



Braintree Area Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Christmas Open Hours 2025

Mon 22 Dec	HALSTEAD	10-12
Tue 23 Dec	GT NOTLEY & SIBLE HEDINGHAM	10-12 & 2-4
Wed 24 Dec	ST PAULS & WITHAM	10-12
Thu 25 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Fri 26 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sat 27 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sun 28 Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED
Mon 29 Dec	HALSTEAD	10-12
Tue 30 Dec	GT NOTLEY & SIBLE HEDINGHAM	10-12 & 2-4
Wed 31 Dec	ST PAULS	10-12
Thu 1 Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED
Fri 2 Jan	BACK TO NORMAL	



We're thrilled to announce that SPACE (Supporting Parents And Carers in Essex) is now live! SPACE is a brand-new Essex County Council service that builds on the amazing work of Ondrea Bloom and her team through Autism Central. It offers free, peer-to-peer support for families – designed by parents, for parents.

Under the Local Offer umbrella, families can now access support in five ways:

- ✓ Local Offer website
- ✓ Local Offer Roadshows
- ✓ Monthly newsletter ([sign up here!](#))
- ✓ Local Offer Facebook page
- ✓ And now... peer-to-peer support with **SPACE**

What does SPACE offer?

- Phone: One-to-one chats with a peer educator
- Online: Webinars and shared experiences
- In person: Meet us at coffee mornings, roadshows, and community events
- Website: Practical info and guidance anytime

Contact SPACE:

- parent-send-support.essex.gov.uk
- SPACE@essex.gov.uk
- Facebook: Essex Local Offer

School dates

Newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

December	
4th, 5th, 11th	Christmas gift stalls
10th, 11th, 12th	Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity - prize raffle tickets pulled after the final one
16th	Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas lunch
16th	iRocks concerts 9.30am and 2pm
17th	Key Stage 2 Christmas lunch
17th	Whole School Christmas Jumper Day
18th - am	Whole School Pantomime: Aladdin
19th	Christmas Church Service (TBC)
19th	Last day of term
January	
5th	First day of Spring term
5th-9th	Kaleidoscope Week / Take One Book Week
15th	Parent Forum
20th	EYFS & Y5 Road Safety
21st	Young Voices - [choir only]
30th - 2.45pm	Olive (Miss Bolton) class assembly

We understand that several parents require access to disabled parking spaces. As we only have two available, the school has introduced a timetable to manage their use fairly.



Please note that there is no onsite parking available for parents without prior arrangement with the school.

Thank you for your understanding.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

We're looking for a Preschool Assistant to join us 1½ days a week. Interested? Apply via [the link!](#)

LOOK what we're LEARNING!

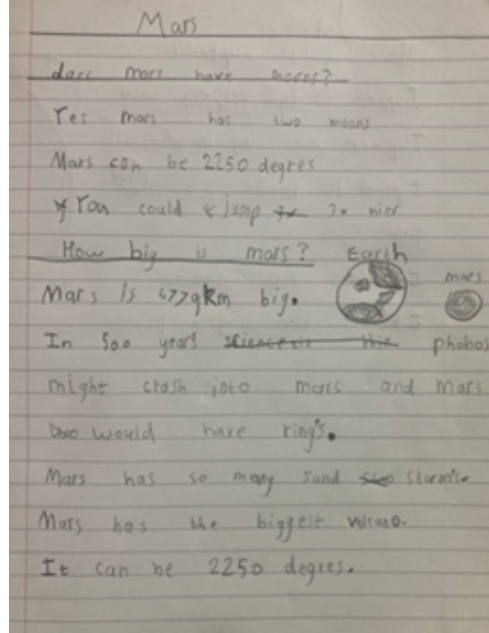
Reception



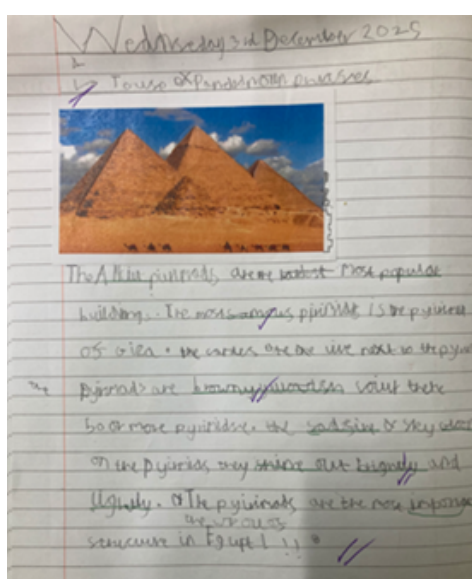
Children in Reception class have been using their fine motor skills to draw, colour then cut out these tricky stars for the class display.

Key Stage 1

Children in years 1 and 2 have been using their new knowledge about Space to write some non-chronological reports about the planets in our Solar System.



Lower Key Stage 2



Children in Years 3 and 4 have been writing expanded noun phrases to describe pyramids in preparation for a longer piece of descriptive writing later in their unit of work.

Upper Key Stage 2

Children in Years 5 and 6 have been designing their own creatures, based on the kind we read about in the Spiderwick Chronicles book. Some may look cute but are hiding secret powers!



Thank you for your support!

Thank you to everyone who supported our events last week. The fayre was fantastic, the chocolate donations were incredibly generous, and the tombola was as much fun as ever.

We now have a very large amount of cash to count, and we will share the final fundraising totals from each event as soon as it is ready. Your support makes a real difference, and we are grateful for everything you do for the school.

Fundraising update

We are so excited to announce that we made an incredible £7,822.64 at fireworks and £1,064.30 at the disco! That means along with the postcard auction, lego afternoon and non-uniform day, we have already raised £10,000 this term!

Our annual target is £20,000 and we are on track to meet this. At this rate, we may even reach £25,000...

These funds are so crucial for the school. They pay for school trips, resources, therapies and much much more. For example, we were able to fund the new play equipment completely from our fundraising. That would simply not have been possible for the school to pay for.

Gift stalls - final chance

We have our final gift stall on Thursday 11th December - this is now your last chance to buy tickets for your children to visit the stalls. You can pay for the gifts online via TicketSource: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-st-peters-school-coggeshall>

The deadline to buy is midnight on Tuesday 9th December - this is to ensure we have enough presents for the children.

If you have any questions about the gift stall, please head to the school website where we have covered a lot of the regular questions we get:

<https://stpeterscofeprimaryschoolcoggeshall.org.uk/calendar#gift-stalls>

Prize raffle

We will be selling raffle tickets at the nativity plays and then the winning tickets will be drawn after the final play. We have lots of brilliant prizes so make sure you get your tickets! We take cash and card to make it easy and there are also still a few spots for volunteers to help sell at the plays.

Those who help sell tickets get to reserve their seats so it is a good way to help out and have a great view of your child! You can sign up to help here: <https://volunteersignup.org/AAE9Y>

