

# Stanway Primary School

## Weekly Bulletin



ISSUE 12

MONDAY, 2ND DECEMBER 2024

### Diary Dates

**Mon**

**2.12.24**

Choir Club  
3:15pm-4:15pm

Creative Writing Club  
3:15pm-4:15pm

Homework/TT  
Rockstars Club  
3:15pm-4:15pm

Year 3-4 Football Club  
3:15pm-4:15pm

**Tues**

**3.12.24**

Rocksteady Concert -Tuesday Group 9:15am

Colouring Club  
3:15pm-4:15pm

Construction Club  
3:15pm - 4:15pm

Doodle Club  
3:15pm-4:15pm

**Wed**

**4.12.24**

Year 3 Trip to Jimmy's Farm

Girls Football Club  
3:15pm-4:15pm

Hama Beads Club  
3:15pm-4:15pm

### Diary Dates

**Thurs**

**5.12.24**

Forest School  
3 Morpurgo

Netball Club  
3:15pm - 4:15pm

**Fri**

**6.12.24**

New Intake Tour  
9:15am

### Looking Ahead

#### Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 10th December**

Year 2 Christmas Performance (9:15am)

**Thursday 12th December**

Christmas Jumper Day  
Year 1 Christmas Performance (9:15am)

PTA Discos

**Friday 13th December**

Rocksteady Concert – Friday Group (9:15am)

**Tuesday 17th December**

EYFS Christmas Performance (9:15am)

**Wednesday 18th December**

Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 19th December**

KS2 Christmas Carols at Stanway Evangelical Church (9:30am & 2:00pm)

**Friday 20th December**

Break up for Christmas holidays



#### Letters Home

Year 2 Christmas Performance Year 2 Parents via Email 28.11.24

Wake Up Wednesday Guide all Parents via Arbor In App 27.11.24

KS2 Carol Services all KS2 Parents via Email 27.11.24

Year 1 Christmas Celebration Year 1 Parents via Email 27.11.24

PTA Christmas Disco All Parents via Email 26.11.24

# Messages



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## Netball Club - Thursday 12th December

Please note that this week is the last Netball club this Term.

## Term Dates 2025/26

Please see attached the Term dates for September 2025/26.

## Colchester Food Bank Christmas Appeal

We are still collecting donations for the Colchester Food Bank Appeal please see attached details. We would appreciate any donations to be sent in by Monday 9th December, Thank you.

## Attendance

Well done to 3 Morpurgo who had the best attendance last week at 100%!

The winners of the Attendance Bears are 1 Donaldson, 3 Morpurgo and 5 Shakespeare.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance % Present</u>
R Hendra	85.8%
R Rosen	95.2%
1 Blake	95.5%
1 Donaldson	97.3%
2 Bond	92.2%
2 Dahl	94.6%
3 Morpurgo	100.0%
3 Wilson	97.7%
4 Jackson	93.3%
4 Zephaniah	98.0%
5 Rauf	94.8%
5 Shakespeare	99.0%
6 Rowling	89.0%
6 Tolkien	97.1%

# Stanway Primary School Term and Holiday Dates for Academic Year 2025-2026

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- School Days
- School Holidays
- Bank Holidays
- Non-Pupil Days



# HO HO HO!

All children at Stanway Primary School are invited to attend the  
PTA Christmas Disco

**On Thursday 12th December 2024**



Tickets: £3.00 per person



Venue: School Lunch Hall

Dress Code: Non-Uniform/ Christmas Jumpers

Refreshments will be served

DJ Simon from Mersea Disco will be entertaining the children

2:20pm - 3:00pm - Reception Disco

4:15pm - 5:00pm - Year 3 & 4 Disco

3:15pm - 4:00pm - Year 1 & 2 Disco

5:15pm - 6:00pm - Year 5 & 6 Disco

**Please return the permission slip below to the class teacher by 10th December**



This is to inform you that my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_

Will / will not be attending the Christmas Disco. I have enclosed £3.00 for the ticket.

Name of person collecting your child \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

**★ Please Note: It is also Non-Uniform / Christmas Jumper Day on 12th December ★**

The children will be served with refreshments and at the end of the disco, the children will be offered a bag of Haribo or a vegan alternative as they leave with their parent / guardian. If you have any concerns regarding the contents and ingredients, please email us at [pta@stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@stanway-pri.essex.sch.uk)



# We need your help!



COLCHESTER FOODBANK  
**HELPING LOCAL  
PEOPLE IN CRISIS**

As a school we would like to do our best to help the local community.

Christmas can be a difficult time for many people, causing stress and worry. At Stanway Primary School we would like to help those in need by donating items to our local food bank in order to help as many families and individuals as we possibly can.

Each class will be given a big box (placed in their classrooms) to fill with food items and toiletries ready to help someone in need. We will then deliver these to Colchester Food Bank to support local families in crisis.

We have been totally overwhelmed with your generosity in the past and this year we need your help more than ever!

We would appreciate any donations to be sent in by

**Monday 9th December 2024**

Thank you



## Shopping List

**Please remember that all items need a shelf life of at least 3 months in order to be used effectively.**

Long-life milk and juice  
Small bags of pasta and rice  
Squash  
Tinned fruit  
Tinned potatoes  
Tinned puddings  
Tins or packets of custard  
Tinned tomatoes

Jam  
Peanut butter  
Small jars of coffee  
Small multipack snacks –  
Penguin, Twix, Club etc  
Christmas bits eg puddings,  
savoury biscuits, sweets,  
chocolate selection boxes

Deodorants  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Shower gel  
Shampoo  
Small washing powder or  
liquid

Essex

# ACTIVate

Free holiday clubs, fun activities and food  
across Essex and Thurrock!

- ✓ Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs
- ✓ Sports and games, arts and crafts, cooking and so much more!
- ✓ Nutritious snacks and tasty meals
- ✓ Run by qualified, local club providers
- ✓ Family support, resources and guidance
- ✓ Discretionary paid and paid for spaces

## WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the exciting activity clubs run by Active Essex! During school holidays, local club providers across the county deliver free holiday clubs and fun activities to get eligible primary and secondary children active, as well as support young people to make friendships and learn new skills, helping to enhance their wellbeing.

Please only book your child/ren a space at an Essex ActivAte club if they will attend. If they are booked on and do not attend, other children may miss out on this beneficial opportunity across the holidays.

[www.activessex.org](http://www.activessex.org)



@EssexActivAte



Turn this flyer over  
to read more on how  
to book a space!

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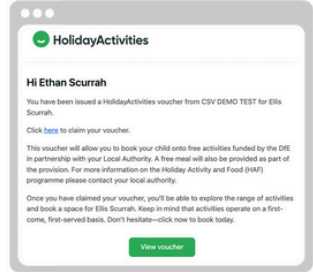
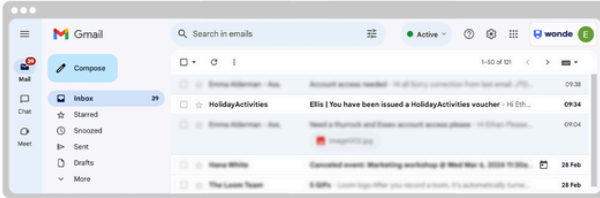


# HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

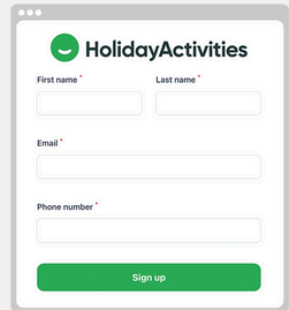
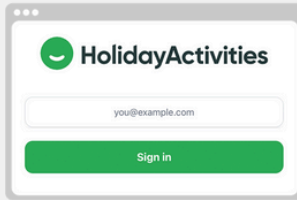
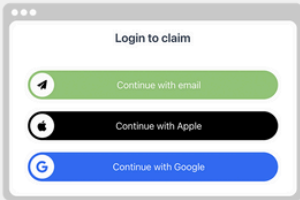
## Step 1 - Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from [hello@holidayactivities.com](mailto:hello@holidayactivities.com)



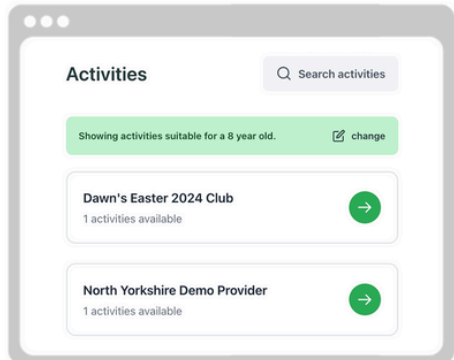
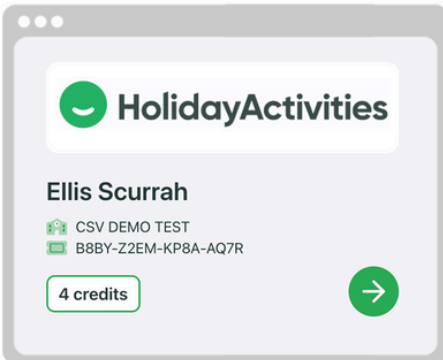
## Step 2 - Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

After selecting Continue with email, you will be asked to enter your email address. If you do not have an account, you will be asked to sign up



## Step 3 - Making a booking

Clicking the green arrow on the voucher of your child will take you to a list of providers. From here, you can browse available activities and, once you find one suitable, you will be asked to complete a booking form.



Essex Library Service are once again running a Winter Reading Challenge for children. This year's theme is dragons!

The Dragons' Adventure starts on **Thursday 2 January** and runs until **Saturday 22 February**, and children can join at any point during that time.

Children will be asked to complete six challenges from a choice of twelve. They earn a sticker for each challenge they complete, plus a certificate and small prize if they manage to complete six! Completers will also have the opportunity to enter a prize draw to win larger prizes such as tablets, book tokens, art and crafts materials and dragon themed toys.

[You can find out more about the challenge on our website.](#)

We have a [digital promotion pack for the Winter Reading Challenge 2025](#) to share with you, that can help you to tell your students and their parents and carers about the challenge before they break up for Christmas.

**In the pack you will find:**

- A digital copy of the Winter Reading Challenge poster.
- A link to a promotional video (suitable for classes and assemblies).
- An information letter which you can send to families.
- A link to our website where families can find out more information about the challenge.
- An A6 flyer (2 versions in various formats) that can be dropped into your newsletter

We would be very grateful if you could promote the Winter Reading Challenge to your students and their parent and carers.

As the [recent research from the National Literacy Trust](#) has shown, there has been a marked decrease in children's reading for pleasure, and challenges like these can encourage families to visit their local library. Libraries are an ideal place for children to explore and expand their reading choices and find out what reading for pleasure is for them.

You can find out more about [how libraries support children's reading for pleasure](#) on our website.

**The Essex Library Service Team**

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[libraries.social@essex.gov.uk](mailto:libraries.social@essex.gov.uk)



**Essex County Council**



# Christmas Crafts

Stanway Library

Saturday 7 December, 10am to 12noon

- **Come and join us for Christmas crafts**
- **A free fun event aimed at families and children**



[libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk)

**VISION  
ZERO**  
NO ROAD DEATHS



**What is an  
e-scooter?**

# The rules

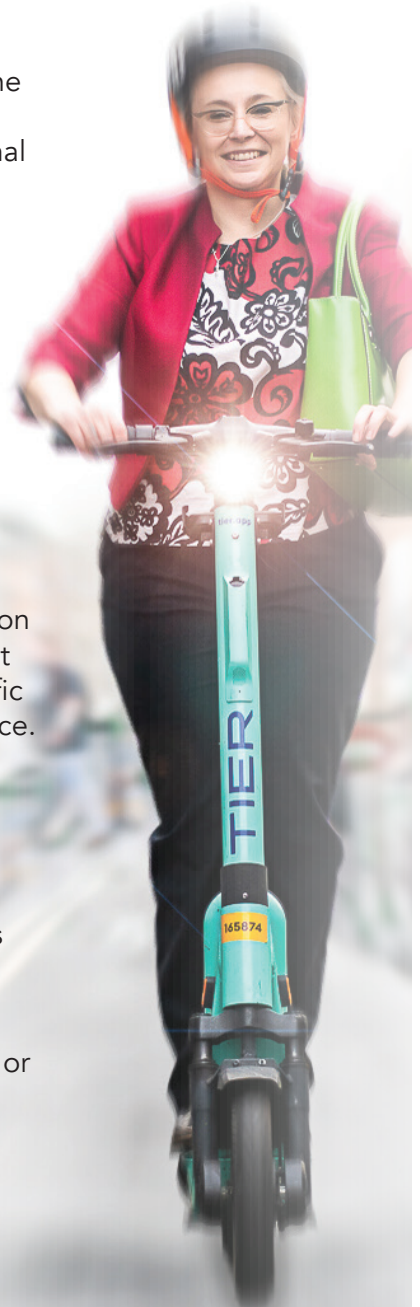
Electrically powered scooters are classed as a mechanically propelled vehicle, which means the same rules apply to e-scooters as other motor vehicles. These rules also apply to other personal electric transporters, with the exception of mobility scooters. Electric scooters are treated the same as any other motorised vehicle, this means they must have MOT, Vehicle Excise Duty ("tax") and insurance.

In order to obtain an MOT and insurance to be used legally in public, an e-scooter must be approved by the Vehicle Certification Agency for its construction and use for transport on the public highway.

No such approval exists for privately owned e-scooters. If you are using a private e-scooter on public roads, or footways, the police can seize it and you could be liable for prosecution for traffic offences, and even receive points on your licence.

## Risks include:

- Lack of maintenance affecting braking and tyre performance.
- Charging of devices in the home introduces fire risk, especially if batteries have become damaged or wet.
- Scooters can easily over balance on bumps or holes due to their small wheels.
- Handling can be unpredictable, especially when reacting to hazards.
- There can be a temptation to ride while intoxicated or distracted.



# Renting

A number of rental schemes have been set up in towns and cities in the UK, including Basildon, Chelmsford, Braintree and Colchester in Essex. These schemes allow people to use rented e-scooters legally.

## To use these schemes, you must:

- Be aged 18 or over.
- Hold a UK driving licence.
- Only ride on roads and cycle-paths within the hire scheme areas, pavement riding is not permitted.
- Not carry passengers or allow others to use a scooter you have hired. Wearing a helmet is highly recommended, and riders have the same responsibility to obey traffic laws as anyone driving a car.



**E-scooters are motor vehicles, so must not be used by children.**










# VISION ZERO

## NO ROAD DEATHS

Visit our website to see the latest information, stories and press releases.

[saferessexroads.org/visionzero](https://saferessexroads.org/visionzero)

## Please get involved

-  Learn more about safe road use on our website [saferessexroads.org](https://saferessexroads.org)
-  Like/follow/share on our social media channels **@saferessexroads**
-  Talk to family, friends and people in your community about Vision Zero
-  Share ideas about how to make improvements where you live with your local elected representatives
-  Subscribe to updates from us at: [saferessexroads.org/news/](https://saferessexroads.org/news/)
-  Submit footage of road traffic offences to our Extra Eyes campaign: [saferessexroads.org/extra-eyes/](https://saferessexroads.org/extra-eyes/)
-  To share any ideas you have about how you might be able to help achieve Vision Zero in your community, please contact us at: [SaferEssexRoads@essexhighways.org](mailto:SaferEssexRoads@essexhighways.org)

Sign the Vision Zero pledge at [saferessexroads.org/visionzero/pledge/](https://saferessexroads.org/visionzero/pledge/)

# A Hilarious Family Christmas Show

**New for  
2024!**



## Duggie Dug Dug's **Nativity Delivery**

SCAN ME



**Friday 20th December**

**4.30pm**

**@ Kingsland Church**

**Book Tickets £7 each**