



# Perryfields Junior School

## *The Friday Flyer*

Week 13 – November 2024

### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at PJS!

Our School Council has done a fantastic job decorating our beautiful Christmas tree, which now stands proudly in the hall for all to admire. A big thank you to Mrs. Canty and the School Council for their hard work and festive flair—it looks wonderful!

In other exciting news, some of our Year 5 and 6 students represented the school brilliantly at the Falcon Bowls Club, where they took part in a bowls competition. Their effort, determination, and sportsmanship were outstanding—well done to everyone who participated!

This week marks the final week of teacher-led clubs for this term, and I'm sure you'll join me in thanking our teachers for giving up their time to run such a wide range of extra-curricular activities. These clubs have provided so many opportunities for children to explore new skills, develop talents, and have lots of fun. Thank you to all the staff who made these clubs possible!

Meanwhile, our classrooms have been bursting with great learning, fun, and enthusiasm throughout the week. Don't forget to check your child's class blog- it's a wonderful way to see what they've been learning and to share in their achievements.

Looking ahead, next week promises lots of festive fun! We've got the Christmas Panto, Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper Day and the Christmas Fayre to look forward to. The children (and staff!) are all so excited, and we can't wait to celebrate together.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend as we head into the most magical time of the school year!

Samantha Edwards



### Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Ellie  
Seuss: Bhargavi  
Walliams: Rose  
Lewis: Penny  
Dahl: Aarvi  
Rowling: Edward  
Tolkien: Harley  
Morpurgo: Bella  
Pullman: Samuel

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award  
*Walliams Class – 98.1%*

Award for  
Outstanding Manners  
*Izzy – Tolkien Class*  
*Teddy – Morpurgo Class*  
*Aarav – Morpurgo Class*

PE Award  
*Aarueran – Cowell Class*

Spelling Award  
*Dahl Class*

## ATTENDANCE

The national expectation for attendance is 96%. The government has clarified the position regarding the term 'regular' attendance. It means children must be in school **EVERY DAY**. Every second counts at Perryfields. We **must** work together to improve attendance and punctuality even more.

Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	97.6%
Year 5	94.1%
Year 6	96.2%



### **Coming Up This Term**

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	School Choir to visit Lawns Care Home – email sent 28 <sup>th</sup> November
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Pantomime Trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Before school clubs finish. EPC Football/Dance & LAMDA now finished
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner – email sent 18 <sup>th</sup> November. <b>If you have not ordered a Christmas dinner please provide your child with a packed lunch on the day.</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper – Save the Children. Please donate £1 through your ScoPay account
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre – Please join us from 3.30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Bauble Workshops Whole School – email sent 21 <sup>st</sup> November. Please make your £3 donation through your ScoPay account
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Christmas Service. Please join us at 9.10am – email sent 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Ends – Early finish at 1.30pm

Parents of current Year 2 children at an infant school need to make a formal application to the Council for a Year 3 place and can do so via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

The junior admission round opened on **4 November 2024**, for parents of children in Year 2 at an infant school to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

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

## School Dinners - Week Beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December

**Monday – Jacket Potato Day**

**Tuesday – Nacho Chicken**

**Wednesday – Burger in a Bun**

**Thursday – Baguette Day (due to Panto trip)**

**Friday – Christmas Dinner**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Dinner Day. If you have not placed an order, please make sure your child has a packed lunch. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate orders made on the day.**

### A Note on Dangerous Gifts - Child Accident Prevention Trust

December is on the horizon. Families around the country are already putting up Christmas trees and tinsel is starting to grace our high streets. Before long mince pies, Mariah Carey and mysteriously familiar Santa Clauses will make their way into our lives. This is all in good fun, and children from Lands End to John O'Groats look forward to the build up to Christmas all year. However, not all presents are created equally. More than ever our Christmas shopping is done online from an increasingly varied list of providers. From imitation manufacturers, to sellers' platforms like Etsy and to third party small businesses that use known provider logistics services, we're all trusting people ever further removed from us to provide high quality goods. Unfortunately, this is far from guaranteed. Production firms abroad or within a 'cottage industry' may not have the strict manufacturing standards applied in the UK, or expected as industry standard. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause an accident this year. If interested please follow the link below. It's always important to remember that prevention is always better than repairing.

<https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>



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# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

 Universal, suitable for all ages	 Parental Guidance required	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over, although younger children may be accompanied by an adult
 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	 Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk)

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

 <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>	 <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>	 <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>	 <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>	 <a href="http://www.pegi.info">www.pegi.info</a>
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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)

Perryfields Junior School  
Morning Clubs Letter – Spring 2025



We are pleased to be able to offer the following **morning** Clubs in school next term.

Morning Clubs – Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> January – Week ending 28<sup>th</sup> March.

Cost - £10 Donation per Club (no donation for 3PR). Payable ONLY via ScoPay. Please book through your ScoPay account by 9am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Clubs will go live on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 4.20pm.

We are excited to launch a new early morning club as part of our commitment to the 3PR Scheme! We are looking for enthusiastic children to volunteer and help hand out 3PR tokens to families who follow safe and considerate parking practices. This will be a fantastic opportunity for pupils to take on a responsible role, contribute to school life, and make a positive impact on our community. The club will run in the mornings before school and will be supervised by Miss Hockaday, ensuring that all participants are well-supported. If your child is interested in volunteering, then please sign them up to one of the 3 club options listed below. There will be no charge for this opportunity and the club will start at 8.10am. **PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE SESSION FOR YOUR CHILD.**

Morning Clubs, please can children come into school ready for running club, they can then change into their school uniform before school starts.

Club	Day	Time	Years	Notes
3PR	Monday	8.10am – 8:40am	4,5&6	Children can wear school uniform
British Sign Language	Tuesday	8am – 8:40am	3,4,5&6	Children can wear school uniform
3PR	Wednesday	8.10am – 8:40am	4,5&6	Children can wear school uniform
3PR	Thursday	8.10am – 8:40am	4,5&6	Children can wear school uniform
Running	Friday	8am – 8:40am	3,4,5&6	Sports Attire

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If your child no longer wants to do a club please let us know as soon as possible. Refunds will not be given. Please check club days do not clash when requesting a club. If your child cannot attend a club after school for any reason, please would you kindly let the office/teacher know in advance.

**Pupil Premium**

Please contact the school office on 01245 250781 before booking on ScoPay if your child is in receipt of free school meals and they would like to attend a club.



# Enter our **Super Draw**

**WIN A £3,000  
CHRISTMAS  
CASH BONUS**



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Win a huge festive cash bonus!

**BUY TICKETS**



GambleAware



See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 21/12/24

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.activeessex.org](http://www.activeessex.org)



@EssexActivAte



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

SCAN ME





# HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

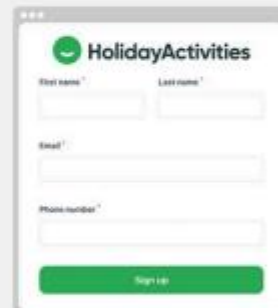
## Step 1 - Open the email and click the green button

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



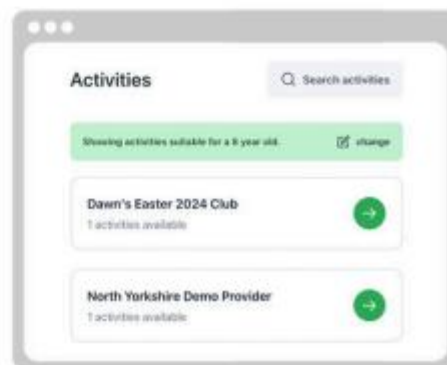
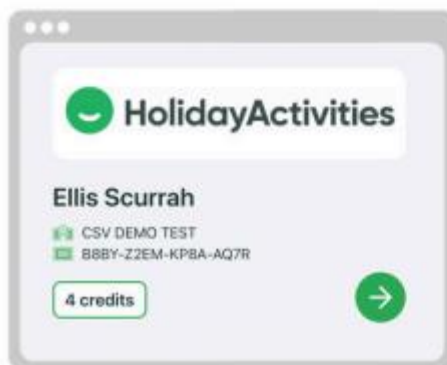
## Step 2 - Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

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.





FREE  
until  
JAN 25



**Understanding the Teenage Brain**  
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday  
5th Dec  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday  
17th Dec  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Facing Defiance

Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday  
7th Jan  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## Anxiety-Based School Avoidance

Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday  
9 Jan  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



## AUTISM:

### Improving Communication

Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

# WINTER TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date ask for the link to the recording, available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

go to the PARENT page

<b>FREE - Decreasing Depression</b> <b>FREE - Anxiety Explained</b>	<b>25 NOV</b> <b>20 JAN</b>
What is ACT?	26 NOV, 21 JAN
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	28 NOV
Supporting a Child with ADHD	5 DEC, 2 JAN
Understanding Anger	16 DEC, 13 JAN
Facing Defiance	17 DEC, 14 JAN
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	19 DEC, 16 JAN
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	7 JAN
AUTISM: Improving Communication	9 JAN
Raising Self-Esteem	27 JAN
Supporting Healthy Sleep	28 JAN
Improving Family Communication	4 FEB
Introduction to OCD	18 FEB