

# Millhouse News

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## Dates & Reminders

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last Day of Term

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August – Summer Holidays

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> & Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Non-pupil days – school closed for pupils

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – children back to school

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Non-pupil days – school closed for pupils

Monday 27<sup>th</sup>- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Half Term Holiday

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of Term

## Parent Information

As we come to the end of the summer term, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. As always, the year has been a busy one and the children have all worked so hard and achieved so much. Please take a look at our website to remind yourselves of the different events and activities that have happened.

There will be a number of letters and emails that are sent out between now and the start of the new term, so please do check your emails and our website for latest updates and information.

Included in this newsletter is information on support services that are available for parents and children as well as information on Holiday Activity Clubs and discounted eating for children during the holidays.

We wish you all a lovely summer holidays and look forward to seeing the children back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

## Website Updates

Please check out the latest news and photos on our website:

<https://www.millhouse.essex.sch.uk/gallery/?pid=6&gcatid=2>

## **Support Services for Families**

### **Families in Focus**

Support for families for a range of areas including SEND, DLA, social and respite services

[helpline@fifessex.org.uk](mailto:helpline@fifessex.org.uk)

01245 353575

### **Motivated Minds**

Support with mental health and social wellbeing.

<https://motivated-minds.co.uk/>

### **Open Road**

Drug and alcohol recovery and support service

<https://www.openroad.org.uk/our-services/our-centres/basildon-centre/>

01268 531435

### **Essex COMPASS**

Domestic Abuse support

0330 333 7 444

<https://www.essexcompass.org.uk/how-can-we-help/>

### **Samaritans**

Emotional or mental health support – online or over the phone

<https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>

116 123

Changing Pathways

### **Domestic abuse support in Basildon**

<https://changingpathways.org/>

### **Childline**

Confidential online or telephone support for children

<https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/>

0800 1111

### **Essex SEND AISS**

Support for parents of children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities

<https://www.essexsendiass.co.uk/>

01245 204338

# WHAT IS ESSEX ACTIVATE?

Essex ActivAte is the name for the Holiday Activity and Food programme across Essex, run by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

## Who is the programme for?

Clubs are suitable for children aged 4-16 years old who are eligible for benefits based free school meals or from 'low income' working families who benefit from this extra support. Some clubs may offer paid spaces that run alongside Essex ActivAte, however these can be limited.

## What do the clubs offer?

Essex ActivAte clubs offer mainstream primary and secondary provision across the county, also dedicated mental wellbeing and SEND clubs. Each club delivers a variety of physical and enrichment activities, fun food education and a nutritious meal. Family support is also available alongside the programme.

## How can I book my child onto a club?

To book onto a club during February, May/June or October half term, head over to the Essex ActivAte booking page on our website, then select the area you live in or the category you require and follow the steps.

To book onto a club during the easter, summer or winter holidays, use the link on your WONDE e-Voucher to find a club and book on, or contact a club directly.

## What is considered 'low income'?


We understand that all families circumstances are different, therefore if you are in employment or on an income which means you are unable to attend a holiday club without our support – you can book on.





# HALF-TERM & HOLIDAYS EXPLAINED...



## EASTER, SUMMER & WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS


 The HAF programme runs in the easter, summer and winter holidays and is funded by the Department for Education. This is aimed solely at school children who receive benefits based free school meals during term time.

 Limited spaces are available for low income working families and other vulnerable groups who would otherwise not be able to afford holiday clubs. You can book onto our programme self-certifying.

 WONDE e-Voucher codes are sent by schools to all families eligible for benefits based free school meals. This code allows you to book onto local clubs and verify you are eligible for our programme.




## SPRING & AUTUMN HALF TERMS

 Funded by Essex County Council, Essex ActivAte run clubs during February, May/June and October half term for children on benefit based free school meals or from 'low income' working families.

 The half term programme is funded to provide spaces to those areas most in need across Essex.



 You will not receive a WONDE e-Voucher code to book onto our clubs during half term.

 You will need to book your child/ren onto a club through the Essex ActivAte website – simply find what clubs are available in your area then book onto a club using the link provided or by contacting the club directly.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!



# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

## **ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

## **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

## **ASK ITALIAN**

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

## **BEEFEATER**

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

## **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

## **BILLS**

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July – 29th Sept

## **BREWERS FAYRE**

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

## **BREWDOG**

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

## **BURGER KING**

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

## **CHIQUITO**

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

## **DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

## **FRANKIE & BENNY'S**

Kids Eat Free from 14<sup>th</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

## **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

## **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

## **HARVESTER**

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

## **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

## **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## **LAS IGUANAS**

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

## **MARCO PIERRE WHITE**

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

## **MORRISONS**

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

## **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

## **PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

## **PUREZZA**

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

## **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

## **SIZZLING PUBS**

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

## **TABLE TABLE**

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

## **TESCO**

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

## **TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

## **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

## **TOBY CARVERY**

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

## **WHITBREAD INNS**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

## **ZIZZI**

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)