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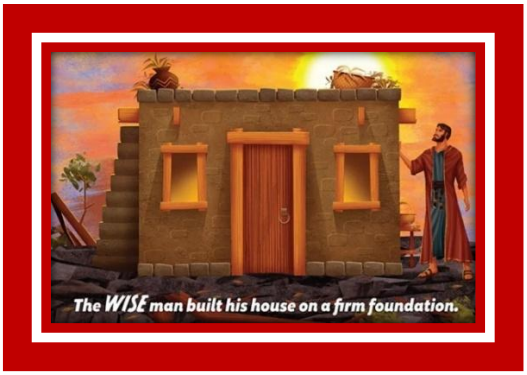
NEWSLETTER

5th June 2026



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

Welcome back to the very last half term of the 2025-2026 academic year!

We hope you all had a lovely half-term break – the weather was certainly glorious!

This is always a very busy half term with preparations to say farewell to our Year 6 children & also getting ready to welcome the children who will be joining us in EYFS from September 2026.

RSE Curriculum Monday 8th June 2026

On Monday 8th June 2026 we are holding RSE Curriculum Viewings in the School Hall. A letter regarding this was emailed to all parents on 2nd June 2026. To view the letter please follow these links:

RSE Curriculum Letter

Jigsaw Skills & Knowledge Progression for Parents

On Tuesday 9th June 2026 the children in Year 6 will be taking part in a DJ & Production Workshop funded by Essex Virtual Schools.

Thank you to Ms Murray for organising this event for the children. We are sure they will enjoy this amazing opportunity & we are looking forward to a fun filled day!

Ormiston RIVERS Academy

Next Wednesday 10th June 2026 some of the children who will be attending the Dengie Sports Day on Friday 25th June 2026 have been invited to Ormiston Rivers Academy to take part in a Dengie Sports Training Day.

The Dengie Sports Day is an annual local athletics event held at Ormiston Rivers Academy, where local Primary Schools compete in track & field events. A letter regarding this year's event will be issued next week.

Thank you to Mr Djemal for organising this opportunity for the children.

Also, on Wednesday 10th June 2026 Mrs Hall & Mrs Bishop have invited the parents/carers of our current Year 4 & Year 5 to discuss the possibility of a residential trip to Mersea Outdoors next academic year. The meeting is being held at 3.15pm to give an idea of what activities the children will be able to enjoy during the week, discuss transport options & to answer any questions.

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible.

Next week from 8th June 2026, we will be running our sixth & final Early Bird Competition of this academic year!

Every child who arrives on time will receive a tick on their chart. Children who are in school on time all week, will be entered into a class draw. One child from each class, who has been in school on time, will win a prize!

Also, the class with the highest percentage of children in school on time will win a class reward!

We look forward to seeing how many children can get into the Early Bird prize Draw!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Huge congratulations to Mr & Mrs Strathern on the safe arrival of their beautiful baby boy!

We wish all the family the very best as they start this magical new chapter together.

RSE Curriculum – Monday 8th June 2026

Curriculum at Christchurch C of E Primary School

RSE Curriculum
Monday 8th June 2026

Within the RSE curriculum, there is a unit called 'Changing Me'. This unit covers puberty, changes & growing up. We would like to offer you the opportunity to review this Unit within the Jigsaw Scheme.

Parents/carers are invited to come in on Monday 8th June 2026 – **Adults Only** (no children or younger siblings) to review this unit.

Please arrive at the office, anytime between the times listed below, where you will be shown into the School Hall & members of staff will be available to speak to.

EYFS – 9.00am to 9.30am
Year 1 & 2 – 9.45am to 10.15am
Year 3 & 4 – 2.30pm to 3.00pm
Year 5 & 6 – 3.30pm to 4.00pm

We look forward to welcoming you.

Dogs

We would like to kindly remind everyone that dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site, including the playground, pathways, and entrances.

While many of us are fond of dogs, bringing them onto school grounds can create safety concerns, particularly for children who may feel anxious around animals or who have allergies. To ensure a calm and safe environment for all pupils, we must ask that dogs always remain off-site.

Thank you for your co-operation and for helping us maintain a safe and welcoming environment for every child and family.

Head of School Stickers

This week Mrs Hall has given Headteacher Stickers to the following children:

Thomas-James – Foxes for his fantastic maths work
Scarlett – Foxes her brilliant maths work
Carmel – Foxes for her amazing writing

Music Lessons

Our Music Teacher, Mr Pritchard, is 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 instruments, then please contact Mr Pritchard directly via telephone/text on 07442170541.

Half Term Theme

Every half term as part of the curriculum & to stretch the children's imagination we ask each Key Stage a Big Questions.

The Big Questions for the first half of the Summer Term are:

EYFS – 'I wonder…. what lives in a rock pool?'

KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) – I wonder… what makes London special?'

LKS2 (Year 3 & Year 4) – I wonder … what can we learn from the world beneath our feet?

UKS2 (Year 5 & Year 6) – I wonder …. who should feature on a £10 note?

Term Time Holiday

Essex County Council

Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools **after 19th August 2024.**

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

The Big Future

We have been asked to forward the below link to parents/carers by the Government Children's Commissioner for England.

This survey is for children and young people to reflect on their experiences, share what matters most to them and tell them about their hopes and ambitions for the future in their own words.

Your child/ren can take part in the survey here:

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

Teenage Cancer Trust Fundraiser

Well done to Elliot from Badgers class who is fundraising for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

He is hoping to raise £200 by achieving 3,000 Push Ups during June 2026.

If you would like to support Elliot by donating, then please use the QR code below.

Scan to donate

EC&FWS Health Advice Drop In for 5-19 Year Olds

During our Parents' Evening on Thursday 25th June 2026 from 3.30pm a team from the Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service will be available to speak to if you have any concerns.

Mini London Marathon 2026

On the afternoon of Friday 22nd May 2026, the children took part in the TCS Mini London Marathon 2026 with the children who attend Latchingdon Pre-School.

All the children really enjoyed the afternoon & thank you to Latchingdon Pre-School for inviting us to join them!

Population Health Improvement Plan Survey

As part of the development of our Population Health Improvement Plan (PHIP), NHS Essex has launched a public engagement campaign to gather feedback from residents, staff, carers and communities on the future of health and care services across Essex.

The PHIP sets out their long-term ambition to improve health outcomes, reduce health inequalities and support people to stay healthier for longer.

To help ensure the plan reflects the needs and experiences of local people, they are inviting communities to share their views through a short survey.

The survey asks three simple questions:

- How can we make services better in Essex?
- What is the biggest health issue facing Essex?
- What does good health and care look like to you?

The survey closes at 5pm on Tuesday 30th June 2026.

If you would like to take part in the survey, please follow this link:

https://virtualviews.essex.icb.nhs.uk/help-shape-the-future-of-nhs-services-in-essex

Sports Day – Friday 19th June 2026

SPORTS DAY

Friday 19th June 2026

Parents/carers are invited to join their children at 12.30pm for a picnic lunch before the afternoon races begin at 1.30pm

Please send children into school wearing their PE kit & a top in the colour of their House.

Ellie Simmons (Blue)

Andy Murray (Green)

Jessica Ennis-Hill (Orange)

Pele (Yellow)

Please do not worry if you do not have a top in the correct colour as we will provide coloured badges for the children to wear.

We are looking forward to a fun day of races.

Reserve Sports Day is Friday 26th June 2026.

Forest School – Summer Term 2 2026

For the second half of the Summer Term the children in **EYFS, Year 5 & Year 6** will be taking part in Forest School on the school grounds.

The dates of Forest School are Tuesday 2nd June 2026 to Tuesday 14th July 2026 (7 sessions).

Please could all children in **EYFS, Year 5 & Year 6** come to school every Tuesday wearing clothes/shoes suitable for taking part in Forest School.

Please can the children wear clothing you do not mind getting muddy & that they are wearing long sleeves & long trousers to allow them to fully take part in all the activities.

As the children are likely to get muddy, please can the children in **Year 5 & Year 6** bring a bag with their School Uniform in to change into after Forest School.

Thank you for your co-operation.

PE DAYS – Summer Term 2 2026

Please can children **come into school wearing their PE kits on the following days:**

EYFS – Thursday

Year 1 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Thursday

Year 6 – Thursday

Children should come to school wearing their PE kits on these days. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in their PE lessons, they should come to school wearing their normal School Uniform and bring a letter explaining why they are not participating. Please note all long hair **must** be tied back during PE lessons.

Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 5th June 2026

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

- LETTER TO RESILIENCE REPS PARENTS: YouthShoots Resilience Reps Training – 16/6/26 (issued 1/6/26)
- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: Sports Day – Friday 19/6/26 (emailed 2/6/26)
- LETTER TO ALL PARENTS: Early Bird Competition – 8/6/26 to 12/6/26 (emailed 4/6/26)
- LETTER TO FOXES PARENTS: Visit to Hanningfield Reservoir – 30/6/26 (emailed & issued 5/6/26)

Blue Badge & Disabiility Living Allowance

Please be advised that Christchurch CofE Primary School are, unfortunately, no longer able to assist parents/carers with completing applications for Blue Badges, Disability Living Allowance, bus passes etc

Thank you for your understanding.

HEDGEHOGS

Every Friday the Year 2 children in Hedgehogs class take part in a "Super Sentences" lesson.

The winner each week becomes a "Superhero" for the afternoon by wearing a cape & mask!

The winner from Friday 22nd May 2026 was Annmarie – well done!

Well done Annmarie – keep up the excellent work!

We are looking forward to finding out who will be the next "Superhero"!

Reading Raffle

Reading is an important life skill. We want to reward and encourage children to read at home. Therefore, we have launched our Reading Raffle!

For your child to be entered into the Reading Raffle each week, your child needs to read **at least 4 out of 7 times a week**.

They need to have their **Reading Diaries signed and shown to their class teacher on a Friday morning**.

The raffle will run from Friday to Thursday each week

If your child has read **at least 4 out of 7 times**, then their name will be entered into the raffle.

A name will be picked at random from each class. The winner of each class will win a book! This raffle will be every week and we hope to see all children entering every week!

Congratulations to this week's winners – we hope you enjoy reading your new books!

Sophie – Red Squirrels

Thea - Hedgehogs

Amber - Foxes

Bonnie – Badgers

Clothes Recycling

Dear Supporter

School: CHRISTCHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

is participating in the **Kids Just Recycle** textile recycling scheme which is a great way to raise additional funds for your school and also teach pupils about the importance of recycling to help keep our planet safe.

Please bring any of your pre-loved textiles listed below and donate them in the **Kids Just Recycle** outdoor clothing bin. We will then collect your **Kids Just Recycle** donations when the bin is full and weigh, sort, grade and redistribute your textiles giving them a second lease of life to less fortunate people who really need them.

KIDS JUST RECYCLE

Thank you!

Tel: 020 3903 9933 *email:* enquiries@kidsjustrecycle.co.uk

We can't wait to collect your textiles donations to help raise money for your school. Here's a reminder of what we can and can't accept.

We accept good quality, reusable:

We do not accept:

Nor do we accept items that are damaged by:

Many thanks and happy recycling!

Attendance – w/e 5/6/26

The winning class for the week ending **5th June 2026** is Hedgehogs class.

Year	Attendance %
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	94.77%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	96.44%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	94.44%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	94.12%

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 Elliot from Badgers class.

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

If you receive a text 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.

Safeguarding requires the school to know why a child is not in school. Every child legally must attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Harrison, Reggie & Riley.

Well done to you all!

Stars of the Week – w/e 5/6/26

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Carter
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Isobel & Annmarie
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Carmel & Daisy L
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Dylan & Judith

Good Manners – w/e 5/6/26

Year	Name
R / 1(Red Squirrels)	Amily
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	Layla-Grace & Yasmin
3 / 4 (Foxes)	Hallie & Rowan
5 / 6 (Badgers)	Esme & Harrison

Lunch Time Stars – 5/6/26

Judith – Badgers
Leila - Foxes

Reading Challenge – w/e 5/6/26

Year Group	% of class who have read
EYFS	44%
Year 1	73%
Year 2	64%
Year 3	24%
Year 4	64%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	52%

Hot Chocolate Winners–w/e 5/6/26

Year Group	Name	Reason
EYFS	Henry-John	Hard work in Phonics
Year 1	Megan	Writing
Year 2	Teddy-Thomas	Maths
Year 3	Leila	Vocabulary in Guided Reading
Year 4	Louie	Staying focussed & effort
Year 5	Rhys	Handwriting
Year 6	Keshale	Always trying hard

Mrs Bishop will be taking the Hot Chocolate winners on a Monday & their picture will be in the following week's Newsletter

HOUSE TEAM WINNERS - w/e 5th June 2026

The House Team winners this week are: Pele (Yellow)

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1st = Pele (Yellow) 206

2nd = Ellie Simmons (Blue) 196

3rd = Andy Murray (Green) 159

4th = Jessica Ennis-Hill (Orange) 147

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 2025-2026

June 2026

1st June 26 – Year 4 – MTC Check – details previously supplied
8th June to 12th June 26 – Early Bird Competition – letterd dated 4/6/26 refers
8th June 26 – Year 1 – Phonics Check – details previously supplied
8th June 26 – 9am to 9.30am – EYFS RSE Curriculum Viewing – letter dated 2/6/26 refers
- 9.45am to 10.15am – Year 1 & 2 RSE Curriculum Viewing – letter dated 2/6/26 refers
- 2.30pm to 3pm – Year 3 & 4 RSE Curriculum Viewing – letter dated 2/6/26 refers
- 3.30pm to 4pm – Year 5 & 6 RSE Curriculum Viewing – letter dated 2/6/26 refers

9th June 26 – 9am to 3pm - Year 6 – DJ & Production Workshop – letter dated 19/5/26 refers
10th June 26 – 9.15am – 1.15pm - KS2 – Dengie Sports Training Day – letter dated 20/5/26 refers
10th June 26 – 3.15pm – Year 4 & Year 5 – Mersea Outdoors 2027 Meeting – letter dated 20/5/26 refers
16th June 26 – 9.30am to 3pm – YouthShoots Resilience Rep Training – letter dated 21/5/26 refers
19th June 26 – 12.30pm to 3.10pm – Picnic Lunch & Sports Day – letter dated 20/5/26 refers
23rd June 26 – 3.30pm to 5.30pm – Parents' Evening – letter dated 6/5/26 refers
25th June 26 – KS2 – Dengie Sports Day – details to follow
25th June 26 – 3.30pm to 5.30pm – Parents' Evening – letter dated 6/5/26 refers
25th June 26 – 3.30pm-5.30pm –EC&FWS Health Advice Drop In for 5-19 Year Olds – advertised Newsletter/Poster
26th June 26 – 12.30pm to 3.10pm – Reserve Picnic Lunch & Sports Day – letter dated 20/5/26 refers
30th June 26 – 9am to 3pm – Foxes – Hanningfield Reservoir Trip – letter dated 2/6/26 refers

July 2026

3rd July 26 – 10am to 2pm – Bradwell School Pilgrimage – details to follow
3rd July 26 – 5pm to 9pm - Kwik Cricket Festival – letter dated 21/5/26 refers
10th July 26 – Wellbeing Day – Non-Uniform – details to follow
10th July 26 – PTFA 3.20pm to 4.20pm – Summer Festival – details to follow
13th July 26 – 2.30pm to 3pm – iRock Band Concert – details to follow
16th July 26 – 10.30am – Year 6 Leavers Service @ Christ Church – details to follow
20th July 26 – NON-PUPIL DAY
21ST July 26 – SUMMER HOLIDAY

CHRISTCHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES - ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Christchurch Church of England Primary School

Term Dates - Academic Year 2026-2027

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= Schooldays

= School holidays

= Bank holidays

= Weekends

= INSET Days

Autumn Term:	Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 *Half Term 26 October – 6 November*
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 *Half Term 15 February - 19 February*
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 *Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May*

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Upcoming dates for 2026 Holiday Clubs are as follows:
Activities are held at Kids Inspire HQ, Hargrave House, Hollycroft, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 7FW
Time: 10:30am-3:30pm – Please note the slight change of time for summer clubs!

Tuesday 28th July - Superhero Adventures
Become a superhero detective as children take part in clue-solving challenges and problem-solving activities to help find Skittle the Worry Monster. Imaginative play, drama games and interactive activities will be led by Jasmine, our Dramatherapist.

Tuesday 4th August - Nature Explorers
Outdoor adventures including scavenger hunts, nature-inspired arts and crafts, and a mini-beast hunt. Including nature-themed sensory play sessions led by our Therapist, Yasmin.

Tuesday 11th August – Science Discovery
Hands-on science fun with volcano experiments, slime making and exciting investigations. As well as creative engineering activities with Youth Lego Engineers, where children will work together to build their own models.

Tuesday 18th August – Around the World
Explore different cultures through food tasting, landmark building and country-themed activities from around the globe. We will also be participating in Circus skills workshops with Circus Allstars, including plate spinning, diabolo tricks and more.

Tuesday 25th August – By the Seaside
A full day of seaside-themed outdoor fun with Beach School Explorers, featuring beach-inspired games, challenges, and creative activities.

To register your interest in this years' summer holiday clubs, please complete a form for **each child** here: https://forms.office.com/e/Wi65LgtaEX?origin=lprLink

Please also be aware that expressing interest does not guarantee your child's place at our Holiday Club. We appreciate how popular our free activities are, and how quickly they get booked up. A reminder, our focus is on prioritising places for children from lower income families, those receiving pupil premium, or eligible for free school meals.

Registrations of interest will close on Friday 26th June, and spaces will be confirmed by email no later than Friday 11th July.

Community & Family Learning Courses

COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL ROUTINES AND RULES	ONLINE LIVE	04/06/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:00	11:00
FL SEPARATION ANXIETY	ONLINE LIVE	04/06/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00
FL MINDFULNESS FOR FAMILIES	ONLINE LIVE	04/06/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL SLEEP WORKSHOP	ONLINE LIVE	05/06/2026 (1 WEEK)	13:00	15:00
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	08/06/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL DYSLEXIA AWARENESS	ONLINE LIVE	09/06/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:45	11:45
FL FAMILY FIRST AID	ONLINE LIVE	10/09/2026 (1 WEEK)	13:00	15:00
FL ABOUT BOYS COURSE	ONLINE LIVE	11/06/2026 (4 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45
FL SUPPORT SEND CHILD MANAGE BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	12/06/2026 (2 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	12/06/2026 (2 WEEKS)	13:00	15:00
FL ABOUT BOYS COURSE	ONLINE LIVE	16/06/2026 (4 WEEKS)	09:45	11:45

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
FL TALKING SO YOUR CHILDREN WILL LISTEN	ONLINE LIVE	17/06/2026 (2 WEEKS)	13:00	15:00
FL GETTING A ADHD/AUTISM DIAGNOSIS ADULT	ONLINE LIVE	22/06/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	23/06/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:30	11:30
FL SETTING CLEAR BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	23/06/2026 (2 WEEKS)	19:00	21:00
FL A GUIDE TO SIBLING HARMONY	ONLINE LIVE	24/06/2026 (1 WEEK)	13:00	15:00
FL UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY	ONLINE LIVE	25/06/2026 (4 WEEKS)	09:30	11:30

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FL MANAGING ANGER IN YOUNG PEOPLE	ONLINE LIVE	03/07/2026 (2 WEEKS)	18:00	20:00
FL POSITIVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH CHILDREN	ONLINE LIVE	07/07/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:45	11:45
FL UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN'S ANXIETY	ONLINE LIVE	08/07/2026 (1 WEEK)	12:00	14:30
FL ROUTINES RULE	ONLINE LIVE	09/07/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00
FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS	ONLINE LIVE	14/07/2026 (1 WEEK)	09:45	11:45
FL ZONES OF REGULATION	ONLINE LIVE	16/07/2026 (1 WEEK)	19:00	21:00

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6th June!
local craft stalls
11AM – 3PM
Latchingdon Preschool
SUMMER FETE
CM36JS
SWEET STALL!
FREE FACE PAINTING!
Meet the staff!
TOMBOLA!
BBQ!
Kidz Kartz

Summer Holiday Cycling Courses

Bikeability are offering a range of fun, structured sessions suitable for all abilities, including:

- Bikeability Level 1
- Bikeability Levels 1 & 2 combined
- Bikeability Level 3
- Learn to Ride sessions
- **NEW:** Child Bike Workshop

A variety of the courses will be taking place at the following venues:

- St Mary's School for Girls – Senior School Colchester
- Mark Hall Sports Centre, Harlow
- Great Easton, Uttlesford
- Howbridge, Witham
- Moulsham School, Chelmsford

These courses provide children with the opportunity to build confidence, develop essential cycling skills, and stay active during the holidays in a safe environment.

Parents and carers can book a place using the link below:

👉 https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

Please note there is a **£15 non-refundable booking fee**.

Online Safety

Christchurch CofE Primary Schools website contains lots of useful information to support parents/carers with online safety.

What Parents Need to Know About Online Activity

https://christchurchcofeprimary.co.uk/online-safety/

Each week we will share some of the information posters for your guidance.

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What you need to know about...

FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS

What are they?

'Friends & Followers'

What makes social media actually 'social' are the connections users make with other users on the platforms. Every social networking site handles these connections differently, calling them 'connections', 'friends' and 'followers', amongst others. Having friends and followers is how we find out what other people say and do. Your friends and followers are much more likely to see your online content than those outside of your network, which is why it's important to be mindful of who you connect with and what you share. On some platforms, if two accounts follow each other, this may allow additional communication channels such as private messaging.

Ellie-May
FRIENDS
28 Followers

Oscar
FRIENDS
147 Followers

Know the Risks

Access to private information

This may include your child's home address, school, date of birth, names of siblings or other relations, as well as seeing photos that inadvertently contain sensitive information. This is completely harmless information for genuine friends or family but could cause issues in the hands of a criminal.

Catfishing

'Catfishing' is the common name given to an individual posing as someone else on social media. They do this to try and befriend typically young and vulnerable people who they look to then take advantage of. Unfortunately, there are many examples of this happening across the world that have had real-life consequences.

Online bullying

Once a connection is made on social media, there is the potential to send private messages between individuals. It is difficult for social networks and other users to see what is being said between accounts. This provides an opportunity for bullies to victimise individuals and can create a dangerous spiral of online activity.

Safety Tips

Check privacy settings

Platforms such as Facebook allow users to modify their privacy settings, which means people who are not friends can't see all your profile information. It's also possible to hide this information for some or all of your connections. Always make sure your child's accounts are set to private.

Talk about strangers

Make sure children understand that they should only connect with people that they know or can completely trust. They should be wary of anyone messaging them frequently who they don't know in real life or have never spoken to or actually seen online. Catfish will stick to text-based messaging only, to keep their identity secret.

Delete old connections

Children should be mindful that everything they share will probably exist online forever and that they shouldn't share anything that gives too much information away. Every now and again, they should delete old connections that they no longer spend time with. Old accounts can easily be hacked, exposing personal information to strangers.

Kumail
FRIENDS
63 Followers

Jada
FRIENDS
56 Followers

Amelia
FRIENDS
45 Followers

Further Support

Encourage an open dialogue

It's really important that your children knows that they can speak to someone about anything they're not sure of online. It's crucial that they know they won't be judged or told off for anything they've done; it's far more important to know if they're in danger or worried about something.

Seek additional guidance

If your child wants to spend a lot of time online and is displaying compulsive or addictive behaviour, is negative, struggles with schoolwork and reduces real-life interactions or has frequent changes in mood, they could be experiencing negative interactions online. Speak to them and seek support from their school or your local safeguarding team if you think your child has been affected.

Our Expert

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ONLINE HOAXES

What are they?

'Online Hoaxes'

Online hoaxes are fictional stories circulated online, frequently intended to shape people's beliefs or opinions. They have been around as long as the internet itself. Older more basic and transparent hoaxes have been replaced with something far more believable. Nowadays, anyone can put together a believable looking photo, video or website in hours and minutes, rather than days and weeks. Combined with the speed at which social media operates, this allows online hoaxes to flourish.

Know the Risks

Taking dangerous advice

While many online hoaxes are harmless fiction created to make people smile, some are actively dangerous. This can affect almost any topic, including serious heath related information such as cancer or coronavirus. Hoaxes can cost money as well as time.

Spreading disinformation

Even if children don't believe the content of a hoax, engaging with hoaxsters can inadvertently send misinformation to those that might. This can happen directly by sharing or retweeting, but it can also occur accidentally through discussion. Liking a post or replying can bring the original hoax into your children's friends' and family's feed which could have a serious impact.

Preventing genuine advice

Many online hoaxes thrive on a distrust of authority figures: doctors, academics, and journalists. Spreading an online hoax as fact amplifies this distrust, but also drowns out these important voices, seemingly giving each one equal balance. The two shouldn't be equivalent, for obvious reasons.

Safety Tips

Talk about trusted sources

Children need to learn quite quickly that not everything they read or watch on the internet can be taken at face value. Explain that there are people who seek to actively deceive for attention, profit or ideology. Teach them to look for reliable resources such as established news channels, health authorities and fact checking sites, and not take everything they read on social media as fact.

Encourage critical thinking

It's best to encourage scepticism: if something sounds a bit too perfect or too unlikely, it probably is. This scepticism should also be aimed at children themselves; encourage them to pay extra attention to shared content if it is something they believe. If they want to believe something is true, then red flags may be invisible. This is called confirmation bias.

Think before they share

Encourage children to stop and think before hitting the share button. In the online world, being among the first to share something can be incredibly tempting but stopping to think can save embarrassment later when something dubious is exposed as false.

Spotting a Hoax

Check the source

Although hoaxes are most likely spread by friends and family on social media, finding the original source usually isn't too difficult on the likes of Twitter. A new account that has a history of sharing dubious content or behaves a bit like a bot isn't a guarantee that the viral story/picture/video is fake, but it is a red flag that warrants further investigation.

Look deeper

If a claim, story, picture, or video has gone viral, there's a chance that other hoax slayers will be on the case. Start off with Google and Google News, and be sure to favour trusted news sources rather than anonymous blogs that often seek to amplify rather than critique. Visit independent fact checkers online to establish what is real.

Tell-tale signs

If no one else seems to be investigating, you can take steps to do it yourself. Fake accounts can be identified by analysing posting patterns and doing reverse image searches. They're usually stolen from somewhere to make a bot or troll appear more authentic. A reverse image search can also be used to find genuine pictures being used for the wrong thing.

Our Expert

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