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# The GLC Parent Newsletter



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## Message from CEO

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As we come to the end of the year I have been reflecting on all our achievements at the GLC and the contribution we have made to our community.

I am so proud of how we have brought our motto to life in so many ways, All Different: All Equal Together, Improving Upon Our Best. Our whole community has continued to collaborate to ensure our young people have an amazing range of opportunities that enables them to develop our core values and become active and thriving citizens. We are working on our second video to showcase a selection of the highlights that we will share in September.

We celebrated outstanding results at the Gateway Academy last summer, meeting or exceeding the national average for progress and attainment in many areas. We look forward to receiving our results in August for this year. Our primary results have continued to improve. Our phonics results all meet or exceed the national average and our times table test outcomes are double the national average. At Key Stage 2 we are especially pleased with our maths results. While we have made progress with our reading this year, we still want to inspire our children to be avid readers so please encourage them to read over the summer - it widens their vocabulary and helps them to feel happier.

It is my absolute privilege to work with such a talented, compassionate and aspirational group of young people, staff, governors and directors. We are also grateful to our partners for bringing a different perspective and enhancing and enriching what we do.

We have a few members of staff leaving this year, a couple moving onto promotion, and a few moving out of the area or abroad - we wish them every success in their future and know they will stay in touch. We also have two very special people retiring after 24 and 30 years' service in our community - Mrs Allen at TPA and Mrs Paterson at GA. We are very grateful for all they have done.

A few new members of staff have joined recently and a couple more will join in September meaning we are fully staffed across The GLC. I am excited to see what next year brings.

And last but not least I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Wishing you a very happy summer holiday - scroll to the end of the newsletter for some great opportunities for you and your children.



*Have a nice summer!*



During the week of 3rd June, students and pupils from across The GLC enthusiastically participated in walks in collaboration with Kinetika T100. The wellbeing ambassadors organised the walks for their peers to join, incorporating the theme walking wildly and the 5 ways to wellbeing. It was inspiring to witness the unique approaches taken by each academy.

The Gateway Academy's walk focussed on wellbeing activities, a group of students collected flowers for dye, took part in a yoga session, they focussed on breathing techniques using bubbles and melting maltesers in their mouths to focus on taste. They then used the flowers they collected to tie dye t-shirts.

Herringham Primary Academy enjoyed making nature wands and testing their senses in nature, they looked at the clouds to see what shapes they could see, they tasted fruit and also enjoyed the music and dance station at the end of their walk.

Tilbury Pioneer Academy enjoyed their activity stations, learning about the wildlife located in the local area, whilst collecting letter stamps in their passports and solving the anagram which cleverly spelt 'Pioneer'.

The Gateway Primary Free School KS1 pupils were joined by their parents to embark on their walk around the field, their activities focussed on the landmarks in the local area. The children were also able to draw the landmarks at the drawing station and relax with a book in the shelter.



Spend time with people around you – at home, school or the local community.



Moving makes you feel good. Look for an activity you enjoy and give it a try.



Learning isn't just for school. Learn something new – try something different.



Help other people by being kind, giving a smile or a 'thank you'. Do something for others



Be aware of the world around you and what you are feeling.

Lansdowne Primary Academy incorporated the 5 ways to wellbeing in their walk, each station asked the children to do an activity that linked to the 5 ways. The leaders were at each of the stations with their signs and animals masks encouraging the pupils to join in. They all received a sticker at the end of the walk.

Take a look at some of the photos and videos taken.

Click on the images below to view the videos

### The GLC Wellbeing Walk Video



### Kinetika T100

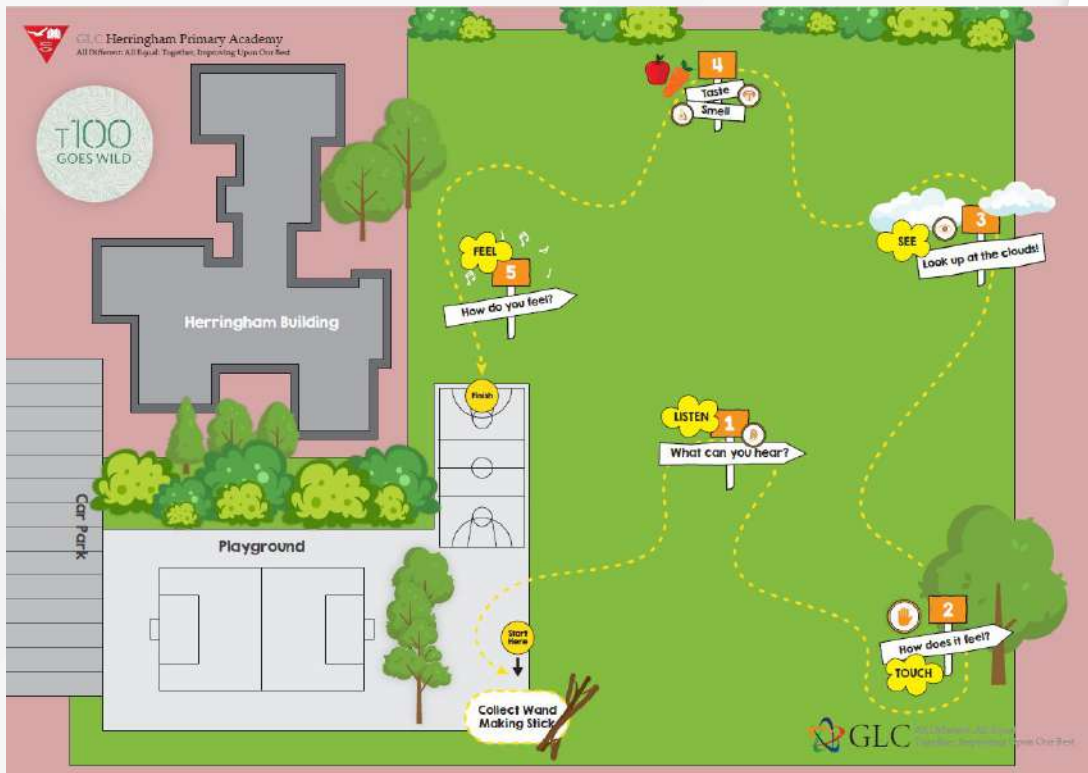


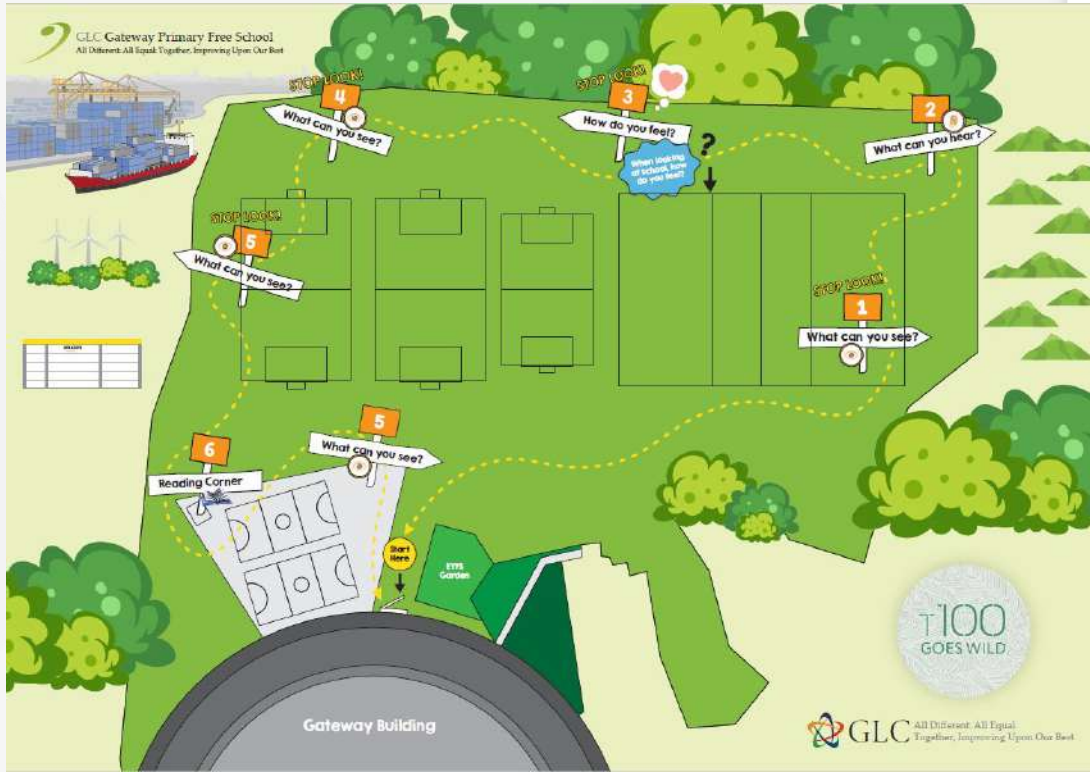
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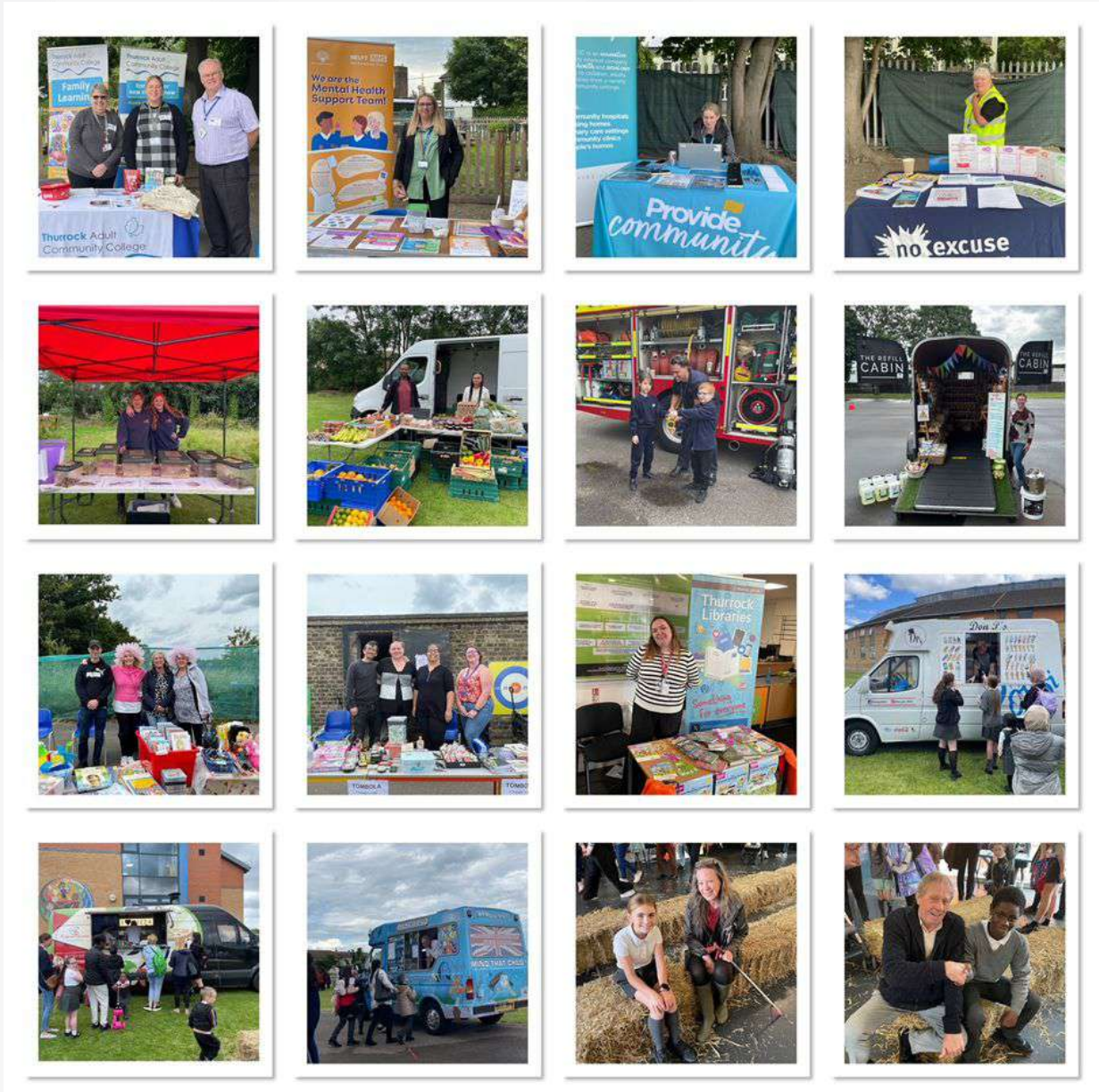






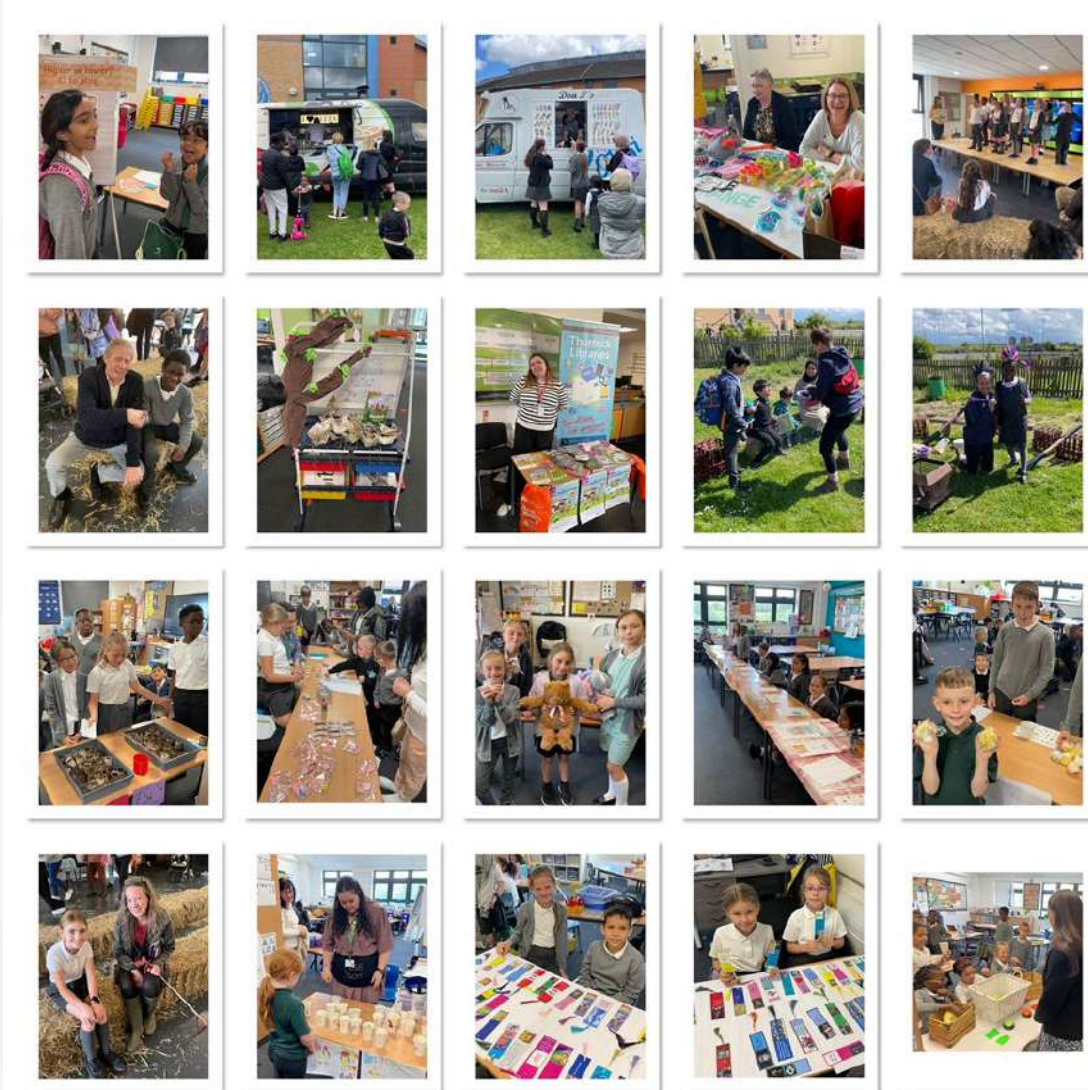
## The GLC Eco Family Fests

During the week of 10th June, the GLC primary academies hosted their first Eco Family Fests in conjunction with 'My Money Week'. During the events, the pupils crafted and sold eco-friendly goods to their friends and family. Various engaging activities were organised, including hook a duck, football penalties, storytelling sessions, and choir performances in two of the academies. The participation of external partners such as The Refill Cabin, Nemos Ice Cream Van, Don P, Lady Macadden Charity Shop, The Pyramid Resource Centre, Adult Education Center, FAB First Aid, Petaholics, Heavenly Greens Fruit and Vegetables, the fire service and the dedicated PTA members added value to the events. Both the staff and students put in tremendous effort to ensure the success of the Eco Family Fests, resulting in a memorable experience for all attendees.



# EFF: Gateway Primary Free School

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*Thank you for inviting me and showing me around your Eco Fest this afternoon!*

*It was the first time I have ever been inside the school.*

*I really enjoyed myself wandering around and chatting to the kids was really inspiring.*

*The school are doing a great job teaching how important caring for everything and everyone is.*

*There were some lovely examples of that sentiment written in so many places I saw as I looked around.*

*Chatting to the children about how happy caring for things can make you opened up lots of great conversations too!*

*One pupil told me I was doing a very 'special' job and that made me smile. Haha.*

*The singing was so good! I sat and listened for ages. I loved the song 'When I grow up' You have some very talented and confident kids who were really enjoying themselves.*

*Well done to everyone involved today.*

*Allie-Rae you are doing a great job as a Deputy Head and made me feel so welcome today.*

*You are all very promising Eco Warriors! - Lynn, Community Eco Warrior*



**Tilbury Riverside Project**

3 d · 🌐

Today our Chairman, Les Morgan, attended Gateway Primary Free schools Eco Family Fest Community Event. This was the first school of four to have their event, tomorrow Herringham school followed by Lansdowne on Wednesday and Tilbury Pioneer on Thursday, all events take place between 2.30 till 4.0'clock, so please go ahead and support the children.



**Les Morgan**

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A big thumbs up to the children and teachers of Gateway Primary free school today, I was invited to their Eco family fest Community event at the school, there was so much going on from play your cards right to hook a duck and plenty of Eco stalls. We were also entertained by their wonderful choir. I would also like to thank 11 year old Steven who gave me a tour of the school very well done. This was the first school of four to have their event, tomorrow Herringham school followed by Lansdowne on Wednesday and Tilbury Pioneer on Thursday, all events take place between 2.30 till 4.0'clock, so please go ahead and support the children. Once again thank you to Gateway staff and kiddies 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

## EFF: Herringham Primary Academy



### Tilbury Riverside Project

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Our Chairman, [Les Morgan](#), once again out, this time at Herringham School for their Eco Family Fest.



### Les Morgan

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Today it was the turn of Herringham primary school to have their Eco family Fest and like yesterday I was invited to represent Tilbury riverside project. Once again what a wonderful afternoon, so much enthusiasm amongst the children and staff. Bouncy castles, Craft Stalls and the children's homemade lemonade and cakes made for a brilliant day! 🍌 Thank you Herringham for a wonderful afternoon and I look forward to tomorrow at Lansdowne School. 🍌🍌

# EFF: Lansdowne Primary Academy



**Tilbury Riverside Project**



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Keep going [Les](#), just one more to go 🙌🙌

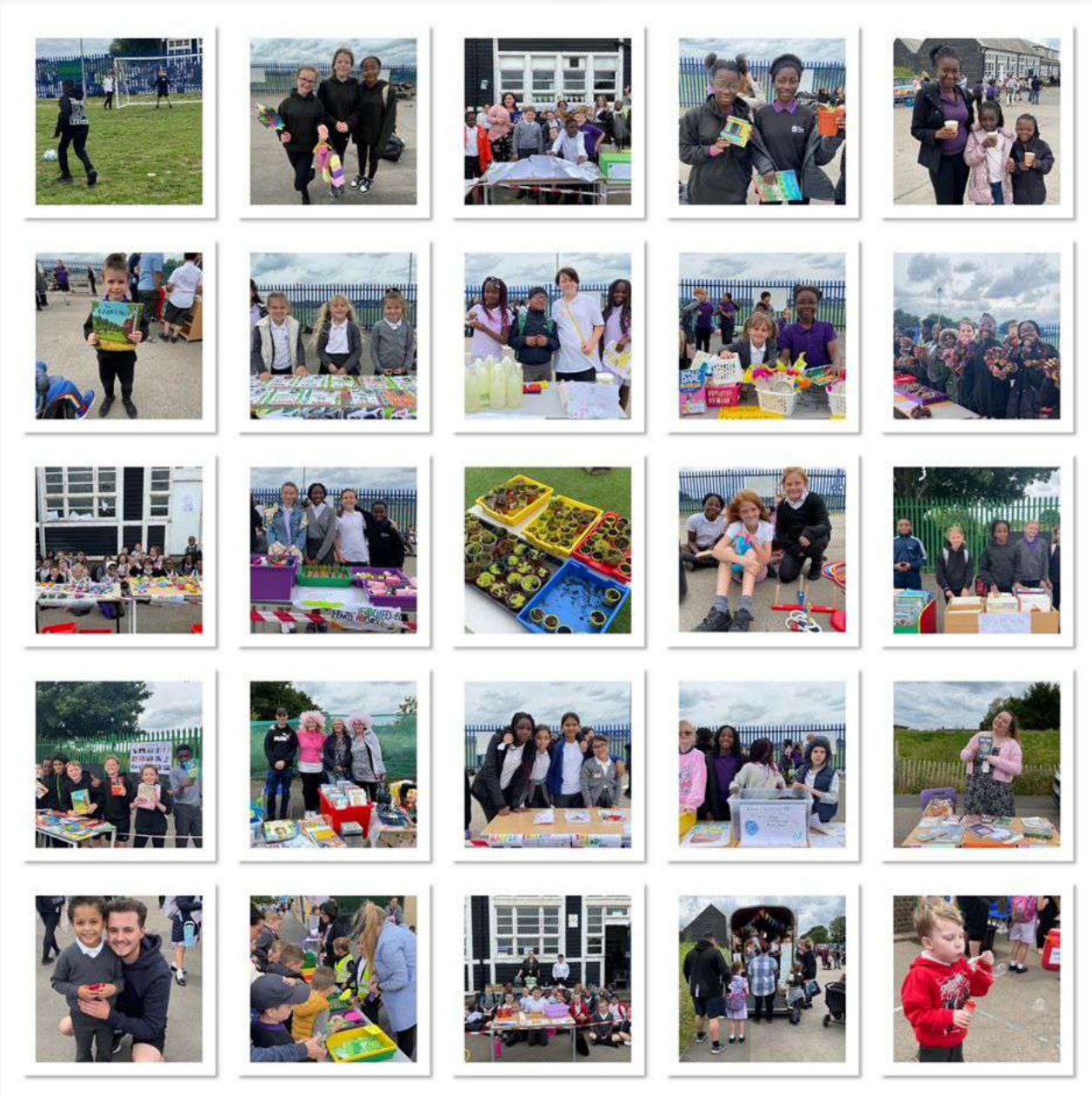


**Les Morgan**


1 d · 🌐

3 down 1 to go, today was the turn of Lansdowne primary school to have their Eco Fest Day, and what a wonderful day it was, the sun shone down on the playing field full of children and their families. Amongst the many stalls run by the children and assisted by the teachers, was a petting zoo, penalty shootouts and stories round the camp fire. Once again it was a wonderful day so well done Lansdowne, and now I'm looking forward to Tilbury pioneer tomorrow 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌  
P.S. I'm running out of money 😂😂😂. @

# EFF: Tilbury Pioneer Academy



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Our Chairman, [Les Morgan](#), has completed his own Four Peaks challenge, having visited the four local schools Eco Fest Day, with today being Pioneer Primary School. Having eaten his was through a huge pile of cakes and came out the other side still smiling. Well done to all the schools involved in such an exciting project.

 **Les Morgan**  
10 h · 🌐

Day 4 done and dusted and once again what a wonderful day was had, it was the turn for Pioneer primary school to celebrate their Eco fest day, and they certainly never let us down. As I approached the play ground I could hear the sound of excited children, and I could see why, there were many stalls selling everything from books to key rings, and lucky dips to lemonade, which I must say was very nice, all the stalls were run by the enthusiastic kiddies assisted by the staff. I had 3 goes at naming the bear, that if I win I'll have to build an extension 😂. There was also a penalty shootout competition, which I sadly missed out on. So summing up the 4 days I have spent with the schools has been an absolute pleasure, and made me a very proud Tilbury man. 🍌🍌🍌🍌

## Thurrock SSP Dance Showcase

On Tuesday 11 June, the GLC primary academies took part in the Thurrock SSP Dance Showcase at the Thameside Theatre. The pupils performed their dance routines, showing great confidence and courage on stage. Well done.



## Create Day - Pre-Planning Day

The children from GLC primary schools, in partnership with the Royal Opera House, have been immersing themselves in learning about the UN rights through dance, singing and design. Their lessons at the Gateway Academy have been in preparation for the upcoming performance day at High House Production Park. On Tuesday 2nd July, these students will come together with others from Thurrock schools for a creative collaboration. The highlight of the day will be a live-streamed performance at 2pm, reaching schools and venues across the UK. GLC directors and governors will be present to show their support as the children showcase their talents.



## Thurrock Infant Music Festival

On Monday 1st July 2024, the GLC primary academies took part in the Thurrock Infant Music Festival. The children performed Crackers Maracas with great flare to friends, family and other schools from across Thurrock. Well done.



## The GLC Primary Spelling Bee

On Wednesday 3rd July, children from The GLC primary schools came together to compete in The GLC Primary Spelling Bee to an audience of fellow competitors, family and friends. The children showed great resilience as they spelt the tricky words given, in the hope of winning in their category. The children performed fantastically, well done to everyone who took part in the competition and congratulations to the winners:

Year 2: Tilbury Pioneer Academy

Year 4: Tilbury Pioneer Academy

Year 6: Herringham Primary Academy

Thank you to our fantastic judges, our Governors from across The GLC.



## The GLC Summer Arts Festival

On Thursday 4th July 2024, The Gateway Learning Community wowed families and staff with their stunning performances at The GLC Summer Arts Festival. The children from the primary schools to secondary school came together to perform dances, sing, play musical instruments and recite poetry. Leaving parents and staff 'glassy eyed'. Sponsored by Ormiston Trust #WeWill project.

We worked with various partners who individually inspired the performances in the show. A heartfelt thank you to all staff members and parents who worked hard to make the show a success and who gave up their time on performance day!





## Thurrock Junior Music Festival

On Tuesday 9th July 2024, the GLC primary academies took part in the Thurrock Junior Music Festival. The children performed a variety of songs around the theme of magic. They performed alongside 2 professional opera singers from the Royal Opera House to friends, family and other schools from across Thurrock. Bloco also treated the audience to a performance. Well done to everyone involved.



## Royal Opera House Trailblazer 10th Anniversary Sharing Event

On Thursday 18th July 2024, The GLC pupils and students performed at the Thameside Theatre for the Royal Opera House Trailblazer 10th Anniversary Sharing Event. They sung, danced, recited poetry and joined in with the shared dance led by the Royal Opera House.

The students and pupils were an absolute credit to The Gateway Learning Community.



## Author Visit, Ray Star

On Wednesday 12 June, 130 Students across Year 7 to 9 had the amazing opportunity to meet an award winning Essex author. Ray Star delivered a fantastic workshop that the students and staff thoroughly enjoyed.



## Cooking Club

During the week of 10th June, the Gateway Academy cooking club made some stunning lemon cheesecakes. They followed the recipe with care and showed their creativity by decorating the top. Delicious!



## Year 10 Trip to Chalkwell Beach

On Thursday 20 June, students in Year 10 embarked on a photography trip to three different locations as part of their GCSE coursework. The journey began at the beach, where they captured stunning images of the pier, before venturing back into the forest to experiment with varying exposure photography techniques. The quality of the photos taken by the students was truly exceptional, and we couldn't be more proud of their dedication to building their portfolios.



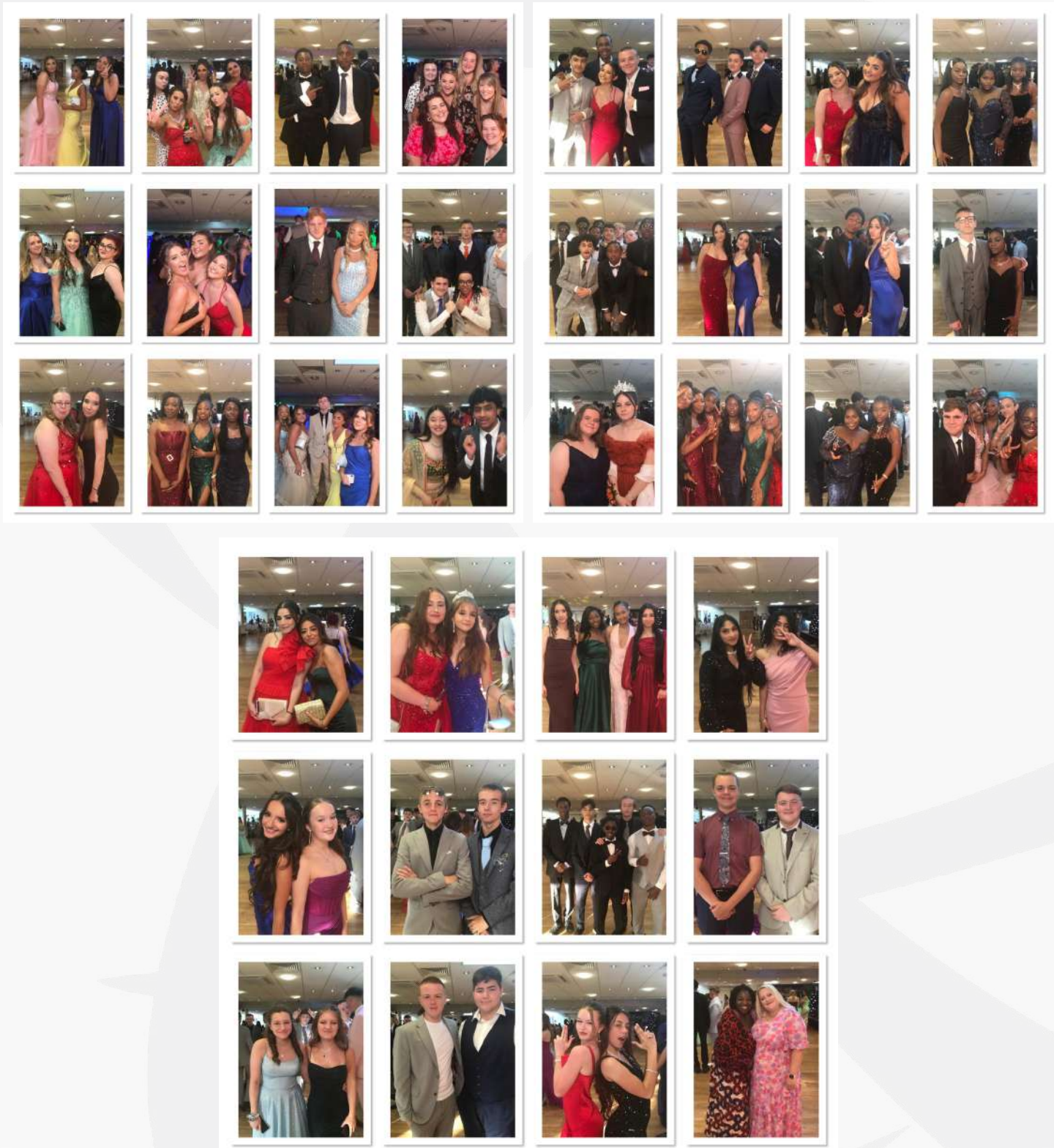
## Health & Care Careers Expedition at Anglia Ruskin University

On 26th June, Year 10 visited Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford to participate in a fascinating Health and Care Careers Expedition. The event was designed to give the students a glimpse into the various career paths available within the healthcare sector and provide them with valuable insights into the daily lives of healthcare professionals. During the expedition, the students had the opportunity to engage in interactive sessions and workshops, where they learned about different healthcare roles, such as nursing, midwifery, occupational therapy, and paramedicine. They also had the chance to ask questions and hear from current students and professionals in these fields, gaining a deeper understanding of what it takes to succeed in these careers.



## Year 11 Prom

On Thursday 27th June, the Year 11's celebrated the end of secondary education with their prom. We are all extremely proud of their accomplishments and look forward to hearing about their exciting futures ahead.



## Gateway Academy Culture Day 2024

On Tuesday 9th July, the Gateway Academy celebrated their wonderful 'Culture Day' - they dressed in their cultures traditional attire, danced, had flags painted on their faces, tried different cultural food. It was an amazing day to celebrate and be proud to be 'All Different: All Equal'



## Future Forward Show

On Tuesday 9th July, the Year 9 students were visited by Future Forward. The show was an informative and fun introduction to post 16 & 18 pathways, focusing on the different options available (including different routes to higher education and widening participation) and the importance of planning for a successful future.

The programme raised aspirations and motivated the students to plan for and achieve the highest level they can in education and training. The show also examines the importance of GCSEs and staying on in education until 18.



## Year 10 Mock Interviews

On Friday 12 July, Year 10 students came to school 'suited and booted' for their mock interviews that were being held in the Ellis Theatre. Governors and GLC partners interviewed the students and gave feedback. This experience is extremely valuable to the students and we are very grateful to our volunteers for taking part.

## Year 10 Trip to Anglia Ruskin University

On Wednesday 10th July, the Year 10 students were treated to an aspirational trip to Anglia Ruskin University.

During the trip, the students had the opportunity to explore the campus, attend informative presentations about different courses and career options, and engage in interactive workshops with current university students. They were inspired by the talks from guest speakers and were able to envision their future paths more clearly. Overall, the trip was a valuable experience for the Year 10 students as it ignited their passion for higher education and motivated them to aim high in their academic pursuits.



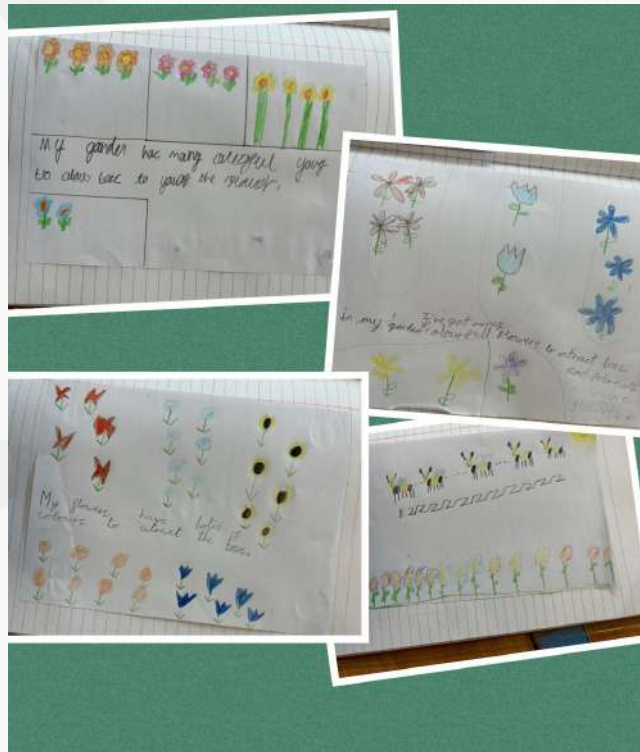
## Year 2 Visit to Colchester Zoo

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Year 2 children at GPFS had an amazing trip to Colchester Zoo. Children had the opportunity to look at a variety of animals, including giraffes, chimpanzees, meerkats and elephants. Their learning linked to their current topic of living things and their habitats as pupils were able to see the animals in a range of different types of habitats and discuss why they were in that environment. The children had a great day, filled with enthusiasm and curiosity, it's going to be great to link our learning back in the classroom!



### Investigating Flowers in Year 3

This half term Year 3 have been investigating different kinds of flowers in the school grounds. They worked as Science detectives to identify the features and parts of flowers. The pupils learnt all about pollination and drew some fantastic flowers of their own.



## Year 2 Trip to Ford, Dunton Campus

On 25<sup>th</sup> June, 7 Year 2 pupils from GPFS had a trip to Ford, Dunton Campus as part of the Primary Engineer Vehicle Programme. The Celebration Day was linked to their Moon Buggy topic from last half term where pupils made different moving vehicles from shoe boxes. Pupils took part in 3 competitions on the day; the best designed vehicle, the best moving vehicle and the best communicator. Pupils had a great day and they showed that we have future engineers in the making.

Congratulations to Tommy who won best communicator for KS1, he was able to describe to the engineers how he made his vehicle, how it works and what he would do to make it better next time.





## GPFS Sports Day

The sun shone for GPFS's Sports Day on Wednesday 26th June. The pupils took part in sporting activities in a carousel fashion, lead by pupil leaders. They had a fantastic time showing off their skills, showing great enthusiasm and resilience, encouraging and celebrating each other's achievements. Well done to all involved.





Despite the cold weather, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July the Year 1 children at GPFS visited Chalkwell beach. They were so excited on the way there that they chanted for the last 5 minutes of the journey, leading the bus driver to comment on how he had never seen such happy and excited children.

When we were there we got straight into finding crabs, building sandcastles and digging holes. We even tried to bury each other in the sand. After lunch, we paddled in the water and jumped over the waves. The PE team kindly gave us some equipment such as balls and frisbees which we enjoyed using in a new environment. We even went around with litter pickers after learning about polluted beaches. The children had a great time and finished the day with an ice-pole.





## The Brilliant Club Scholars Graduation

On 9th July, the pupils who took part in the Brilliant Club Scholars programme attended Kings College in London for their graduation ceremony. The programme ran from March to June, the pupils showed great dedication and resilience, here are the Gateway Primary Free School pupils receiving their certificates. Well done!



## Year 6 Celebrations

The Year 6 end of primary school celebrations were a blast this week as the students enjoyed a fun-filled day with a bouncy castle and delicious ice creams!





## Year 6 The Greatest Show

The Gateway Primary Free School's Year 6 cohort performed "The Greatest Show," marking the school's first ever production. The musical showcased the students' talent and dedication, impressing both our whole school audience plus some special guests. This milestone event highlighted the school's commitment to fostering creativity and performing arts among its pupils.





## HPA Tree Party

On Tuesday 11th June, the Reception team decorated the big forest school area for their fantastic tree party. They hung up bunting, put up bird feeders and filled them with seed.

The tree party was a special time for the Reception team to come together and celebrate their love of nature and learning.





## Year 3 Visit to Chafford Gorge

On Thursday 13th June, Year 3 visited Chafford Gorge where they had an exciting day exploring nature. They had the opportunity to observe various trees, hunt for bugs, sketch the beautiful surroundings, and learn about the importance of pollination in the ecosystem. It was a fun and educational experience for everyone involved.





## Sports Day!

The sun shone for HPA's Sports Day on Thursday 20th June. The pupils took part in sporting activities in a carousel fashion, lead by pupil leaders. They had a fantastic time showing off their skills, showing great enthusiasm and resilience, encouraging and celebrating each other's achievements. Well done to all involved.





## Butterfly Release and Exploration

On Monday 1 July, Reception released their butterflies, they found a lovely patch of wildflowers for them to rest on. They talked about the butterflies wings and how they are different to moths. They went to look on the field to see if they could find any more. While they were searching they came across a blackbird egg that had hatched and a nest. The nest was very strong so they took it down to look at it and see how it had been made, they returned it safely when they were done. Reception also picked up some litter they found and discussed how it might affect the wildlife, just like Rocket, the character in the book they have been reading.





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## The Year 6 Residential

On the weekend of the 14th of June, a group of excited and adventurous Year 6 pupils set off on their unforgettable journey to the thrilling PGL adventure centre at Windmill Hill. Over the course of the weekend, the students took part in a variety of exciting activities such as zip-lining through the trees, conquering the high ropes course, and navigating their way through challenging obstacle courses. Each activity brought out the pupils' spirit of teamwork and determination as they encouraged and supported each other every step of the way.





## The Year 6 Greatest Show

A performance about the Victorian Circus.

We are immensely proud of all of the children's effort and energy they put into their performances. Many children stepped out of their comfort zone to perform in front of their fellow peers, parents and school governors. A huge well done to all involved.



## Author Visit, Ian Brown

As part of our reading for pleasure culture, author Ian Brown was invited to visit us at LPA on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Ian has written for shows such as, 'The Simpsons' and 'Top Gear'. He has also written or produced for the likes of Harrison Ford, Pierce Brosnan, Michael Caine, Sharon Stone, Simon Cowell, Jamie Oliver, Ant and Dec, Tom Jones and many many more. Ian now writes picture books about 'Albert the tortoise' and 'Hugg and Bugg'.

On the day he read some of his stories to KS1 and Reception children. The children were given the opportunity to purchase Ian's books in advance ready for him to sign on the day with a personalised greeting.

The children enjoyed the visit and it generated a real buzz for reading!

After the session, Ian signed books outside in the reading area.



## Year 3 Visit to Chafford Gorge

On Wednesday 12th June, the Year 3 pupils visited Chafford Gorge. They took part in a workshop where they spoke about seed needs, they sketched drawings of plants, went on a bug hunt and identified the trees in the surrounding area using a tree guide.



## Year 6 Residential Trip to Windmill Hill [PGL]

From the 14th - 16th June, the children in Year 6 embarked on a residential trip to Windmill Hill [PGL]. Their time spent there was truly fantastic, filled with engaging activities like abseiling, climbing, a thrilling giant swing, archery, fencing, raft building, and orienteering. Through these experiences, they not only had fun but also enhanced their teamwork and self-reliance, overcoming personal fears along the way. A special appreciation goes out to all the teachers and students who contributed to making this trip a truly unforgettable one.



## Reception Visit to Call of the Wild

On Thursday 27th June 2024, Reception pupils embarked on a trip to Call of the Wild. They thoroughly enjoyed meeting the lemurs, penguins and the giant tortoise!



## The Year 6 Residential

During the weekend of 14th of June, a group of enthusiastic and daring Year 6 students embarked on a remarkable trip to the exhilarating PGL adventure center located at Windmill Hill. Throughout the weekend, the pupils engaged in a variety of thrilling activities like gliding on zip-lines amidst the trees, overcoming the challenging high ropes course, and maneuvering through complex obstacle courses. Each activity showcased the students' sense of unity and perseverance as they cheered on and assisted one another at every stage of the journey.



## Acorns Family Learning Session

On Friday 12th July, the children in Acorns had a sports and games family learning afternoon. They took part in a variety of different activities, including bowling, boccia, curling, target practice and quoits. There was also an opportunity for them to develop their balance skills on the balance bikes, scooters and some mini stilts. The afternoon ended with some games using the large parachute, with their favourite game being the 'washing machine'. Everyone had a great time and it was lovely to see the parents getting involved in the activities with all the children – one parent started to teach the children how to juggle! Fun was had by all.



## The Year 6 Greatest Show

I think you will agree that Year 6 really did produce 'The Greatest Show'. Mr George said, "I was totally blown away by the talent on display."

From the main parts, who had so many lines to learn, to children standing up and singing solo in front of an audience, to our backstage team who made sure all the correct props were in the correct place, our children did us and you proud.





### Preparation for the Eco Fest

The children were extremely excited about making the Eco friendly products to sell at the Eco Family Fest. Pictured are Year 6 pupils making freshly squeezed lemonade and decorating pine cones to sell. Fantastic job, well done!

### Year 5 Secondary Experience Day

The children experienced a range of exciting lessons geared to show them what life in secondary school will be like. The children really enjoyed getting familiar with equipment and seeing the inside of the Gateway Academy. The staff were excellent.





## Year 5 Visit to Go Ape

TPA's Year 5 children embarked on an enriching educational journey cultivating essential life skills, nurturing personal development, and instilling self-confidence at Go Ape.

Immersing students in the great outdoors, we recognise the profound connection between nature and overall well-being – both mental and physical. Witnessing the transformation of young individuals as they conquer adventurous challenges.





## TPA Sports Day

The sun shone for Tilbury Pioneer Academy's sports day, and the students were eager to show off their athletic skills. The pupils were excited to participate and compete with their peers. Sports day is a great way to promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and overall physical fitness, the pupils embraced all of these opportunities whilst showing great resilience. Here are a few action shots:





## Year 6 Greatest Show

We are extremely proud of the dedication and enthusiasm shown by all the children in their performances. Many students bravely took on the challenge of showcasing their talents in front of their peers, parents, and governors. Congratulations to everyone involved for their outstanding efforts, it was a fantastic show!





## KS2 Borough Olympics

On 7th June, KS2 pupils from across The GLC showcased their athletic abilities at the Borough Olympics. The event brought together young athletes from various schools to compete in a friendly and competitive environment. It was a day filled with excitement, sportsmanship, and camaraderie as they cheered each other on and gave their best efforts in each event. The Borough Olympics not only promoted physical activity and healthy competition but also fostered a sense of community and teamwork among the participants. Overall, it was a memorable day that highlighted the talent and spirit of the young athletes in The GLC.



## Junior NBA Champions

Some fantastic news! A huge well done to Coach Lee and his Year 7 and 8 boys basketball teams who were crowned JNR NBA Champions on Wednesday 12th June 2024 – each student was awarded a prestigious JNR NBA ring. These students have spent all year competing in multiple games to reach the finals day at UEA.

## Thurrock District Sports Winners 2024

A huge congratulations to the athletes and PE staff for yet another championship. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication, hard work, and teamwork of our talented athletes and the exceptional coaching and support provided by our PE staff. The team's success is a reflection of the school's commitment to promoting a culture of excellence in sports and physical education. Well done.



### KS1 Districts

On Friday 5th July. Children from Year 1 and 2 were selected to attend the KS1 Districts event. The children have worked extremely hard ensure that they were fully prepared to compete. The children came back to school with a huge amount of medals! Overall, Lansdowne finished 4th! This is an amazing achievement. For some children, this was their first event event experience and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Not only did they shine through their sporting ability, they also demonstrated teamwork, resilience and respect. Their behaviour was amazing and our core values were very evident.



This year the Gateway Primary Free School finished in 9th position out of 37 schools in the whole of Thurrock in our SSP competitions and achieved GOLD in the school games mark 2024. This reflects the amazing opportunities that The GLC offer our children and how hard work and dedication really does pay off.





## The GLC Primary Competencies

**Critical Thinking:** The ability to analyse information and ideas and to form reasoned arguments and judgements.

**Click below to view the video**



## 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



## Trailblazer 10th Anniversary, Congratulations



On Wednesday 5th June 2024, the GLC received 2 awards at the Trailblazers 10th anniversary at the Royal Opera House-one for Rhiannon Thomas on behalf of the Gateway Academy and one for Sian Lister on behalf of The GLC primaries. Sam Otto received a special mention and we had lots of staff members who received a partners mention. Each school has the most beautiful glass awards which will be displayed in a prominent place.

Well done to everyone who has supported in the development of this over the last 10 years.

Photograph taken by Veronika Ward

## For Budding Musical Theatre Performers

If your child is in KS2 and would like to audition for a part in the upcoming GLC production of Matilda in the Autumn term. Please save the date:

**GLC** All Different: All Equal  
Together, Improving Upon Our Best

**GLC'S**  
ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
the Musical

**KEY STAGE 2 ONLY**

**IF YOU LOVE TO SING, DANCE AND ACT COME AND AUDITION TO BE PART OF THE CHORUS IN THE GLC PRODUCTION OF MATILDA**

<b>TILBURY PIONEER ACADEMY</b> <b>MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER</b> <b>12:15 - 12:45 YR 5 CLASS ROOM</b>	<b>HERRINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY</b> <b>FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER</b> <b>12:15 - 12:50 YR 5 CLASSROOM</b>
<b>LANSDOWNE PRIMARY ACADEMY</b> <b>TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER</b> <b>YR 6 INTERVENTION ROOM</b> <b>12:40 - 1:15PM</b>	<b>GATEWAY PRIMARY FREE SCHOOL</b> <b>THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER</b> <b>12:15 - 12:50 YR 6 CLASS ROOM</b>

## GLC Primary Holiday Provision

This past year staff have created some amazing opportunities and experiences throughout the holidays to support our pupils. Workshops/ lessons have included singing, forest school, cooking, street dance, trip to Waterstones and many more. Numbers have been high, supporting our working families and those families that we feel need a little extra support.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported this year's holiday provision and hope you all have a wonderful summer.

*"My daughter absolutely loved it and couldn't stop talking about what she had done that day."- Year 4 parent HPA*

*"My son loved Forest School. He said he would love to attend again. He came home full of enthusiasm. He didn't stop talking all evening about the wide variety of things they did. Fab idea."- Year 5 parent TPA*

*"I thought my child was going in to do 6hrs of maths, but she come home and told me they also done art and PE. 6hrs of maths would have been very draining, so I'm glad they got to do some fun activities as well."- Year 6 parent LPA*

Take a look at the upcoming holiday provisions dates for 2024 - 2025.



# GLC PRIMARY HOLIDAY PROVISION 2024-2025

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

October Half Term

Lansdowne  
Primary Academy

Monday 21st October 2024

Tuesday 22nd October 2024

Wednesday 23rd October 2024



Monday 17th February 2025

Tuesday 18th February 2025

Wednesday 19th February 2025

February Half Term

Herringham  
Primary Academy



Easter Holidays

Gateway Primary  
Free School

Monday 7th April 2025

Tuesday 8th April 2025

Wednesday 9th April 2025



Monday 28th July 2025

Tuesday 29th July 2025

Wednesday 30th July 2025

6 Weeks Holidays

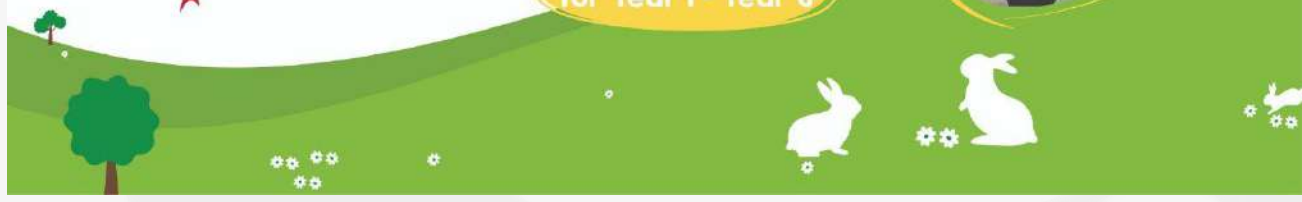
Tilbury Pioneer  
Academy



8:30AM - 3:30PM

£10 per child

Spaces available  
for Year 1 - Year 6





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# FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Every Wednesday at 3:00PM  
Lansdowne Academy will be holding a  
Community Recycling Event.  
You can donate unwanted uniform that  
your children have outgrown and you can  
collect items that fit better for

FREE

## ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS

- School Jumpers / Cardigans
- PE kits blue polo T-shirts / Blue shorts / blue track bottoms
- Grey trousers / Grey skirts / blue gingham summer dresses
- Coats / hats gloves
- School white shirts / white polo shirts
- Bags / lunch boxes
- Shoes / plimsoles



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

GA	GPFS	HPA	LPA	TPA	GLC
<a href="#">Combined Cadet Force School Staff Instructor and Pastoral Coach</a>			<a href="#">SEND Teaching Assistant in ACORNS</a>		

Click here to view our **GLC Brochure**

Read our latest **Ofsted Reports**

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



## The GLC in the Press!

- [Gateway students lead the way to create a 'Futures' programme to help young people find their path - Your Thurrock](#)
- [Students come together to inspire others and create opportunity | Local News | News | Thurrock Nub News | by Nub News Reporter](#)
- <https://thurrock.nub.news/news/local-news/school-community-remembers-and-pays-tribute-to-tragic-kayla-with-support-for-cardiac-charity-223766>
- <https://thurrock.nub.news/news/local-news/students-and-staff-play-host-to-much-appreciated-community-event-230695>
- [https://ormistons-newsletter.beehiiv.com/p/ot-newsletter-2024?utm\\_source=ormistons-newsletter.beehiiv.com&utm\\_medium=newsletter&utm\\_campaign=ot-newsletter-2024](https://ormistons-newsletter.beehiiv.com/p/ot-newsletter-2024?utm_source=ormistons-newsletter.beehiiv.com&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=ot-newsletter-2024)

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**Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25**

Making sure your child gets the right start!

Tilbury Pioneer has fully qualified staff who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling. We have morning and after noon nursery sessions.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:25AM - 11:25AM	3 hours per day funded (15 hours per week)
PM	12:15PM - 15:15PM	3 hours per day funded (15 hours per week)
30 Hours Funded	08:25AM - 15:15PM	6 hours per day funded* (30 hours per week)

Your child can start nursery here at Pioneer as soon as they have had their third birthday. If you would like a tour of the school or an application form, please use the contact details below:

Your child can start nursery as soon as they have had their third birthday

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact using the details:

01375 488420  
admin.pioneer@theglc.org.uk

Apply now by completing the admission form

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**Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25**

Making sure your child gets the right start!

Herringham Primary Academy have fully qualified staff who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:30AM - 11:30AM	15 hours per week
PM	12:15PM - 15:15PM	15 hours per week

Your child can start nursery the term after they turn 3 years of age. If you would like a tour of the school or an application form, please use the contact details below:

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact us using the details:

01375 489860  
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**Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25**

Making sure your child gets the right start!

The Gateway Primary Free School have a teacher led nursery who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.

Your child can start as soon as they turn 3

Places for both 15 hours and 30 hours are available now and for September 2024.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:40AM - 11:40AM	3 Hours Per Day Funded (15 Hours Per Week)
PM	12:20PM - 15:20PM	3 Hours Per Day Funded (15 Hours Per Week)
30 Hours Funding	08:40AM - 15:20PM	6 Hours Per Day Funded* (30 Hours Per Week)

For a tour of the school or an application form, please contact using the details:

01375 489094  
gpf-s-nursery@theglc.org.uk

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**Nursery Enrolling Now For Academic Year 2024-25**

Making sure your child gets the right start!

Lansdowne Primary Academy have fully qualified staff who will ensure that your child makes the best possible start to their schooling.

Session Type	Time	Funded Daily Hours
AM	08:25AM - 11:25AM	15 hours per week
PM	12:15PM - 15:15PM	15 hours per week
30 Hours Funding	08:25AM - 15:15PM	30 hours per week

\*30 hours funded positions are subject to eligibility and a successful application. Please visit: [www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare)

Your child can start nursery the term after they turn 3 years of age. If you would like a tour of the school or an application form, please use the contact details below:

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# STAY AND PLAY

## SESSIONS FOR 2-3 YEAR OLDS!

PLAY, EXPLORE, DEVELOP SOCIAL SKILLS, MEET NEW FRIENDS, BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENJOY RHYME TIME!

**FREE**

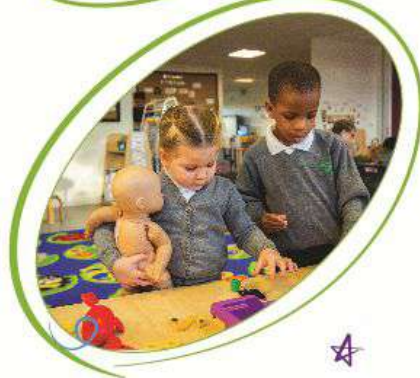
Every  
Thursday  
10am - 11am

Gateway Primary  
Free School

(Term time only)

Open to the wider  
community not just  
families of existing pupils.

Refreshments  
are available!



Contact us  
for more  
information:



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<https://www.theglc-primaryfreeschool.org.uk/>

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# U10-11 MIXED

**SATURDAYS** **COST**  
**1-2PM** **£5**



At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU



# U13 BOYS

**SATURDAYS** **COST**  
**11-1PM** **£5**

At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU



# U13 GIRLS

**SATURDAYS** **COST**  
**11-1PM** **£5**

At The Gateway Academy, RM16 4LU

# TRAINING SCHEDULE

**SATURDAYS**  
U13 BOYS: 11:30AM - 1:00PM  
U11 MIXED: 1:00PM - 2:00PM  
U15 BOYS: 2:00PM - 3:30PM

**LETS GO GATORS!!**



## Events happening in the community:



### PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2024



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

#### LAS IGUANAS

Join 'My Las Iguanas' via the App & Niños eat free with every adult main

#### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

#### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

#### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

#### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

#### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase an adult's main meal (App needed)

#### PUREZZA

Children under the age of 10 get free pizza at Purezza with every adult meal purchased

#### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

#### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

#### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

#### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

#### MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

#### TESCO CAFES

1 Free Kids meal with every 60p Spend. Available from July 1st Scotland and NI - from July 22nd England & Wales

#### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

#### YO! SUSHI

From Monday 1st July - Friday 30th August 2024, kids eat free all day Mondays to Fridays at YO! Sushi (min adult spend £10).

#### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

#### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

#### COCONUT TREE

One child (aged 10 and under) eats free per paying adult. Valid Daily, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 22nd July to Friday 6th Sept 2024.

#### DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

#### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

#### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

#### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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Spaces are limited



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# THE COMMUNITY BIG LUNCH

& FREE Summer Events for the whole family!

12pm - 4pm



MON  
29 Jul

**Purfleet-On-Thames**  
On the Green (by the Beacon)  
Centurion Way,  
Purfleet-On-Thames, RM19 1QA

THUR  
1 Aug

**West Thurrock**  
West Thurrock Memorial  
Ground, London Rd, Grays,  
RM20 3BX

WED  
7 Aug

**Chadwell St Mary**  
Pyramid Resource Centre,  
Heath Rd, Grays, RM16 3AP

THUR  
8 Aug

**Tilbury**  
Picnic in the Park  
The Anchor Fields, Tilbury,  
RM18 8EY

SAT  
10 Aug

**Grays (Seabrooke Rise  
Community House)**  
11:00am-3:00pm  
Kilverts Field, Grays, RM17 6JT

WED  
14 Aug

**Aveley**  
Recreational Ground, High St,  
Aveley, RM15 4BX

MON  
19 Aug

**Corringham**  
Corringham Town Park,  
Springhouse Rd, Corringham,  
SS17 7LF

WED  
21 Aug

**East Tilbury**  
Gobions Park  
Princess Margaret Rd,  
East Tilbury, RM18 8TN

FRI  
23 Aug

**Grays (Big Local)**  
Grays Town Park, Park Rd,  
Grays, RM17 6RB

WED  
28 Aug

**South Ockendon**  
Dilkes Park, Fairham Ave,  
South Ockendon, RM15 5NN

Grab a picnic and come along for a family fun afternoon!  
Packed with creative activities, live entertainment, sports and more!

For more information please visit:  
[www.thurrockcvs.org](http://www.thurrockcvs.org)



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

Thurrock Adult  
Community College



## Family Fun: On the Beach

Enjoy lots of FREE activities for all ages with a beach theme.

### Thursday 1st August 2024

10:30am - 12:30pm

Beaconsfield, Tilbury

Course Code: FL5001Y24

### Tuesday 6th August 2024

10:30am - 12:30pm

Purfleet Community Hub

Course Code: FL5002Y24



### Wednesday 7th August 2024

10:30am - 12:30pm

The Old Courthouse, Grays

Course Code: FL5003Y24

### Enrol now



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# PICNIC

## IN THE PARK

A free summer event for the whole family



**THURSDAY 8 AUGUST**  
**12pm-4pm**  
**Tilbury**

The Anchor Fields,  
Tilbury, RM18 8EY

Grab a picnic and come along  
for a family fun afternoon!

Live entertainment

Sports

Games

Creative  
activities

Music

and much more...

For more info visit [www.thurrockcvs.org](http://www.thurrockcvs.org)



Entry to this event and the majority of activities are free, some optional activities may incur a small cost, and refreshments will be available to buy on the day.

A photograph of two young women sitting on a large, striped beach parasol. They are both cheering with their mouths open and arms raised. The background shows trees and a clear sky. The image is framed by a red border with white, torn-paper-style text boxes.

# Start Thurrock

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## Tilbury Picnic in the Park

**Come and see a show set  
entirely on a giant revolving  
beach parasol!**

Hikapee will be performing Everywhere's a Beach – plus there will be interactive dance games by Casson & Friends for you to get involved in.

There's also a host of other activities to enjoy with friends and family.

Find out more at [StartThurrock.org](http://StartThurrock.org)

