



We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

It has been lovely to see the children returning to school and working hard already in their lessons.

We have a number of different events happening over this coming term, including some more class assemblies and trips...with more dates to be added!

To see all that is going on up until Easter so far, click on the banner on our home page or visit [www.eversley.essex.sch.uk/dates/](http://www.eversley.essex.sch.uk/dates/)



## 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.

## Lost Property

In these cold months, coats, scarves and hats are essential to keep warm. Please make sure that these are labelled with your child's name (like the rest of their school uniform) so that they can be reunited with your child if the items get lost.



## School Uniform

Thank you to all those children and families that have returned to school this term in the correct school uniform—you all look so smart and ready to learn!

Below is a reminder of some of our stipulations around Eversley school uniform:

**Shoes should be plain black with no white or coloured piping, patterns or logos.**

**Hair accessories should be in school colours (blue or brown) or white or black, and not too big.**

**PE kits should be plain black tracksuit bottoms and tops (no white or coloured piping, patterns or logos).**



Following rules set by Essex Local Authority, children are unable to take part in PE lessons or after-school sports clubs with earrings in. All earrings **must** be removed. We are not allowed to tape over earrings for sports lessons or clubs.

## School Photography

Happy Days, our school photography company, offer parents at the start of each term a subscription service of just £3 a month to help spread the cost of school photos across the year.

For more information and to register for this, please visit their website:

[happydaysphoto.co.uk](http://happydaysphoto.co.uk)



## The Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner is looking to collect the views of children and parents across the country to help share their views on education, support for children and other factors that affect young people. The information gathered through the survey will be used to help inform policy makers before the next General Election. Make sure that the views of children and families in Basildon are heard!

To complete the survey please click here:

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)



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## Back to School Advice from the UK Health and Security Agency (UKHSA)

There are 5 simple steps parents can take to reduce infections spreading in the community:

- 1. Teach good hygiene habits** - Regularly wash hands in soap and warm water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitiser. Use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, bin it and then wash hands.
- 2. Stop the spread of stomach bugs** - If you or your child have diarrhoea and vomiting, wash your hands with soap and warm water and use bleach-based products to clean surfaces. You should avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes. Do not return to work, school or nursery until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.
- 3. Spot the signs of when to keep your child at home** - If your child has a fever and is unwell, they should stay home from school until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend.

If you suspect your child has [scarlet fever](#), contact your local GP and if your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

- 4. Get vaccinated** - Flu vaccines can be booked through your GP or [local pharmacy](#). You can take a look at the [childhood vaccination schedule](#) to make sure your child is up to date with all their vaccinations.

To find out more, you can read their [blog about keeping children healthy this school term](#).

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:



[www.eversley.essex.sch.uk](http://www.eversley.essex.sch.uk)



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