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Friday 6th November 2026

Dear parents and carers



It was lovely, as always, to welcome you all back on Monday. I hope you all had a lovely half term.

It was great to see so many of you at our parents' evenings, on Wednesday and Thursday – we hope you found them helpful. If you were unable to attend, for whatever reason, and would still like to meet with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact them to arrange a mutually convenient time.

RAAC Update



You will have noticed that a major section of the scaffolding was dismantled and removed, over the half term.

Over the next few weeks, the remaining structure will be taken down. We are so pleased that the work being carried out inside the school is finally complete - I hope you had a chance to walk around the school and look at the changes, during parents' evening.

The overall project is currently still due to be completed by Christmas. It is highly likely that there will be some disruption to our regular drop off and collection points, in this final phase but please be assured that you will be kept up to date with any changes.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support, as we near the end of this major project.

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Little Wandle Reading Books - Reminder



Please help us to keep our books in good condition by encouraging your child to handle them carefully and store them safely when travelling to and from school. We kindly ask that water bottles are kept separate from reading books in school bags, as leaks can cause significant damage. Damage to a book, where it needs to be replaced, including loss of a book, may result in a £5 charge.

Reception children will be bringing their first Little Wandle reading books home next week having completed their first phonics check and they are very excited!

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure that all the children can continue to enjoy high-quality reading books.

Attendance

Out attendance to date, at the end of this week was sitting at **95.5%.** Thank you for helping your child get the most out of their education, by bringing them into school each day. Regular attendance is so essential because it builds strong academic foundations, supports social and emotional development, and ensures children do not fall behind in their learning.

If your child, is unable to attend school for any reason, please make sure you let us know, by contacting the school on the morning of each day of their absence. Wellbeing visits are carried out, by our school attendance team, if a child has not been in school for 3 days. Please be aware that we are not permitted to authorise term time absences or holidays.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance, please come in and speak to us so we can see if there is anything we can do to support you and your child.

Celebration of Learning

This week **RB** learnt about Remembrance Day and why people wear poppies. As part of this, we looked at the colours and shapes needed to make a poppy and then painted our own.



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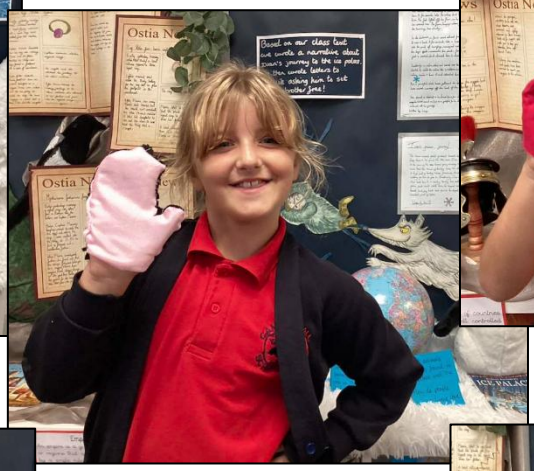
The children in **2G** have been researching David Attenborough to inform their upcoming biographies they will be writing. They used brain dumps to record everything they already knew about him, then continued to add facts as we completed their research.

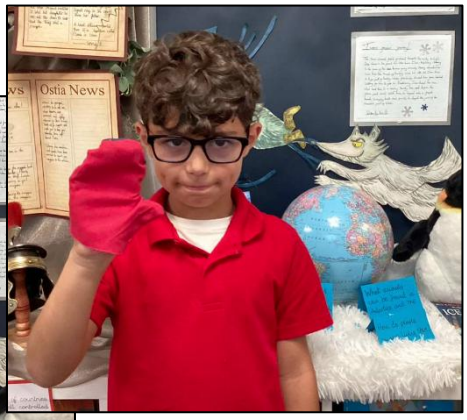


Previously, **4S** shared some D&T photos of us learning how to sew using the running stitch and over stitch. We thought you would like to see how we applied these skills to making an actual product - mittens. A big thank you to our wonderful volunteers who came to help us.



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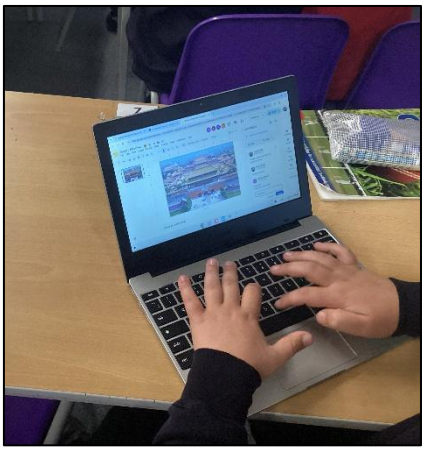


In Computing, we have focused on collaborative work. Using Google Slides chat function, we worked with children in both **6A-B and 6L** to create a slideshow about a chosen country. The children had to communicate ONLY using digital means which proved to be a bit tricky - some groups were more successful than others. We evaluated how this way of working could be effective but only when all participants are monitoring the chat and communicating appropriately.




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Bonfire Lunch



To mark Bonfire night, we had a special Bonfire lunch of hotdogs and chips followed by sparklet cake! It went down well









Bonfire Safety Assembly

This week, children in Years 1-6 took part in a Bonfire Night Safety Assembly, where they learned about staying safe around fireworks, sparklers, bonfires and at community firework displays. Ask your child what they can remember from the assembly and see if they can share some of the important safety messages they learned!

As many families will be enjoying Bonfire Night celebrations, we would like to remind everyone to stay safe by attending organised displays where possible, following instructions from event organisers, keeping a safe distance from fireworks and ensuring children are always supervised around sparklers and

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bonfires. We hope you all have a fun, safe and enjoyable Bonfire Night with your family and friends.

National Numeracy Week - photographs

We have had a fantastic week celebrating **National Numeracy Week**, with children across the school taking part in a range of activities designed to build their confidence and enjoyment of maths. Throughout the week, pupils explored how numbers are used in everyday life and developed their skills through fun challenges, problem solving activities and practical learning opportunities.

We focussed on building **number confidence**, helping children to recognise that everyone can be successful in maths with a positive attitude, perseverance and practice. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, resilience and determination shown by the children as they tackled new mathematical challenges in a variety of ways.

We are incredibly proud of their efforts and hope that the confidence they have developed this week will continue to support their learning throughout the year. Why not ask your child about their favourite National Numeracy Week activity and see what they can teach you about numbers at home!

Year 1 took part in a number confidence dance activity





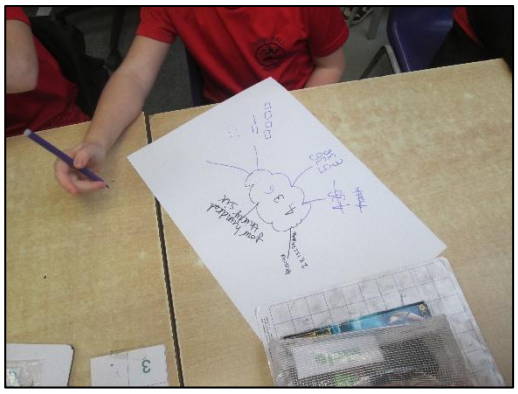
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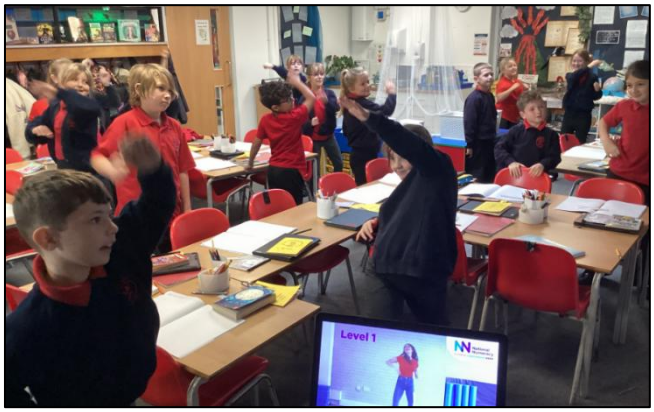
3BW We began with a 'big natter' discussing our achievements in maths and using numbers but also the things we can find tricky or challenging in maths. We talked about how we can overcome this and the support we can make use of in the classroom. We then worked in groups to explore a number by representing it, partitioning, find 1, 10 and 100 more less than the number. Finally, we completed a problem solving activity using a cupcake recipe. We used our sharing skills to work out how many cupcakes each of our family would get and then how the ingredients would change to double the recipe to 24 cupcakes.





4S As part of Number Confidence Week, our Maths lesson taught maths through dance and showed the children that Maths can be broken down into easy-to-follow steps, just like dancing. The more you practice the better you will get. After some dancing, we solved some dance maths problems.



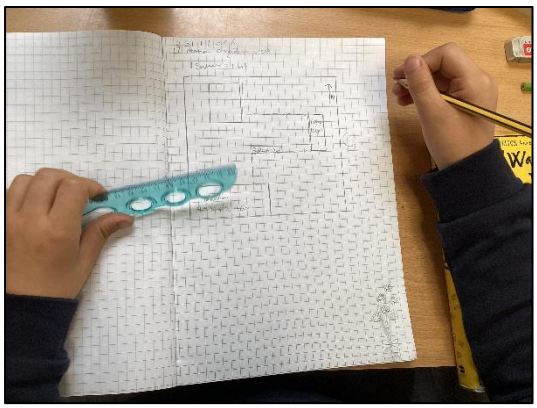


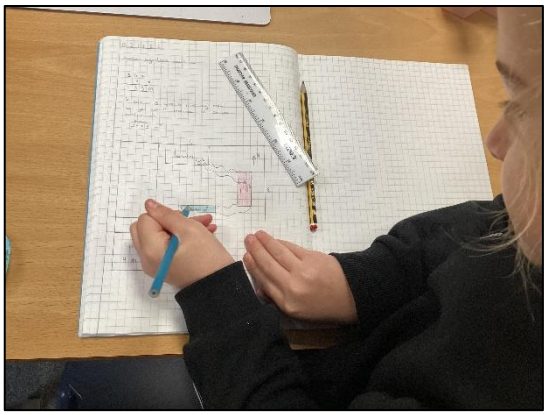
4HH started by joining in with learning a dance with Katya from Strictly Come Dancing, then we went on to solve some dance related problems. The last one was quite tricky!
The children enjoyed the dancing, especially as it got quicker and quicker at the end of the video!





The children in **Year 5** had to use their knowledge of area to design a petting zoo enclosure.





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Chartwells taster session

On **Thursday 23rd November**, our school lunch provider, Chartwells, will be leading an assembly for the children about making healthy choices and becoming "sugar savvy". Following the assembly, parents and carers are invited to a tasting session at pick up time, where both you and your child can sample a selection of the delicious school meals available. We look forward to seeing you there!



PTA - reminder

The PTA will be running the popular Christmas wreath making workshop again this year. Here is the link if you would like to book:
https://forms.gle/WZt8Dj1zDHKTDHjV7

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PTA Discos

If you are free to help the PTA with our upcoming discos, especially the KS2 discos, on **Monday 23rd November**, please contact the PTA to let them know. It would be such a shame to not be able to run these events, if we do not have enough people to help.

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The Friends Of Cann Hall School - PTA

2025/2026

Why are we always being asked for money?

What exactly does the PTA do? Where does the money go?

Money raised	
Wreath workshop	£92.00
Dress-down day	£175.83
Autumn discos	£495.30
Christmas class fundraising	£294.05
Christmas paper chains	£120.49
Elfridges	£248.91
Easter paper chains	£94.53
Easter discos	£623.06
Mother's Day pop-up shop	£472.81
Father's Day pop-up shop	£329.28
Sports Day refreshments	£57.46
Summer fete	£2,678.74
Whip It Like Webber donation	£240.50
Lloyds Foundation donation	£500.00
Galloper wind farm donation	£500.00
Lloyds Foundation donation	£900.00
TOTAL	**£7,822.96**

Money spent	
Year 1 zoo trip	£500.00
Year 2 Priory trip	£500.00
Year 3 beach trip	£500.00
Year 4 Viking workshop	£425.00
Year 5 Tudor workshop	£500.00
Year 6 cinema trip & snacks	£422.72
Year 6 residential coach	£1,179.00
Year 6 photo booth	£200.00
Year 6 bouncy castle	£280.00
Ice lollies for Year 3 beach trip	£15.00
Dyslexia screening tool	£412.31
Lego therapy sets	£294.44
Christmas crackers for Christmas dinner	£184.67
Table covers for Christmas dinner	£9.90
EYFS tea biscuits for new starters' parents/carers	£34.39
TOTAL	**£5,457.43**

Without the PTA, the majority of these things would not be possible!

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Children in need - reminder



On **Friday 13th November**, we will be supporting Children in Need. This year's campaign highlights the growing challenges facing many children and young people, including poverty, inequality and mental health pressures. To help raise money for this worthwhile cause, we are inviting children to come to school in non-uniform. Children may choose to wear either

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something Pudsey-themed, pyjamas, or simply their favourite comfy clothes in exchange for a donation.

Thank you for your support in helping to make a difference to disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

Lego® tokens in the Gazette - reminder



If you purchase the local newspaper, we would be very grateful if you could save the tokens that will be appearing over the coming weeks. Collecting these tokens gives our school the chance to win an Educational LEGO® package, which would provide a fantastic resource for our children's learning and creativity. Thank you in advance for your support.

2027 EYFS show arounds - reminder



We are now offering EYFS show arounds for our next cohort (2027-28) and you can book onto one of these tours, by filing out the form on the following link: EYFS Show around for 2027-28 intake booking form

Information and applications for September 2027 can be found on the Essex school's portal: Primary school places | Essex County Council and Applications open on **9th November 2026 and close on 15th January 2027.** (You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late)

When will you find out?
Emails for online applicants will be sent on 16th April 2027. If you applied online, you can log into your account to see your allocation. Find out more about what to do after you get your school offer.

On the Essex portal website, you will also find key information, such as admission policies, a short video about applying, an online booklet.

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Tesco's Café - Reminder



Tesco are continuing their 'Kids Eat Free' promotion 7 days a week until **18th December**, giving one free kids' meal with any full-price adult purchase when you scan a Clubcard—even an item as cheap as a 65p apple qualifies.

Upcoming dates for your diary

At the end of this letter, you will find information about **Free online workshops and** a **TEA group information poster, which is aimed at adoptive parents**

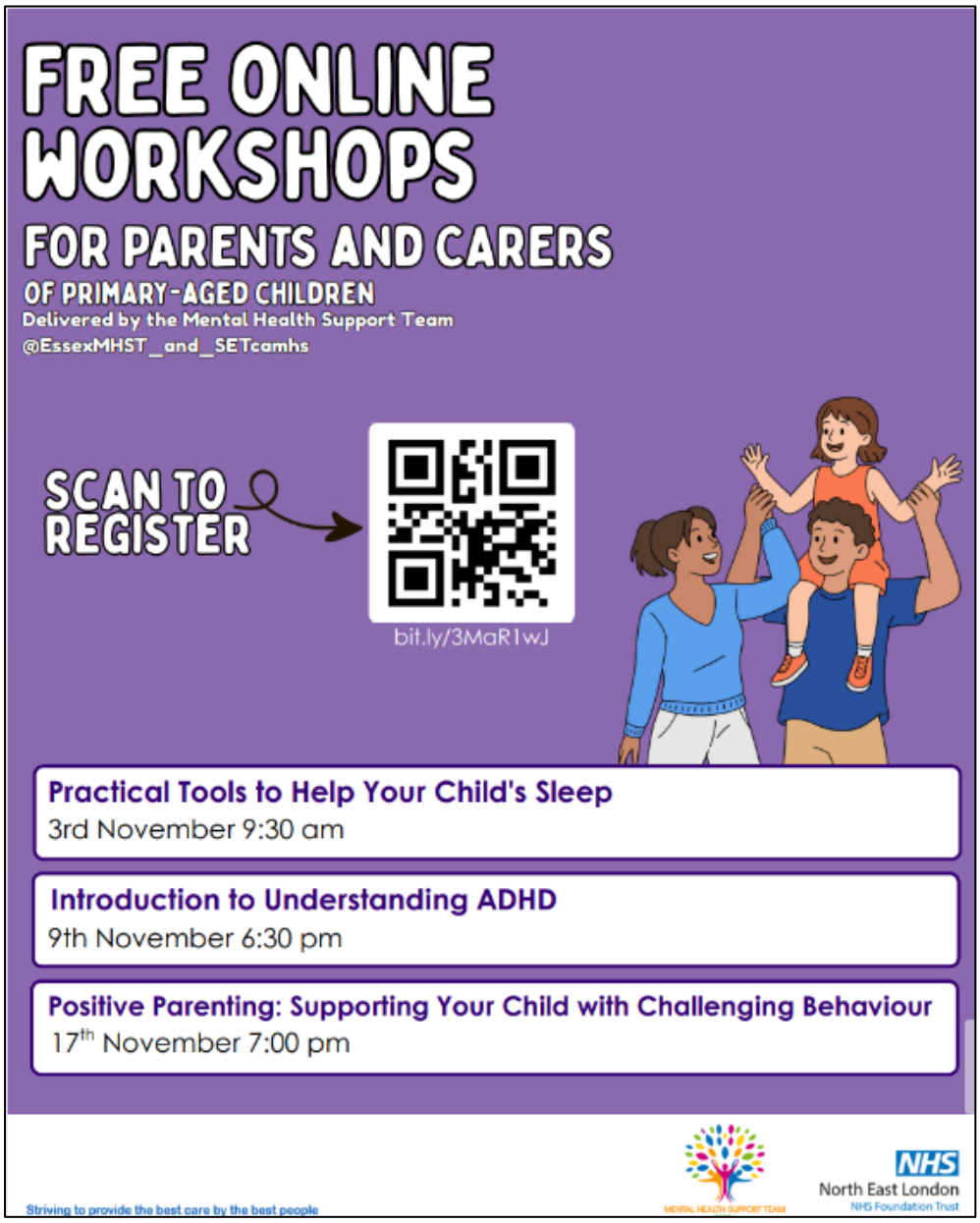
11.11.26: Year 6 Crucial Crew
11.11.26: Remembrance Day – scouts, brownies, etc can wear uniforms today
12.11.26: Michael Rosen Live Poetry Event
13.11.26: Children in Need Day
16.11.26: Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Week
17.11.26: Year 5 Trip to Princes' Theatre – Tendring Ambassador Celebration
18.11.26: Careers Fair
20.11.26: Individual and Sibling Photographs
23.11.26: Chartwells taster session after school
23.11.26: PTA Christmas Disco
30.11.26: PTA Wreath Making
07.12.26: PTA Christmas Pop Up Shop
08.12.26: Rocksteady Concert (tbc)
14.12.26: KS1 Nativity Assembly led by St John's Church
15.12.26: KS1 Nativity Performances
15.12.26: KS2 Christmas Dinners
16.12.26: KS2 Christmas Church Service at St John's Church
16.12.26: EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinners
16.12.26: EYFS Christmas Activity Afternoon
18.12.26: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Parties
18.12.26: Last day of term (gates open at 2.30pm)

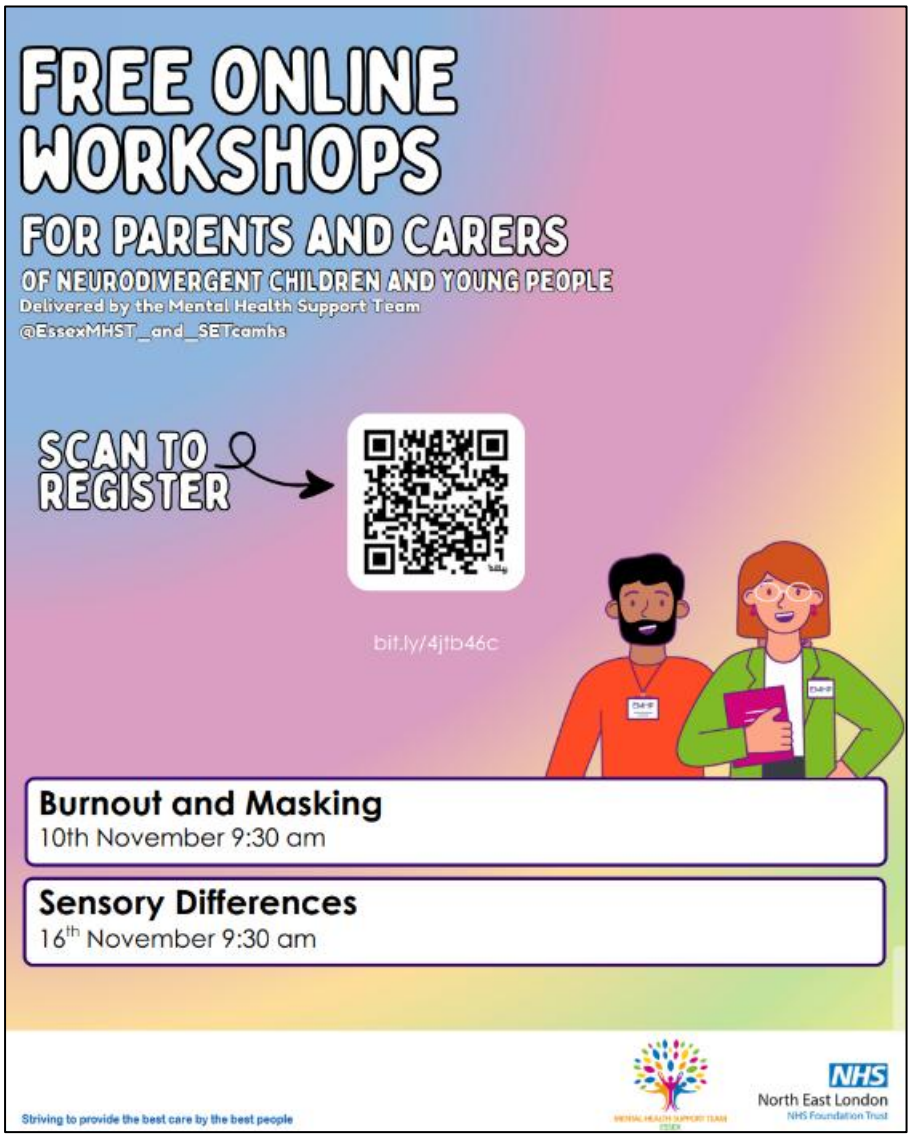
I have great weekend!

Kindest regards

Wendy Byrne

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FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS
FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
OF PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN
Delivered by the Mental Health Support Team
@EssexMHST_and_SETcamhs
SCAN TO REGISTER
bit.ly/3MaR1wJ
Practical Tools to Help Your Child's Sleep
3rd November 9:30 am
Introduction to Understanding ADHD
9th November 6:30 pm
Positive Parenting: Supporting Your Child with Challenging Behaviour
17th November 7:00 pm
Striving to provide the best care by the best people
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM
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TEA Group

Talking Education In Adoption

Essex is in an extremely lucky & unique position to have an Educational Psychologist co-facilitating TEA group with a worker from the Post Adoption Team.

TEA groups are for adoptive parents. There's a topic every other session, along with time for discussion about educational related issues you may be experiencing as a family. All adopters are very welcome – parents who have pre-school aged children, school-aged children and college-aged young people all attend. TEA groups support children and young people in mainstream school, home education and specialist provision.

Upcoming Sessions - online from 10am to 11.30am:

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER - NO TOPIC

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER - ORDINARILY AVAILABLE & ONEPLAN INTRODUCTION

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - NO TOPIC

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER - EHCP

THESE GROUPS ARE CONTINUINALLY UNDER REVIEW
- 'USE IT OR LOSE IT' -

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