



Newsletter

18th September 2026

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2026-2027

September 2026							October 2026							November 2026							December 2026						
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January 2027							February 2027							March 2027							April 2027						
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= Schooldays
 = School holidays
 = Bank holidays

= Weekends

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

DIARY DATES

Our Non-Pupil Days 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 4th January
Thursday 25th March

Monday 7th June



Autumn 1 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	NON -PUPIL DAY	Non-pupil day/staff training
Wednesday 2 nd September	NON -PUPIL DAY	Non-pupil day/staff training
Thursday 3 rd September	Children back to school	
Monday 7 th September	Discovery class meeting	<i>In classroom/ 3.15pm</i>
Tuesday 8 th September	Pippin class meeting	<i>In classroom/3.15pm</i>
Thursday 10 th September	Blenheim class meeting	<i>In classroom/3.15pm</i>
Thursday 1 st October	Open Door for parents	<i>3.15-parents invited to look informally at work in classrooms</i>
Thursday 8 th October	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents	<i>9.00-9.30am-school hall</i>
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents Evening	<i>3.30-5.00pm - appointment only TBA</i>
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening	<i>3.30-5.00pm - appointment only TBA</i>
Thursday 22 nd October	Parents Evening	<i>3.30-7.00pm-appointment only TBA</i>
Friday 23 rd October	Grandparents Tea Party	<i>Grandparents invited into school for a special assembly in school hall/9.15am</i>
HALF TERM 26 th OCTOBER- 30 th OCTOBER		



Autumn 2 2026

Monday 2 nd November	Children back to school	-
Thursday 5 th November	Open Door for parents	<i>3.15- parents invited to look informally at work in classrooms</i>
Thursday 5 th November	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents	<i>9.00-9.30am- school hall</i>
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 1 Phonics Check meeting for parents	<i>9.00-9.30am- school hall</i>
Wednesday 18 th November	Open school for prospective parents (2027) 9.30am	<i>An invite to view the school. Contact school office to book.</i>
	Open school for prospective parents (2027) 1.30pm	
Tuesday 1 st December	Christingle Assembly	<i>9.15am – school hall - in school event- parents invited</i>
Thursday 3 rd December	Open Door for parents	<i>3.15- parents invited to look informally at work in classrooms</i>
Wednesday 9 th December	YR/1/2 Christmas Production – 9.30am	<i>In school event- parents invited</i>
Thursday 10 th December	YR/1/2 Christmas Production – 9.30am	<i>In school event- parents invited</i>
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas dinner (TBC)	<i>Wear your Christmas jumper to school day!</i>
w/b 14 th December TBC	Y3,4,5,6 Carol Service @ St. Lawrence Church (TBC)	<i>Parents invited</i>
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term	-
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 21 st DECEMBER - 2 nd JANUARY 2026		
Monday 4 th January	NON -PUPIL DAY	Non-pupil day/staff training
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school	

DIARY DATES

Please note dates may be subject to change or additional events may be added.

Regularly check newsletters and/or Parentmail notifications for updates.

LUNCHES

Next Week's Lunch Menu





School Site Reminders

As we begin a new school term, it is a good time to remind all members of our school community of the expectations in place to help keep everyone safe, happy and able to enjoy our school site respectfully.

We are very grateful for your continued support in helping us maintain a calm, secure and welcoming environment for all children, families and staff.

Parking on the school site

Please be reminded that parking in the staff car park is not permitted, unless prior agreement has been made with the school and the driver is a blue badge holder.

Play equipment

The school play equipment must not be used by children or siblings before or after school. This equipment is for use during the school day only, when it can be safely supervised.

Dogs on the school site

We must also remind parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Parents and carers with dogs may wait in the staff car park behind the gates only, but dogs must:

- not be left unattended at any time
- be supervised by an adult at all times
 - be kept under close control
- remain in the designated area behind the gates

Change to end of the school day procedures

From now on, the double gates will remain closed at hometime and the pedestrian walkway will be used instead. This is to help ensure the site remains safe and to manage movement around the school more effectively

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2026-2027

Head Pupils

Martha & Sol



Congratulations and well done to all the children who have applied and now have a new role or responsibility in our school. We are very proud of you all.



**Bradfield Branches
School Council**
Y1-6 & Head Pupils



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

2026-2027



Bradfield Book Buddies



Sports Leaders



Beech House



**House
Captain**



**Vice
Captain**

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES 2026-2027

Maple House



**House
Captain**



**Vice
Captain**

Willow House



**House
Captain**



**Vice
Captain**

Oak House



**House
Captain**



**Vice
Captain**



OUR EYFS & KS1 STARS OF THE WEEK

YR Louis

For showing fabulous tidying-up skills in class this week and for being a wonderful friend to others.

Y1 Elsie

For working hard to improve her handwriting, always listening well and working well with others in the class

Y2 Tadhg

For working hard this week to improve in all areas of learning, trying hard to listen during carpet time and supporting his classmates.



OUR KS2 STARS OF THE WEEK

Y3 Ella

or always joining in and trying very hard
in maths.

Y4 Ewan

always being on task and presenting his
work beautifully.

Y5 Tristan

For listening carefully to feedback to
improve the quality of his writing.

Y6 Libby

For thinking through her ideas carefully
and engaging well across the curriculum



READING

When children in Y3-6 quiz on Accelerated Reader and gain over 80% accuracy their word count increases. All children should aim to read at home for at least 10 minutes a day.

**1,000,000 WORDS -
MILLIONAIRE READER –
BOOK VOUCHER + CERTIFICATE + 100 BONUS
HOUSE POINTS**

**500,000 WORDS
CHOOSE BOOK + CERTIFICATE + 50 BONUS
HOUSE POINTS**

**250,000 WORDS
BOOK MARK + CERTIFICATE + 25 BONUS HOUSE
POINTS**

**125,000 WORDS
BOOK MARK + CERTIFICATE + 10 BONUS HOUSE
POINTS**

**75,000 WORDS
BADGE + CERTIFICATE + 5 BONUS HOUSE POINTS**

How many
words have
you read this
year?



LIBRARY LEGENDS



Bramley – Ivy
Pippin – Mollie H
Discovery – Dexter
Blenheim – Oliver

What is a Library Legend?

Library Legends are children whose reading has shone this week.

They may have:

- shown particular dedication to improving their reading skills
- displayed excellent reading habits at home and in school
- demonstrated an enthusiasm and love for reading and books

TTRS

Why is my child asked to complete 10 minutes of TTRS each day?

In Y3-6 just 10 minutes on TTRS at home each day transforms slow counting into fast, automatic recall, freeing brain power for more complex maths.

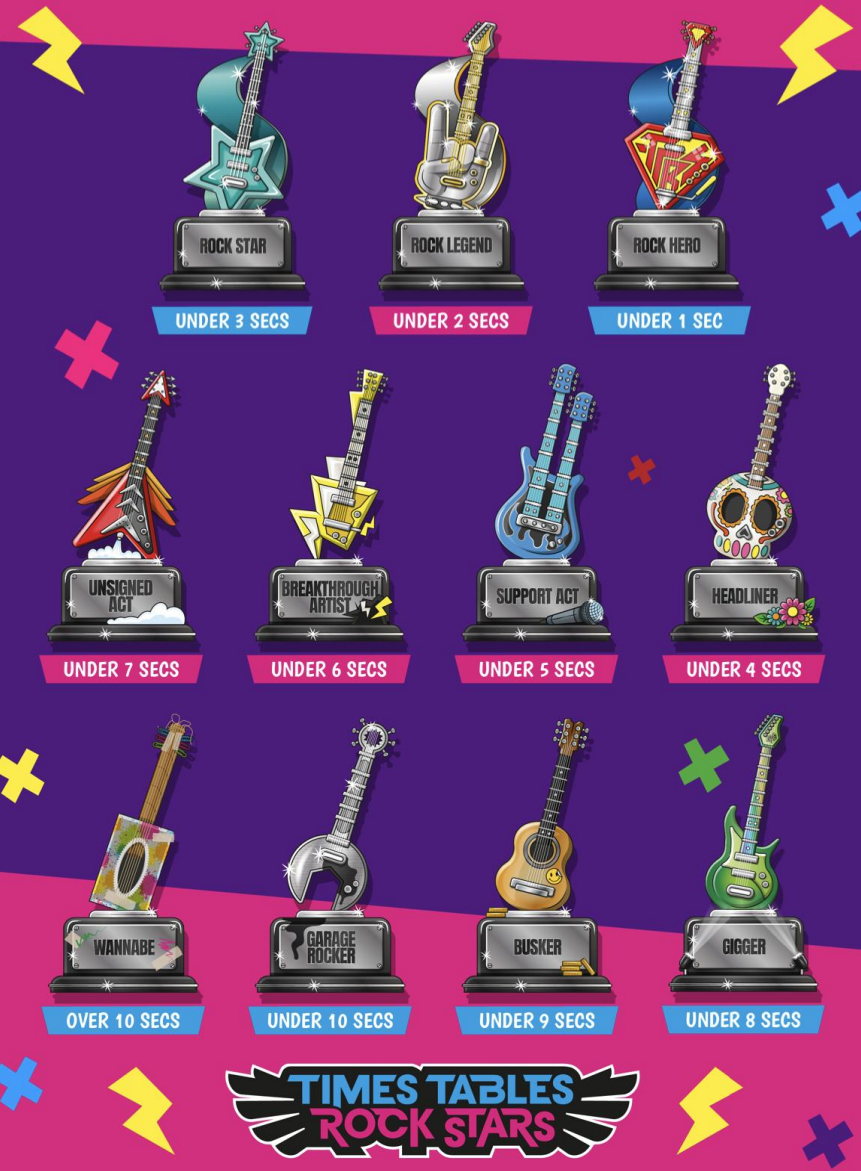
Class Average per Fact (Heatmap)
How quickly can the class correctly recall each fact up to 12x12?

2-12x heatmap as of 08 Oct 2023

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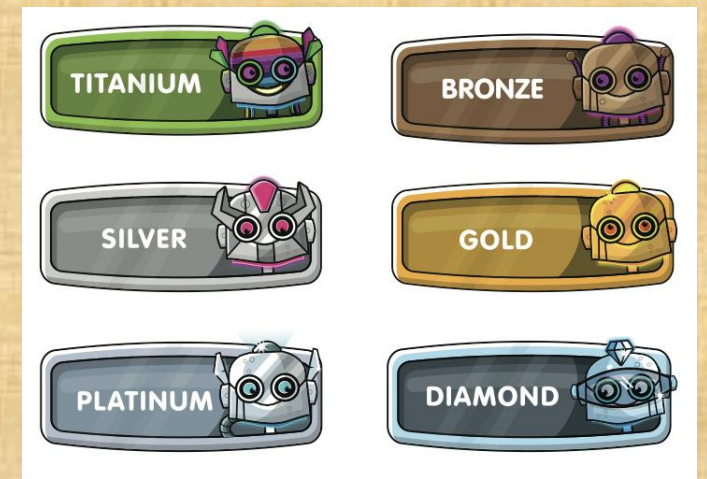


WHAT'S YOUR ROCK STATUS?



NUMBOTS

Children in Y1 & Y2 should aim to play at home for 10 minutes daily. This improves their automatic recall of key number facts.



WOWS

Tadhg

Tadhg got his karate white belt with black stripe earlier in the year. He has finished the junior belts and will be on the adults belts next grading assessment.

Tadhg achieved key stage 2 swimming certificate in the summer holidays.



Ella & Abi

Ella and Abi have worked really hard in gymnastics and took part in the in-house gymnastics competition over the summer. We couldn't be prouder of them both. Ella managed to place 3rd in the age 7 intermediate section! Well done girls!



WOWS

Leo

Leo took part in his first Junior Parkrun on Sunday. The rain stopped just in time.

He showed great focus and strength, and not only completed the 2km in 14:07, he went on to do a further 1km just for fun!



Bethany

Bethany completed the library summer reading challenge. Fabulous!



We would love to see your achievements outside of school and share in your 'WOW' moments.
Please email photos and a brief description of the achievement to

wows@bradfield.essex.sch.uk



OUR LEARNING BEHAVIOURS

We teach the Secrets of Success by Chris Quigley to help our children in their behaviour, attitudes and values.

Success isn't just about money. It is about happiness, choices and feeling good about yourself.

Successful people feel good about:

How hard they have tried.

Who they are.

What they spend their time doing.

The choices they have in their lives.

Here are some things everyone should know...

You are not born successful.

Everyone has setbacks and failures.

The first step to success is choosing.





Compassion
Honesty
Integrity
Loyalty
Dignity
Respect
Enthusiasm
Nurture



Fairness
Innovation
Responsibility
Social Purpose
Trust



OUR VALUES – CHILDREN FIRST

HOUSE POINT INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

BRONZE AWARD

(25 house points received)

SILVER AWARD

(100 house points received)

GOLD AWARD

(250 house points received)

PLATINUM AWARD

(500 house points received)

DOUBLE PLATINUM AWARD

(1000 house points achieved)

DIAMOND

(1500 house points achieved)

HOUSE POINT WEEKLY WINNERS

BEECH

156

MAPLE

164

OAK

295

WILLOW

292



WILLOW HOUSE

Emily W
Millie W

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



Our focus learning behaviour for next week will be...

- ✓ Think about others
- ✓ Listen to the views of others
 - ✓ Reflect
- ✓ Listen more, speak less
 - ✓ Be kind



Understand Others

Successful people **don't just think about themselves.**

They ask **'what can I give?'**

Successful people **try to understand others by asking questions.**

Successful people are **careful who they listen to.**

Successful **people push themselves to be better** at things every time.

They listen to **good feedback and act upon it.**

Our focus value and key skills for next week will be...

Key Skills

Supporter & Carer

- ✓ You are calm and deal with different situations sensibly.
- ✓ You offer good advice to others.
- ✓ You know how to be part of a team.
- ✓ You are sensitive to other people's needs.

Values



Respect

- ✓ You are kind and polite
- ✓ You have empathy. You recognize how others are feeling and consider your actions and words.
- ✓ You respect differences in beliefs and opinions.
- ✓ You respect people's personal space and property.