

Newsletter 8th December 2023

Dear parents and carers

As we head towards the end of the autumn term, we still have lots of events and activities that we hope both children and families will enjoy. Please make sure you check the Dates for your Diary section further on in the newsletter and get any relevant dates into your calendar so you and your child do not miss out.

Children will continue with their normal timetable right up until the last day of term. On Tuesday 19th December, everyone can wear their own clothes to school; they will then enjoy games and Christmas activities in the morning, a delicious Christmas dinner at lunchtime, then parties in the afternoon. You can send your child in with a small snack to be enjoyed at the party, if you would like to – this is only for your child so please do keep it small!

We are looking forward to enjoying the last few days of another busy, successful term.

Mrs Sansom, Headteacher



Book Look – Thursday, 14th December

Our whole school book look is after school on Thursday 14th December. This is an opportunity for you to come into school, visit your child’s classroom and look at their books to see the work that they have been completing this term.



Please enter and exit the school via the blue doors at the Main Hall. The main front and back gates will be closed at 15:30.

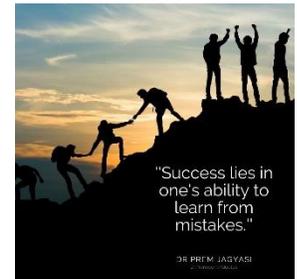
We are pleased to announce that our school library will be open until 4pm on that day, so if you would like to come to the library with your child to share a book then please feel free.

Vision for 2021-2026

EVERYONE LEARNING TOGETHER

Branfil is a vibrant learning community where we nurture lifelong learners who embody our school values and make a positive contribution to the world.

Adults and children feel valued and love learning together. Everyone thrives and achieves personal success through being happy, safe and confident learners, who ask questions, take appropriate risks, learn from their mistakes and seek help when needed.



Our value this half term is **EXPLORE**. In our learning community, we are curious, we ask questions and we learn from our mistakes.

Random Acts of Kindness

Many of our children chose to carry out random acts of kindness to support their own, and others’, mental health whilst spreading a little kindness and love. Thank you for all the kind donations from the sponsors. Our total raised so far is £428.50. Any money raised will go towards purchasing more equipment and resources to enhance our OPAL (outdoor play and learning) provision in the playground for everyone to access during lunchtimes.



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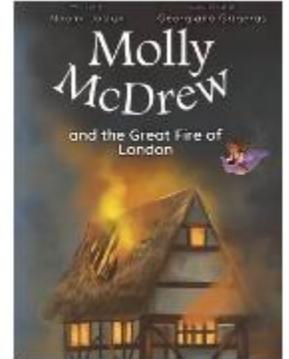
Please follow us @BranfilPrimary to see life at Branfil.

Christmas @ Branfil 2023

From Monday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom post boxes available 
Monday 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 Hazel Xmas performance to parents/carers
Tuesday 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception performing Christmas Songs
Wednesday 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 Lead Learner assembly (by invitation only) 3 Oak Xmas performance to parents/carers
Thursday 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Lead Learner assembly (by invitation only) 3 Maple Xmas performance to parents/carers
Friday 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branfil Choir singing outside Roomes Stores
Monday 18 th & Tuesday 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branfil Choir singing in the playground as children enter school
Tuesday 19 th	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Festive Tuesday - children can wear their own clothes, preferably with some sparkle! Morning – board games/Christmas activities Christmas lunch for pupils Afternoon – parties in classrooms (pupil to bring a snack each)

Author Event

As part of our aspiration assemblies, the children enjoyed a visit from author Naomi Joslyn who shared how she became a published author. She has written educational children's books that are full of exciting magical adventures which can be enjoyed at school or at home. The year 2 children really enjoyed the story session where they became immersed in the story, becoming the character Molly who travels to the time of the Great Fire of London. You can purchase Naomi's books at <https://www.dotters.co.uk/>. Her books are full of interesting descriptions and beautifully detailed illustrations.



History Trip - WW2

Year 6 had a great time at the RAF Heritage Centre in Hornchurch. They enjoyed finding out more about the 'Battle of Britain', the Home Front, our local heroes and much more. They got to go inside an Anderson shelter and try on some uniforms too!



Internet Safety



Please see a poster further on in the newsletter from Disney. They are offering safety advice to parents and carers.

Year 6 Workshop (Maths and English)

Thank you to the parents/carers and grandparents who attended the Maths and English workshop. If you were unable to attend then the PowerPoints and resources have been uploaded to Google Classroom.



Year 5 Parent Writing Workshop

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 5 writing workshop. Working with you and your children on some of the national curriculum objectives for upper key stage 2 was a pleasure.
Miss Ansell

Contact with teachers

A reminder to parents/carers that they can contact their child's class teacher by using the following emails:

acorns@branfil.havering.sch.uk
conkers@branfil.havering.sch.uk
year1@branfil.havering.sch.uk
year2@branfil.havering.sch.uk
year3@branfil.havering.sch.uk
year4@branfil.havering.sch.uk
year5@branfil.havering.sch.uk
Year6@branfil.havering.sch.uk

Excellence in the Arts

Mrs Hanson was very keen to nominate this week's winner and it's Felix from 1 Willow. Children were asked to try to complete the picture in the blank space by imitating the artist Paul Klee's style. They were allowed to choose the medium they would like to use out of colouring pencils and chalk pastels. Children then had to add geometric shapes and blend the colours to imitate the style of the artist and Felix did everything he was asked to, and did it beautifully. Well done Felix!



Reading Challenge

Another exciting reading challenge has come our way...



The free Winter Mini Challenge from the Reading Agency starts on 1 Dec and runs until 19 Feb. It's for children aged 4-11 and is all online and hosted by the Reading Agency.

You can sign up at wintermini.org.uk, read at least 3 books and unlock digital rewards and prizes along the way. Here's the overview to find out more information <https://readingagency.org.uk/news/>

Thanks and happy reading!

Information Resources and Support for Families

Homelessness: Tenants have numerous rights, including that local authorities must try to prevent them from becoming homeless, and that families with children will still be housed if that is the best way to help them.

Established in 1966, the charity Shelter has had a huge impact in preventing homelessness across the UK. Their solicitors provide free legal advice and attend court to help people who have lost their homes or are facing eviction: www.shelter.org.uk

Warm Coats Initiative Havering Libraries

All Havering libraries have introduced a Warm Coats Initiative this winter. They have adults and children's coats that anyone can pick up for free, no questions asked. They have a coat rail in each library where people can come in, try on and take home. Last year it was trialled at Rainham Library and 70 coats were given out in total.



If anyone has any donations of good quality, warm, clean and undamaged coats that these will be very welcome, just please ring up your local library before dropping off as we are unsure of how many donations they will be getting. Poster attached further on in the newsletter.

Break-time Snacks and Drinks

Fresh water is available for use by the children throughout the day. No other drinks will be allowed in classrooms but children may bring a bottle or carton to drink with their lunch. These should be stored on their class lunch trolley at the beginning of the day.

In Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, children are provided with a piece of fruit or a vegetable each day during morning break, funded by the government.



In Years 3-6, children are allowed to bring in fruit or vegetables from home for break-time. These should be labelled and put in the class basket daily, not left in their packed lunch bag as this can cause disruption at playtime.



Please note, WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL. We have pupils who have severe nut allergies which can be life threatening so no products containing nuts can be brought into school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Forest School volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help support us during our Forest School sessions. The support of volunteers from our school community is vital in helping us to provide this great experience for the children at Branfil. Volunteers can include parents, carers and extended family members. Please note that all volunteers will be required to have an up to date DBS check, which can be arranged via the school office if needed.



Responsibilities for volunteers at Forest School include helping to get resources ready for the session, supporting children with activities and helping to pack away at the end. The sessions are lots of fun and it is a great opportunity to spend some time in the great outdoors, it is worth noting that Forest School goes ahead whatever the weather!

We are looking for volunteers to support us with the following sessions:

- Tuesday afternoons from 1pm-3pm
- Wednesday mornings from 9:30am-11:30am
- Wednesday afternoons from 1pm-3pm

If you or a family member would like to volunteer please email Mrs Ferguson at forestschool@branfil.havering.sch.uk and let us know if you have a current DBS check or if you would like details about how to obtain one.

Cost of Living Support Available in Havering

Please find attached further on in the newsletter information regarding help with Pension Credit, Energy Doctors, Warm Spaces and Benefits Calculator.



Absent from School

Appointments should be made outside of school hours. If it is not possible to arrange a medical appointment, including doctors, dentist, opticians or hospital appointments, outside the school day, please send a copy of your appointment by text or email to: attendance@branfil.havering.sch.uk.

This is necessary in order for the absence to be authorised. Please email in advance of the appointment to ensure that the teacher is aware and your child/children are sent to the office ready for you to collect.

Please remember to contact the school when your child is absent on a daily basis. You can either email: attendance@branfil.havering.sch.uk or telephone the school on 01708 225186 and **press option 1 if you wish to leave a message.** Please leave your **child's name, class and reason for absence.** Please do not just say your child is unwell as we need to record a reason. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff, please hold on the line and your call will be answered.

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they will need to remain off school for 48 hours after the symptoms have cleared.

Authorised and Unauthorised Leave

We strongly recommend that holidays are not taken during term time since these cannot be authorised. For any other planned absence, in the event that this cannot be avoided, a formal request should be submitted as soon as it is anticipated and, where possible, before the absence. A leave of absence request form **must** be completed, assessable from the school office or by emailing: attendance@branfil.havering.sch.uk. The headteacher may require evidence to support any request for leave of absence.

Only the school, within the context of the law, can approve absence, not parents or carers. The headteacher will only grant a leave of absence to a pupil during term time if they consider there to be 'exceptional circumstances' (this does not include family holidays, weddings or birthdays).

The local authority can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from the school, where the child is of compulsory school age.

If issued with a fine, or penalty notice, each parent must pay £60 within 21 days or £120 with 28 days. The payment must be made directly to the local authority. If the payment has not been made after 28 days, the local authority can decide whether to prosecute or withdraw the notice. [O:\Primary\Attendance\Authorised and Unauthorised Leave.pdf](#)

School start time

A reminder that the back and front gates are open between 8.35 am and 8.45 am for children to arrive in school.

Any children who arrive after this time will receive a late mark. The minutes late, and reason for lateness, have to be entered onto our registration system, and the office staff will also ask for your child's lunch requirement – this can all mean a delay (especially if parents/carers have not consulted the menu in advance).

Reminder – pick up times

Please can all parents and carers ensure that they enter the playground via the front or back gate at the correct times:

Reception – 3:10pm
Year 1, 2 and Year 3 – 3:15pm
Year 4, 5 and 6 – 3:20pm



These staggered times help to ensure that the children leave school safely at the end of the day. Please remember to enter the playground at the designated time, line up in front of the correct class and once you have collected your child leave promptly. If you have more than one child to collect, please wait at the back of the playground until the next time slot. Managing the exit of all our pupils safely requires careful planning and organisation. By adhering to the times you are supporting us to maintain safe routines. Thank you.

Sharing concerns or making a complaint

We ask that you bring any matter of concern to the immediate attention of your child's class teacher, either in person at the end of the day as you pick your child up or through the year group email. All staff want to resolve any issues immediately so your child looks forward to being in school – please give them the chance to do that. Sharing negative issues on social media does not help your child and often makes a situation worse.

If you still do not feel that your concern has been resolved, the next step is to speak to your child's Year Leader – again, please make contact on the playground or through the year group email. Urgent issues can of course be raised by telephone alternatively.

Any issue that needs further support to resolve will be passed to a member of the leadership team and contact will be made, usually by telephone initially, often followed up by a meeting in person.

In the unlikely event that a resolution has not been found by this point, then we have a comprehensive Complaints Policy (available on the website), explaining what to do next.

Thank you in advance for your support in working in partnership for the benefit of your child.

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

Although this year all children in Reception through to Year 6 do not have to pay for school dinners, if you are in receipt of benefits, you may be entitled to Pupil Premium. By registering for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium now, you may be entitled to register with Havering's School Meal Holiday Scheme, which provides £15 per child per holiday week, as well as receive help from school with things like uniform, school trips, etc. For further details or to apply please go to: <https://www.havering.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

Contacting the school

Please be aware that if you contact the teachers during the school day they cannot be expected to read and respond to your email since they will be teaching. The teachers may check their emails during their lunch break, however, this is not a school expectation and they will not always have time to reply.



If you are emailing anything to do with attendance, e.g. illness or appointments, this must be sent to attendance@branfil.havering.sch.uk.

If you are emailing regarding a different collection time or arrangement, only let the teachers know if you are able to inform them before 8am on the day. After this time, please email office@branfil.havering.sch.uk. Please note, if the person collecting your child is on the pickup list you do not need to inform the school since they will be released to anyone on this list.

Happy Birthday!

Joshua, Lydia Nicole, Ailish, Waaiz, Isla-Rose, Max, Louie, Poppy, Emily, Oliver, Grace, Myla, Willow, George, Louis, Henry, Liam, Sienna, Natalia and William.



Inset days for 2024-25

Mon 2nd and Tues 3rd Sept 2024
Mon 6th Jan 2025
Mon 21st & Tues 22nd July 2025

Weekly Attendance Awards!

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27.11.2023 – 01.12.2023

The following classes won the Attendance Superstar Certificate for excellent attendance of over 97%: 3 Hazel, 5 Aspen and 6 Hornbeam



04.12.2023 – 08.12.2023

The following classes won the Attendance Superstar Certificate for excellent attendance of over 97%: 6 Acacia.



A special 'well done' to 3 Hazel and 5 Aspen for 100% attendance.



1st December 2023

Tillie - Acorns
Billie - Conkers
Kendra - 1 Pine
Rudy - 1 Lime
Saoirse - 1 Willow
Patty - 2 Cedar
Fletcher - 2 Beech
Poppy - 2 Holly
Alfie - 3 Hazel
Olivia - 3 Oak
Poppy - 3 Maple
Charles - 4 Birch
Emily - 4 Rowan
Isla - 4 Larch
Remi - 5 Alder
Jacob - 5 Aspen
Sofia - 5 Hawthorn
David - 6 Hornbeam
Billy - 6 Acacia
Bailey - 6 Chestnut



8th December 2023

Teddy - Acorns
Verity - Conkers
Teddy - 1 Pine
Ameleigh - 1 Lime
Alex - 1 Willow
Lochlan - 2 Cedar
Aisha - 2 Beech
Belle - 2 Holly
Emily - 3 Hazel
Kosi - 3 Oak
Harrison - 3 Maple
Amy - 4 Birch
Maddison - 4 Rowan
Blake - 4 Larch
Emanuel - 5 Alder
Brooke - 5 Aspen
Tommy - 5 Hawthorn
Rebekah - 6 Hornbeam
Jude - 6 Acacia
Bella - 6 Chestnut



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
Monday, 11 th December 2023	3 Hazel Xmas performance for parents/carers
Monday, 11 th December 2023	Flu Vaccinations - session 2
Monday, 11 th December 2023	Year 2 dress up as a continent day
Tuesday, 12 th December 2023	Reception Christmas Songs – 9:10-9:25am and 2:30-2:45pm
Wednesday, 13 th December 2023	KS1 Lead Learner Assembly (by invitation only)
Wednesday, 13 th December 2023	3 Oak Xmas performance for parents/carers
Thursday, 14 th December 2023	KS2 Lead Learner Assembly (by invitation only)
Thursday, 14 th December 2023	3 Maple Xmas performance for parents/carers
Thursday, 14 th December 2023	Book look for years 1-6 from 3.15-4.00pm
Friday, 15 th December 2023	Branfil Choir singing outside Roomes Stores
Friday, 15 th December 2023	Year 5 Parent Event – Sewing (D&T)
Monday, 18 th December 2023	Branfil Choir singing in the playground as children enter school
Tuesday, 19 th December 2023	Branfil Choir singing in the playground as children enter school
Tuesday, 19 th December 2023	Children’s Christmas dinner
Tuesday, 19 th December 2023	Class Christmas parties
Tuesday, 19 th December 2023	Children break up from school usual time
Wednesday, 20 th December 2023 – Wednesday, 3 rd January 2024	Christmas Break
Thursday, 4 th January 2024	INSET day
Friday, 5 th January 2024	INSET day
Wednesday, 31 st January 2024	Year 3 visit to Colchester Castle
Tuesday, 6 th February 2024	Year 2 visit to Upminster Park
Monday, 19 th February – Friday, 23 rd February 2024	February Half Term
Tuesday, 15 th March 2024	Year 2 visit to Call of the Wild
Thursday, 21 st March 2024	Year 5 and 6 - Young Shakespeare Theatre Group
Friday, 29 th March – Friday, 12 th April 2024	Easter Break
Monday, 13 th May – Thursday, 16 th May 2024	Year 6 SATs week
Monday, 20 th May – Friday, 24 th May 2024	Year 6 Residential to Gillwell Park Activity Centre
Monday, 27 th May – Friday, 31 st May 2024	Spring Half Term
Tuesday, 18 th June 2024	Year 5 visit to Nuclear Races
Thursday, 20 th June 2024	Reception visit to Barleylands
Wednesday, 24 th July 2024	Break up for the summer break



Thank you to all those parents, carers or grandparents who volunteered last year. Your support was really appreciated by our children and our staff.

We would love to welcome back our previous volunteers and welcome some new ones to our school community. If you are able to volunteer at Branfil, please e-mail the office (office@branfil.havering.sch.uk) with the following details:

- Your full name
- Your children's/ grandchildren's names (this helps us not to place you in the year group your children are in)
- Your availability and ideal days and times you would be willing to volunteer
- Any preference on what you would like to volunteer your time to do (e.g. hearing readers, supporting in the library)

I will then be in touch to complete your volunteer induction and finalise arrangements.

Mrs Metcalfe

SENCo and Assistant Headteacher



WANTED

If you have any of the items listed below now or in the future, please bring them into school FAO Mrs Mead (Tue-Fri) or Mrs Guttridge (Mon). Mrs Mead and Mrs Guttridge are usually on the playground in the mornings. Alternatively, donations can be given to the school office. Our resources always need replenishing!

Thank you to everyone in school community who was able to donate items over the past so far for our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) Project. Your donations help to provide the children at Branfil with a broad range of play opportunities at lunchtime.

 strollers	 scooters	 Dressing up costumes or accessories	 Instruments
 Cookware (for the mud kitchen)	 Sand play toys	 Water tables and water play accessories (e.g. buckets, watering cans)	 Role play accessories including tills (bigger the better)
 Fabric for den making (e.g. duvet covers, curtains)	 Small outdoor slides/rocking horses	 Plastic/ lightweight garden chairs	 Wendy house (please speak to us beforehand)
 Lengths of guttering/ pipes for water play and dens	 ropes	 tarpaulin	 If you have something else that you would like to donate, please speak to us!





At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many platforms which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience; these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.



Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years; your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Suthers is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and texting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





Friends of Branfil news: December 2023

Your newsletter about our PTA!

Website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbranfil/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BranfilPrimarySchoolPTA/>

Highlights:

THANK YOU for attending
our Christmas Bazaar &
Children's Present Sale!

The children looked like they had a great time and hope the adults did too. We are still crunching the numbers, but we are looking at a significant profit made to go straight back to the school for more play resources for your children!

A Special thanks to all the staff and parent helpers on the day, we really wouldn't be able to run the event without you all!

We would like to wish everyone a
Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year!



Upcoming Events

- Children's Christmas Present sale - Thursday 7th December

Products available:

Available to buy on our website now:

- Branfil Water Bottle
- Pre-Loved Uniform
- Adventure Island wristbands continue to be available online for collection from Pin Ups Salon, Gidea Park or school office on request.

Havering SEND Survey

The people involved in delivering support to Havering children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) would like to hear from you and your child. They want to know what you think services are doing well and what they must do better.

To do this we have created two short surveys. They can be completed on your phone or on a computer or tablet:

<p>Survey for Parents and Carers of Children and Young People with special educational needs or a disability</p>	<p>https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/education/35aff623</p> <p>Takes about 10 minutes, depending on how much information you give</p>	
<p>Survey for children and young people with special educational needs or a disability</p>	<p>https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/education/841989a8</p> <p>Takes about 5 minutes, depending on how much information you give</p>	

What you tell us about Havering's schools and other educational settings, the council's education teams, and local social care and health services, will help us shape the work we do over the coming years.

The improvements we plan to make based on your feedback will all be set out in a 'SEND and Alternative Provision Strategy' due to be published in early 2024.

Thank you so much any time and feedback you are able to give.



Asset type	Content	Copy
Pension Credit		<p>Pension Credit offers additional assistance for low-income individuals above State Pension age, regardless of other income or assets, ensuring added monthly income and various benefits.</p> <p>You or someone you know may be eligible.</p> <p>Check now: Financial help and advice The London Borough Of Havering</p>
Energy Doctors		<p>Keep costs down by saving on energy bills.</p> <p>Book your free Energy Doctor service to improve your home's energy efficiency.</p> <p>For more information: Financial help and advice The London Borough Of Havering</p>
Warm Spaces		<p>Struggling to heat your home?</p> <p>Save money on energy bills by using a free warm space near you.</p> <p>Find out more: Financial help and advice The London Borough Of Havering</p>
Benefits Calculator		<p>Financial worries?</p> <p>Find out what support you're entitled to with a Benefits Calculator.</p> <p>Find out more: Financial help and advice The London Borough Of Havering</p>





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Warm Coats Initiative

WE HAVE WARM WINTER COATS AVAILABLE FOR FREE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN AT ALL OF OUR HAVERING LIBRARIES SO COME ALONG AND PICK UP ONE FOR YOURSELF.

KEEP IN MIND WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF MORE SO IF YOU HAVE WARM, GOOD QUALITY COATS TO DONATE PLEASE RING UP YOUR NEAREST LIBRARY BEFORE DROPPING OFF.



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HAVERING CHRISTMAS LAND

**A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
TRAIL FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

29TH NOV TILL 1ST JAN | **HARROW
LODGE PARK
RM11 1JU**

4.30PM TILL 8.30PM

ENTRY IS £4.50PP INTO THE XMAS WALK
AND £7 PER CHILD FOR SANTAS GROTTTO
WITH A FREE GIFT FOR EACH CHILD

FOOD MULLED WINE & BEER PHOTO OPS

Book your tickets today!
Visit www.haveringmind.org.uk

Registered Charity No: 1108470

Essex Fire Museum - Open Days

Essex Fire Museum, GRAYS, Hogg Lane, Grays, Essex, RM17 5QS

Phone: 01376 576847

Email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Website: [Fire Museum \(essex-fire.gov.uk\)](http://Fire Museum (essex-fire.gov.uk))

Sunday 26th November 2023 and

Sunday 17th December 2023 (Christmas open day / Santa's grotto)



There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water☺). People can buy tickets for Santa's grotto (17th December) on site.

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only.....as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

If families are interested, could they please email: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk and tell us the number in their party and the time they would like to arrive (we are open from 10.30am to 4.00pm). This is just because we have to keep the station informed of numbers throughout the day.

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

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- Learn with Havering Music School's dedicated team of specialist teachers
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<p>BRONZE £33.67 per month 20 minute lesson for group of two</p>	<p>SILVER £56 per month 15 minute individual lesson</p>	<p>GOLD £89.50 per month 30 minute individual lesson</p>
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Havering Music School – Instrumental tuition request

Please complete one form per child, USING BLACK INK AND BLOCK CAPITALS.

Your child's details:

Name: Date of Birth:/...../.....M/F

I wish to apply for a place at my child's school:(name of school)

I wish to apply for a place at the Weekday or Saturday Music Centre (tick box here)

School Year:

Please decide which instrument(s) your child would like to learn, then enter the name(s) of the instrument(s) below

1st choice instrument

2nd choice instrument (optional)

3rd choice instrument (optional)

Current Level: BEGINNER GRADE

Now please decide which package you would like for your child -

BRONZE £33.67 per month **SILVER** £56 per month **GOLD** £89.50 per month Single ensemble £16.50 per month

Not available at Centre Unlimited ensemble £30.40 per month

Your contact details:

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr:

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Address:

Postcode:

Please send the completed form to: Havering Music School, The Walk, Hornchurch, RM11 3TL

The Council holds personal information about its customers and clients and Havering's residents. All the information about you that we hold is protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. The Act refers to users of personal information as "Data Controllers" (such as the Council) who must work within the requirements of the Act when receiving and using information about you.

Please find below an instruction to request payment by Direct Debits.

The total amount of your instrumental lessons will be collected monthly. Please complete the form fully and return it to us by detaching this form, folding and sealing it, and posting back to us.

The Direct Debit Guarantee

- This Guarantee is offered by all Banks and Building Societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit the London Borough of Havering will notify you 10 working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed.
- If you request the London Borough of Havering to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit by the London Borough of Havering or your Bank or Building Society, you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your Bank or Bank Society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when The London Borough of Havering asks you to.
- You can cancel your Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your Bank or Building Society. Written confirmation may be requested. Please also notify us.

Instruction to your Bank or Building Society to pay direct debits

Please pay the London Borough of Havering Direct Debits from the account detailed in this instruction subject to the safeguards assured by the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that the instruction may remain with the London Borough of Havering and, if so, details will be passed electronically to my Bank/Building Society.



Full postal address of your Bank/Building Society

To: The Manager.....
Address.....
Postcode.....

Name(s) of the Account Holder(s)
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Originator's Identification Number
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Signature(s)
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This section is not part of the instruction to your Bank/Building Society. **LBH use only**

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