



## New playground equipment

Thanks to the many fundraising events run by FOSP and your kind donations, we have now had the new playground gym trail installed. The children have really enjoyed trying it out this week!

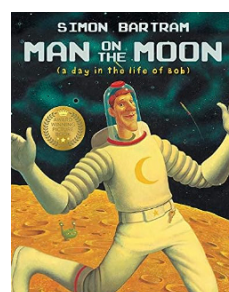
A polite reminder: Please ensure children do not play on the equipment before or after school. We are not insured during this period for its use.



## Curriculum news

Another new academic year means another round of new and exciting topics to learn about! KS1 have already started investigating Space.

They are reading *Man on the Moon – A Day in the Life of Bob* by Simon Bartram.



Dylan in the reading rocket



Oli and Olivia in the space role play area

## Secondary school admissions

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above.

## New parent tours

For those of you applying for places in our Reception class for September 2024, we are hosting several Parent Tours. These will be on:

16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am  
17<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00am  
19<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30m  
31<sup>st</sup> October at 9.30am  
1<sup>st</sup> November at 11.00am  
3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.00am  
6<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am  
8<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am  
10<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am

Please contact the school office to book a space on one of these dates.

## School dates

September	
19th - am	KS1 Dance session
19th - 6pm	Phonics parent workshop
29th - 9am	EYFS Welcome Coffee morning
29th - 2.45pm	Mr Brennen class assembly
October	
5th	Harvest Festival at church
9th - 13th	Kingswood
13th - 2.45pm	Mrs Brooker class assembly
17th & 18th	Parents' evenings
16th - 19th	Black History Week
20th	INSET
23rd - 27th	Half term
November	
8th - 2.45pm	Dr Gardner class assembly
9th - 13th	Captail Wonderweb and Puss in Boots Panto
17th - 2.45pm	Mrs Sullivan/Mrs Doody class assembly
22nd	Flu immunisations
24th - 2.45pm	Miss Vianello class assembly
29th - 3.30pm	Parent share
December	
1st - 2.45pm	Mrs Armitage class assembly
13th & 14th pm	EYFS / KS1 Nativity
20th	Christmas service at church
21st - 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday

## FOSP news

### Events and communications

This year we have plenty of fundraising events and activities planned, but we appreciate it can be a bit overwhelming each term knowing what is happening and when, so we will be sharing a full list of events for the year with dates to help out.

We will be putting these on our website and Facebook as well as sharing them round year group WhatsApp groups - they will also be added to the calendar on the school's website to make sure everyone sees them.

You can sync the school's website calendar with your phone, so you don't even have to input them yourself. Information on how to do this is on the calendar page: <https://stpeterscofeprimaryschoolcoggeshall.org.uk/calendar>

Furthermore, we plan to send out weekly updates via WhatsApp year groups to provide helpful reminders of upcoming events and any requests for support. This should cut down on the number of messages and make it easier to keep track of those that do get sent round.

If you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group for your child's year or to the FOSP general chat group, then please email [ptafosp@gmail.com](mailto:ptafosp@gmail.com)

### Easyfundraising

Did you know that every time you shop online, you can raise money for FOSP? If you sign up to easyfundraising, many retailers will give a small percentage of the value of your purchase to our cause. This could be if you're buying something from John Lewis, taking out a new insurance policy, buying an appliance or even booking a holiday. To date we have raised nearly £3,000 just by shopping online!

Head to our website to find out more: <https://fospschool.co.uk/easy-fundraising/>

### Christmas

We know it might feel a bit early to be planning Christmas events, but there are so many parts to this that we have to begin early! If you would like to help with this year's Grotto and Fayre, please get in touch via [ptafosp@gmail.com](mailto:ptafosp@gmail.com).

### AGM

Our next meeting will also be the AGM - this will be on October 10th at the school from 6.30 - 7.30pm. Whether you want to come along just to hear more or to join the committee, everyone is welcome. We will be sharing more information about the various positions soon.

## Library news

### Children's Tuesday Storytime starting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

We welcome all Primary School children to our new story time on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 3.45-4.15pm.

Squash & biscuits will be served from 3.30pm so families can come straight from school. Suitable for ages 4 - 7 years.

This term we have also started a Family Story Time on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 10.30am followed by a fun craft session and

We really look forward to seeing you.

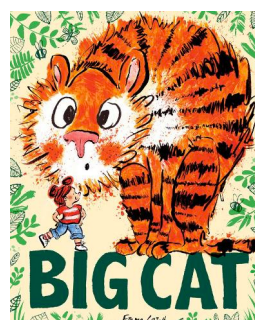
Please call in or email [coggeshall.library@essex.gov.uk](mailto:coggeshall.library@essex.gov.uk) to find out more.

### Children's Half Term Author Event with Emma Lazell on Thursday 26th October at 10.30am

Emma Lazell is the author of 'Big Cat' and 'That dog!' will be running a workshop for children involving storytelling and crafts, including collage, colouring and drawing.

Suitable for ages 3 - 8 years.

These are both free events.



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