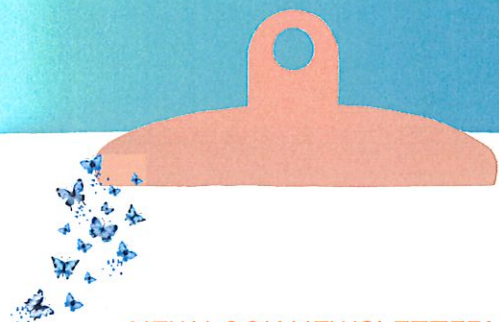


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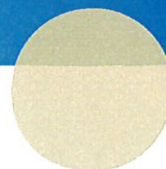
Weekly Newsletter



NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER!

Thanks to the people who have given feedback about the newsletter - it is much appreciated.

Please note that the diary dates may not feature every week but will always be on the website and we will certainly include them when there is a change or new dates added.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Library Open for Business!

Don't forget, our school library is open every Monday after school for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to come and choose up to 3 books to enjoy at home. We welcome library visitors in through the Eagle Classroom door, once all of the children in Eagle Class have been dismissed at the end of the school day. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

See you Monday!

Mr Kimber



PLEASE REMEMBER...

WE DO NOT USE THE PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE START OR END OF THE DAY.

THIS EQUIPMENT IS ONLY FOR BREAKTIMES AND LUNCHTIMES.

PLEASE DO REMIND YOUR CHILD OF THIS!

MANY THANKS

Start Well Roadshows!

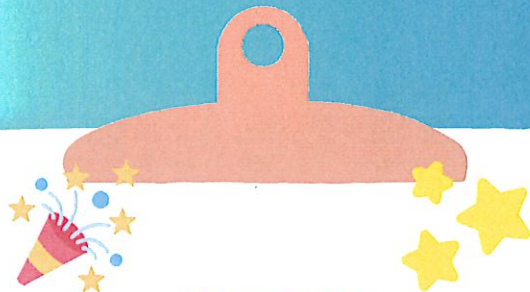
Parents and carers of under 5s – come along to the Start Well Roadshows this October across Mid Essex! These free, drop-in events offer expert advice, peer support, and fun activities for little ones. Whether you're preparing for preschool or just need a bit of support, there's something for everyone.

📍 Locations include Chelmsford, Braintree, Maldon, Dengie and Witham.

👉 [Click here for dates and details](#)
Or see the flyer attached.

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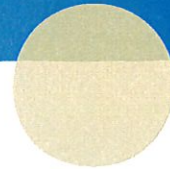
Weekly Newsletter



CELEBRATE!

Well done to this week's Stars of the Week...

Hawk Class - Oliver and Kayden
Eagle Class - Ethan and Emilia
Kestrel Class - Vinnie and Jesse
Swift Class - Rohan and Rosie
Owl Class - Jacob and Axel
Wagtail Class - Milo and Leo
Woodpecker Class - Emma and Jensen
Robin Class - Oscar and Kaci
Kingfisher Class - Bruno and Ella
Puffin Class - Henry and Hallie



CELEBRATE!

This week's tidiest classroom
KINGFISHER

Highest Attendance Award
EAGLE - with 100%!

Most Punctual Classes
Wagtail, Eagle, Kestrel



ESSEX CHILD AND FAMILY WELLBEING SERVICE

Please see the attached flyer giving details about your local family hub, where you can access free, friendly and high-quality health services in your community, school, online or family home. We offer a variety of sessions to support your child's development and build strong parent-child relationships.

Seesaw Family Hub Delivery Site
Lancaster Way,
Braintree,
CM7 5UL

SCHOOL COUNCIL REPS

The results are in!

Well done to the following children who have been elected to represent their class as a school councillor this year. They will meet for the first time next week to discuss their priorities and plans for the year ahead.

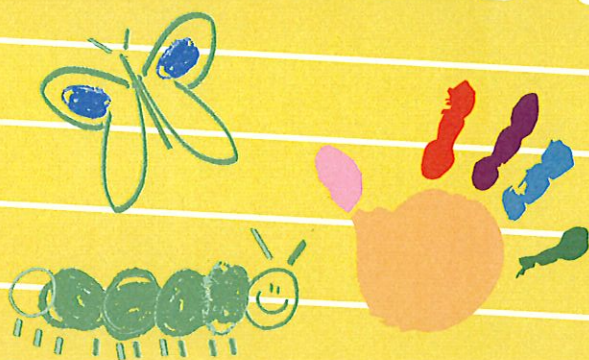
Kestrel - Aiya, Leon
Eagle - Rena, Hunter
Hawk - Mia, Oliver
Owl - Isabella, Joshua
Wagtail - Izzaddin, Ellie
Swift - Holly, Eleanor



Diary Dates

23.9.25	Governor Meeting	6.30pm
17.10.25	Kestrel class assembly	9.05am
20.10.25 to 24.10.25	Book Fair in school	Open 3.20-4.20pm
20.10.25	Parent Consultation meetings for Eagle Class only	3.40-6.20pm
21.10.25	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and	3.40-6.20pm
22.10.25	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and	3.40-6.20pm
27.10.25 to 3.11.25	Half Term Week	
3.11.25	Back to school	8.40am
6.11.25	Governors Meeting	6.30pm
10.11.25 to 15.11.25	Anti-Bullying Week	
14.11.25	Owl Class Assembly	9.05am
17.11.25	Non-Pupil Day	Day
18.11.25	Flu vaccinations – Rec to Yr 2	Day
28.11.25	Eagle class assembly	9.05am
2.12.25	Flu vaccinations – Rec to Yr 2	Day
5.12.25	Swift class assembly	9.05am
17.12.25	Carols by Candlelight – St. Peter's Church	AM
19.12.25	Last day of term	3.20pm
22.12.25 to 2.1.25	Christmas Holidays	
5.1.26	Back to school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am
6.1.26	Back to school Nursery	8.40 am

Mid Essex START WELL Roadshows



IF YOU'VE GOT A LITTLE ONE UNDER 5, THESE DROP-IN EVENTS ARE FOR YOU!

Whether you're getting ready for preschool or just looking for a bit of support, the **Start Well Roadshows** are here to help.

You'll find **friendly faces**, **expert advice**, and **loads of useful info** on things like *toilet training*, *speech and language*, *SEND support*, *starting school* and much much more.

There'll be fun activities to keep little ones busy while you chat with professionals and peer supporters who really understand what it's like.

It's all free, drop-in, and relaxed — just turn up and see what's on offer!

Dates, times & locations of the roadshows

Maldon Area

- Wed 15th Oct
1–3 PM
Maldon Library
- Tues 28th Oct
10 - 12 PM,
Dengie Family Hub
Delivery Site

Braintree Area

- Wed 22nd Oct
2–4 PM
Carousel Family
Hub
- Wed 29th Oct
Time 11-1pm,
Witham Library

Chelmsford Area

- Sat 18th Oct
10:30–12:30,
Chelmsford
Library

For more information:

Visit: www.tlc-essex.info/resource/mid-essex-start-well-roadshows/

Or scan
the QR
code



MID ESSEX CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP

Working together to ensure all children & young people in Mid Essex get the best start in life

If you have any questions please email:
C&FPartnershipLeads@essex.gov.uk

Your community and Volunteering Opportunities- Are you interested in being involved in a community group? Would you like to develop your own group and work in partnership with your local Family Hub? Would you like to volunteer and support families in the community? Please call contact your Community Connector Kay North kay.north@barnardos.org.uk for more information

Early Support – 0-19 years- We have staff available Monday – Friday who can provide advice and support for 0-19 years and their families in our local community. This can include behaviour support, child development, toileting, sleep, getting out and about, connecting with people in your community, transition to school or senior school, school readiness, healthy lifestyles and emotional wellbeing. We can also assist with 2-year funding applications for childcare.

Developmental Reviews- All children will be offered a 9-12 month and a 2 ½ - 3-year development review. You will be contacted to book this appointment. If you have any concerns about your child's development, then please contact us.

Healthy start vouchers- If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, the Healthy Start scheme can help you buy healthy foods like milk or fruit and get free vitamins. You need to be claiming certain benefits to qualify. If you're pregnant and under 18 you can claim even if you do not receive any benefits. Apply online here: www.healthystart.nhs.uk Pop into one of our family hubs or delivery sites to pick up your vitamins.



Bookstart-



Bookstart aims to encourage a love of books, stories and rhymes in children from as young an age as possible – Within our sessions, we will be incorporating stories, songs and rhymes plus sharing tips and strategies for parents to continue to share books and songs with their children.



help families from all backgrounds, with at least one child under the age of 5, through their most challenging times. To find out more please speak to one of our colleagues as we have family groups that run within our family hub and delivery sites or visit their website.



www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk



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Carousel Family Hub – Braintree District



Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service
Believe in children
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Braintree District: September – December 2025

Welcome to your local family hub, where you can access free, friendly and high-quality health services in your community, school, online or family home. We offer a variety of sessions to support your child's development and build strong parent-child relationships.

Family Hubs ensure that children, young people and families (0-19 years or up to 25 years if SEND) can access integrated early support. We provide a one-stop shop of family support services for your mental and physical health plus your educational and social care needs. Our partner agencies include midwives, GPs, CAMHS and local community groups.

The focus of our service is making sure that everyone in Essex has the best possible start in life through meeting the identified needs of children, young people and families.

Carousel Family Hub

Chapel Hill
Braintree
CM7 3QZ

Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm

Acorn Delivery Site

Beridge Road
Halstead
CO9 1JH

Monday & Friday 9 – 3.30pm

Harlequin Delivery Site

Spa Road
Witham
CM8 1NA

Monday & Thursday 9 – 5pm

Silver End Delivery Site

Silver End Village Hall
CM8 3RQ

Wednesday & Friday 9 – 5pm

Seesaw Family Hub Delivery

Site

Lancaster Way
Braintree, CM7 5UL

Please note that buggies are not allowed into our sites and must be left outside.

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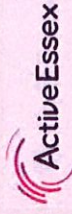


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Carousel Family Hub, Chapel Hill, Braintree, CM7 3QZ

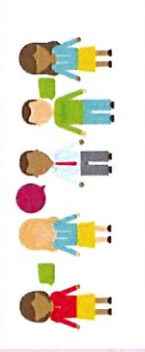
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Scan the QR code to find out how to get active for free in your community.



Harlequin Family Hub Delivery Site, Spa Road, Witham, CM8 1NA

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drop-in support & self-weight 9.30am – 4.30pm Baby Beginnings 9.30am – 11.00am A drop in, 10-week rolling programme for parents / carers and babies aged 0-1 years, covering play and development including crafts and singing. Health advice drop-in for 5-19 yr olds. 3.00pm-4.30pm. 2nd Monday of the Month Based within Howbridge Infant school Dengie Close Witham CM8 1DJ, this is open to all 4th Monday of the month at Harlequin Family Hub Delivery Site Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all 	Development Reviews 9-12 months & 30-36 months 9am-3.30pm An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment. Introducing Solids (Virtual workshop) 10am – 11.30am 2nd & 4th of each month Support and advice on introducing solid food to your baby – call to book. Emotional regulation and resilience group. 6-week course for 5-11 years. Please call us to find out more or to book a place. Pop into Carousel, during our opening hours to access our free Community Wardrobe – clothes available for 5-19-year-olds.	Development Reviews 9-12 months & 30-36 months 9am-3.30pm An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment.  Healthy Start Vitamins If you are pregnant or have a child aged under 4 years, then you may be eligible to receive free Healthy Start vitamins. Visit www.healthystart.nhs.uk to check eligibility and apply. Vitamins available to collect from Carousel Family Hub. t: 0300 2470014	Drop-in support & self-weight 9.30am – 12.00pm Stay, Play and Learn 1.00pm – 2.30pm A drop in, 10-week rolling programme for parents / carers and babies aged 1-5 years, covering play and development including crafts and singing. Let's Talk Together (Virtual 3-week workshop) Support for 18–30-month-old children with their early language development. Please call for confirmation of dates/times ActiveEssex  Scan the QR code to find out how to get active for free in your community. 	Development Reviews 9-12 months & 30-36 months 9am-3.30pm An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment. Typical Toddler workshop We can support and provide advice around your child's behavioural needs. Please call us to be added to the waiting list for our workshop. Antenatal infant feeding workshop (1hr) This workshop is for expectant parents (28 weeks plus). It will provide you with advice and support around preparing for the arrival of your baby and infant feeding. You will receive a letter inviting you but can also call to book on 0300 247 0014

Acorn Family Hub Delivery Site, Old School Hall, Beridge Road, Halstead, CO9 1JH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drop-in support & self-weight 1 – 4.30pm Development Reviews 9-12 months & 30-36 months 9.30am-12.30pm An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment. Sunny days toddler group for 0-5yr olds 9.30am – 11.30am Sunny days Baby group For 0-1yr olds 12.30pm- 2.00pm These groups are community led and not run by our service. The groups offer a fun environment for children to play and learn. They are free and there is no need to book. Antenatal infant feeding workshop (1hr) This workshop is for expectant parents (28 weeks plus). It will provide you with advice and support around preparing for the arrival of your baby and infant feeding. You will receive a letter inviting you but can also call to book on 0300 247 0014	Development Reviews 9-12 months & 30-36 months 9.30am-12.30pm An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment.  Healthy Start Vitamins If you are pregnant or have a child aged under 4 years, then you may be eligible to receive free Healthy Start vitamins. Visit www.healthystart.nhs.uk to check eligibility and apply. Vitamins available to collect from Carousel Family Hub. Pop in during our opening hours to access our free Community Wardrobe – clothes available for 0-8-year-olds.	First Time Parents 1.00pm-2.30pm Support for new parents/carers. 4-week course – call to book. Health advice drop-in for 5-19yr olds 3.00pm-4.30pm Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all. Let's Talk Together (Virtual 3-week workshop) Support for 18–30-month-old children with their early language development. Please call for confirmation of dates/times ActiveEssex  Scan the QR code to find out how to get active for free in your community.	Development Reviews 9-12 months & 30-36 months 9.30am-2.30pm An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment. Typical Toddler workshop We can support and provide advice around your child's behavioural needs. Please call us to be added to the waiting list for our workshop.  t: 0300 2470014	Drop-in support & self-weight 9.30am – 3.30pm Baby Beginnings 10.00am-11.30am A drop in, 10-week rolling programme for parents / carers and babies aged 0-1 years, covering play and development including crafts and singing. plus, support and information on feeding your baby -breastfeeding, formula feeding or combi-feeding. Infant Massage 5-week course 1.00pm-3.00pm Support with colic, reflux and attachment. Please call to speak to our duty practitioner Emotional regulation and resilience group. 6-week course for 5-11 years. Please call us to find out more or to book a place.

Silver End Family Hub Delivery Site, Village Hall, Broadway, CM8 3RQ

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