



GROVE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Achieving and celebrating success for all.....

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Stars of the Week!



1ST Ily Campbell-Cowan

1AS Henry Sumner

1JF Callum Bysouth

2G/B Holly Barney

2CA Jayden Partridge

2EL Keane Calver

3DS Yuvaan Prasad

3FC Lewis Stanley/
Thomas Howard

3KO Oliver Gordon

4TA Brooke Sadler

4CF Jack Hammond

4LS Grace Rabey

5CS Reece Bowman

5HR Emily Partridge

5HT Ronnie Reeves

6MB Vincent Rawles

Play Buddy of the Week... Isaac Walford

Play Leader of the Week... Oliver

Stevenson

Well Done to all the Reception children who took part in the Percy the Park Keeper Sponsored walk. They managed to raise a fabulous £ 759.40. Another great effort from Year 1 who raised £ 322 from their recent Teddy Tour.

Diary Dates

Dinner Menu A

Monday 11th December—Year 4 Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 1.30pm—please bring programmes for entry/3.30pm—Selected children in home football match vs Riverside.

Wednesday 13th December—Year 2 Christmas Productions at 9.30am and 1.30pm—please bring programmes for entry. **Closing**

Date for all Christmas Buildings Competition./KS2 Christmas Dinner—please note, sausage roll and chips for KS1.

Thursday 14th December— **KS1 Christmas Dinner—please note, sausage roll and chips for KS2.**

Friday 15th December—Christmas Performances at the Holy Trinity Church—**Year 5—9.30.am, Year 3—11am, Year 1—1.45pm.**

Attendance Stars for last week are

KS1...Yellow and Blue Class.. Both with a fantastic 100%

KS2... 5CS and 5HT both with 99%!

WELL DONE

KEEP UP THE GOOD

ATTENDANCE!

Mathletics News...

Grove Wood Primary School has now signed up to an exciting new online maths programme called **'My Maths'** which can be used both at home and at school. This programme replaces Mathletics and your child's Mathletics login details will now no longer work as we manage the transition. We know that Mathletics was well-loved by children and parents alike. However, we believe that My Maths will be as equally engaging and we are looking forward to sharing it with you in the new year.

There was plenty of sparkle at **Reception's Glitter morning!** The children enjoyed the shared learning morning making Christmas decorations and had lots of fun folding, cutting, sticking, painting, creating and glittering with the visiting grown ups. Thank you for your continued support.



Year 5- The Essex Folk Music Project



During this term Year 5 have been involved with the Essex Folk Music Project. Nick and Aimee from the English Folk

Dance and Song Society visited school and carried out a number of workshops with the children. During this time the children learnt a little about traditional folk music and sang a song entitled 'The Admiral Benbow' which had links to the county of Essex. As well as singing the children had a go at playing the Bodhran which is a drum used regularly in folk music.



The project was celebrated at Fitz-wimarc

where all local schools who had been working with the musicians got together to perform their songs to each other.

Year 1's Tinsel Tuesday was a huge

success and got everyone into a festive mood! We enjoyed making Christmas cards, santa



hats, snow globes, sock snowmen and paper plate Christmas trees. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that attended and made this event so special for the children.

The Choir at Christmas

The KS2 choirs have had a busy few days performing at different events.

On Thursday last week Grove Wood



Choir had the honour of opening the Rayleigh Lights event in the High Street. We braved the cold again on Friday when the Year 3 and 4 choir joined Years 5 and 6 to get everyone in the festive mood at the Christmas Fair. Monday saw our annual trip to Rayleigh Library where some member of the Year 5 and 6 choir entertained parents and grandparents. The new purple Father Christmas hats have definitely helped us get into the Christmas spirit!

Both choirs will be leading the singing at the Carol Service on Monday 18th December. Everyone is welcome to join us on the KS2 playground at 2pm.

Sports News...



On Wednesday 6th December our Year 6 Girls Netball Squad travelled to Allyn Court to play in the friendly Santa Rally. We played four tightly contested games and all had a brilliant time. Well done to the whole team for showing the **SPARK** values whilst on and off the court and for playing some superb netball.

On Tuesday, two Grove Wood badminton teams entered the District competition after many hours of practice. All the children worked really hard on the day and competed with a huge sense of team effort. The results were outstanding! Both Grove Wood teams made it to the final which was very tightly contested. Grove Wood 1 were victorious 3-2 and will now go on to represent the school at the County Finals in 2018! In the lead up to the final, Grove Wood team 1 did not lose a single match with Grove Wood team 2 only losing one. This is an excellent result for both teams. Well done and good luck to Grove Wood team 1 in the County Finals.





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West Ham United Foundation Regional Writing Stars competition

In line with the Premier League's Writing Stars competition, West Ham United Foundation are running a local competition to find the next up and coming poet!

Primary School children from across east London and Essex are asked to write a poem around the theme of resilience; what does it mean to you to try and try again? It could be a rap, song lyrics or poetic verse - it doesn't matter, the aim is to make it fun and inspire creativity!

Key information

- The competition is open from Tuesday 28th November until Friday 15th December 2017.
- There are three categories – one for pupils in School Years 1&2, School Years 3&4 and one School Years 5&6.
- Poems should be no more than 20 lines or 150 words and be on the theme of resilience.
- Pupils can continue the *Try, Try Again* poem or start a new poem. Poems can be of any structure and don't have to rhyme.

Personal Information

Child Full name:

Child's School:

Childs Year Group:

Competition Entry:

Title:

Entry:

The Deanes Sports Camp

Castle Point & Rochford School Sport Partnership

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER



**The Deanes School
Sports Centre**

Daws Heath Road, Thundersley, SS7 2TD



Activities run from 10-3pm

Early Club—8-10am (£4) After Activity Club—3-6pm (£6)

Activities are coached by highly qualified School Sport Professionals.

Full itinerary of activities provided on the back page of this leaflet.

10% Discount for all sibling bookings.

For more information & to book/pay please visit -

www.deanesportscentre.com/holiday-camps

Centre Opening Hours

Monday-Friday — 3-10pm

Weekends — 9-6pm

Contact Information:

Tel: 01268 741162

E-mail—thedeannessportscentre@outlook.com

Website—www.deannessportscentre.com

Christmas 2017 Programme

Thursday 21st December	Multi Sports (5-8 years)	Glow Sports (5+)	Tennis (6+)	Gymnastics (5+)
Friday 22nd December	Multi Sports (5-8 years)	Glow Sports (5+)	Tennis (6+)	Army & Nerf gun day (7+)

Only £15 per activity - per day!

Parental Information

- Every child must be a registered member. A Junior Lifetime Membership is a one off cost of £4.00.
- All staff working are qualified and approved by appropriate authorities.
- Please provide your child with a packed lunch and drinks for the day. Water can be refilled on the day.
- Children will be required to wear suitable clothing.
- Certain activities may change due to weather conditions/number of children attending
- If number of children does not meet requirements alternative venue will be offered.

Making Bookings

All places MUST be booked in advance.

- **Booking Option 1**—Book and pay via our website www.deanessportscentre.com
- **Booking Option 2** - Contact Reception on 01268 741162 during centre opening hours and make a booking over the phone using card payment
- **Booking Option 2** - Come into The Deanes School Sports Centre and complete the booking with the Reception team directly.

We are unable to offer refunds for cancellations of our coaching days, unless we are able to re-book the place and then a credit note will be issued.

CHRSTMAS HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

NERFTM GAMES

The exhilarating Nerf battle game craze



After a full safety briefing and under the watchful eyes of your safety commanders we will play a series of Nerf games around the Nerf battle zone using numerous movable obstacles and barriers.

IMPORTANT: Children must bring own authentic guns (must have the 'Nerf' logo on as above). For safety reasons guns from other manufacturers are not allowed. Limited places. Reserve a place now by calling us on **01268 574121**, text or call on **07841 483771** or you can Email us at nerf@elitesportcoaching.co.uk

See you there!

Please bring a packed lunch (please ensure it doesn't contain nuts) and a drink. Staff are DBS checked, insured and have first aid training.

A children's activity event by

ELITE SPORT
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Sport made fun 4 everyone

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WHEN and WHERE

Thursday 21st December, 10am to 3pm
Wickford CLC, Wickford

Friday 22nd December, 10am to 3pm
Grove Wood Primary School, Rayleigh

Ages 5 -12 Cost £14



we learn, we build, we play with
LEGO® Bricks

AFTER SCHOOL

So fun... it won't feel like learning!!



GROVE WOOD – YEARS 3 & 4

Bricks 4 Kidz® Junior Robotics® using WeDo® software and LEGO® Technic

How would you like to turn your next LEGO® creation into a robot, programmed to do exactly what you tell it to do? The Bricks 4 Kidz Junior Robotics® club offers all the fun of building with LEGO® Bricks, *plus* the challenge of computer programming! Using drag-and-drop, icon-based software, the WeDo® software provides an introduction to the world of computer programming and robotics that will equip children to succeed in a technology-based marketplace. This fun, action-packed course combines real life skills with real fun!



Rates and Information:

Wednesday's: 5 week course of 1 hour per week straight from school to 4.15pm.

£25 per child, per course payable online in advance, or in a labeled envelope at end of first session.

10 January, 17 January, 24 January, 31 January & 7 February

NB: Students work in pairs and must have a real interest in computers and coding. No experience necessary. Please register and enrol to this club at:

bricks4kidz.co.uk/essex

If your child has been to a Bricks 4 Kidz club before, please log into your account and enrol your child to this club, you don't need to re-register.

LANDMARK VENUES

Southend Central Museum &
Southend Planetarium
Southend Pier
Southend Libraries

ZOOLOGICAL & WOODLAND VENUES

Belfairs Woodland Centre
Dig-It (Trust links)
Sealife Adventure

SPORTS & RECREATION

Active Soccer & Sport Academy (ASSA)
Benfleet & Rayleigh Hockey
British Tang Sou Dao Federation
Clements Hall - Swim Club
Cycle Southend - Bikeability
Goju Karate - Ambleside Social Club/Thorpe Greenways
Great Wakering Colts
Ekco Whitecaps Football Club
Elite Swimming
Lifstan Boys Club
Meridian King Fu - Leigh on Sea / Southend/Thorpe Bay
Okami Martial Arts - Children's Karate/Activity Club
Old Southendians & Southchurch Cricket Club
Old Vicarage Pony Club
RedStar Football Academy
Rochford 100 Rugby club
Shoebury Youth centre
Shoeburyness High school
Shoeburyness Leisure centre
Shotokan Karate Club
South Essex Gym
Southend & Benfleet Hockey club
Southend Judo Club
Southend Leisure & tennis
Southend School Sport Partnership
Southend Spartans Rugby Football
Southend United - Community Education Trust
Southendian Manor Youth Football
Swimming Tales
Thorpe Bay Tennis Club
Thorpe Bay Yacht club
Thorpedene Rangers Football Club
Trinity football club
Westcliff Rugby Club
Westwood Karate

ENTERTAINMENT

All Star Dance Academy
Amanda Restell Dance Academy
Chameleon Theatre Arts
Danny Young Stage school
Essex Stars
Get Up and Dance
JADA Theatre School
Julie Noble Performing Arts
Malayali Indian dance
McGahan Lees Irish Dancing
Miller school of Dance
Music in the Lane
Nash Dance Academy
Samantha Boyd School of Dance
Southend Boys & Girls Choirs
Southend Dance (Ballroom & latin)
Southend Music on Sea
Southend Palace Theatre
Wiggles Dance Studio

1st Chalkwell Bay Scout Group
1st Rayleigh Cubs
1st Shoeburyness Brownies
2nd Chalkwell Bay Brownies / Guides / Cubs
2nd Thorpe Bay scouts
3rd Castle Mount Brownies
3rd Eastwood
4th Thorpe bay Guides & Scouts
5th Shoebury brownies
5th Thorpe Bay Brownies/Guides
6th Rayleigh Sea Scouts
6th Westcliff Cub Scouts
9th Castle Mount East Brownies
10th Southend Beavers
12th Thorpe Bay Brownies
15th Westcliff Brownies

MEDIA, LEARNING

Bobby Rudd - Music Teacher
Bricks4kids
David Woodcock—Music Teacher
Hola-Amigos (La Jolie-Ronde)
Jacqson Diego Story Emporium
Kip McGrath
Kumon - Southend
La Petite Ecole
Explore Learning
Mad Science

CHRISTMAS IS A -COMING

SOME ACTIVITIES TO ADD TO YOUR PASSPORTS

02 DECEMBER 2017

TIME 10:00 - 14:30

VENUE: SOUTHCHURCH HALL

Come to Southchurch Hall, decorated in full Tudor style for Christmas. Meet Lord Robert and hear him tell you of traditions long gone and some that have survived in our own modern Christmas. Discover why Christmas trees were round and mince pies were rectangular.

Entry is £3.00 includes Christmas talks and trail sheets and even a Christmas ghost story.
Family ticket £9.00 for four people. Stocking fillers

Collect 1 hour for a completed trail sheet

Book online via <http://www.southendlam.eventbrite.com/> or pay on the door. Last admission is at 2pm



WRITE YOUR OWN VERSION OF THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



**1 HOUR OF LEARNING STAMP UPON
SUBMISSION OF YOUR VERSION**

**FIND 5 DIFFERENT CRAFTY WAYS TO
RE-USE LEFT OVER OR USED
WRAPPING PAPER**



**1 HOUR OF LEARNING STAMP UPON
SUBMISSION OF EXAMPLES OR PHOTOS
OF YOUR WORK**

**TAKE AN OLD ICE CUBE TRAY AND
ADD DIFFERENT LIQUIDS SUCH AS
APPLE JUICE, WASHING UP
LIQUID; GRAVY. WHICH DO YOU
THINK WILL FREEZE FIRST? AND
WHY?**



**1 HOUR OF LEARNING STAMP UPON SUBMISSION OF YOUR
ANSWERS?**

**BE A NATURE DETECTIVE .. FIND SOME WINTER
TREASURES (LEAVES, TWIGS, CONES) AND MAKE A
COLLAGE OF A WINTER SCENE:**

**CAN YOU MAKE A TREE OR A SNOWMAN OR EVEN
SANTA'S SLEIGH**

**1 HOUR OF LEARNING STAMP UPON
SUBMISSION OF EXAMPLES OR PHOTOS OF
YOUR WORK**



WINTER MINI- READING CHALLENGE — READ THREE BOOKS ABOUT CHRISTMAS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

MAYBE... HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS (DR SEUSS) OR THE POLAR EXPRESS (CHRIS VAN ALLSBURG)
OR MAYBE MOG'S CHRISTMAS (JUDITH KERR); THE LION THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE (CS LEWIS)

YOU CHOOSE YOUR BOOKS, AND TELL US WHY YOU LIKED THEM

1 HOUR OF LEARNING STAMP UPON SUBMISSION OF YOUR VERSION



Groveswood Primary School**Club:** Gymnastics**Start date:** Monday 15th January 18**End date:** Monday 19th March 18**Time:** 15.10-16.10**Cost:** £40.50**Club:** Gymnastics**Start date:** Thursday 18th January 18**End date:** Thursday 22th March 18**Time:** 15.05-16.05**Cost:** £40.50*This is an 9-week course excluding February Half term**Bookings to be made online- please see our website below*

Booking Form

CHILDS NAME : _____ **DOB:** _____**ADDRESS:** _____ **CONTACT #** __________
POSTCODE: _____**EMERGENCY CONTACT :** _____**EMAIL ADDRESS:** _____**MEDICAL CONDITIONS:** _____**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: £** _____**SIGNED** _____**PRINT NAME (PARENT/GUARDIAN)** _____*For our terms & conditions please go to our website:***family.premier-education.com**