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C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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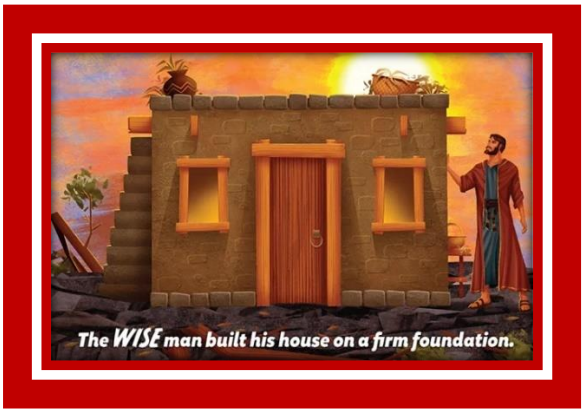
NEWSLETTER

11th October 2024



Firm Foundations; Rooted in Love.

Rooted in love, we grow and learn together, supported by our firm foundations. We nurture and respect the individuals within our community, so that all can flourish and succeed, with aspirational hope.

"Do everything in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

This week at Christchurch Church of England Primary we have attended our annual Harvest Festival Service at Christ Church.

This is always a lovely service & the very first opportunity this academic year for the whole school community to worship together at our Church.

Well done to all the children for following our core values of being Safe, Respectful & Ready during this event!

On Thursday we had an inspector from the Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools (SIAMS) with us. This inspection takes place approximately every 5 years & is the opportunity to highlight the impact that the school's Christian vision has on the flourishing of the whole school community.

We would like to thank the parents/ carers who took the time to speak to the inspector & we will publish the report on our school website in due course.

On Thursday 10th October 2024 it was World Mental Health Day which is an opportunity for people and communities to unite behind the theme 'Mental health is a universal human right' to improve knowledge, raise awareness and drive actions that promote and protect everyone's mental health as a universal human right.

As a school, to support this and join their pledge to protect, promote, and respect mental health in our communities we have encouraged everyone to wear yellow today.

Thank you to everyone who has taken part & if you would like to donate the link is:

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/

From this week the **Reception** children in **Red Squirrels** class have joined us in our Worship & Celebration assemblies. It is wonderful to have all the school community together as one!

Wishing you all a happy & peaceful weekend!

Blessing of School Name

We are delighted that the Venerable Adam Atkinson, the Bishop of Bradwell, will be visiting Christchurch Church of England Primary School on Monday 14th October 2024 to bless our new school name.

We would like to invite our parents/carers to attend this service which will be held on the school playground at 9.30am (weather permitting).

We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this special occasion.

If the weather is not favourable then, unfortunately, the service will be moved to the school hall & parents/carers will not be able to attend - we will send a notification via Arbor.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Year 6 to 7 Secondary Admission Round for September 2025

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Thursday, 12 September 2024, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is:

31 October 2024

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All the application information is available on the website above.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Harvest Festival

On Tuesday this week the whole school attended Harvest Festival at Christ Church.

Thank you to Rev. Andrew for taking such a lovely service & well done to the members of our Worship Group who led the readings.

We would, also, like to thank everyone who sent in donations towards our collection for the Dengie Food Pantry, based in Southminster & Burnham – we very much appreciate your support.

Football Match

Well done to the following children who played in a home fixture match on 3rd October 2024 against Maylandsea Primary School.

Oliver, Ralphie, Tommy, Ruby, Riley, Ralph, Elijah, Freddie & Humza

They may not have won but they have earned a place in the final tournament being held at William de Ferrers School on Tuesday 22nd October 2024. A letter to those involved has been issued today.

Go Christchurch!

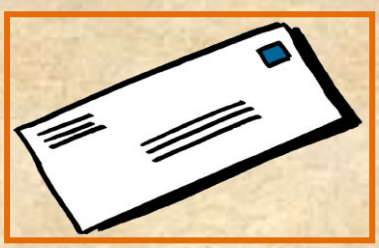
Music Lessons

Our Music Teacher, Mr Pritchard, will be in school on Tuesdays to offer our children the opportunity to have lessons in Piano or Guitar.

If your child/ren are interested in learning one or both of these instruments then please contact Mr Pritchard directly via telephone/text on 07442170541.

The price is £7.50 per 15 mins or £75 for 10 weeks.

Supporting World Mental Health Day



Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 11th October 2024

The following letters have been sent out and/or put on the school website (under Key Information/ Information Hub/ Letters Home).

- LETTER TO PARENTS YEAR 3 & YEAR 5: Swimming Lessons – 6/11/24 to 11/12/24 (issued 8/10/240
- PTFA FLYER: Disco Bright & Sparkly – 8/11/24 5pm to 6.30pm (issued 10/10/24)
- LETTER TO YEAR 6 PARENTS: Year 6 SATs Meeting – 8/11/24 at 2.30pm (dated 10/10/24)
- LETTER TO FOOTBALL CLUB PARENTS: SSP Football Final at William de Ferrers School – 22/10/24 3.40pm to 5pm (dated 11/10/24)

Hot Chocolate Friday with Mrs Bishop

The following children have been on the gold star and randomly chosen to have Hot Chocolate with Mrs Bishop.

Samuel – Red Squirrels
Amelia – Hedgehogs
Dita – Foxes
Jaxon – Otters
Phebe - Badgers

Congratulations to you all!

PUPIL PARLIAMENT

This week our Pupil Parliament have received their badges!

Congratulations to you all we know you will be fantastic in your new roles!

Head Pupils

Catalina & Lucas

Worship Group

Catalina, Nancy, Edith & Ellie

Reading Ambassadors

Catalina & Elijah

Charity Ambassadors

James & Edith

Sporting Ambassadors

James, Ralph, Ellie, Elijah, Catalina, Nancy, Lucas & Miicah

Wellbeing Ambassadors

Ellie, Edith & Phebe

Book Swap

We have a rack of books in the school office foyer for our parents/carers to take a book to read and, if able, to replace with a book you have already read and no longer have need of.

Happy reading!

Newspaper Donations

As you can imagine art can be very messy (especially in Red Squirrels class) & we use lots of old newspapers to protect the tables.

If any of our parents/carers or their families currently purchase a daily or weekend newspaper we would be most grateful if, when you have finished with them, you could pass them onto us!

Please send into school with your child/ren or hand in at the school office.

Thank you in advance for any donations!

Helping Hands Box

We are delighted that so many of our parents/carers are using our Helping Hands Box which is located in the school office foyer.

If you have any items in your cupboards which are in-date & you are able to spare then we would be very grateful for any top ups – please just add them to the box.

We all need to look out for each other & we really appreciate any contributions received.

Thank you to all those who have topped up our box your continued support is very appreciated.

ACTIVATE YOUR VOICE

Last week all our children took part in an 'Activate your Voice' day. The classes completed work around the following areas:

- EYFS children in Red Squirrels class looked at keeping the school tidy.
- Hedgehogs looked at recycling bins including writing a letter to Maldon Council.
- Foxes & Otters classes looked at road safety in the local community.
- Badgers looked at 'send my friend to school' which is all about the entitlement of all children around the world to an education.
- Our Pupil Parliament met with Mrs Hall & worked on 'saving the bees'.

Well done to all the children for their amazing work – some of which has been displayed in the School Hall.

CHRISTCHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christchurch C of E Primary School
The Street, Latchingdon
Chelmsford, Essex CM3 6JS
Telephone 01621 740328

Part of the Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust

Tours for Prospective Parents

We are a small, friendly church school. We are very proud of our children and their achievements and we would be pleased to show you around our school at one of our open mornings.

Friday 8th November 2024 – 9am to 11.30am

Thursday 21st November 2024 – 9am to 11.30am

By appointment only – please call our School Office on 01621 740328 for an appointment.

Firm Foundations; Rooted in Love.

- At Christchurch C of E Primary we value positive relationships and caring attitudes between all in our school community.
- We aim to provide a stimulating environment, in which high standards of achievement are fostered and where all pupils are challenged and encouraged to reach their full potential
- Our school is driven by our Christian values of friendship, love, respect, hope and perseverance; which guide all our plans and actions.
- We are passionate about promoting and safeguarding the welfare of our children and are committed to providing a happy, safe and welcoming atmosphere, in which children can learn and develop. Our core values are Safe, Ready, Respect.

Applications for Primary (Reception) school place starting September 2025 can be made between 4th November 2024 and 15th January 2025.

Please visit https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place for full details.

Attendance – w/e 11/10/24

The winning class for the week ending **11th October 2024** is Foxes class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	92.44%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	95.02%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	100%
3 / 4 (Otters)	86.42%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	93.75%

Each Friday we hold a raffle for all pupils in school, on time all week. This week the raffle was drawn and the winning pupil was Jaxon from Otters class.

If your child is not in school, please remember to phone each morning before 9 am and leave a message **for safe guarding reasons we must have a reason.**

If you receive a in-app message, please contact the school to explain the absence. If we do not hear from you telephone calls will be made and if we are unable to contact you then a home visit may be appropriate.

If you child arrives late then please could an adult accompany them into the office to sign them in. Anyone arriving after the registers close (after half an hour) will be classed as an unauthorised absence unless we are aware of the reason in advance.

At Christchurch, we recognise that positive behaviour and good attendance are essential for pupils to get the most of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances.

The law entitles every child of compulsory school age to an efficient, full-time education and where parents decide to have their child registered at school, they have an additional legal duty to ensure their child attends that school regularly, on time.

Thank you for working with us to ensure your child/ren at Christchurch have good attendance.

Stars of the Week – w/e 11/10/24

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Tommy & Doris
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Leila & Brooklyn
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Kady & Rory
3 / 4 (Otters)	Thomas-James & Sonny
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Molly & Edith

Good Manners – w/e 11/10/24

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Isobel & Pippa
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Nevaeh-Jade & Brooklyn
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Rhys & Bonnie-Lee
3 / 4 (Otters)	Abigail & Dylan
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Sawyer & Reuben

Lunch Time Stars – w/e 11/10/24

Amber – Otters
Pippa – Red Squirrels

Reading Challenge – w/e 3/10/24

Year	% children reading at home regularly
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	100%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	74%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	87%
3 / 4 (Otters)	75%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	44%

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Catalina, Ralph & Lucas.

Well done to you all!

Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember. Details of any events will be sent out nearer the time.

Please note that all events are for the children/staff only unless specified.

Academic Year 2024-2025

September 2024

October 2024

14th Oct 24 – 9.30am – Blessing the School Name – Flyer in Newsletter
15th Oct 24 – 1.30pm – Flu Immunisations – Letter sent 26/9/24 refers
17th Oct 24 – 9am to 12.30pm – Life Support Road Show – Year 5
17th Oct 24 – 1.30pm to 3pm – Life Support Road Show – Year 6
22nd Oct 24 – 3.40pm to 5pm – SSP Football Final at William de Ferrers – Letter sent 11/10/24 refers
28th Oct to 1st Nov 24 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November 2024

8th Nov 24 – 9am to 11.30am – Tours Reception September 2025 intake – Flyer in Newsletter
8th Nov 24 – 2.30pm – Year 6 SATs Meeting – Letter dated 10/10/24 refers
12th Nov 24 – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening – Details to follow
14th Nov 24 – 3.30pm to 6pm – Parents Evening – Details to follow
21st Nov 24 – 9am to 11.30am – Tours Reception September 2025 intake – Flyer in Newsletter
22nd Nov 24 – 2.30pm – MacMillan Coffee Morning – Details to follow

December 2024

10th Dec 24 – 2pm – Christmas Nativity – Details to follow
11th Dec 24 – 9am – Christmas Nativity – Details to follow
13th Dec 24 – Christmas Jumper Day – Details to follow
17th Dec 24 – 9.30am – Christmas Service at Christ Church
23rd Dec 24 to 3rd Jan 25 – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2025

6th Jan 25 – First day Spring Term
22nd Jan 25 – Reception & Year 6 – Height & Weight
28th Jan 24 – 3.10pm to 4pm – Dengie Cross Country at Christchurch – Details to follow

February 2025

17th Feb to 21st Feb 25 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

March 2025

April 2025

7th April to 21st April 25 – EASTER HOLIDAY

22nd April 25 – First day Summer Term

May 2025

5th May 25 – BANK HOLIDAY
26th May to 30th May 25 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

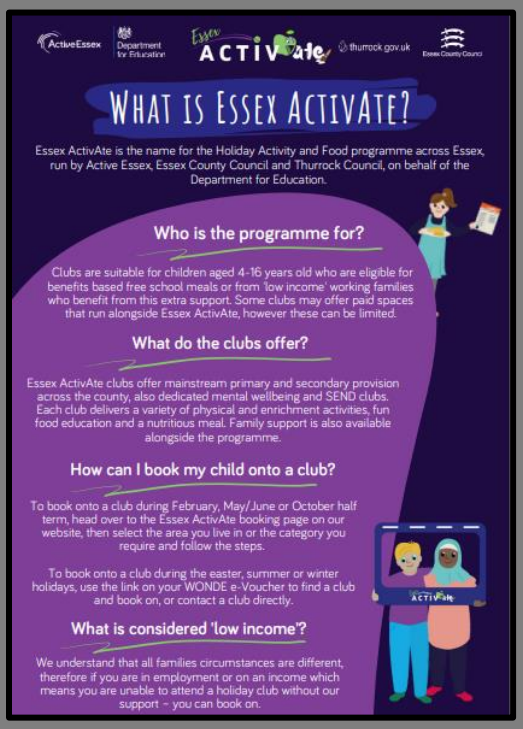
June 2025

2nd June 25 – NON-PUPIL DAY

July 2025

21st & 22nd July 25 – NON-PUPIL DAYS

Essex ACTIVAte Half Term
Helping children and young people
GET ACTIVE | GET CREATIVE | GET COOKING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Essex County Council
WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?
Essex ActivAte is the name for the Holiday Activity and Food programme across Essex, run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.
Who is the programme for?
Clubs are suitable for children aged 4-16 years old who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or from 'low income' working families who benefit from this extra support. Some clubs may offer paid spaces that run alongside Essex ActivAte, however these can be limited.
What do the clubs offer?
Essex ActivAte clubs offer mainstream primary and secondary provision across the county, also dedicated mental wellbeing and SEND clubs. Each club delivers a variety of physical and enrichment activities, fun food education and a nutritious meal. Family support is also available alongside the programme.
How can I book my child onto a club?
To book onto a club during February, May/June or October half term, head over to the Essex ActivAte booking page on our website, then select the area you live in or the category you require and follow the steps.
To book onto a club during the easter, summer or winter holidays, use the link on your WONDE e-Voucher to find a club and book on, or contact a club directly.
What is considered 'low income'?
We understand that all families circumstances are different, therefore if you are in employment or on an income which means you are unable to attend a holiday club without our support - you can book on.

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Basildon Council
Essex County Council
HALF-TERM & HOLIDAYS EXPLAINED...
EASTER, SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
The HAF programme runs in the easter, summer and winter holidays and is funded by the Department for Education. This is aimed solely at school children who receive benefits based free school meals during term time.
Limited spaces are available for low income working families and other vulnerable groups who would otherwise not be able to afford holiday clubs. You can book onto our programme self-certifying.
WONDE e-Voucher codes are sent by schools to all families eligible for benefits based free school meals. This code allows you to book onto local clubs and verify you are eligible for our programme.
SPRING & AUTUMN HALF TERMS
Funded by Essex County Council, Essex ActivAte run clubs during February, May/June and October half term for children on benefit based free school meals or from 'low income' working families.
The half term programme is funded to provide spaces to those areas most in need across Essex.
You will not recieve a WONDE e-Voucher code to book onto our clubs during half term.
You will need to book your child/ren onto a club through the Essex ActivAte website - simply find what clubs are available in your area then book onto a club using the link provided or by contacting the club directly.
SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!

Essex County Council

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Essex ACTIVate Half Term

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BOOK ONTO A FREE HALF TERM CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years), who are eligible for benefit based free school meals, or from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal!

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

To book your child/ren onto one of our half term clubs, you will not receive a Holiday Activities voucher from your school, and you will need to book on through the Essex ActivAte website. Simply select your area, find what clubs are available and book your child on through the link provided. Depending on the club, you may need to book through our website, or contact them directly.

Find out more about October half term clubs and book on here.

ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM HALLOWEEN
OPEN DAY
ADDRESS:
ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM, GRAYS FIRE STATION,
HOGG LANE, GRAYS, RM17 5QS
10.30AM TO 4.00PM
(LAST SUGGESTED ENTRY TIME: 2.30PM)
VISITS MUST BE PRE-BOOKED VIA:
MUSEUM@ESSEX-FIRE.GOV.UK
DATES AVAILABLE FOR 2024
SUNDAY 27TH OCT
TUESDAY 29TH OCT
ESSEX FIRE
MUSEUM

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

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Best care by the best people

Mental Health Support Teams work across education and healthcare to provide early intervention mental health support to whole school communities.

Workshop For Parents

'Managing behaviour that challenges'

Helping you to understand how challenging behaviour at home can be supported and add new ideas to your parenting toolkit.

This workshop will focus on:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Skills and strategies to support your child when they experience emotional dysregulation.

When: Wednesday 16th October 2024.
Virtual Microsoft Teams Workshop 9.30-11am.
Length: 1 hour 30 minutes
Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 315 648 253 000
Passcode: XEP4ye

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Workshop For Parents

'Understanding Your Child's Anxiety'

Helping you to understand your child's fears and worries and add new ideas to your parenting toolkit.

This workshop will focus on:

- Understanding your child's anxiety
- Skills and strategies to support your child with fears and worries.

When: Wednesday 23rd October 2024.
Virtual Microsoft Teams Workshop 9.30-11am.
Length: 1 hour 30 minutes
Join the meeting now
Meeting ID: 336 323 987 517
Passcode: fAWWvQ

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MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Places Leisure
Part of Places for People

Email: brittanydennis@pfpleisure.org

To whom it may concern,

Membership

Places Leisure are offering girls, aged 9-15 years of age, a free membership to use the facilities at Blackwater Leisure Centre.

You have received this letter as your child is eligible for the free 'Big Sister membership'. To activate this free membership please visit Blackwater Leisure Centre with this letter and proof that you come from a low-income household. This membership will allow the girl to enjoy free swimming, free gym use (11+ years), and access to book onto the We Move classes.

We Move class

We Move sessions are specific group exercise sessions reserved for girls aged 9-15 years and are an important part of the Big Sister program to allow girls to exercise in a safe space with their peers. Blackwater Leisure Centre are running these classes every Tuesday:

5pm-5:30pm – girls aged 9-12 years

5:30pm-6pm – girls aged 13-15 years

Terms and Conditions

- This membership is only valid for females aged 9-15 years.
- Please note that access to the We Move classes and junior gym sessions are not guaranteed and must be pre-booked.
- Children under 11 years are not allowed access to the gym and those 11+ years will have to do an induction. They must be supervised by someone aged 18 or over or part of Junior Gym sessions.
- We may retract this offer at any time.

Proof of entitlement required: DOB, Housing Benefit, Income Support, Job Seekers Allowance, Working Family Tax Credit, Disability Allowance, Carers Allowance or Universal Credit.

Further information can be found at Places Leisure website via the following link:

https://www.placesleisure.org/big-sister-project/

Yours sincerely

Brittany Dennis

Senior Fitness Instructor and Big Sister Ambassador

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you **are** hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and **never** attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety

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