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The GLC Parent Newsletter



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We have had a really busy and productive half term. There have been so many times where I have felt immense pride in what our young people are achieving under the guidance and support of our staff team in partnership with their families.

More and more our young people are leading the way to bring about change for their peers, across the GLC and in our community. They show incredible determination, bringing our GLC values [responsibility, resilience, compassion and aspiration] to life on a daily basis.

We also had our Annual General Meeting with our members from Ormiston where our children shared the important work they are doing in reading and personal development. All our visitors were extremely impressed with the outstanding teaching and learning, our interesting curriculum and the amazing range of opportunities that are available across the GLC.

It has also been great to welcome parents to many different events, thank you for coming along to those to support your children.

We are also grateful to the many community members who have visited our academies to talk about careers as part of our All Different: All Equal All Creating Our Future: [All Different: All Equal Webpage](#). We have continued to support the Thurrock Poetry Competition with winners from The Gateway Primary Free School and Tilbury Pioneer, Athletics and The Thurrock Spring Music Concert. We also hosted the GLC Spelling Bee with winners from Lansdowne Primary Academy, Tilbury Pioneer Academy and Herringham Primary Academy. Have a look at the photos in the bulletin.

I hope you enjoy our newsletter and that you and your families have a lovely Easter break.





The GLC Primary Holiday Provision

We received some fantastic feedback from our GLC primary holiday provision, with many parents and children sharing their positive experiences. The children thoroughly enjoyed the variety of activities on offer, which were both fun and educational. From arts and crafts to outdoor games and team-building exercises, the programme was designed to keep the children engaged and active during the holiday break.

"I enjoy everything about holiday provision, I enjoy being here with my brother and my friends" -Ethan [HPA]



"Just wanted to say – well done! It was a great provision. My daughter came along and really enjoyed it".- Staff

"Extend the provision over more days". - Staff

"The Yoga lady was amazing , the kids loved her!" - Staff





“I would recommend people to come, it was an exciting learning environment” - Pupil

“Lots of fun activities and I learned different things in Maths that I didn't know before.” - Year 6 Pupil

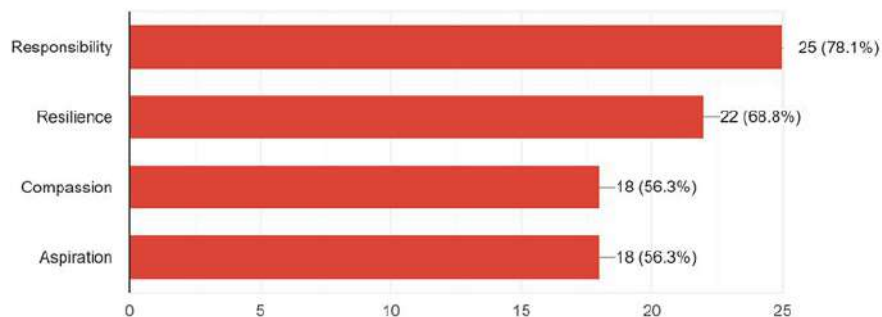
“I loved forest school, being outside, cooking on fire, making a spear, bow and arrow” - Pupil

“It was good because there were less children than at school which made it easier to focus. I enjoyed the wellbeing session when we got to make masks” -Pupil



Which core values do you feel you develop?

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The Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock, Thurrock Primary School Mathletics Competition

20 Thurrock primary schools came together on 5 March 2025 for the The Rotary Club of Grays Thurrock, Thurrock Primary School Mathletics Competition hosted by The Gateway Learning Community.

The competition aimed to promote teamwork, problem-solving skills, and a love for mathematics among the pupils. They were encouraged to work together and support each other, showcasing not only their math abilities but also their teamwork and communication skills.

After a day of intense competition, the results were announced,

1st place - Little Thurrock Primary School

2nd place - West Thurrock Academy

3rd place - Shaw Primary Academy



They were awarded a trophy for their outstanding performance. All participants received certificates to recognise their hard work during the event.

Thank you to everyone who helped support this wonderful event run smoothly.



World Book Day 2025

The children had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day, a day all about the joy of reading and focussing on our theme *All Different, All Equal*. Primary pupils each had a book in focus and took part in fun activities throughout the day in mixed year groups. The Gateway Academy students tackled a challenging neurodiversity crossword. The quiz highlighted different neurodiverse conditions and celebrated literature that promotes inclusion.

It was great to see increased attendance across The GLC for World Book day – well done!

Attendance:

LPA – 97.1%

TPA – 96.2%

HPA – 95.3%

GPFS – 94.6%

GA – 92.8%



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Personal Development, All Solving Our Problems

Pupils and Students from the 'All Solving Our Problems' group attended a presentation at Civic Hall, Grays, titled "Inspiring Creativity through Empathy" by Empathy Studios. They learned about empathy and its importance. The event included:

- **Creative Workshops:** Discussions on empathy, its significance, and what was being celebrated.
- **RBO Artists:** An opportunity to hear from RBO artists and engage in a Q&A with the pupils.
- **Film Screening:** Sharing the story of Moni & El Charro's passion for music.
- **Shared Mural:** Pupils worked together to explore empathy and create a Spark Pledge Mural.



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Eco Warrior Sponsored Walk in Aid of WWF

On Saturday 15th March, the Eco Warriors hosted a sponsored walk at Langdon Nature Reserve to raise funds for the World Wildlife Fund [WWF]. They invited GLC families to join, with participants collecting sponsorships for their walk. The event aimed to promote environmental awareness, encourage outdoor activity, and support WWF's conservation efforts.

It was a fantastic turn out, thank you to all who were able to join.

The flyer features the GLC logo at the top left with the tagline "All Different: All Equal. Together, Improving Upon Our Best." The main title reads "Gateway Learning Community Eco-Warriors are organising a sponsored walk to raise money for WWF!". Below this, it states: "The Eco-Warriors are organising a sponsored walk to raise money for WWF. The money raised is used for essential protection of wildlife and nature reserves. Please come along and join the fun! Bring family and friends along to immerse yourself in nature and to walk for a worthwhile cause." A quote in the center says "A small act can make a big difference." The location is listed as "The location for our Big Winter Wander Walk is Langdon Nature Reserve, Lower Dunton Road, SS16 6EB". The date is "Saturday 15th March 2025" and the start time is "Walk starts at 10:30AM". The flyer includes a photo of a bird on a branch and a photo of a tree-lined path.



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The Thurrock Performance Poetry Competition Finals

On Thursday 20th March, Schools from across Thurrock came together for the Thurrock Performance Poetry Competition finals, after getting through the very tough heats. Congratulations to all performers and for those who won on the evening. The GLC winners were: GPFS: Y2 Large Group, TPA: Y3/4 Individual



Thurrock Music Service Spring Concert

We were very proud of Bloco at the Thurrock Music Service Spring Concert on Wednesday 26th March.

Alex Day was a star, playing the solo tenor part in Pata Pata, whilst Believer featured lots of new brass players who have been learning in school since September. This is the first concert of the year, with lots more coming up in the Summer Term. Well done to all our faithful members and those who started this year and thank you to the staff who support week in week out – Tracy Marr, Tracey Cooper, Rajinder Kaur and Francesca Bird and the minibus drivers.



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 **GLC All Different: All Equal
All Leading The Change**

Personal Development Meeting 25th March 2025

During the meeting, the students came together to progress their action plans. The Eco and Arts Council are fully engaged in planning the Eco Community Fests. Wellbeing ambassadors are organising wellbeing walks at each school with Kinetika. Head pupils are reviewing Careers Week and the GA Careers Fair. The 'All Solving Problems' school council members received training from Kit Theatre, which enhanced their debating and public speaking abilities.



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The GLC Spelling Bee

Our annual Primary Spelling Bee took place on Tuesday 1st April. Well done to all pupils for showcasing incredible talent and teamwork! ✨

Huge congratulations to the winners:

- 🏆 Year 2: Tilbury Pioneer Academy
- 🏆 Year 4: Lansdowne Primary Academy
- 🏆 Year 6: Herringham Primary Academy



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Trailblazer, Ceramics Workshop

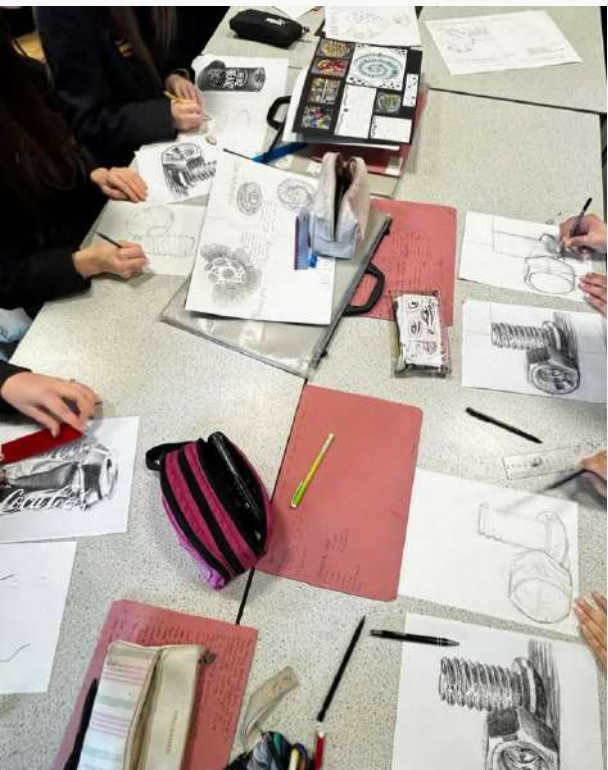
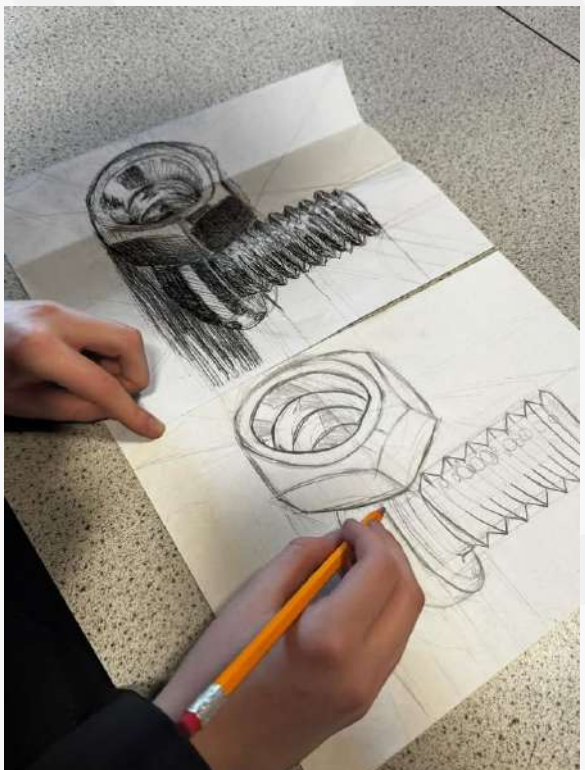
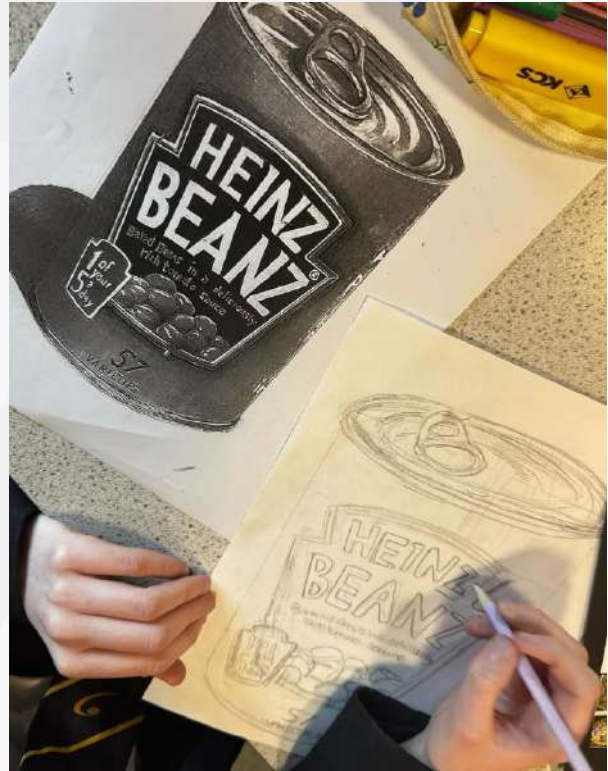
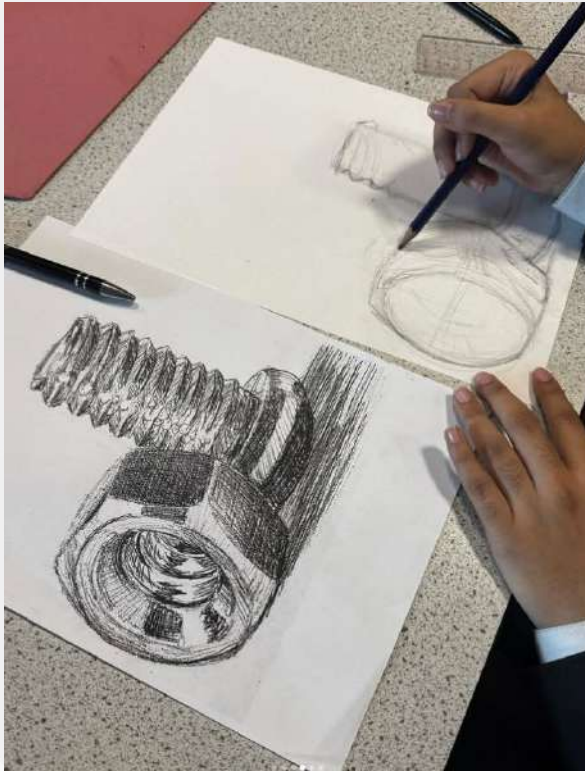
The GLC is involved in the Royal Ballet and Opera's Trailblazer cultural programme, presenting a ceramics workshop for nearby schools.

Students from Harris Academy Ockenden joined us to complete their final pieces for their GCSE art projects. The outcomes were remarkable!



Technical Drawing with Year 9

Technical drawing with Year 9, focusing on shape and proportion. Students began by mapping out images and measuring angles – next up, shading!





International Women's Day

On Friday 7th March, a group of Year 9 and 10 students attended an International Women's event at Orsett Golf Club, where they had a fantastic evening celebrating and empowering young women in sport. They engaged in discussions on diversity and equality in sports and explored ways to raise awareness of these important issues.

Additionally, they had the opportunity to hear from inspiring guest speakers who shared their personal journeys. The students were a credit to The Gateway Academy and the GLC.

Year 11 Revision Sessions

This half term, GA had an additional structured revision sessions in Maths and English until 7pm.

54 targeted students took part in the event, with a little pizza break at 5pm!

"A massive thank you to all of the efforts with Year 11. It is really is incredible, you can really feel the buzz taking hold." - Grainne McLaughlin



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Residential Trip to Barcelona

40 students from Years 8–11 travelled to Barcelona for a residential trip, where they explored world-famous landmarks such as the 1992 Olympic Park, the Gothic Quarter, La Sagrada Familia, and the Picasso Museum. They also took part in a two-hour Spanish lesson with a local provider and had the opportunity to apply their Spanish-speaking skills throughout the trip. Beyond sightseeing, the students embraced the vibrant culture, tried traditional Spanish cuisine, and gained a deeper appreciation for the city's rich history and heritage.



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The Gateway Academy Careers Fair

The Gateway Academy hosted its annual Careers Fair this half term,, providing all students with the opportunity to explore various career paths during the school day. The event was a resounding success, with 20 companies attending to share valuable insights about the different routes into their industries. Representatives from these companies offered information on career opportunities, apprenticeships, and higher education pathways, inspiring students to consider the wide range of options available to them. The fair proved to be an excellent platform for students to engage directly with employers and gain a deeper understanding of potential future careers.

Congratulations to Anna Fuller and all involved in making sure the day was a success..







Essex Basketball Finals

On Monday, 17 March, at Westcliff High School for Boys, the Essex Cup U14 final saw an incredibly tight match against Shenfield, ending in a narrow 59-62 defeat. The boys put in an outstanding performance, demonstrating great determination and skill throughout the game. A huge thank you to Coach Lee for his dedication and support.

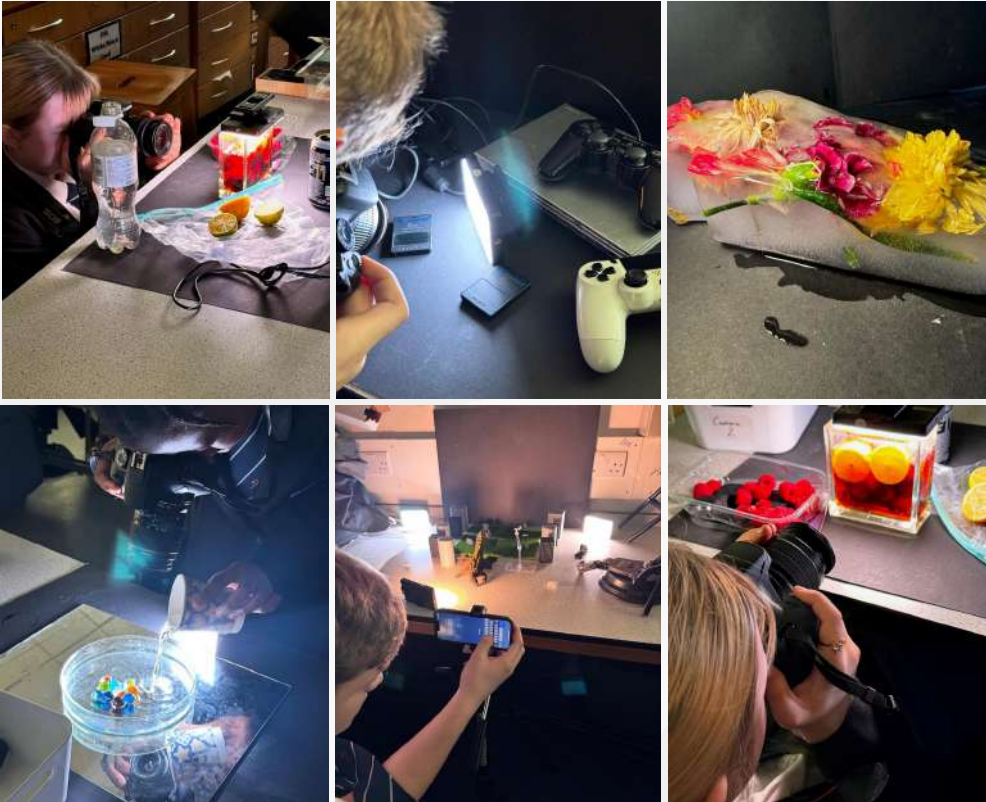
The team should be extremely proud of themselves for their effort and resilience.

Options Taster Sessions

This half term,, the GA Year 9 students took part in a range of engaging activities as part of their option taster sessions. These sessions provided an exciting opportunity for students to explore different subjects, helping them make informed decisions about their GCSE choices. From hands-on practical tasks to insightful discussions, the experience allowed them to gain a deeper understanding of the courses available and what to expect in the years ahead.



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Insight in to the Y10 Photography Exam...

Here's a glimpse of the Year 10 students' 5-hour Still Life Photography GCSE final projects! The students did an amazing job bringing in objects for their photo shoots. Best of luck to all the photographers!

Easter Nest Treats

Well done, Year 7, for your fantastic Easter nest treats! 🐣🐰

Your creativity and effort have truly shone through, and they look absolutely delicious. A perfect way to celebrate the Easter season!



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Year 4 Back Stage Tour at the Royal Ballet Opera, High House Production

This half term,, the Year 4 children had the exciting opportunity to go on a backstage tour at the Royal Ballet and Opera's High House Production. They explored areas typically hidden from audiences, learning about set design, costume creation, and the technical aspects of a performance. The children saw how costumes are crafted, how lighting and sound are coordinated, and how props are used. They also had the chance to meet professionals working behind the scenes, such as costume designers and stage managers. This experience gave them a greater appreciation for the hard work and teamwork involved in creating a production.



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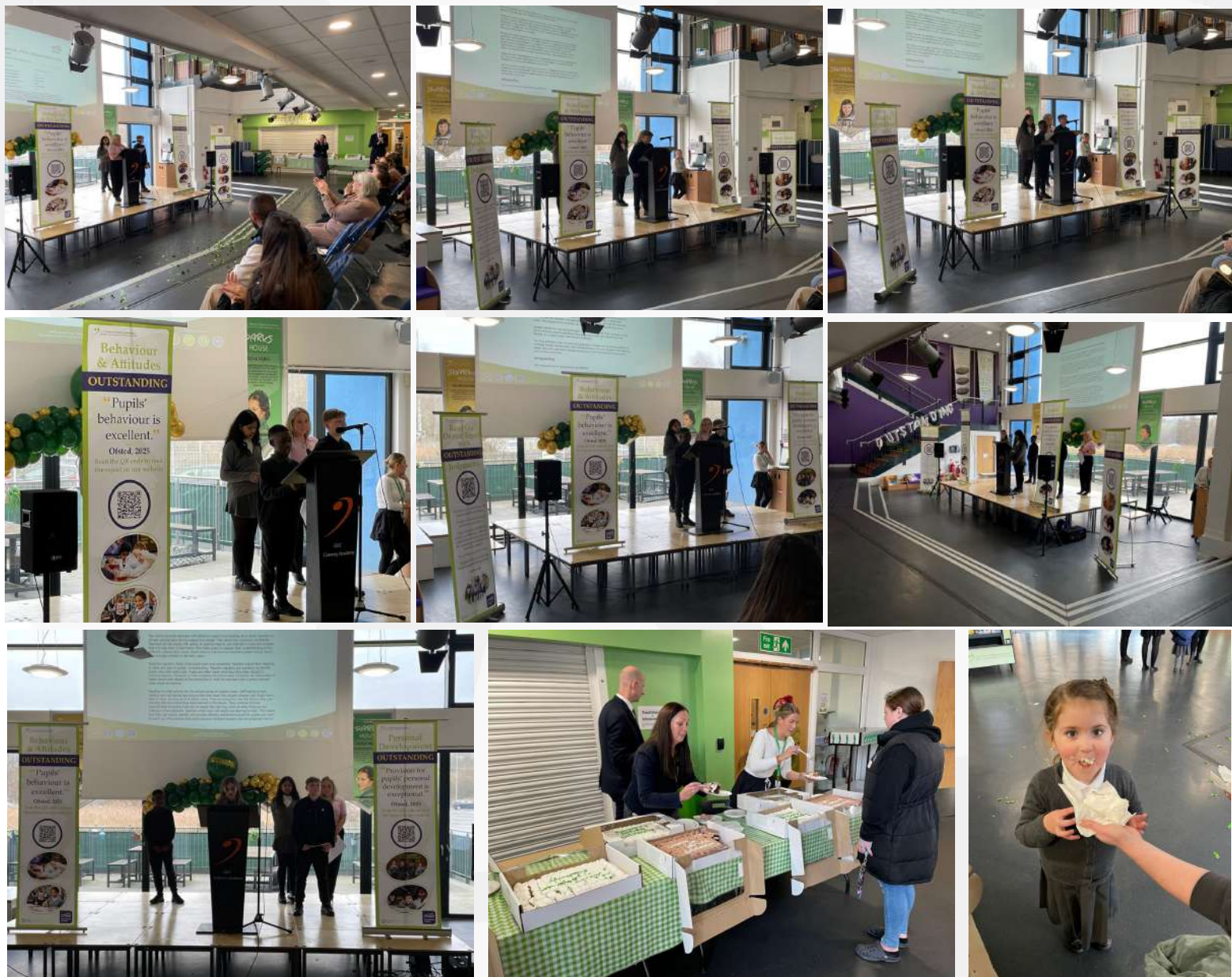


GPFS Ofsted Results Shared with Parents/ Carers

"We're thrilled to share that our school has received an outstanding Ofsted grade in three key areas: Early Years, Personal Development, and Behaviour & Attitudes! This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our amazing pupils, supportive parents, and passionate staff. A huge thank you to everyone who made this possible!" - Ms Pattison, GPFS Head of School.

Read the full report on our website:

<https://www.theglc-primaryfreeschool.org.uk/page/?title=Ofsted&pid=16>



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Alice and Wonderland Theatre Visit

This half term, Reception had a special treat as they enjoyed a visit from an *Alice in Wonderland* theatre production. The performance brought the classic story to life, creating a magical and engaging experience for the children.



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Year 5 Ancient Greek Workshop KIT Theatre

The Year 5 children had a workshop linked to their current English unit all about King Midas. Zeus sent two of his muses, who wanted to learn a bit more about life in the 21st Century. They taught the children the story of King Midas using the children as actors and creating freeze frames to help make the story come to life. At the end of the session Zeus set the children a task of retelling the story of King Midas to help bring it into the 21st Century.



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Rock Steady Workshop – Bringing the Beat to School!



The children had an incredible time taking part in a Rock Steady workshop, where they got to experience the excitement of being in a real band! From playing electric guitars and drums to rocking out on the keyboard and microphone, everyone had the chance to explore different instruments and feel like a true musician.



**KS1 Physical Education,
Sport & Activity Mark**



Congratulation on Receiving the Active Essex KS1 Award!

Congratulations to Gateway Primary Free School for being awarded the Active Essex Key Stage 1 Award. Well done on being recognised for good practice in physical activity, PE and school sport across Key Stage 1.

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The Brush Bus Visited Herringham!

On Tuesday 25th February, we had a visit from The Brush Bus, which aimed to assist oral health professionals by providing high-quality materials to enhance oral hygiene initiatives and decrease dental decay among young children. The children had a great time learning about dental care and good brushing methods. Additionally, we were taught a song to motivate them during their tooth-brushing routine. Follow the link [The brush bus song](#).





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Multi-Sports Thurrock Event

On Friday 7th March, pupils took part in the **Thurrock Multi-Sports Event** at William Edwards.

They demonstrated the **School Games Values**—Honesty, Passion, Teamwork, Determination, Self-belief, and Respect—while enjoying activities such as **Bowling, Volleyballoon, Target Throw, Parachute Games, Hoop Boccia, Kurling Skittles, and New Age Kurling.**



Well done to all
pupils involved!



Science Week

For Science Week, Year 4 students explored sound waves by examining how vibrations in different objects create sound. They investigated various items like musical instrument strings, tuning forks, glasses, and drums, feeling the vibrations and observing how different materials and sizes affect pitch and volume. The activity helped them understand the relationship between vibrations and the sounds we hear, as well as how sound waves travel through air or other materials.



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Ancient Greek Workshop, KIT Theatre

Year 5 at Herringham were visited by the Mighty Zeus' muses, who taught us all about King Midas and his Golden Touch! The children had the opportunity take part in an interactive re-telling of the classic myth of King Midas, using props! In addition, they were able to consolidate prior Ancient Greek learning, through freeze frame and warm up activities. It was delightful to see all of the jigsaw pieces from our Spring 2 learning, come together in such a fun and creative way.

"I enjoyed the workshop because I liked learning about the story and how King Midas got the power of having the golden touch. My favourite part when we acted out the story. This has helped me use my curiosity because I was able to ask questions and learn about new characters." – Katie, Y5



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Nursery [AM] Family Learning Session at Forest School 🌿

Our nursery families had an amazing time at Forest School, enjoying the great outdoors with lots of exciting activities! From climbing trees, making muddy masterpieces in our mud kitchen 🥞🌿, and building towering block creations to cooking delicious pancakes over the fire 🔥 — there was so much fun and learning for everyone!



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KS2 Football

The boys' football team made history last week by clinching both the league title and the playoff finals in a thrilling display of skill and teamwork.

Their journey was marked by hard work, determination, and a strong sense of camaraderie. Each match brought its own challenges, but the boys rose to the occasion, showcasing their talent and resilience on the field.

The team demonstrated exceptional strategy and execution, dominating their opponents with a combination of solid defence and powerful attacking plays.

This remarkable achievement not only highlights their dedication to the sport but also serves as an inspiration for future teams.



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World Religion Day in Acorns

For World Religion Day in Acorns, the children enjoyed creating lanterns inspired by festivals of light like Diwali, Hanukkah, and Christmas, learning why light is important in these celebrations. They also had the chance to look at Jewish artefacts, such as menorahs and mezuzahs, and learn about their special meanings. This activity helped the children explore different cultures and religions in a fun and hands-on way.



Year 4 Trip to the Frameless Art Gallery

Year 4 had an exciting visit to Frameless, an immersive art experience in Marble Arch, London. This unique exhibition uses digital projections and music to bring famous works by Van Gogh, Monet, Klimt, and others to life. As they moved through four interactive galleries, the children engaged with art in a completely new, multi-sensory way. The trip was both inspiring and educational, encouraging creativity and a deeper appreciation for art!



Year 5 Greek Wow Afternoon

Our Year 5 pupils had an exciting **Greek Wow Afternoon**, immersing themselves in the rich culture and history of Ancient Greece. They had great fun learning a **traditional Greek dance**, exploring the **Greek alphabet**, and even sampling some **delicious Greek food**! It was a fantastic experience that brought their learning to life.



Geography in Year 3

In Geography, we've been delving into the fascinating topic of the Earth, volcanoes and earthquakes. The children have been learning about the four layers of our planet: the crust, mantle, outer core, and inner core. To deepen their understanding, we've conducted hands-on investigations with various rocks in Science, which has sparked their curiosity and enthusiasm.

Additionally, our immersive activities using Now Press Play have truly brought learning to life! The children have thoroughly enjoyed these interactive experiences that combine storytelling with movement. They've also been working on interactive tasks on the laptops, enhancing their digital skills while reinforcing what they have learned in class.



Pancake Flipping in Acorns

In Acorns, the children tried tasting and flipping pancakes for Shrove Tuesday and also tasted fruit for our healthy eating topic.



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Year 5 Ancient Greece Workshop with KIT Theatre

Year 5 took part in a theatre workshop with some of the 'Mighty Zeus' muses. The children got to retell the story of King Midas through freeze frames. The mighty Zeus has set the children a writing challenge which will involve them retelling the story of King Midas but with a modern twist. It was great to see the children taking such an active part in this drama activity.



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Parent Champions



We are creating a team of Parent Champions who are able to provide support to each other in a judgement-free environment, to develop friendships and provide encouragement as well as learning together.

🔧🔑 Year 6 Rotary Rides in Action! 🌟🌟

Our Year 6 students showcased their creativity and technical skills by building **rotary rides using electrical circuits!** From measuring and cutting wood to carefully aligning pulleys, they worked with precision and teamwork to bring their designs to life.

The result? A series of **innovative, fully functioning rides**—a fantastic display of engineering, problem-solving, and collaboration! Well done, Year 6!



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Little City

Nursery visited the Little City set up in the Shiny Hall which allows the children to explore different career opportunities, use their imagination, collaborate in their play, turn take, share and talk.

All props provided are at the child's level of development, likes and fascinations which they all thoroughly enjoyed.

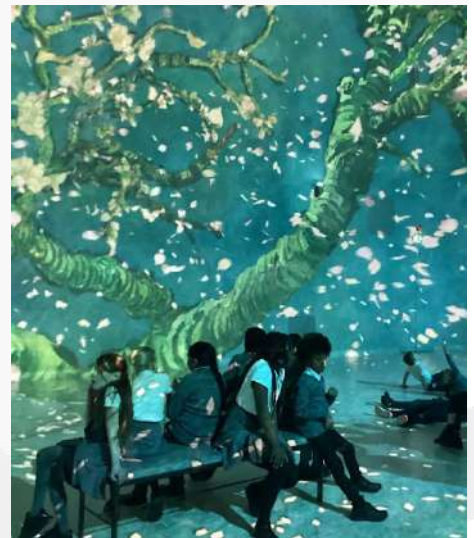


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Fred Fest

The Year 1 team transformed the hall into a reading and phonics festival for the day, complete with bunting, tents, fire pits and lots and lots of books. The children took part in 'book tasting', eating the tropical fruits featured in Handa's Surprise, as well as a 'Giant Jam Sandwich'.

Over 40 parents joined in the fun, completing phonics games, making character puppets, taking part in a massive 'Bear Hunt', and reading with their children. We outlined the upcoming phonics screening test and showed parents fun and engaging ways to help their children with their reading at home.



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Year 3 Family Workshop

Year 3 children participated in a family workshop to kick off their volcano topic. They learned how volcanoes form along tectonic plates and explored the structure of volcanoes through videos of eruptions. The session also linked to their science topic on rocks, discussing how lava cools into igneous rock.

The children then created a model volcano using a water bottle, A3 paper, and paint. For the experiment, they simulated a volcanic eruption using bicarbonate of soda, washing up liquid, water, vinegar, and red food dye. This demonstrated how pressure from gases in the magma chamber causes an eruption, with lava flowing down the volcano's sides.



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Science Week

Science week at Tilbury Pioneer Academy was filled with a wide range of activities both in the classroom and out.

Each year group was given the opportunity to interact with the experiments and be immersed in the wonders that Science brings.

Many children were in awe of the 'magic tricks' on show with a little glimpse of the science behind each experiment.

On hand were the Year 5 and 6 Science Ambassadors who took charge of their experiments and demonstrated them brilliantly. A huge 'well done' to Rachael, Scarlett, Kian and Krissy.



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Royal Opera House Backstage Tour

The Year 5 children were given the opportunity to have a 'sneak peek' at what happens behind closed doors at the Royal Opera House Backstage Centre in Purfleet.

The children were able to find out more about job opportunities within the arts that perhaps they didn't realise such as painters, carpenters, electricians and more. One of the sessions put on for the children was to allow them to design and create their own 'character' thinking about how it would dress and how they could transform their ideas into a reality.



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Asda's Cashpot

Asda and parent kind teamed up to distribute nearly 5.8 million pounds to primary schools across the country and Friends of Pioneer were pleased to receive £971.02! Pictured below are the friends of pioneer committee, Asda community champion and head boy and girl.



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The GLC Primary Competencies

Click on the icons to view the GLC video relating to each competency.



Can You Help the Thrive Hive?

Lansdowne Primary Academy are seeking support from local businesses and organisations for the development of a "Thrive Hive" at Lansdowne Primary Academy. This space aims to empower parents and carers of vulnerable pupils, many of whom face significant challenges such as poverty, overcrowded housing, and limited access to basic needs.

The Thrive Hive will offer resources, support services, training, and a welcoming environment to help families overcome barriers to thriving. The school has reached out to local companies for contributions in the form of financial support, labour, or material donations. In return, businesses will be recognised through promotional materials and community events.

If you know of any businesses that can support the project please contact Kathryn Luckin, Support Service Manager on kathryn.luckin@theglc.org.uk





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Kinetika Bloco at The Brits!

We were thrilled to see Mercury Prize winners Ezra Collective take home the award for Best Group at the 2025 Brit Awards! **Their live performance was even more special as they were joined by 30 young musicians from Kinetika Bloco** – an organisation some of the band members were part of as children. This added an extra layer of energy and spectacle to the show.

Femi Koleoso of jazz group Ezra Collective said giving a young person a trumpet can help to fix "so many of the problems that face greater society in the UK", when he collected the group of the year Brit Award. I'll bang this drum a bunch of times and I'll continue to do so until the entire country gets it", he said during Saturday's ceremony.

"This moment right here is because of the great youth clubs, and the great teachers and the great schools that support young people playing music. The reason we continue to bang this drum is because so many of the problems that face greater society in the UK, where we're unsure of how to fix it, but the solution lies with giving a young person a trumpet, the solution lies in giving a young person a saxophone.

"Because when you do that, you give them a dream, an aspiration and a goal." He then gave a shout-out to some youth clubs and schools.

What an inspiring moment for our own Bloco players, showing them the incredible possibilities that lie ahead and motivating them to keep practicing and embracing every musical opportunity that comes their way!





Great Ormond Street Hospital [GOSH]

We're proud to share that two of our pupils at The GLC, who regularly visit Great Ormond Street Hospital due to a medical condition, have been chosen to feature in the hospital's new charity campaign!

They appear in a nationwide TV advert and on local posters, helping to raise awareness and support for this amazing cause.

We'd love to show our support for the charity and our children by sharing this with you.

You can watch the advert and learn more here:

<https://www.gosh.org/childhood-made-you-lets-make-theirs/>

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Our annual Primary Spelling Bee took place on Tuesday 14th April. Huge congratulations to the winners. [View a Tilbury Pioneer Academy](#)

World Book Day
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The children had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. It's all about the joy of reading and learning about stories from all different, all kinds. Primary pupils each had a school to visit and each year in two activities throughout the day to reward star groups. The Gateway Academies students...

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The GLC is involved in the Royal Ballet and Opera's of Trailblazer cultural programme, providing a ceramics workshop for newly-qualified teachers from Tilbury Academies. Children had a wonderful time at the workshop and their GLC are proud to be part of this project. The teachers were...

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The children had a wonderful time taking part in a Back Stamps workshop where they got to experience the excitement of being in a real band! From playing drums, guitar and drums to making one on the keyboard and synthesizer...

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Year 6 Rotary Rides in Action!
Published on 14/04/2023

Our Year 6 students showed their creativity and technical skills by building many rides using their art and design skills. They worked with precision and teamwork to bring their designs to life. The result is a series of impressive, fully functioning...

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Food Fest
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The Year 4 class were treated to a full-on sensory and playful festival for the day complete with dancing, games, fun games and lots of treats. The children took part in book making, using the inspired from stories in their books, as well as a Year 4 fun handbook. They are proud to...

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The GLC are Extremely Pleased to be Working with Thurrock Play Network

A small non-profit charity that provides advice, support and resources for play and recreation in the community. They give advice and support to individuals, voluntary groups and organisations.

The funding they receive enables them to provide activities and events, while providing access to a wide range of low cost resources for play and recreation via The Pyramid Resource Centre.

Check out their website:

<https://www.thurrockplaynetwork.co.uk/pyramid-centre/>

Or follow them on social media.

Benefits of using the Thurrock Play Network (Pyramid Centre)

1. **Community Engagement:** The charity provides a range of play, recreational, and craft events that are inclusive to all ages.
2. **Resource Access:** The Pyramid Resource Centre offers a wide range of low-cost resources for play and recreation. This makes it easier for families to access materials for various activities.
3. **Support and Advice:** The charity provides advice and support to individuals, voluntary groups, and organisations. This can be invaluable for those looking to start or improve their own play and recreational programs.
4. **Environmental impact:** By promoting recycling and the use of scrap materials, the charity helps reduce waste and encourages sustainable practices.

5. Educational Opportunities:

The network organises workshops and events that can help children and adults learn new skills.





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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



Staff Wellbeing

Are you looking to join our team? View all of the Staff Wellbeing information in one easy to navigate section on The GLC website - [Staff Wellbeing](#)



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Staff Wellbeing

The GLC values people and is committed to creating working practices which prioritise their wellbeing and workload, enabling them to thrive in a supportive environment. We understand that our staff are our most valuable asset and therefore, creating an environment that makes people want to join and makes them want to stay in our organisation, is our priority and underpins our People Strategy.

Click the icons below for more information:

The GLC Wellbeing Policy

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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





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

GA	GPFS	HPA	LPA	TPA	GLC
Director of Technology [Year 7-11]	Assistant Head of School [Inclusion/Senco]		SEND in Resource Base [Acorns]	Assistant Headteacher	Teacher
Head of Business Faculty [Year 7 -11]	Early Years Practitioner			Teacher	Volunteer Minibus Driver
Science Postgraduate Teaching Apprenticeship	Early Years Apprentice				

Click here to view our:

- [GLC Welcome Video](#)
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Please share with your friends and family and on your social media platforms to encourage the right candidate to join our team. #jointheglctrust



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AIDING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD



Has your child been struggling with anxiety?

Have you noticed signs of stress as a result of continued uncertainty or constant change?

This supportive course will introduce you to the effects of anxiety and help you learn some effective coping strategies that can build confidence and promote positive self-esteem.

This Course is for Adults only.

 Wednesday 09th April

10 am - 12

**Gateway
free school**



CONTACT US TO ENROL

Course Code
FL5092Y24C

01375 372476

tacc@thurrock.gov.uk

www.tacc.ac.uk



Healthy Families: Growing Up



Join our
parent
group

Healthy, thriving children and families



HENRY's free **Healthy Families: Growing Up** programme is for parents and carers of primary-school age children - it will help you develop a healthier, happier lifestyle that the whole family can enjoy.

The programme covers these 5 themes across 8 sessions and provides everything you need to help your children flourish.

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activity for the whole family
- What children and the whole family eats
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Get
in touch
to sign up
now!

Programme details

If your child is above the national recommended growth percentile. Henry can support with:

- Family lifestyle habits
- Diet & nutrition
- Being active
- Emotional wellbeing

"This was the best thing I could possibly have done to help me be a better mum"



Contact Us

School Health Service
0300 300 1999 Opt 2

Essex

ACTIVate

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food
across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

www.activeessex.org



@EssexActivAte

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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

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

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

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

SAINSBURYS CAFES

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

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

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

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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The Nose Dive Assembly – Birds of a Feather...

10 – 21 April 2025

The award-winning Revel Puck Circus are coming to
Thurrock!

[Book your tickets now!](#)

Check out the website for more
information and to book tickets: [The
Nose Dive Assembly - Birds of a
Feather... - Start Thurrock](#)