

Christmas at Eversley

Please look out for the recent letters we have sent out in the past few days regarding our arrangements for the following Christmas events at Eversley:

- 5th Dec** 9:30am Infant Nativity
- 6th Dec** 9:30am Infant Nativity
- 7th Dec** 9:30am Infant Nativity
- 12th Dec** 1:45pm Junior Christmas Performance at St Gabriel's (please do not arrive before 1pm)
- 14th Dec** Pantomime visit to school
- 15th Dec** Christmas Jumper Day
Visit to Santa's Grotto
Christmas Dinner
- 19th Dec** Christmas Parties
- 20th Dec** Santa Run or Walk



New Reception Starters 2024

Do you have a child due to start Reception in September 2024?

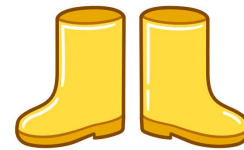
If so, you need to complete Essex County Council's admissions form online by **Monday 15th January**.

Click [here](#) for further information and to access the form.

Old wellies needed!

Our Forest Schools teacher, Gemma, has asked if any families have any wellies that children have outgrown and are still in good condition that she could have for children to use in her Forest School sessions.

If you do, then please can your children bring them into school and we will pass them on to her.



Book News

Thank you to everyone who purchased some books from our recent Book Fair. We were able to get £482 worth of free books for our class libraries. Wow!

Also, a big thank you to those who have purchased books from our Amazon wish list for school. Many families have kindly donated books to us—thank you!

We have also had some generous donations of money to buy books from local businesses:

- PCS Legal
- Premier Freight

If you would like to buy a book from our wish list, click here: <https://amzn.eu/bwXT3u6>



Welcome to new staff

We would like to extend a warm welcome to two new members of staff that have recently joined the team here at Eversley.

Mrs Sljivar has started working in the School Office, and Miss Smerdon has begun working in the Reception classrooms and 2D.

Welcome to you both!



Mental Health Support for Young People and Teenagers

Kooth is a mental health and wellbeing platform that offers online text based counselling support for 11-18 year olds. Not only do they offer access to counselling, they also feature self help tools including online journaling, goal setting and mindfulness techniques. There is also a community space on their Kooth magazine and discussion boards where young people can give and receive advice and support from others their age.

Kooth is staffed by fully trained and qualified counsellors who are available until 10pm each night, 365 days per year. With no long waiting times or referral process, Kooth is a fantastic way for young people to get the help and support they need, when they need it, rather than having to wait long periods for an appointment.

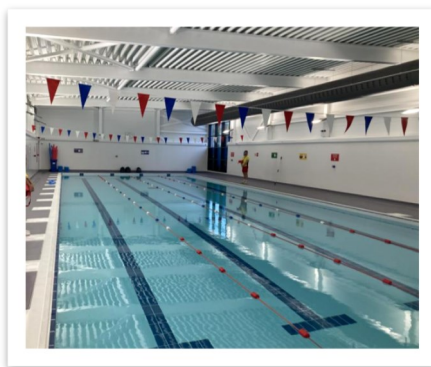
For more information, visit their website www.kooth.com



Pitsea Swimming Pool

Our Year 5s and Year 6s enjoyed attending a special VIP day at the new swimming pool next door on Thursday 16th November.

They became the first children to use the new pool! Local councillors, staff from Everyone Active and the local MP all welcomed them and clapped them as they used the pool for the first time.



We look forward to using the new swimming pool for swimming lessons from January. Watch this space for more information!



After School Clubs

Final after school clubs for the Autumn term will take place the week beginning 11th December (there will be no after school clubs on Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th).

Our before school clubs—Breakfast Club, Early Morning Club and the Daily Mile—will continue until Wednesday 20th December

Look out for a letter coming soon informing you about our new clubs for the Spring Term.

Essex SEND Newsletter

The Essex Local Offer newsletter, previously called the SEND Bridge Bulletin, is for Essex families who have children with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND). The monthly newsletter brings together relevant information and news, including:

*education
health
social care
parent carer support
activities and things to do*

Click [here](#) to subscribe to receive this newsletter direct to your inbox.

Remember that you can always find lots of information on our school website, or see what we are getting up to during the day by following us on Twitter:



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