

Merry Christmas from all at Grove Wood





Christmas Buildings Competition

So much effort and 30 fantastic entries, but the 5 winners are:

- Kellis in 4TA
- Jessica in 6MB
- Hayden in 5HR
- Jamie in 2CA, Frankie in 4LS and Chloe in 4LS
- Ronny in 5HT

Well Done!



Half Termly Head Teacher's Award for Excellent Progress in Writing



Class	Full Name	Reason
Green	Archie Wand	For fantastic use of phonics and a great description of an Arctic animal.
Yellow	Kian Meehan	Showing amazing improvement in his handwriting since starting school. Kian has worked really hard to improve his letter formation and how he holds his pencil.
Blue	Max Hounsell	For saying, hearing and writing his sounds to write a simple caption with confidence.
1JF	Ava Harris	For using exciting adjectives, conjunctions and using lead in lines.
1AS	Pepper Barteluk	For using improved story language and consistent use of full stops and capital letters.
1ST	Oscar Potter	For neater handwriting and improving letter formation.
2EL	Sofie Chapman	For using her phonics to spell many words correctly and for using co-ordination to extend her sentences.
2CA	Charlotte Sumner	For using coordination conjunctions in her writing and presenting her work beautifully.
2GB	Hayden Hards	For his progress this half term. Hayden will now willingly write independently and is coming up with his own ideas. His sentences are coherent and he is using full stops and capital letters.
3DS	David Churches	Trying hard to include adverbs, conjunctions and to use inverted commas for speech to make his writing engaging and interesting for the reader.
3KO	Baylea Cox	For a huge improvement in her handwriting and now using a range of adverbs and adjectives.
3FC	Connie Sutton	For an excellent letter to Father Christmas – she followed the features fantastically including an address, date, paragraphs and the correct language.
4CF	George Mackenzie	For his use of technical vocabulary and the inclusion of features of an explanation text.
4TA	Jack Gregory	For improved use of punctuation and trying to engage the reader.
4LS	Ellie Hendle	For striving to improve the orientation and size of her handwriting and extending her ideas independently.
5HT	James Hammond	For striving to improve his handwriting, spelling and punctuation.
5HR	James Wagstaff	For using paragraphs correctly and putting in more description to engage the reader.
5CS	Anya Walford	For using a wide range of descriptive vocabulary in order to create an impact on the reader.
6JC	Matthew Bond	Working hard to include higher level punctuation in his writing.
6DP	Lucy Mates	For adapting tone and style well for different purposes, using a wide range of well-chosen vocabulary and for creating cohesion across paragraphs.
6MB	Ben Hoskins	For his improved use of different punctuation and working really hard to use different sentence structures.
6JJ	Joshua Mantle	For making a huge effort to remember to include his punctuation and trying to use more interesting and powerful vocabulary.
6JS/CB	Kellise Chapman	For using a wider range of clause structures with accuracy and a significant improvement with her handwriting. Kellise has made a HUGE effort this term – well done!

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Diary Dates for Spring Term 2018



Christmas Holidays – Thursday 21st December – Monday 1st January		
1	Tuesday 2 nd January	• Arts Week
	Wednesday 3 rd January	• Arts Week
	Thursday 4 th January	• Arts Week
	Friday 5 th January	• Arts Week
2	Monday 8 th January	•
	Tuesday 9 th January	•
	Wednesday 10 th January	• • Year 1 Dragon Man - dress up as a knight, princess, witch, wizard or other • Fire Service in for Year 6
	Thursday 11 th January	•
	Friday 12 th January	•
3	Monday 15 th January	• All clubs begin this week • EYFS and parents walk to the post-box (younger siblings also welcome) • Closing date for applications for EYFS school places beginning Sept 2018
	Tuesday 16 th January	• 7.00pm- Parent Growth Mindset Workshop
	Wednesday 17 th January	• AM EYFS - library visit
	Thursday 18 th January	•
	Friday 19 th January	• AM EYFS - library visit
4	Monday 22 nd January	• Year 1 Dads & Grandads invited to join with our reading challenge in the afternoon.
	Tuesday 23 rd January	• Children's University Graduation 5pm • Year 2 DT am- parents welcome 9:15-10:30am
	Wednesday 24 th January	• EYFS- grandparents afternoon tea
	Thursday 25 th January	•
	Friday 26 th January	•
5	Monday 29 th January	• YEAR 6 TEST WEEK - GPS
	Tuesday 30 th January	• YEAR 6 TEST WEEK - Reading
	Wednesday 31 st January	• YEAR 6 TEST WEEK - Maths
	Thursday 1 st February	• YEAR 6 TEST WEEK - Maths
	Friday 2 nd February	• Young Voices @ 02 • Year 1 PE with parents morning - information to follow
6	Monday 5 th February	• Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations during the day.
	Tuesday 6 th February	• Year 5 Theme Day - China
	Wednesday 7 th February	• R - 5 Parent Teacher Consultations - 2.00-8.00pm • Year 6 Parent Teacher evening appointments
	Thursday 8 th February	• Theme Letters home • Am - EYFS parents invited to share Chinese New Year celebrations - younger siblings welcome • Year 4 - Mad Hatter's Tea Party pm -

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		parents invited <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 - Astrodome Day -to be confirmed
	Friday 9 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day – School Close
	Half Term – Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February 2018	
7	Monday 19 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 - Birds of Prey Visit
	Tuesday 20 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Wednesday 21 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Thursday 22 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Friday 23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
8	Monday 26 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
	Tuesday 27 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:15am Maths and phonics update for EYFS parents (please no children)
	Wednesday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Music concert for choir and instrumentalists 10am tbc
	Thursday 1 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day – come dressed up as your favourite book character
	Friday 2 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2:15 pm Maths and phonics update for EYFS parents (please no children)
9	Monday 5 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Anti Bullying</u> week
	Tuesday 6 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS parents invited to walk to the clothes bank - younger siblings may attend
	Wednesday 7 th March	
	Thursday 8 th March	
	Friday 9 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>PAGWPS Mothers Day</u>
10	Monday 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Test Week - GPS
	Tuesday 13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 English and Maths Workshop for parents 9:15 - 10:30am Year 6 Test Week - Reading
	Wednesday 14 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Test Week - Maths NO OPEN DOOR TODAY
	Thursday 15 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 6 Test Week - Maths Infant Music Festival (Year 2 Choir) @ Freight House Drama Club Showcase - A little bit naughty - the World of Roald Dahl
	Friday 16 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Relief – details to follow
11	Monday 19 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 to <u>Bradwell</u>
	Tuesday 20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 to <u>Bradwell</u>
	Wednesday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 to <u>Bradwell</u>
	Thursday 22 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 to <u>Bradwell</u>
	Friday 23 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 5 to <u>Bradwell</u>
12	Monday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Week
	Tuesday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Week
	Wednesday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Week Year 6 Bug Man visiting KS2 Music assembly for choir and musicians
	Thursday 29 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Science Week Theme Letters home EYFS parents invited to complete Easter
		Egg hunt pm - younger siblings may attend <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama Club to see School of Rock Mid-Year Reports to parents

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
COACHING

Sport made fun 4 everyone

www.elitesportcoaching.co.uk

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**

Self care information about children



What to do

Advice on
childhood illnesses

Go to school; if
needed get
treatment as shown

Can be catching.
Some restrictions for
school attendance

Don't go to school
and see the GP

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	●	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	●	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.	●	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	●	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	●	G.P.	Only need to stay off if feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	●	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	●	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	●	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	●	G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple – like rash Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	●	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	●	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/ diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	●	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	●	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis	Intense Sore throat	●	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with "whooping" sound to get air into lungs	●	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

See www.patient.co.uk for further information on each of these conditions

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This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals however, if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.