

Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024 Issue 14



Passmores
ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN - 1 WEEK

Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a bit of a disaster this afternoon as our delivery has been delayed with our prizes for the 'Caught Doing Good'. The drivers must be overwhelmed with all the Christmas orders! I know that there were some disappointed young people, clutching their tickets, hoping their name would be called! Alas, they must wait until next week. The draw has been completed, and their names are in the newsletter, can I please ask that if you are a parent of one that you keep the secret so they can be surprised on Monday!

I am sure that we are all looking forward to this time next week, there are a lot of tired people in the building and many battling the bugs! But as we know this is the same every year and so we will dig in and make the most of the time we have together.

At the end of next week, we will have our celebration assemblies, the certificates are already piling high! There will be many excited young people I am sure, thankful for the recognition from staff. All students will be entertained with a few performances from the Christmas concert, which I have to say was amazing! We have such an array of talent, thank you to everyone who came along to support.

Natalie Christie
Principal of Passmores Academy

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TOP PASSMORES POINTS ACHIEVERS

Friday 6th to Thursday 12th December 2024

Knox, Blake	Year 7	28
Gordon, Albie	Year 7	26
Pioch, Molly	Year 7	25
Seip, Joshua	Year 7	25
Warren, Fletcher	Year 7	25
Groves, Alaina	Year 7	24
Sava-Luchian, Eric	Year 7	24
Adesina, Dorcas	Year 7	23
Labalpiny, Megan	Year 7	23
Payton, Summer	Year 7	23

Jackson, Annie	Year 8	50
Biro, Emma	Year 8	35
Jones, Bailey	Year 8	34
Surer, Shakil	Year 8	34
Bozkurt, Saner	Year 8	32
Toku Appleton, Ethan	Year 8	31
Addison, Anyia-Joan	Year 8	30
Evans, Tillie	Year 8	30
Hollands, Max	Year 8	29
Lai, Korey	Year 8	29
Shurman, Maisey	Year 8	29

Year Group Attendance (2 nd to 6 th December 2024)	
Year 7	92.88%
Year 8	90.88%
Year 9	88.01%
Year 10	89.61%
Year 11	84.32%
All Students	89.19%

Atkinson, Reece	Year 9	26
Goh, Eik Tian	Year 9	26
Perez-Dusza, Cherry	Year 9	26
Zborowski, Oskar	Year 9	26
Renker, Grace	Year 9	25
Crook, Lacey	Year 9	24
Hockley, Rhys	Year 9	24
Barnes, Kye	Year 9	23
Clark, Layla	Year 9	23
Uddin, Ayaan	Year 9	23

Kearns, Gwen	Year 10	35
Young, Lacey	Year 10	24
Shaw, Sadie	Year 10	23
Goody, Rebecca	Year 10	21
Aiyamenkhue-edigin, Joanne	Year 10	20
Damiral, Freyja	Year 10	19
Honan, Faraya	Year 10	19
Wan, Jennifer	Year 10	19
Foster-Gaish, Lily-May	Year 10	18
Harvey, Jersey	Year 10	18
Snell, Christie	Year 10	18

Meredith, Dylan	Year 11	33
Wilson, Tyreece	Year 11	30
Batt, Luke	Year 11	27
Boothby, Crystal	Year 11	27
Budzinski, Wojciech	Year 11	27
Newman, Abbie	Year 11	27
Cooper, James	Year 11	25
Saint, Miley	Year 11	21
Vatansever, Savash	Year 11	20
Boyce, Jack	Year 11	18

PASTORAL UPDATE

Thought for the Week

This week, students participated in **session two of our 'Mind Matters' programme**, focusing on identifying and recognising emotions. This important step helps students understand what they and others are feeling, building their emotional literacy and resilience. Being able to label emotions accurately is key to managing them effectively.

Students also engaged in their second **'Time to Talk' session**, which explored the theme **"What are you best at in life?"**. This reflective activity encouraged students to recognise their strengths and align them with their emotional well-being, reinforcing the ideas introduced in the 'Mind Matters' session.

In the News

This week's In the News segment focused on **"Online Gaming: Staying Safe Online."** Students explored how to enjoy online gaming responsibly while staying safe:

- **Positive Experiences:** Gaming can be fun and social, but harassment and discrimination can occur in gaming lobbies. Knowing how to report and block inappropriate behaviour is essential.
- **Stranger Danger:** Online gaming may connect young people with strangers, but almost all platforms offer restrictions to limit contact and block unfamiliar players.
- **Balance and Moderation:** Spending too much time gaming can impact physical and mental health. Diversifying hobbies is essential for well-being.
- **In-Game Spending:** In-game purchases can be a source of concern for parents and guardians. Students learned the importance of getting adult permission before spending money and using parental controls to avoid unauthorised purchases.

Other News

This week was packed with festive activities and student achievements:

- **Year 11 students** continued refining their **personal statements and CVs**, preparing for their post-16 options. They also participated in **PE House events**, representing their House and Year Group with pride.
- Our **Passmores Acts of Christmas Kindness (PACKs)** campaign continued, with **Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday** being a particular highlight. The creative and colourful jumpers on display added to the festive spirit!
- The **Christmas Concert** on Thursday night showcased incredible talent, with students impressing everyone with their performances. A huge well done to all involved!
- A particular highlight this week was the **Principal's Challenge Trip**, where students who qualified enjoyed a trip to the cinema to watch **Red One**. It was a well-deserved treat for their hard work and dedication this term!

Looking Ahead to Next Week

As we approach the end of the term, the final week promises to be filled with celebration and reflection:

- **Thought for the Week:** Each House will come together to acknowledge and celebrate their achievements this term, adding a sprinkle of festive cheer to the proceedings.
- **In the News:** Students will participate in a **Quiz of the Year**, reflecting on 2024 and its key events as we prepare to close another term.
- **Final House Events:** On Monday, the **English Department will host a Spelling Bee**, giving students one last chance to showcase their House pride.
- **Non-Uniform Day:** On Thursday, students in the winning House in each year group will enjoy a non-uniform day as a reward for their efforts.
- **PACKs Grand Finale:** The week will culminate on Friday with the **annual Christmas Sing-Along** in the Heart Space, hosted by none other than DJ Bell. This much-loved tradition promises to send us into the holiday season with festive joy and community spirit!

Let's end the term with enthusiasm and togetherness. Wishing everyone a fun-filled, festive final week!



CAUGHT DOING GOOD...

(Monday 9th – Friday 13th December 2024)



Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Emma Reina Elsiemay Cooper Stanley Smith Jack Jordan	Mason Bartram Kyei Kwarteng Anyia-Joan Addison	Maci Evans Aimee Matthews Esme Smith Ella-Rose Judge	George Howell Hassan Mahmuud Robbie Clark-Harding Vinny Mallia	Lewis Richards Ethan Rouse Charlie Doye Alfie Read-Smith

A special mention must go to our Year 11 boys: Lewis Richards, Ethan Rouse, Charlie Doyle and Alfie-Read Smith for their wonderful(ish) Christmas Carol singing during their lunch break in order to catch the eye of our Caught Doing Good spotters...



Well done boys your efforts paid off!



Chit Chat and Chocolate



			
Louis Dinnell	Molly Pioch	Timy Pascal	Dorcas Adesina
Ava Dorrington	Rachel Ricketts	Jessie Powell	Lillie-Rose Jones
Josh Norris	Eric Sava-Luchian	Harley Smeed	Lois Nunn
Maisie Reid	Luke Taylor	Danielle Winckless	Calum Stryczek

SUBJECT/INFORMATION UPDATES

French

The French Pop Video Competition is a national competition organised by Francophonie UK for all KS1 to KS5 students of French in the UK.

Since 2019, the competition has revealed many talented young singers and encouraged students to engage with French in a creative way.

From the writing of a song to its singing (or rapping!) and video shooting, former participants have expressed how empowered the contest has made them feel.

With the French Pop Video Competition, students get the chance to practice French in a very different and fun way.

Not only do they improve their writing skills and enrich their vocabulary by creating their own lyrics, but they also practise their speaking skills while shooting the video and create lifelong memories related to their French class.

Register here by: 16 March 2025 [French Pop Video Competition - Institut Français · Royaume-Uni](#)

- **Create:** your song (music and lyrics)
- **Shoot:** a music video
- **Submit by:** 11 May 2025

Grand national winners will be announced on 25 June 2025 during an official ceremony followed by a pop concert at the Institut français du Royaume-Uni in London.



SPORTS/PE UPDATES

Football – Year 11 Boys – Essex Cup Competition

On Thursday 5th December, the Year 11 boys played their second round in the Essex cup football competition. We hosted Beaulieu school from Chelmsford, and with the squad at full strength meant there would be some tough decisions on the starting 11, but they know it's not just about the ones starting and that every player will make a positive contribution.



The game was only 5 minutes in when Harry Smith was brought down on the edge of area and stepped up to smash the free kick into top right-hand corner. Passmores then kept up the pressure with wave after wave of attacks and soon a fantastic through ball from Mikey Willet put Harry Smith one on one with the keeper and slotted it home to make the score at 2-0 at halftime.

The away team made some tactical changes after the break and had some real sustained periods of pressure but the Passmores back 4 stood firm especially with Bobby McDonald and Tommy Newnham making some excellent interventions. However, they did get one goal back to make a game of the last ten minutes, but that man Harry Smith popped up with his hat trick goal to kill off the match. Well done boys, onto the next round!

Football – Year 11 Boys – Harlow District Fixtures

On Wednesday 11th December the Year 11s played the first of their Harlow district football fixtures against the town's strongest school St. Marks. The boys played fantastic from start to finish and it was topped off with a last-minute winner by Mikey Willet for a Passmores 2-1 victory.

A full report will follow from our in-house sports journalist Mr Lovell.

Rugby – Year 10 Boys – West Essex Tournament

Last week, our Year 10s played at the West Essex rugby tournament under the floodlights at Harlow rugby club. We were 1 of 4 schools competing to become District Champions.



First up was Davenant who were the favourites coming into the competition, so it was always going to be a tough game, but the boys kept fighting until the end and gave a very good account of themselves to come away with a 17-5 defeat to the overall winners.

The next two fixtures were very important, and it was great to see the team keeping up the standards from the first game in our subsequent matches.

Coming away with two fantastic wins against St. Marks, our local rivals, with a big 17-7 win and against West Hatch with a narrow 5-0 making us the 2nd best team in the district.

A fantastic contribution and a great way to end the rugby season for us. Well done boys!

Football – Year 8 & 9 – Girls – Harlow District Tournament



Let's start with a round-up of the girl's football teams at Passmores. It's been a busy few weeks for our girl's football in the Harlow District Football Tournaments.

Our Seniors and Year 8 & 9 took to the pitch on Thursday 5th December. Seniors came out runners-up with the Year 8 & 9 squad being champions, winning every game!

Football – Year 7 – Girls – Harlow District Tournament

Thursday 12th December saw our Year 7s take to the pitch. They finished the tournament joint second but saw us being awarded 3rd place on goal difference. A big well done to all players who took part to represent our school. The football season has been unbelievable with numbers increasing each week which has helped contribute to the success seen on the field.

Cross Country – West Essex District

Friday 6th December saw our cross-country team head to Woodford to take part in the West Essex District Cross-Country. Well done to all who took part. A massive well done to our Year 7, Charlie Mahon who came 3rd! This is usually an event which is highly dominated by the bigger schools and the schools with greater sporting prestige, so it was amazing for Passmores to show that we also have some excellent talent.



Duke of Edinburgh

The Duke of Edinburgh Award
Silver

Duke of Edinburgh Parent Information Meeting
(For students who have completed Bronze Award)

Passmores Academy
Y005

Wednesday 18th December
5:00pm – 5:40pm



GSK Apprenticeships

GSK school leaver Level 3 Engineering Technician apprenticeships are now open for students to apply to. They are holding an Apprentice Job Fair on the 9th of January for students and parents to learn more about the apprenticeship roles and the application process.

Registration for this event closes on the **18th December 2024**, and they may close earlier if they reach capacity. The event will be held at their Sports & Social Club in Ware. There are 2 sessions to choose from: 16.30-17.30 or 18.00-19.00.

Register to attend the Job Fair now via: <https://forms.office.com/r/jaJLGFdExD>

Application process now open to apply for apprenticeships with GSK, commencing September 2025. As well as Level 3 Engineering, they also have multiple level 6 apprenticeships for anyone leaving college or sixth form.

Search gsk.com/careers or apply for Ware roles via:



Professional CV Advice for Year 11's

M&G, a leading global investment management company are offering Passmores students in Year 11 a free **Student CV Review** service.

This unique opportunity is perfect for students who already have a CV prepared and want professional, tailored feedback. Experienced M&G volunteers, including senior leaders, will help students stand out in their entry-level, part-time, or apprenticeship applications.

Students will receive expert guidance and suggestions for edits to elevate their CVs. This is ideal for students who already have a CV prepared and would like some feedback before submitting it for real-world applications.

How to Book: Click [here](#) and select the “Make an online enquiry” button at the bottom of the page. Spaces are limited, so don't delay! CVs must be submitted before the holidays to ensure M&G volunteers can begin their reviews in the new year.

Year 11 - Imminent closing dates for sixth form applications:

Epping St Johns - Thurs 19th December
The Bishops Stortford High School - Fri 20th December
Birchwood - Fri 20th December
Leventhorpe - Fri 20th December

Book now for the following open dates:

Stansted Airport College - Thursday 23rd January, [Stansted Airport College - Open Events](#)
Harlow College - Tuesday 11th February, [Harlow College - Harlow College Open Evening](#)

School Leaver Engineering Apprenticeships

Level 3 Food & Drink Manufacturing Engineer - Riverway Food, Harlow

Requires GCSE maths grade 5-9, English and science 4-9

£13,977 pa

4 year apprenticeship

Closing date 20th Dec

Level 3 Apprentice Electrical Engineer - Yunex Traffic, Enfield

Requires GCSE maths, English and science grade 4-9

£23,000pa

Closing date 21st Feb

Level 3 Apprentice Engineer - Warburtons, Enfield

Requires maths (5-9), English and Science (4-9)

Closing date 31st Dec

These are being advertised on [Find an apprenticeship - GOV.UK](#)

Tottenham Hotspurs Sports Turf Apprenticeship, closing date 20th December,

https://ce0812li.webitrent.com/ce0812li_webrecruitment/wrd/run/etrec179gf.open?vwid=9447152BOp

Sixth Form & College Open Dates 2024/2025

Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
The Bishop's Stortford High School www.tbshs.org	01279 868686	Weds 6 th Nov Application deadline Fri 20th December
BMAT STEM Academy www.bmatstemacademy.org	01279 621570	TBA
The College at Braintree (Now part of Colchester Institute) www.colchester.ac.uk	01206 814000	Tues 21 st Jan 5pm-7pm
Cambridge Regional College www.camre.ac.uk	01223 418200	Sat 16 th Nov 9.30-12.30 Sat 25 th Jan 10-12.30 Thurs 24 th April 4.30-7.00
Capel Manor College, Enfield www.capel.ac.uk	08456 122122	Tues 19 th Nov 5.30-7pm Thurs 16 th Jan 5.30-7pm Sat 22 nd March 10-3pm
Chelmsford College www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk	01245 265611	Weds 5 th Feb 6-8.30 Weds 21 st May 6pm

New City College (Epping Forest), www.ncclondon.ac.uk	0208 508 8311	Sat 23 rd Nov 10-2.00 Sat 25 th Jan
Epping St Johns 6 th Form www.eppingstjohnsschool.org/	01992 573028	Weds 20 th Nov 6-8pm Application deadline Fri 20th December
F2 Academy www.vluk.org/course-location/f2academy/	07525 495818	TBA
Fashion Retail Academy www.fashionretailacademy.ac.uk	0207 3072345	Sat 30 th Nov Sat 14 th Dec Sat 11 th Jan
Harlow College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01279 868000	Tues 11 th Feb 5.00-8.00 Weds 30 th April 5.00-8.00
Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge www.hrsfc.ac.uk	01223 247251	TBA
Hertford Regional College www.hertreg.ac.uk	01992 411400	Thurs 21 st Nov 5.30-8.00 Tues 4 th Feb 5.30-8.00 Thurs 1 st May 5.30-8.00
Herts & Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford www.hertsandessex.herts.sch.uk	01279 654127	Thurs 12 th Nov 5.30-8.30pm
Colleges & Sixth Forms	Contact No.	Open Date
Hockerill Anglo-European School, Bishop's Stortford www.hockerill.herts.sch.uk	01279 658451	Sat 23 rd Nov Application deadline Fri 13th December
Leventhorpe School, Sawbridgeworth www.leventhorpe.net	01279 836633	Tues 5 th Nov 6.00-9.00 Application deadline Fri 20th December
Presdales Sixth Form www.presdales.herts.sch.uk	01920 462210	Thurs 14 th Nov 6-8pm Application deadline Fri 6th December
Sir Frederick Gibberd www.sirfrederickgibberdcollege.org	01279 307235 (c/o Burnt Mill Academy)	Sat 16 th Nov 9.30-12.30 Application deadline Fri 31st January
St Marks School, Harlow www.st-marks.essex.sch.uk	01279 421267	Thurs 7 th Nov 7pm-9pm Application deadline Fri 7th February
St Mary's Catholic School, Bishop's Stortford www.stmarys.net	01279 654901	Thurs 7 th Nov 6-8.30pm
Stansted Airport College www.harlow-college.ac.uk	01799 513030	Thurs 23 rd Jan Weds 7 th May
Writtle College www.writtle.ac.uk	01245 424200	Sat 16 th Nov Sat 1 st March

ANY OTHER INFORMATION

Last Friday (6th), the Friends of Passmores held their annual Christmas market.

We had an amazing time and raised just over £1000 on the night! We do have some gifts left over so if you would like to get your hands on some reindeer food, magic glitter, Santa keys or bracelets, please send your young person in with some money (all priced at £1 each) this week and next to collect from Mrs Cooper in Y030.



FOPs

Last year Friends of Passmores signed up to EasyFundraising... the easiest way to raise money for our school!

Easyfundraising partners - with over 7,500 brands will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice, and it won't cost you any extra as the cost is covered by the brand!

If you're shopping, make sure you use #easyfundraising. Over 8,000 retailers will donate, so you can raise a FREE donation for Friends of Passmores every time you grab a bargain, whether that's gadgets, electricals, games consoles, toys, clothes, gifts or anything else!

We have raised nearly £200 so far but we would love more of you to join.

Please follow this link to sign up.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends-of-passmores> or scan the QR code



easyfundraising

It's the most wonderful time to support us

Raise free donations while you pick up Christmas gifts online

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M&S	moonpig	GROUPON	Boots	Booking.com	+8,000 other retailers



easyfundraising

Turn Black Friday into Give Back Friday

Raise donations for us when you shop the sales

%

[Moments] that **make (it) count**

RAISE A DONATION

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday 20 th December 2024	Early Closure for Students – 12:30pm
Thursday 19 th December	Year 11 Celebration Assembly 10.40am
Friday 20 th December	Year 7 and 8 Celebration Assembly – P1 Year 9 and 10 Celebration Assembly - P2
Monday 23 rd December – Friday 3 rd January 2025	Christmas Holiday
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY (4)
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Spring Term 1 Begins
Friday 31 st January 2025	INSET DAY (5)
Monday 17 th February - Friday 21 st February 2025	Half Term

Update Your
Contact Info



Moved house? Changed your phone number? Have you let us know?

Please can you remember to let us know if any of your contact details have changed, so that so that we can update our records.

You can do this easily by emailing our Data Team:
datateam@passmoresacademy.com or via the Arbor app.



Interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher?
Contact Gareth Walsh on g.walsh@passmoresacademy.com

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookeys and electric decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labeling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, tapping Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY CAMP



Pemberley Academy Primary School
Hodings Road, Harlow CM20 1NW

Camp Dates:
23rd & 24th Dec
2nd & 3rd Jan

9AM - 3PM



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Email info@superstarsport.co.uk



Essex County Council



Visit Santa's Hollow



As a special surprise for
Children with Additional Needs,
Santa, is setting up a temporary home in Harlow, for families to visit.

Santa is making this event really relaxed, as he knows that Christmas can be an
overwhelming time.

This year, Santa has some interesting company – a whole cast of Christmas characters,
both naughty and nice! Keep an eye out for any mischief-makers who might be plotting
to stop Christmas from happening and make sure to report them to Santa's Friends, who
truly love the holiday. Let's work together to keep the Christmas spirit alive and well!

Whilst with us in Santa's Hollow, you can take part in various activities, including painting a
figurine and decorating gingerbread biscuits.

You can also have a chat with the Big Man himself in his cabin, who will be giving out gifts
to all those amazing children, that he knows have tried their very best this year!

Write and post your letter to Santa in our special delivery post box too.

There will be some great photo opportunities, helping to us to bring the Spirit of Christmas
to your family, creating beautiful memories for all.

Santa and Friends will be visiting on
Sunday 1st Dec, Sunday 8th Dec and Sunday 15th Dec

Held at Plant Pots & Wellies, Harlow For more info and to book a ticket, please ask
for more details. Tickets are limited. Pre booking only

*Plant Pots & Wellies is a voluntary community project that provides horticultural therapy and
other activities for both children and adults with additional needs*



Spirit of the Season Raffle

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FOR DETAILS ON ALL THESE ORGANISATIONS
AND MORE, PLEASE CHECK OUT FRONTLINE

essexfrontline.org.uk



HARLOW COMMUNITREE

Harlow Hive is a campaign group of people living in Harlow, taking action to make people's lives here better. If you feel an organisation should be on this communitree, please contact hello@harlowhive.org.
Disclaimer: Organisations are presented for information only, rather than endorsement.

There are many organisations in Harlow working to offer support, but often people don't know what is out there until they are in crisis.

At Harlow Hive, we have worked to produce a way of increasing awareness of the variety of services available and how to access them. Our aim has been to make this as clear and engaging as possible, and we are very proud of how the communitree has come together.

Follow the branches to a specific area of help and click on the organisations' logos to find out more.

Spotlight on services... FREE Parenting courses

Did you know, **ACL Essex** has a wide range of parenting courses, some are face to face, some are virtual, some are one off and some are a series. They are all FREE.

Subjects include;

- SEND support for families
- Positive Parenting
- Family Wellbeing
- Understanding Teens.

ACL will also collaborate with you to provide bespoke courses where you have a cohort of parents.

For further information
[Community & Family Learning - ACL Essex](#)