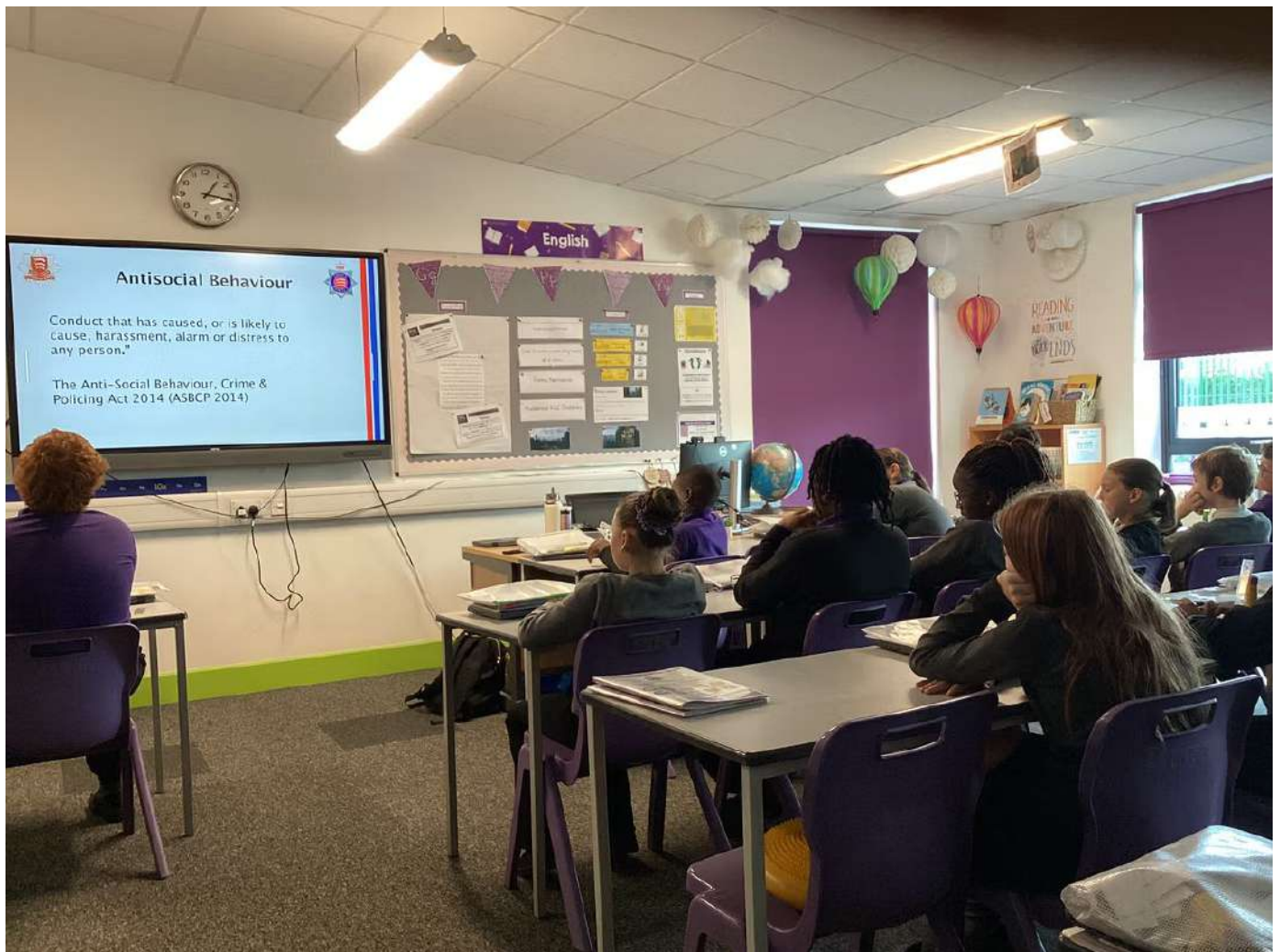


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## Respectful Behaviour Workshop

Representatives from Essex Police visited Year 6 to deliver an engaging session on promoting respectful behaviour, with a particular focus on understanding and addressing anti-social behaviour. Pupils learned what anti-social behaviour is, how it can impact individuals and communities, and the importance of making positive choices through interactive discussions and real-life examples, helping to reinforce values of respect, responsibility, and good citizenship.



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## Year 6 PE

In PE this half-term, the children have been developing their skills and confidence through a range of exciting athletic events. So far, they have been practising javelin, shot put, long jump and track racing, learning the techniques and determination needed for each activity.

The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed spending time out on the field, where they have been encouraged to challenge themselves, improve their performances and support one another as part of a team. Through a balance of fun and friendly competition, the children are building resilience, teamwork and fair play, while also developing their fitness and coordination skills.



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## Tilbury Pioneer Academy's Wellbeing Walk

Tilbury Pioneer Academy recently held a successful Wellbeing Walk, where pupils took part in a range of activities linked to the "5 Ways to Wellbeing." Children enjoyed an "I Spy" scavenger hunt, creating "Potions of Belonging," collaborative garden games, paired reading in the "Cosy Corner," creative drawing activities, and reflective writing tasks focused on kindness and belonging.



The activities encouraged pupils to connect, be active, keep learning, take notice, and give, while developing compassion, resilience, creativity, communication, and teamwork. The event created a calm and positive atmosphere where children could reflect, collaborate, and celebrate wellbeing together.

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**Dates for your diary:** take a look at the GLC events happening throughout this half term. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact Claire Couves, [claire.couves@theglc.org.uk](mailto:claire.couves@theglc.org.uk)

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**Our Vision**

To foster a welcoming space where all parents and carers are empowered to lead fulfilling lives. No matter their path, thrive personally, and collaborate with The GLC to nurture their children as active, thriving citizens within a diverse, truly fair and equal community.

**Our Vision will be achieved by:**

1. Actively listening to our parents and carers, understanding their experiences, their strengths, and the obstacles they face. We're designing it with them, ensuring it truly meets their needs and empowers them to overcome any hurdles in their path.
2. Providing a welcoming sanctuary, a warm and accessible space that extends its embrace beyond the school day.
3. Providing a community living room – a place where parents and carers can connect with others, share experiences, and simply enjoy a cup of tea in a relaxed and informal atmosphere.
4. Continuing to work with a diverse range of organisations, making vital support readily available – from health and housing advice to opportunities for adult education, debt management guidance, and the expertise of Citizen Advice.
5. Making the Thrive Hive a central point for connection, guiding
9. Providing targeted support programmes, to equip families with the understanding to foster good school attendance, establish positive routines and habits, and promote healthy lifestyles through engaging workshops on topics like cooking and well-being.
10. Running evidence-informed parenting programmes, like the Triple P parenting programme, making a real difference to family life.
11. Offering targeted support to equip parents and carers with the knowledge, skills and understanding to actively support their children's learning and development.
12. Providing specific training focused on building early language skills, expanding vocabulary, understanding phonics, and fostering a love of reading – crucial building blocks for future success.
13. Providing access to desktop computers and a printer, empowering parents to navigate online forms and applications for vital services.



# The GLC Thrive Hive

## Lansdowne Primary Academy



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### The GA Dance Show 2026

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# GLC PRIMARY HOLIDAY PROVISION 2025-2026

THROUGHOUT THE DAYS THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, PERFORMING ARTS, FOREST SCHOOL AND MULTI-SPORTS.

**Monday 20th October 2025**  
Tuesday 21st October 2025  
Wednesday 22nd October 2025

**October Half Term**

**Herringham Primary Academy**

**Easter**

**Lansdowne Primary Academy**

**Monday 30th March 2026**  
Tuesday 31st March 2026  
Wednesday 1st April 2026

**Summer**

**Gateway Primary Free School**

**Monday 27th July 2026**  
Tuesday 28th July 2026  
Wednesday 29th July 2026

**£10 per child**

**8:30AM - 3:30PM**

**Spaces available for Year 1 - Year 6**



### Our People Strategy

Our aim is to attract great people who want to help us to achieve our motto, mission and values. We are committed to creating working practices which enable all members of our team to thrive in a supportive environment.

Click on the images below for more information



### Year 10 Work Experience

Every year, our Year 10 students benefit immensely from our work experience programme. It's a crucial chance for them to step into the workplace, gain real-world skills and prepare for their future careers.

We're facing a challenge: **finding suitable placements is getting tougher.** That's why we're asking for your help! Do you have any connections - as a parent, relative, or friend - to an employer who would be willing to host a student?

The programme runs for one week, from **29th June - 3rd July 2026.** We're hoping to expand our network and build a reliable pool of supportive organisations.

Please use the link below to share any contact information or forward it directly to an employer you know. We'll take care of the rest!

We truly appreciate your involvement. It's the generosity of our community that makes this vital programme possible.

<https://forms.gle/EJp6iBmTjo3UYii77>





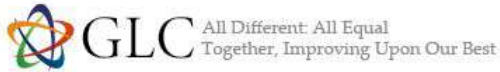
Please see the details of the latest **vacancies**:

GA	GPFS	HPA	LPA	TPA	GLC
<a href="#">Invigilators</a>	<a href="#">Assistant Head</a>  <a href="#">Early Years Practitioner</a>	<a href="#">Classroom Teacher</a>	<a href="#">Class Teacher</a>  <a href="#">SEND Specialist Teacher</a>  <a href="#">Assistant Head with Responsibility for Personal Development</a>		

Click here to view our:

- [GLC Welcome Video](#)
- [Ofsted Reports](#)
- [Our People Strategy](#)

Please share with your friends and family and on your social media platforms to encourage the right candidate to join our team. #jointheglctrust



# Follow us on Social Media

Let's get connected...

Website



The GLC

LinkedIn



@The Gateway Learning Community

Instagram



@thegateway learningcommunity

Facebook



@The Gateway Learning Community

[www.theglc.org.uk](http://www.theglc.org.uk)

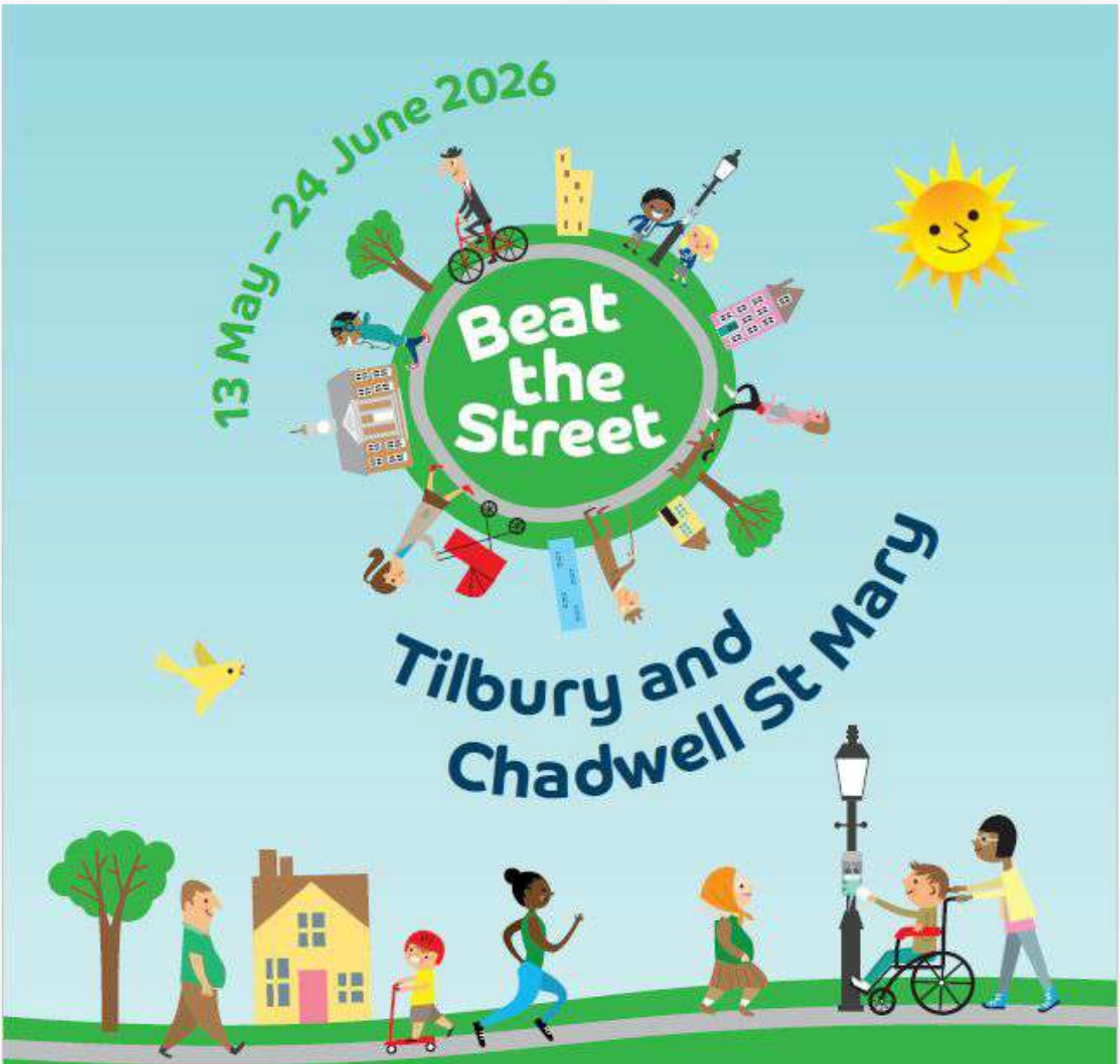




13 May - 24 June 2026

# Beat the Street

## Tilbury and Chadwell St Mary




### Play the free, fun, walking, cycling and wheeling game!

Play as an individual, create a team with your friends and colleagues, or join your school team and you could win loads of great prizes. Visit [beatthestreet.me](http://beatthestreet.me) to find out more.



Beat the Street Tilbury and Chadwell St Mary is being delivered by Intelligent Health, in partnership with, and funded by, Thurrock Council.

 [thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)





## Visit new places, have fun and win prizes

Check out your dashboard to see what awards you have earned and which ones you can still play for. You can play using cards or our Beat the Street App (Age 13+).

### How to play



1 Create your Beat the Street account on our website at [beatthestreet.me/tilburycsm](http://beatthestreet.me/tilburycsm) or by downloading our Beat the Street App via Google Play or the App Store.



2 Add family members and register a card to player profiles. Set up a team or join an existing one.



3 Start your journey. Find your nearest Beat Box using our paper or digital map and hover your card at the contactless Beat Box until it beeps and flashes. If playing with the app, tap the Beat Box icon on your phone and swipe to collect points.



4 Visit 2 Beat Boxes within an hour and collect 10 points for each Beat Box – this is 20 points for the journey.



5 Carry on your journey. Score 10 points for each extra Box you visit.

Play with the app to get access to exclusive features. Add to your Gem collection, pick an avatar and explore the team leaderboards. There's so much to discover. Plus, stay updated with what's on by following us on social media or checking out your message centre.

Get started



@btstilburycsm



@beatthestreethq



@beat\_the\_street



Thurrock Museum volunteers present



Estuary Outcasts:

# Thurrock's Training Ships

Free Exhibition

23 May to 25 June 2026



In days gone by, the waifs and strays of London were rounded up and housed on old naval ships along Thurrock's riverside, being trained for a life at sea. Discover the forgotten story of these young men and their lives.

Ground floor, Thameside Complex, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DX

For more information: [thurrock.gov.uk/museumevents](http://thurrock.gov.uk/museumevents)

In partnership with Thurrock Libraries, celebrating the May theme of The Sea for National Year of Reading.



Sea



[thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)

# GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026



Thurrock Museum volunteers present

# Estuary Outcasts: Thurrock's Training Ships



## Family Activities



Come aboard and experience life on a Training Ship. Have a go at tying knots, signalling and learning a sea shanty!

Tuesday 26 May, 10am to 3pm

Thursday 28 May, 10am to 3pm

Saturday 30 May, 10am to 1pm

Price £3.50 per participating child.

Most appropriate for ages 4+

To book, call Grays Library:

01375 413976

Payment needs to be made in cash, in person.

**For more information:**  
[thurrock.gov.uk/museumevents](http://thurrock.gov.uk/museumevents)



## PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2026



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

### ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

### ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

### BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### BREWDOG

Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026

### CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

### CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

### COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free during half terms

### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

### FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

### FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

### FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

### FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 from 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

### MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

### MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

### PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

### PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

### PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

### PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

### SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1. Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

### TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

### TESCO

Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App)

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

### TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

### TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

### VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free weekdays via the village app

### WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

### YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

### ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays

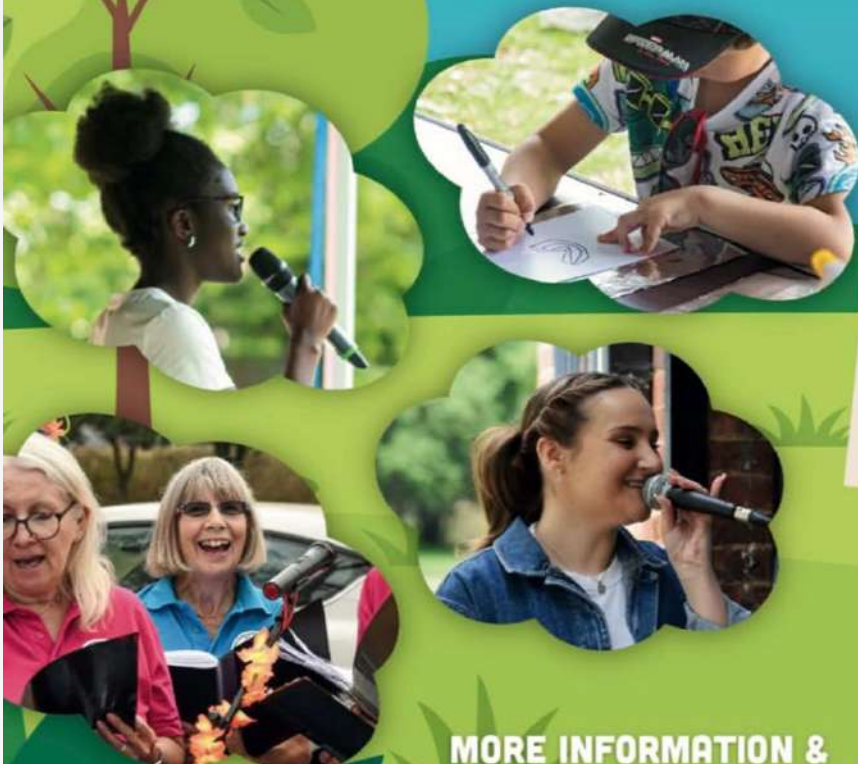


THURROCK  
GET CREATIVE  
FESTIVAL



# GET CREATIVE IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026  
GRAYS TOWN PARK | FROM 12:00 NOON



**FREE  
EVENT!**  
Family Friendly

MORE INFORMATION &  
FULL LINE-UP AVAILABLE ONLINE

[www.artsoutburst.co.uk](http://www.artsoutburst.co.uk)



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**FREE  
ENTRY FOR  
MEMBERS!**

**MAY HALF TERM**  
23rd - 31st May

# THE BIG DINOSAUR DAY OUT

## A ROAR-some Adventure for the Whole Family!

LIVE DINOSAUR FOSSIL MEET  
SHOWS RACING DIGGING DINOS  
**+MORE!**

**V.I.P  
TICKETS**  
INCLUDE RIDES &  
MAKE A BEAR  
ACTIVITY!

**NEW!**  
**OFF ROAD  
KIDS**

### MARSH FARM

\*Off Road Kids £3.50 for 3 laps



GLC Tilbury Pioneer Academy  
All Different: All Equal: Together, Improving Upon Our Best



## Friends of Pioneer

**We're excited to share a fantastic fundraising opportunity thanks to Griffin Group! FOP has already received over £1,000 in funding support this year, and now you can help us raise even more - at no extra cost to you!**

**Griffin Group has set up an exclusive referral scheme just for us:**

**Use our unique QR code to access the referral page.**

**Refer any business that is selling, mortgage-related, or letting.**

**For every successful referral, Griffin Group will donate 10% of profits directly to FOP!**

**We're one of only two schools given this amazing opportunity. Every referral counts and helps us continue to support our school community.**

**If you have friends or family selling, letting or buying a property, refer them to Griffin via our QR code or website**



<https://www.griffingroup.co.uk/friends-of-pioneer/>



# *Soft Archery!*

*Wed 27th May*

*Thurs 28th May*

*1.30pm*

*£5.60 per child*

*Age suitability: 4+*

**BOOK NOW 01268 205267**



ALL ACTIVITIES REQUIRE ADULT SUPERVISION



**WAT TYLER COUNTRY PAR, PITSEA HALL LANE, PITSEA, SS16 4UH**





# POND DIPPING

*£5.60 per child*

*Tues 26th and Thurs 28th May 26*



**11.30am**

**12.30pm**

**Age suitability: 4+**

**Book Now: 01268 2065267**

ALL ACTIVITIES REQUIRE ADULT SUPERVISION



WAT TYLER COUNTRY PAR, PITSEA HALL LANE, PITSEA, SS16 4UH





Join our nature guide and find out how to recognise some of the feathered singers we hear all around us!

Duration 1hr All ages welcome but recommend 7+

Bring suitable outdoor clothing and footwear. Binoculars too, if you have them!

Contact: 01268 205267 or [wattylr.education@basildon.gov.uk](mailto:wattylr.education@basildon.gov.uk)






# Sailor's Treasure Hunt

Saturday 23 May to  
Saturday 30 May

**Grays Central Library**

Thameside Complex, Orsett Road Grays RM17 5DX

Ideal for ages 4+

 [thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)



## Wednesday 27 May

Listen to a story on the hour, every hour, between 10am - 4pm



10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm

Perfect for families with children aged 2yrs+

Thameside Complex  
Orsett Road Grays  
RM17 5DX  
01375 413976



 [thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)



# Bunting Making

## Wednesday 27 May

10.30am to 11.30am

Tilbury Library and Hub

All bunting made will be put up to decorate the library!

Suitable for children aged 1 to 13



Civic Square Tilbury

RM18 8AD

07359812612

[tilbury.library@thurrock.gov.uk](mailto:tilbury.library@thurrock.gov.uk)



[thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)



# Sea themed craft sessions

**Thursday 28 May**

**9:30am to 10am**

**11:30am to 12pm**

**2pm to to 2:30pm**

**Grays Central Library**

Thameside Complex Orsett Road Grays RM17 5DX

01375 413976

**Booking essential.**

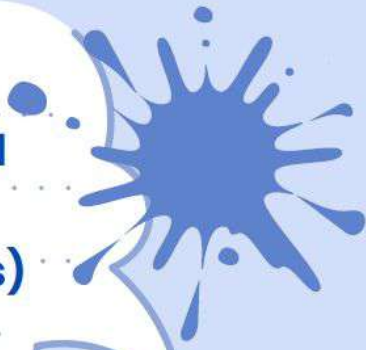
**Ideal for 4 to 12 year olds**

**Children must be accompanied  
by a parent/guardian**

 [thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)



**Afterschool Activities  
(4 - 8 years)**



**Book in advance**



**Rock Painting**  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Thursday 4 June

**Big cook Little cook**  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Wednesday 17 June

**Necklace and Bead making**  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Thursday 18 June

**Fun with painting/printing**  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Monday 22 June

**Summer Arts and Crafts**  
3:30pm - 4:30pm  
Tuesday 30 June

**Get in touch**

📍 Tilbury Family Hub, London Road, Tilbury RM18 8EY

☎ 01375 858 243



Brighter Futures [thurrock.gov.uk](http://thurrock.gov.uk)





# SING TOGETHER WITH TogetherCREATE

## Write & Perform a New Song for Thurrock!

Join us to create and perform a brand new song celebrating our borough and community.

Led by renowned composer and vocal leader **Aga Serugo-Lugo**, these fun, welcoming sessions will help you explore your voice, learn new songs, and develop lyrics and music as we bring a brand new community song to life, ready to share with an audience!

<b>Songwriting Session</b> Sat 16 May   10am-1pm   Grays	<b>Song Learning / Mini Performance</b> Sat 30 May   10am-1pm   Grays
<b>Final Performance</b> Sat 6 June   Daytime   Purfleet	

Join just the songwriting, just the rehearsals and performances, or take part in the whole journey! Book your free space via the link below.



**All are welcome (children must attend with an adult)  
No experience needed - just bring your enthusiasm and your voice!**

Sign up at [www.togetherproductions.co.uk/events](http://www.togetherproductions.co.uk/events)  
Find out more: [marsha@togetherproductions.co.uk](mailto:marsha@togetherproductions.co.uk)  
or message/call us on 07378 968443

