

Matching Green News



'Life in all its fullness'

(John 10:10)

13th December 2024

[Matching Green C of E VC Primary School \(matchinggreenprimaryschool.com\)](http://matchinggreenprimaryschool.com)



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[Week 1 menu](#)

[Week 2 menu](#)

Next week, we are Week 1

School dinner can be ordered on the day and children in Key Stage 1 receive free school meals.

Collective Worship

This week, we have thought carefully about thankfulness. The children all wrote individual gift cards to people who they want to say thank you to for showing them kindness, love and joy. It was lovely to see the children reflect on the people and things who they are thankful for, these included parents, grandparents, friends, staff, sports coaches and pets.



Celebration



Potters
Sadie

Nightingale
Julius
Henley

Darwin
Seb S
Arthur

Shakespeare
Francesca
Desia

Weekly update

What a wonderful week it has been! Thank you to all the family member that came to learning celebration on Wednesday. It is lovely to see the children share and celebrate their favourite parts from the last term.

Our PTA did a fantastic job for our Christmas Activities Evening, the baubles are shining beautifully on our tree. The children sang beautifully in front of the tree with the candles and Father Christmas said the children were all 'wonderful', where everyone made the good list. Congratulations to Xenia who won the bauble competition.

The main event this week was our Christmas dinner! Thank you, Miss Bennett, for cooking for everyone, it was a huge hit with lots of singing, laughter and happiness. Take a look at the reel on Instagram to see Christmas dinner in action.

Next Thursday, 19th December, we are walking to the Cricket Club to sing Christmas Carols to the community. We are also making Christmas decorations to hang on their tree. This is covered under our local visit consent form but please contact the school Monday morning if this is something you do not want your child to take part in.

On Friday 20th December, children can bring in games to play in class whilst they watch a film. The school will close at 1.15pm on the 20th December, so all children will need to be collected at 1.15pm from the school playground.

Class updates

Potters – please follow us on Instagram: Potter.Class

Potter class have been practising their nativity this week. They've enjoyed reading The Jolly Postman.

Nightingale - please follow us on Instagram: nightingale.class

They are all nearly ready for their performance next week. The children have been learning numbers up to 100 and healthy eating.

Darwin - please follow us on Instagram: charlesdarwin.class

In Darwin, they've been exploring the properties of rocks. They've completed a science experiment to test the properties and enjoyed using the vinegar to test! A highlight was showcasing their pots on Wednesday.

Shakespeare - please follow us on Instagram: Shakespeare.class

The children have been cooling for the VE celebration and have made rock cakes. The children were also comparing fractions.

Carols at the Cricket Club

Matching Green Cricket Club and Matching Green Church will be hosting community carols at the Cricket Club on Sunday 22nd December 2024.

Reverend Julia will be leading the children from our school in singing carols as part of the carol service. The service which will run from 5pm – 6.30pm. Sausage rolls, and mince pies will be available, as well as some mulled wine and hot chocolate. All families are invited to sing and share in this community celebration.

This year, the charity this cause is supporting is Operation Smile:

<https://www.operationsmile.org.uk/>.

Christmas

Potters and Nightingale's Nativity will be on the 17th and 18th of December and will start at 2.30pm. Please arrive from 2.15pm to get yourself a good seat! Darwin and Shakespeare will be singing the Christmas carols they've been learning, so all are welcome to attend. Please can children from Darwin and Shakespeare come to school on the 16th with a Christmas accessory to wear. We aim to be finished by the end of the day.

Staff vacancy

Unfortunately, Mrs Mephram has made the decision to move on from Matching Green and we are going to miss her in school as I know many children and parents will. We are advertising for her role which can be found here: [Learning Support Assistant](#).

Safeguarding

Essex Safeguarding and Children's Board – helpful hints for parents and carers on online safety and setting up new devices: [ESCB - Parents/Carers](#)

Parking

When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.

[Parking outside schools | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](#)

PE Days	
Monday	Potters and Shakespeare
Tuesday	Nightingale
Wednesday	Potters and Shakespeare
Thursday	Nightingale and Darwin
Friday	Darwin

PTA – The Friends Matching Green School

Please make sure you follow the PTA on Instagram: [matchinggreenschoolpta](#)

75 Club

Are you feeling lucky? The 75 Club raises much needed funds to help support our pupils with extra-curricular trips, visiting theatre productions, as well as helping to fund other resources for the school.

To join the club we are asking for £2.50 per calendar month per number. The numbers range from 1-75. The draw will take place on the last Thursday of the month and the lucky 3 numbers pulled out will win cash prizes (1st - £30, 2nd - £15 and 3rd - £10) but, the more members of the club, the larger the prize fund will be! During the summer holidays, the prize fund will roll over to create a BIG Rollover to be drawn in September! More Information can be found [here](#).

Second hand uniform

Please leave any donations of uniform you no longer need with the school office, second hand uniform is so valuable to many of us.

If you need any uniform, please contact the PTA or the School Office and we will source some out for you.

Easyfundraising

Matching Green C of E Primary School - Harlow are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at: [Easyfundraising - Matching Green C of E Primary School](#)

Over the years we have raised an amazing £3,211.33 via this fundraising portal. So please remember us when you are online and doing your Christmas shopping this year, remember it does not cost you any extra, but it does raise funds for our PTA, The Friends of Matching Green School.

Thank you so much for your support.

SEND resources

Good Beginnings

Good Beginnings will be running in Dunmow and Chelmsford in the Spring Term. This eight-week course is for parents of children in Reception and younger, to learn about autism.

It is supported by Speech Therapists and Occupational Therapists.

To find out more and apply to attend the Good Beginnings course, visit the [Good Beginnings page on The Essex Local Offer](#).

SEND Operations Team

From 11th December 2024, there will be a new phone number to contact the quadrant SEND Operations teams.





The new phone number to use is 0345 603 7638.

If you call the old numbers, they'll be redirected to the new one for a while to make sure no calls are missed.

Zones of Regulation

We are talking to the children more and more about their own regulation and emotions. We have started the Zones of Regulation intervention for some children in school. Here is a [Zones of Regulation pack](#) to help families support children with their emotional regulation and to further understand the approach for consistency.

The ZONES of Regulation

			
Blue Zone Sad Bored Tired Sick	Green Zone Happy Focused Calm Proud	Yellow Zone Worried Frustrated Silly Excited	Red Zone overjoyed/Elated Panicked Angry Terrified

PINS parent meeting

Please join Essex Family Forum at school on 20th December to share your views. A 'cuppa and a chat' will be hosted by Essex Family Forum in support of our work and training with the Essex PINs project (<https://essexfamilyforum.org/portfolio/pins>) and we welcome your views.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU



Would you like the opportunity to speak about how your child's school can improve inclusion for its' neurodivergent pupils?

Join us at a 'cuppa and chat' hosted by Essex Family Forum as part of the PINS project.
(find out more [HERE](#))

Your school is committed to working with EFF to hear your voice and want you to speak openly with EFF about how the school can improve.

The next meeting is-
Friday 20th December @ 10am
In the school hall



Matching Green C of E Primary PINS Coffee Morning Agenda

Date: Friday 20th December 2024

Time: 10 - 12

Location: School Hall

PINS Contact – Stacey Gladden

- Welcome
- Introduction Who are Essex Family Forum? What is the PINS Project?
- Discussion - Parent Carer Survey Results These will be available to view at the meeting.
- Round Table
- Open discussion on school based matters.

If you are a SEND parent/carer and are unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments, you are more than welcome to email me with your views/feedback. Please contact me on stacey@essexfamilyforum.org for a copy of the talking points and survey results that will be discussed at the meeting.

I will welcome feedback by email until 27th December 2024.

Emotional Regulation Parent Workshop

EPINS Project

Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools

Emotional Regulation:

How to Support Neurodivergent Children with Emotional Processing and Anxiety. This will include information on how sensory differences may impact this area.

This workshop will explore why neurodiverse children may develop difficulties with their emotions, including anxiety and low mood, and how schools and parents/carers can support neurodiverse children and young people with managing their big feelings.

When & Where?

29th January at 2pm
Matching Green School Hall

How do I book my place?

Email admin@matchinggreen.essex.sch.uk by 24th January 2025



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Dates	Resources	Referrals
Friday 20 th December at 10am at Matching Green school Wednesday 19 th January 2pm Parent workshop on emotional regulation at Matching Green School.	Essex Local Offer Supporting your Neurodivergent Child West Essex Inclusion Project Essex Family Wellbeing SEND IASS	Community Paediatric Service West Essex Community Specialist Services

Recent Letters

03.09.24 – Welcome Back
 16.09.24 – Year 6 swimming
 01.10.24 - Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
 03.10.24 – Group of children for Tri-Golf
 07.10.24 – EYFS Tapestry Information
 22.10.24 - Year 5 swimming
~~22.10.24 – Shakespeare Tag Rugby event 6th November~~
 22.10.24 - Nightingale Multisport event 13th November
 22.10.24 - Darwin & Shakespeare Cross Country Event 14th November
 14.11.24 – Adverse weather procedures
 20.11.24 – Shakespeare Duxford trip.

Autumn	Spring	Summer
17.12.24 – all children in PE kits for PE morning 17.12.24 – whole school Christmas celebration with EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas carols from 2.30pm 18.12.24 – whole school Christmas celebration with EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity and KS2 Christmas carols from 2.30pm 20.12.24 – End of term. Children finish at 1.15pm. 22.12.24 – Carols at the Cricket Club from 5pm – 6.30pm	06.01.25 – Non-pupil Day 07.01.25 – Children back to school 14.01.25 – PJ day to raise money for bins on the field 14.01.25 – PTA film night 19.01.25 – Emotional Regulation workshop of parents from 2pm. 12.02.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon from 2.45pm. 12.02.25 – PTA Valentines disco 17.02.25 – 21.02.25 – Half term 28.02.25 – PTA Non-Uniform Day 28.02.25 – PTA Quiz Night 04.03.25 – West End in School 05.03.25 – Potter Educational Visit to Aerozone, Stansted. 06.03.25 – World Book Day 06.03.25 – PTA - Bake and book sale for World Book Day 18.03.25 - Learning Conferences 19.03.25 - Learning Conferences 21.03.25 Red Nose Day 24.03.25 – Mothering Sunday gift room 31.03.25 – PTA Easter Enrichment and Easter Egg Hunt. 01.04.25 – 9am - Easter Celebration Service at Matching Church, CM17 0QZ. Parents will need to take and return to school.	22.04.25 – Children back to school 29.04.25 – Class photos 05.05.25 – May Day 12.05.25 – 16.05.25 – SATS week 16.05.25 – PTA Year 6 celebration 21.05.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon 23.05.25 – End of term 26.05.25 – 30.05.24 – Half term 02.06.25 – Non-pupil day 09.06.25 – PTA Father's Day gift room 17.06.25 – Sports Day 23.06.25 – 9am Trinity Service at Matching Church, CM17 0QZ. Parents will need to take and return to school. 24.06.25 – Reserve Sports Day 16.07.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon

	02.04.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon 03.03.25 – Nightingale trip to Thorndon Country Park 04.04.25 – End of term. Children finish at 1.15pm.	
New dates will be added in red		



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Winter Reading Challenge



The Dragons' Adventure!

Thursday 2 January to
Saturday 22 February

Help the dragons get home out of the
cold by completing fun challenges!

Sign up at any Essex library.



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