

Bus Passenger News

Bus Passenger News provides information on forthcoming local bus service changes in Essex. A summary of each change is provided below. If you would like further information about a particular service, contact your Transport Provider – contact details are available from www.TravelEssex.co.uk.

TravelEssex has agreed common registration dates for new registrations, variations, and cancellations. At the time of publication, the next change date is:

Sunday 30 August 2026

Service	Route & Transport Provider	Summary of Changes	Start Date
4	Harlow Bus Station – Latton Bus <i>First Essex Buses</i>	All journeys operated by <i>First Essex</i> on behalf of Essex County Council will be subcontracted to <i>Central Connect</i> . All journeys operated by <i>First Essex</i> on a commercial basis will be withdrawn.	29/08/2026
4	Harlow Town Railway Station – Circular via Latton Bush <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Journeys funded by Essex County Council on weekdays and Saturdays will be subcontracted from <i>First Essex</i> to <i>Central Connect</i> .	30/08/2026
21-21S	Canvey – Southend <i>First Essex Buses</i>	Additional journey on route 21S, departing from Southend Travel Centre at 15:40 and arriving at Canvey, Creek Road at 17:47 (school days only). Minor adjustments to some Monday to Friday Service 21 journeys, including the 07:05 departure from Southend calling at Canvey Morrisons, and the 15:50 journey towards Southend no longer calling at Canvey Morrisons.	02/09/2026
22 (Thurrock)	Grays – Aveley <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised route and timetable. The Monday to Friday extension to and from Purfleet is withdrawn. Additional evening journey each way introduced on Monday to Saturdays. Timetable adjustments on all days of the week.	29/08/2026

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27	Hullbridge – Canvey Island <i>First Essex Buses</i>	Minor adjustment to the 14:30 journey from Leigh Beck on Monday to Fridays.	30/08/2026
33 (Thurrock)	Chafford Hundred – Grays <i>Ensignbus</i>	Service withdrawn. Replaced with an extension to Service 88.	29/08/2026
40	Aldi – Witham – Ebenezer Close <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Service extended to Aldi with revised timetable and introduction of off-peak timetable on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.	30/08/2026
42	Braintree – Sudbury <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Service withdrawn. Replaced with new Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses) Service 85-86-87.	29/08/2026
43-42	Sudbury – Colchester <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Current 43 and 43A variants withdrawn. Most daytime journeys via 43B route (renumbered 43), evening and occasional daytime journeys via current X43 route (renumbered 42).	30/08/2026
43-44-45-46-50	Shotgate – Billericay or Ingatestone <i>NIBS</i>	Revised timetable to improve punctuality and align with school start and finish times.	01/09/2026
44-44A	Long Melford – Colchester <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Revised timetable on all days. Most journeys extended to/from Long Melford. Short journeys between Long Melford & Sudbury introduced on weekdays. Service 44A will no longer serve Lexden Road and Chapel Road in West Bergholt and will instead serve the stops on Colchester Road, including Treble Tile, in common with the Service 44 route.	30/08/2026
44-44A (Thurrock)	Lakeside – Grays <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised route and timetable. On Monday to Saturdays the service will operate between Grays and Lakeside via Purfleet every hour. There will also be an hourly service on Monday to Saturdays from Grays to Ockendon Station via Purfleet and Aveley (labelled as Service 44A). Sunday timetable is largely unchanged with only very minor adjustments to timings.	29/08/2026
49	Basildon – Shenfield School <i>NIBS</i>	Revised timetable to improve punctuality and to align with start and finish times of the school.	01/09/2026
73 (Thurrock)	Tilbury – Lakeside <i>Ensignbus</i>	Route extended from Tilbury Civic Square to Tilbury ASDA. Additional evening journeys towards Tilbury on Monday to Saturday evenings. Revised timetable on all days of the week.	29/08/2026

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83 (Thurrock)	Chadwell St Mary – Lakeside <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised timetable.	29/08/2026
83A	Aldham – Colchester <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New service with two Love Your Bus funded early morning weekday journeys between Aldham and Colchester Railway Station. Also includes seven return journeys on Saturdays, with most operating between Stanway and Central Colchester, but with some journeys extending to and from Aldham and Colchester Railway Station.	30/08/2026
85-86-87	Braintree – Sudbury and Great Yeldham <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New service which replaces Flagfinders Service 60 and Konectbuses Service 42. Includes Love Your Bus funded elements. Service 86 operates between Sudbury and Braintree on Monday to Saturday with journeys via Gosfield labelled as Service 85. Service 87 operates between Great Yeldham and Braintree on Monday to Fridays only.	30/08/2026
88-88A	Halstead – Colchester <i>First Essex Buses</i>	All journeys operated by <i>First Essex</i> on behalf of Essex County Council will be subcontracted to <i>Central Connect</i> (Service 88A). The commercially funded Service 88 journey operated by First Essex will be withdrawn.	29/08/2026
88-88A (Thurrock)	Orsett – Grays <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised route and timetable. Route extended to Chafford Hundred Station or Lakeside Bus Station on Monday to Saturdays to replace withdrawn Service 33. Route adjusted to use Southend Road and Palmer's Avenue rather than continuing on Lodge Lane and using the top part of Hathaway Road. Sunday journeys will be labelled as 88A and will operate from Orsett to Grays using the current route.	29/08/2026
88-88A- 89-89A	Halstead or Great Yeldham – Colchester <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Revised route and timetable. Service 88B variant withdrawn. ECC-funded Service 88A journeys are transferred to this registration (currently operated by First Essex). Service 89 transferred to this registration and extended to Colchester. General commercial enhancements incorporating withdrawn Flagfinders Service 826.	30/08/2026
99 (Thurrock)	Tilbury Riverside – Tilbury Riverside <i>Ensignbus</i>	Revised timetable.	29/08/2026

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110-111-112	East and West Mersea – Thomas Lord Audley School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schoolday only service to Thomas Lord Audley School. Routes 110 and 111 start from West Mersea, and route 112 starts from East Mersea.	01/09/2026
115	Great Holland – Thorpe-le-Soken <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Route extended to Great Holland.	01/09/2026
200	Grays – Basildon <i>First Essex Buses</i>	Revised timetable.	30/08/2026
300	Basildon – Chelmsford <i>First Essex Buses</i>	Revised timings for Sunday journeys.	20/09/2026
330	Rayne – Great Notley High School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between Rayne and Great Notley High School.	02/09/2026
414	Felsted – Saffron Walden <i>Stephensons</i>	Service withdrawn. Open-door school service from Felsted to Saffron Walden County High School.	01/09/2026
431	Blackmore – Shenfield High School <i>NIBS</i>	Revised timetable to improve punctuality and align with school start and finish times.	01/09/2026
434	High Ongar – Shenfield School <i>NIBS</i>	Revised timetable to improve punctuality and to align with start and finish times of the school.	01/09/2026
436	Kelvedon Hatch – Shenfield School <i>NIBS</i>	Revised timetable to improve punctuality and to align with start and finish times of the school.	01/09/2026
491-492	North Weald – Epping <i>Stephensons</i>	Service withdrawn. Open-door school service from North Weald to Epping St John's School.	01/09/2026
493	Fyfield – Epping <i>Stephensons</i>	Service withdrawn. Open-door school service from Fyfield to Epping St John's School.	01/09/2026
506	Heybridge – Colchester <i>Stephensons</i>	Service withdrawn. Open-door school service from Heybridge to Norman Way Schools.	01/09/2026
704 (Park and Ride)	Colchester Park & Ride Site – Circular via City Centre <i>Arriva</i>	The Colchester Park & Ride service will be operated by Stephenson's from Saturday 26 September 2026.	26/09/2026
812	Witham – Honywood School, Coggeshall <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schoolday only service from Witham to Honywood School in Coggeshall via Marks Tey.	01/09/2026
813	Wakes Colne – Coggeshall <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Wakes Colne to Honywood School in Coggeshall.	01/09/2026
814	Halstead – Honywood School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between Halstead and Honywood School	02/09/2026

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815	Braintree – Honeywood School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between Braintree and Honeywood School.	02/09/2026
818	Wakes Colne – Halstead Ramsey School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between Parkhurst Green Lane, Wakes Colne and Halstead Ramsey School.	30/08/2026
819	Silver End – Witham <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between Silver End and Witham Rickstones Academy.	02/09/2026
820	West Mersea – Thurstable School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between West Mersea and Thurstable School.	02/09/2026
821	Tollesbury – Thurstable School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between Tollesbury and Thurstable School.	30/08/2026
822	Tollesbury – Thurstable School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between Tollesbury and Thurstable School.	30/08/2026
824–823	Heybridge/Kelvedon – Thurstable School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	New school day only service between Heybridge and Thurstable School (824) and Kelvedon and Thurstable School (823).	30/08/2026
A1	Clacton Shopping Village – Clacton Air Show <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Shuttle for Clacton Air Show (27 and 28 August 2026).	27/08/2026
B6	Laindon – Basildon Hospital <i>First Essex Buses</i>	Additional bus stop added at Laindon Link. No change to registered timetable.	20/09/2026
HD2	Finchingfield – Hedingham Sch, Sible Hedingham <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schoolday only service from Finchingfield to Hedingham School.	01/09/2026
HD4	Sudbury – Hedingham School, Sible Hedingham <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schoolday only service from Sudbury to Hedingham School.	01/09/2026
HD6	Great Yeldham – Hedingham School, Sible Hedingham <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schoolday only service from Ridgewell to Hedingham School.	01/09/2026
M1	Parkeston – Manningtree High School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Parkesdon to Manningtree High School via Harwich Railway Station, Wrabness, Bradfield, and Mistley.	01/09/2026

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M2	Langham – Manningtree High School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Langham to Manningtree High School via Dedham and Ardleigh.	01/09/2026
M3	Wix – Manningtree High School <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Wix to Manningtree High School via Little Bentley, Great Bromley, and Little Bromley.	01/09/2026
PL1	Tollesbury – Maldon Plume Academy <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Tollesbury to Maldon Plume Academy via Tolleshunt D'Arcy, Little Totham, Great Totham, and Heybridge.	01/09/2026
PL2	Tiptree – Maldon, Plume Academy <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schoolday only service from Tiptree to Maldon Plume Academy via Great Totham, Wickham Bishops, and Heybridge.	01/09/2026
TL1	Thorpe-le-Soken Station – Lift Tendring (Thorpe) <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Thorpe-le-Soken to Lift Tendring (Thorpe Campus) via Frinton and Walton (direct via Walton Road).	01/09/2026
TL2	Thorpe-le-Soken Station – Lift Tendring (Thorpe) <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Thorpe-le-Soken to Lift Tendring (Thorpe Campus) via Frinton and Walton (including Garden Road, Rochford Way, Pole Barn Lane and Connaught Avenue).	01/09/2026
TL3	Thorpe-le-Soken Station – Lift Tendring (Thorpe) <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Thorpe-le-Soken to Lift Tendring (Thorpe Campus) via Frinton and Walton (via Elm Tree Avenue, Kirby Road, Walton Rail Station, and Walton Road).	01/09/2026
TL4	Thorpe-le-Soken Station – Lift Tendring (Thorpe) <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Thorpe-le-Soken to Lift Tendring (Thorpe Campus) via Frinton and Walton (via The Naze).	01/09/2026
TL5	Thorpe-le-Soken Railway Station – Lift Tendring (Thorpe) <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service to Lift Tendring via Frinton, Walton, and Kirby-le-Soken.	01/09/2026
TL7	Beaumont – Lift Tendring (Thorpe) <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Beaumont to Lift Tendring via Great Oakley, Wix, Tendring, and Weeley.	01/09/2026
TU1	Tendring – Lift Tendring (Frinton) <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Tendring to Lift Tendring (Frinton) via Great Oakley, Wix, Beaumont, and Thorpe-le-Soken.	01/09/2026

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TU2	Clacton – Lift Tending (Frinton) <i>Central Connect (formerly Konectbuses)</i>	Schooldays only service from Clacton to Lift Tending (Frinton) via Little Clacton, Weeley, and Thorpe-le-Soken.	01/09/2026
X20 & 520 & 320	Stansted Airport (X20) or Gt. Dunmow (520) or Great Notley (320) to Colchester. <i>First Essex Buses</i>	School journeys added from Great Dunmow to Colchester. Labelled as Service 520. Replaces withdrawn Service 570.	30/08/2026

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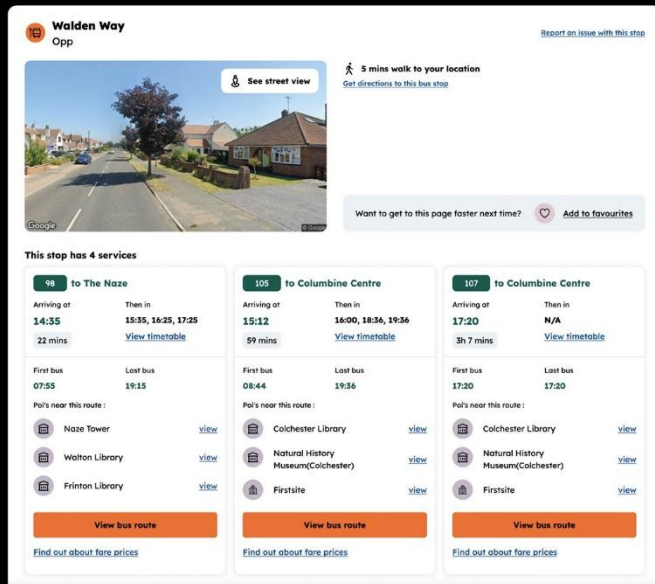
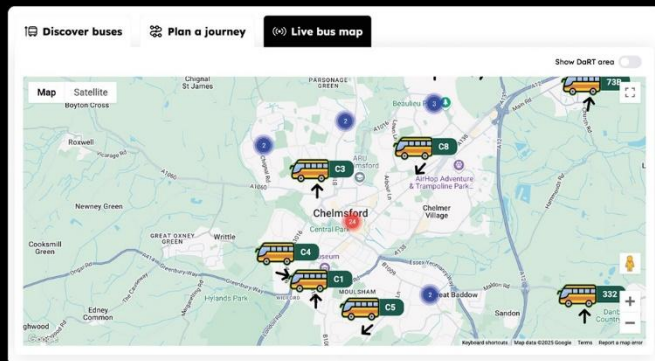


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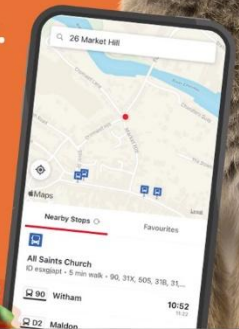
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