

Matching Green News



'Life in all its fullness'

(John 10:10)

18th 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](#)

Next week, we are week 2

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

Children do not need packed lunch on the 24th October anymore as Miss Bennet's course has been cancelled.

Collective Worship

We have continued to focus on thankfulness this week, considering the importance of giving. We had Taylor Swift as our music of the week and celebrated her generous donations towards The Trussel Trust of her Eras Tour.



Celebration



Potters Penelope	Nightingale Reggie Buddy	Darwin Leo James	Shakespeare Francesca Sienna	Sports Person of the week Blake
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Weekly update

I need to start this week by saying a huge thank you to Mrs Giles who has stepped in to the role as our chef and cooked in the absence of Miss Bennett, who we hope starts to feel better. I also want to thank the families for providing children with a packed lunch this week.

Today, the children had a safety visit from Essex Fire and Rescue. Kirsty, the Education Officer spoke to the children about keeping them safe if they are participating in any Halloween activities as well as how to keep safe during Fireworks Night. Over Halloween, Kirsty told the children to make sure they stay with an adult, travel with a torch, only visit houses that they are familiar with and that are decorated to show they are celebrating and to ensure that their clothes are fire safe by checking the label for the CE sign, the children were shocked most Halloween outfits were classed as toys! Over fireworks, the children should not be handling any fireworks and if there are displays at home, to make sure they watch from 10m away with fireworks being placed in sand buckets, having a bucket or water nearby, she reminded the children to use carrots to hold sparklers.

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.

Class updates

Potters – please follow us on Instagram: Potter.Class

Reverend Julia visited Potters this week and baptised their baby, Lily Sparkles. Florence flourished in her role as the class reverend. One of our Governors, Jane came in this week and also weeded and cleared up the outside area with Potters – thank you, Jane! Finally, the children have been reading the story of the 'Leaf Thief' – make sure you ask your children who stole it!

Miss Clarke has also asked for children to have a pair of wellies that they can keep in school, the field is muddy and they do lots of learning in our outside area throughout the year. Thank you!

Nightingale - please follow us on Instagram: nightingale.class

In writing, the children have been using comic strips to support their conversational skills. They have also been creating their moving monsters, the children have had great ideas and are all their own work so they are really proud. They'll be coming home next week so make sure you reserve a special space to display them!

Darwin - please follow us on Instagram: charlesdarwin.class

Darwin were so lucky to have a pottery session with Mr Loader this week. The children created neolithic pots, which are the original clay pots from early creation. The children enjoyed this so much, they behaved impeccably and enjoyed every moment! Thank you, Mr Loader.

Shakespeare - please follow us on Instagram: Shakespeare.class

This week, Shakespeare have been exploring Anne Frank's hideout and her feelings. They have enjoyed writing their warm poems and focusing on rhythm. They are also experts in multiplying 2 x 2 digit numbers now, give them a test this weekend.

Celebration Afternoons

Please remember you are invited in from 2.30pm on 24th October 2024 for the children to showcase their learning this term.

The purpose of this is to celebrate their learning, progress and to talk about their most enjoyable moments this term. Here are some questions that we often ask the children that you could ask them about their learning:

- Which piece of learning are you most proud of?
- Show me a piece of learning where you learned from a mistake.
- Which piece of learning have you enjoyed the most this term?

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.

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

I was saddened by the number of families who displayed disregard for the safety of our children on Tuesday by parking on the yellow zig zags directly outside of the school and was pleased to see an improvement across this week. This must continue for the safety of our community and has meant that leaving the school gates has been both safer and quicker at the end of the day. 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 \(www.police.uk\)](https://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](https://www.essexcc.gov.uk) 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

Please see the final page of our newsletter for a guide on horror films. Many children and young people enjoy exploring new and exciting genres and themes in the films and TV they consume – and as they grow, the maturity of this content will likely increase with them. However, without proper supervision and safeguarding, youngsters looking for a new title to enjoy – especially in the horror genre – might get a little more than they're ready for.

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.

The Little Lavers with Matching 'Seedlings'

We are meeting this Sunday - **20th Oct 4pm in Matching Feast Room CM170QZ and then on: 17th Nov 2024 *and 12th January 2025.**

Please do come along with your pre-primary and primary school age children or grandchildren.

In December we will be having a Christingle service at Matching Church at 4pm on 8th December to which Seedlings will be invited instead of our usual craft / praise activities in the feast room.

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.

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

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p>24.10.24 – Learning celebration afternoon</p> <p>28.10.24 – 01.11.24 – Half term</p> <p>31.10.24 – Year 6 applications must be made for secondary school placements. Please use this link to make your application</p> <p>04.11.24 – INSET</p> <p>06.11.24 – Year 5 swimming, every Wednesday for 5 weeks.</p> <p>05.11.24 – Flu vaccinations</p> <p>11.11.24 – 9am PTA meeting</p> <p>12.11.24 – Learning Conferences</p> <p>13.11.24 – Learning Conferences</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>06.01.25 – Non-pupil Day</p> <p>07.01.25 – Children back to school</p> <p>14.01.25 – PTA film night</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>22.04.25 – Children back to school</p> <p>29.04.25 – Class photos</p> <p>05.05.25 – May Day</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>






New dates will be added in red

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

- U: Suitable for all ages 
- PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them 
- 12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references 
- 15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above 
- 18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex 

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Inasley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>



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More dates
added!

Seedlings

4pm – 5:30pm

on **Sunday 8th Sept, 20th Oct, 17th Nov 2024 and 12th January 2025**

in Matching Wedding Feast Room next to Matching Church CM17 0QZ



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Just as a tiny, planted seed starts to grow, with a little love, joy and care God's life-giving word can grow within us no matter how small or big we are.

