

Matching Green News



'Life in all its fullness'

(John 10:10)

25th October 2024

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



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[Week 1 menu](#)

[Week 2 menu](#)

We have a new menu! We are starting back on week 1, please check the menus above!

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

Collective Worship

We have been exploring generosity this week, and the generosity of God in his creation. With this, we linked our hymn 'he's got the whole world in his hands' to Craig David's 'In your hands'. We used our reflection to think about spaces and places that give us a sense of peace and happiness and compared this to a piece of art linked to Psalm 65.



Celebration



Potters
Victor

Nightingale
Ezrah
Callum

Darwin
Archie
Luca

Shakespeare
Amelia
Desia

Sports Person of
the week

Weekly update

It was lovely to see many families join for our celebration afternoon and for the children to be able to share their learning with you. Each week in our Collective Worship, we celebrate learning on a Friday and the children always speak so passionately and enthusiastically about what they've learnt.

We have new menus which have been updated using the links above – please be prepared for after half term.

Next week is half term and the school is closed. A reminder that Monday 4th November is non-pupil day and the children will return to school on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

Class updates

Potters – please follow us on Instagram: Potter.Class

The children have been reading Pumpkin Soup which they've enjoyed this week. They have completed some more outdoor learning this week, including a shape week. Please remember to provide the children with wellies.

Miss Clarke has also sent home a Little Wandle parent leaflet and highlighted sounds in the book that the children need to practice at home.

Nightingale - please follow us on Instagram: nightingale.class

In line with their topic, the children have written their own dragon stories and have really enjoyed this. During computing, this also impressed Miss Mogridge by debugging algorithms. Maths this week has focused on addition and the children have learned about doubling and near doubles.

Darwin - please follow us on Instagram: charlesdarwin.class

The children have loved finishing off their pottery by throwing a bowl on the pottery wheel with Mr Loader. The children were really excited to share their best learning with family members yesterday.

Shakespeare - please follow us on Instagram: Shakespeare.class

The children have been really responsible when learning about the Holocaust this week, some of the children were shocked. They've been writing creatively and used plasticine to create their characters to support their writing.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder to parents/carers of our Year 6 pupils, that the deadline for submission of applications for September 2025 is **31st October 2024**. Any applications made late are dealt with after those made on time and so applying late reduces the chances of being offered a preferred school.

Applications can be made via Essex County Council www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Absence reporting

Please be aware that parents and carers must phone the school office to report a child's absence each day. This is part of our safeguarding and attendance monitoring procedures. If we do not hear from you, we will ring to make contact until we are able to physically speak with you.

Year 5 Swimming lessons

Year 5 will start their swimming lessons on Wednesday 6th November, you need to consent and make payment through your school money account.

Children in Need

It is Children in Need on 15th November, children can wear spots and stripes for a donation of £1 which will go towards Children in Need.

Morning Club

After October half term, children will only be able to attend Morning Club when a payment has been made in advance. We are running at a deficit at the moment, and this is a challenge for small schools. If this is going to be difficult for you, please contact the school office to discuss.

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 \(www.police.uk\)](http://www.police.uk)

Over the counter medication

Please can we advise not to give your child/ren any over-the-counter medication for them to use in school. This needs to be handed into the School Office and a form completed for us to administer.

Attendance

Guidance suggests that attendance for children across the year should be above 96%, we have high expectations of pupil's attendance but do sometimes understand that in some circumstances children are unable to attend due to avoidance medical appointments or illness. There has been new guidance for schools on attendance, which we have to follow. More information can be found on the [Essex County Council](#) website. The Depart for Education provides a guide for [parents and carers on school attendance](#).
NHS guidance – [is my child too ill for school?](#)

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns for a child's safeguarding, please ask to speak to Mrs Childs, Mr Ball or Miss Toon. Over the holiday, if a child or young person is in immediate danger, call the Police on 999. If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, call the children's line on 0345 603 7627. This phone line is open Monday to Thursday 8:45 am to 5pm, and Fridays 8:45am to 4:15pm. For out of hours or bank holidays, call the emergency duty team on 0345 606 1212.

Streaming is the latest step in a journey that's taken us all the way from records and cassettes to CD's and DVD's and, more recently, to downloads. It's a seamless way of watching or listening to all sorts of content such as TV shows, films, sports highlights and music, over an internet connection in real time, without having to download a file or store it on your device. Users can either stream 'on demand' or live. YouTube was one of the first video streaming services to go mainstream, but today many of the world's most popular websites are streaming platforms, including Netflix, Spotify and BBC iPlayer. In the guide on the final page, you'll find tips on avoiding possible threats such as online scams, malware risks and the potentially addictive nature of streaming sites.

Emails to The School Office

If sending emails to the School Office, please can we ask that you use the admin@matchinggreen.essex.sch.uk address. We are finding parents are replying to the Teacher2parents email address, which is a no reply email box, therefore we do not receive these emails.

PE Days

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

PTA - of Matching Green Primary School

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

We have set our dates for our events this year, please see our calendar below and join us at our next meeting on the 11th November at 9am.

Loose Change Fundraiser

Thank you for your support with the Loose Change Fundraiser, we raised an amazing £339.84!

The classes raised the following:-

Potter Class - £86.28
Nightingale Class - £103.16
Darwin Class - £85.08
Shakespeare Class - £65.32

75 Club

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. The more members of the club, the larger the prize fund! 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](#).

Help!

We need toilet roll tube donations for our Christmas activities, please bring in to school!



ASDA Cashpot for Schools

Mrs Travis has kindly set Matching Green up with Asda's Cashpot for schools. Please see the details below

"Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend. And that's not all — every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school's Cashpot, plus a further £50 when your first customer shops."

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.

SEND resources

Good Beginnings

A course for parents and carers of children in Reception class or younger, who have autism or social communication needs. A diagnosis of autism is not needed to access Good Beginnings. The course runs in all four quadrants at least twice a year and one online course is also offered. This course is for parents/carers only – they do not bring the children or younger siblings with them. Parents can request a place on the course by completing the [application form](#).

Due to high demand, it may be necessary to add their details to a waiting list for the next course with availability.

This course covers: understanding autism; communication; play; sensory processing; behaviour is communication; eating, sleeping and toileting; managing anxiety
Information can also be found on the Schools Infolink in the Autism area: [Autism | Essex Schools Infolink](#)

Wilderness Foundation

Please go to the [Wilderness Foundations website](#) to learn more about the outdoor holiday camp for neurodiverse children.

Dates	Resources	Referrals
Essex SEND Roadshow 06.11.24 at Peter Kirk Centre	Essex Local Offer Supporting your Neurodivergent Child West Essex Inclusion Project Essex Family Wellbeing SEND IASS Autism Central	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

Autumn	Spring	Summer
28.10.24 – 01.11.24 – Half term 31.10.24 – Year 6 applications must be made for secondary school placements.	06.01.25 – Non-pupil Day 07.01.25 – Children back to school 14.01.25 – PTA film night	22.04.25 – Children back to school 29.04.25 – Class photos 05.05.25 – May Day

<p>Please use this link to make your application</p> <p>04.11.24 – Non-pupil day</p> <p>05.11.34 – children return to school.</p> <p>06.11.24 – Year 5 swimming, every Wednesday for 5 weeks.</p> <p>05.11.24 – Flu vaccinations</p> <p>06.11.24 - KS2 Tag Rugby event</p> <p>11.11.24 – 9am PTA meeting</p> <p>12.11.24 – Learning Conferences</p> <p>13.11.24 - KSI Multisport event</p> <p>13.11.24 – Learning Conferences</p> <p>14.11.24 KS2 Cross Country event</p> <p>15.11.24 – Children in Need</p> <p>25.11.24 – PTA Christmas Enrichment Morning</p> <p>28.11.24 – Shooting Stars Pantomime - Cinderella</p> <p>05.12.24 – Year 3 Pantomime visit</p> <p>06.12.24 – Christingle Making with Reverend Julia</p> <p>08.12.24 – Christingle Service at Matching Church (CM170QZ)</p> <p>10.12.24 – PTA Christmas Event 3.30pm – 5.30pm</p> <p>11.12.24 – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day.</p> <p>11.12.24 – Learning celebration</p> <p>17.12.24 – Key Stage 1 Nativity</p> <p>18.12.24 – Key Stage 1 Nativity</p> <p>20.12.24 – End of term. Children finish at 1.15pm.</p>	<p>12.02.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon</p> <p>12.02.25 – PTA Valentines disco</p> <p>17.02.25 – 21.02.25 – Half term</p> <p>28.02.25 – PTA Non-Uniform Day</p> <p>28.02.25 – PTA Quiz Night</p> <p>04.03.25 – West End in School</p> <p>05.03.25 – Potter Educational Visit to Aerozone, Stansted.</p> <p>06.03.25 – World Book Day</p> <p>06.03.25 – PTA - Bake and book sale for World Book Day</p> <p>18.03.25 - Learning Conferences</p> <p>19,03.25 - Learning Conferences</p> <p>21.03.25 Red Nose Day</p> <p>24.03.25 – Mothering Sunday gift room</p> <p>31.03.25 – PTA Easter Enrichment and Easter Egg Hunt.</p> <p>02.04.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon</p> <p>04.04.25 – End of term. Children finish at 1.15pm.</p>	<p>12.05.25 – 16.05.25 – SATS week</p> <p>16.05.25 – PTA Year 6 celebration</p> <p>21.05.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon</p> <p>23.05.25 – End of term</p> <p>26.05.25 – 30.05.24 – Half term</p> <p>02.06.25 – Non-pupil day</p> <p>09.06.25 – PTA Father's Day gift room</p> <p>17.06.25 – Sports Day</p> <p>24.06.25 – Reserve Sports Day</p> <p>16.07.25 – Learning Celebration Afternoon</p>
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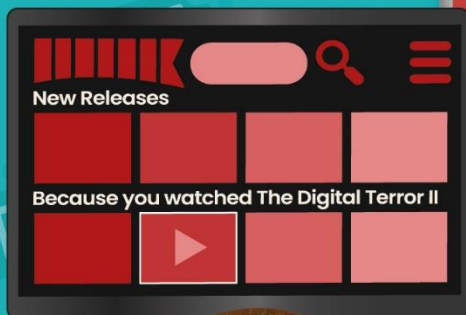
STREAMING



What is it?

'Streaming'

Streaming is the latest step in a journey that's taken us all the way from records and cassettes to CDs and DVDs and, more recently, to downloads. It's a seamless way of watching or listening to all sorts of content such as TV shows, films, sports highlights and music, over an internet connection in 'real time', without having to download a file or store it on your device. You can either stream 'on-demand' or live. YouTube was one of the first video streaming services to go mainstream, but today many of the world's most popular websites are streaming platforms, including Netflix, Spotify, and BBC iPlayer.



Know the Risks

Open to scams

Children can usually Google a film or TV programme they want to watch online. Unfortunately, scammers have recognised this as an opportunity, and many unregulated and illegal websites try to persuade users to join their site with the promise of providing content for free.

Malware risk

Illegal streaming websites are usually loaded with annoying popups and inappropriate and potentially malicious ads. This can leave children vulnerable to viruses and the potential for sensitive personal information, such as login credentials and bank details, being exposed to fraudsters.

Addictive nature

Children who use legitimate streaming providers can find it easy to spend a lot of time on them. Streaming sites use an array of techniques to encourage you to watch or listen to as much content as possible, such as autoplay and related content recommendations, which can make it difficult for a child to know when to stop.

Inappropriate content

Most streaming sites host and produce content for all ages. They might have a huge library of content which can be searched, potentially opening children up to content which is adult-themed and age-inappropriate.

Safety Tips

Use familiar platforms

Encourage children to stick to familiar platforms. If they're not sure which sites are legitimate and which aren't, tell them to research any platforms they're unfamiliar with before they start using them or come to you if they're unsure.

Implement parent controls

Set screen-time limits through the Settings menu of devices. Some streaming sites also offer child-friendly modes that limit what users are allowed to watch, and let you disable binge-watching features such as autoplay.

Use antivirus & update passwords

Always keep your antivirus software and computer security up to date. Perform regular scans and, if you suspect that a child has accessed a potentially dangerous streaming site, remove any malicious files that have been found. It's also good to practice to get into the habit of updating passwords on a regular basis.

Educate yourself

The best thing you can do is to familiarise yourself with the streaming landscape so that you have a good idea of which content is available where. Depending on which streaming services you subscribe to, in many cases you may instantly be able to work out if something a child has been watching is available to them.

Conversation Tips

Discuss the risks

If you believe children have been using potentially dangerous websites for streaming, talk to them about the dangers they could be exposing themselves to. Remind them to only use reputable streaming services and that streaming content from unofficial sites is against the law.

Encourage other activities

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time inside in front of a screen and finds it difficult to switch off from streaming, try to encourage them to take up other activities. This might be in the form of exercise outside, meeting friends or simply going for a walk to get some fresh air.

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