



Perryfields Junior School

The Flyer

Week 14 – December 2024

Headteacher's Message

What an action-packed couple of weeks we've had!

Last week, the entire school had an absolute blast watching the Christmas pantomime, Snow White, at Chelmsford Theatre on Thursday... oh yes, they did!

On Friday, our whole-school Christmas dinner was a huge success. As is tradition, we all gathered to enjoy a festive meal together, donning our Christmas jumpers and singing along to Christmas songs. The lunch, complete with all the trimmings, was delicious, and everyone had a wonderful time! A big thank you to Mrs. Cardy, Miss Berris, and Ms. Sage for organising and catering for us all. As an added bonus, we raised £150 for the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Appeal. Thank you so much!

A very special thank you to Mrs. Siddall, Miss Buckle, and our fantastic group of parent fundraisers (FIPs) who organised the Christmas Fayre. The fayre raised over £2000! In these challenging economic times, we truly appreciate your generosity. The funds raised will help us revamp our forest school area. A big shout-out also to our House Captains who took the lead in organising and running Christmas stalls during the fayre, and to Elsie in Year 4 who has raised £600 for Dementia UK - amazing efforts all around!

We are incredibly proud of our confident and articulate Year 4 students who created a beautiful Christmas service, 'Christmas Around the World.' They performed for the school and parents on Tuesday, and were absolutely incredible. A huge thank you to Miss Leader and Mrs. Canty for organising the service and managing to fit in rehearsals during such a busy time.

And if that wasn't enough, we also hosted a fantastic Talent Show and Music Extravaganza, showcasing the incredible skills and creativity of our students. From breath-taking performances to inspiring musical acts, the events were filled with talent and enthusiasm, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained. It was a joy to see the children shine on stage, and their dedication and hard work were truly commendable. A big thank you to everyone who participated and supported these memorable occasions!

Today, we bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Balagi as she moves on to an exciting new role. Her dedication, kindness, and contributions to our school have made a lasting impact, and she will be greatly missed by staff and students alike. We wish her every success and happiness in her new job—good luck, Mrs. Balagi!

As this is my final newsletter of 2024, I'd like to take a moment to thank all our staff for their hard work throughout this eventful term. I also want to extend my thanks to our governors and, of course, our parents for their continued support.

Wishing all our wonderful children and families a very Merry Christmas and sending my best wishes for a happy and healthy 2025!

Mrs Edwards



Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Emily B
Seuss: Theo
Walliams: Sienna
Lewis: Sri
Dahl: James N
Rowling: Neil
Tolkien: Rajath
Morpurgo: Meghna
Pullman: Dexter

**Award for
Outstanding Manners
Samuel – Pullman Class
Kelvin – Morpurgo Class**

**PE Award
Ellie – Pullman Class**

**Spelling Award
Seuss Class**

Coming Up Next Term – All Details to Follow

Monday 13th January	2 John's Safety Talk
Monday 3rd February	Year 4 Superstars Trip
Monday 10th February	Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle
Thursday 13th February	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
Thursday 27th February	Year 5 Enterprise Day - Tudors
Friday 28th February	Year 4 Enterprise Day – Romans
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 14th March	Book Fayre



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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 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

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:

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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

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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 13th January – Week ending 28th March.

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



Dear Parents & Guardians,

As part of your child's curriculum PE and extra curricular activities they participate in sessions led by the children's activity, education, and childcare provider, Essex Professional Coaching. (Hey...that's us 😊)

We work in partnership with your child's school to enhance their access to high quality PE, Sport, and Physical Activity giving them access to memorable experiences that will last a lifetime.

During the school holidays we run Ofsted registered Football & Activity childcare clubs.

Working in partnership with your child's school allows us to provide families of **Perryfields Junior School** with a unique code that entitles you to 10% discount on any holiday camp booking with us.

YOUR UNIQUE DISCOUNT CODE: PERRYFIELDS10

To access the full timetable of upcoming holiday camps in your area simply click and follow the link:

[> epcoaching.co.uk/holiday-camps/book <](https://epcoaching.co.uk/holiday-camps/book)

All booking is online ensuring a smooth process to confirming your child's place at camp. If you have any questions feel free to get in touch with Elle in our admin team via the email address: admin@epcoaching.co.uk

Kind regards,



Jake Dye

Jake Dye | Holiday Activities Manager
Essex Professional Coaching



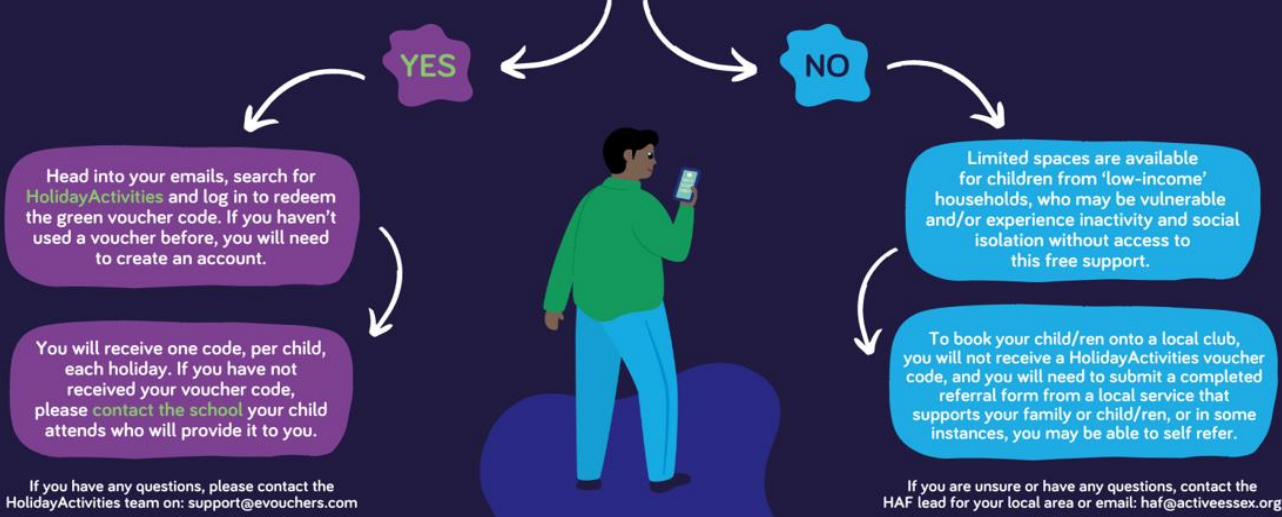
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MY CHILD IS ELIGIBLE OR RECEIVES INCOME RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS



If you have any questions, please contact the HolidayActivities team on: support@evouchers.com

If you are unsure or have any questions, contact the HAF lead for your local area or email: haf@activeessex.org

Essex **ACTIVate**

BOOK ONTO OUR FREE WINTER HOLIDAY CLUBS!

Eligible children and young people are invited to book onto our FREE, fun-filled activity clubs who are run by a network of locally, trusted organisations and brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education!



IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Clubs offer spaces to primary and secondary school aged children (4-16 years) who are eligible for benefit based free school meals. Limited spaces are available for young people who are also from 'low-income' working families, as well as children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation.

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will be running across Essex in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring, Thurrock and Uttlesford!

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs provide a range of different physical, enrichment and food activities to support children's physical and mental wellbeing, as well as a delicious, nutritious meal! We also offer specialist youth, SEND and mental wellbeing clubs.

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

If you have received a Holiday Activities voucher code, click the link on the voucher to book your child/ren onto a club. If you're still awaiting a voucher code, please contact your school. If you aren't eligible for a Holiday Activities voucher as your child/ren do not receive benefits based free school meals, please contact a local club directly to book on by heading to our website below.

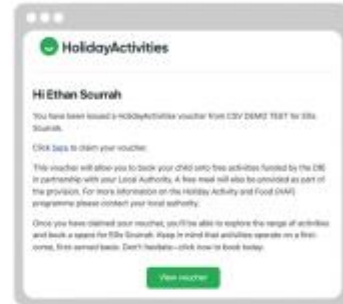
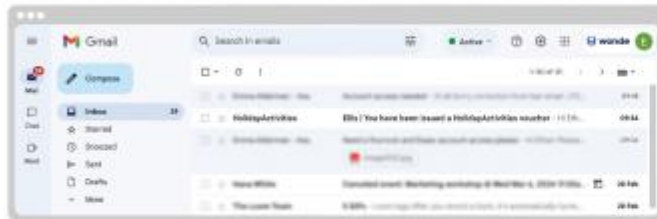


HolidayActivities

A guide on claiming your voucher and booking activities

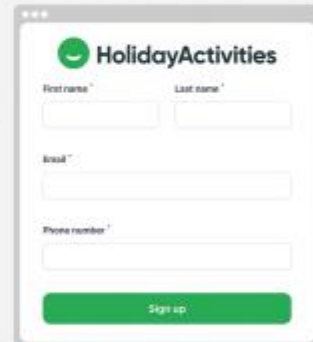
Step 1 - Open the email and click the green button

This voucher will come from hello@holidayactivities.com



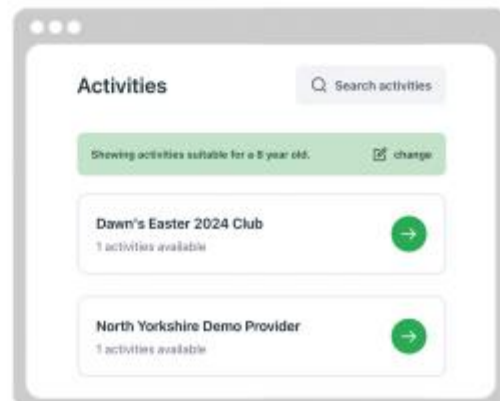
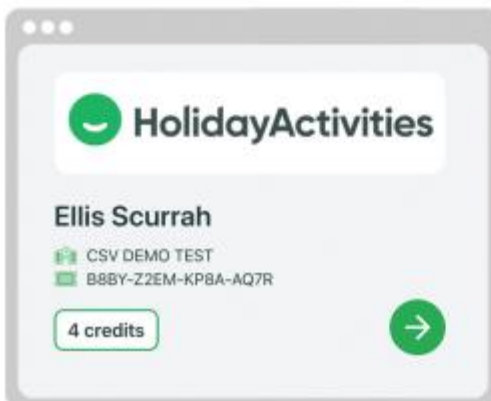
Step 2 - Select *Continue with email* and log in/sign up

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.





Better Housing Better Health

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service

HOME ENERGY ADVICE

Better Housing Better Health (BHBH) is a service working locally to improve your domestic warmth & wellbeing. In a preventative approach, our free helpline provides you with a single point of contact for advice and support in order to help improve the energy efficiency of your property and lower your bills.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our team of experts can work with households to apply for grants and funding to help with your home energy. Schemes like the Warm Home Discount can take £150 off your bills and ECO Funding can replace heating systems as well as install insulation. Call us to see if you're eligible and start the process.



WE ARE HERE.

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