



# CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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## OUR APPROACH TO PHONICS

An example of a QR code we have sent for our Reception children



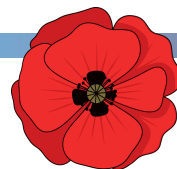
"Teach a child to read, and keep that child reading  
and we will change everything. And I mean everything."  
*Jeanette Winterson*



### RWINC. PHONICS - RELAUNCH

This year we have re-launched our phonics teaching with the aid of the RWI Portal and some up to date training directly from Read Write Inc. The training back in September and tomorrow, will equip all of our teaching and teaching support staff to continue to deliver high quality lessons and interventions to those that require more support. Our approach to teaching phonics remains unchanged. We will continue to use RWI, a validated and highly effective way to teach early reading. The RWI portal allows us to have access to a range of in school resources and assessment tools, alongside many resources that we can share with parents to support learning at home. The short, high quality, government validated videos will be shared through QR codes and links regularly on ping or Facebook (example above). The short videos can be viewed safely at home and are aligned with the in school approach. Reading with your child at home still continues to be the best way of supporting your child's reading, alongside reading lots of lovely stories to them. For further details about RWI Phonics please see the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MbWlujMIWGM>

## REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES – POPPY APPEAL



As part of our History learning about Armistice Day, children will be learning about the significance of the poppy and taking time to remember those who have lost their lives in conflict.

This year, some of our Year 2 pupils will be supporting the Royal British Legion by selling poppy merchandise from the Nursery garden after school throughout the week. We would be very grateful for your support in helping our children contribute to this important cause.

If you are unable to purchase merchandise in person but would like to make a donation, you can do so via the [Royal British Legion website](#).

Thank you for helping us support this wonderful charity while giving our children a meaningful opportunity to learn about remembrance, service and the importance of helping others.



# MEET OUR YOUNG LEADERS



This year, our REACH Council will play an important role in making our school an even better place for everyone. Representing the voices of all children, our councillors will gather ideas and opinions from their classmates and help us find positive ways to improve school life, with a particular focus on wellbeing and making sure everyone feels happy, safe and included. They will take ownership of our REACH values of Respect, Enjoy, Achieve, Care and Healthy, putting these into action throughout the year. Our councillors will also help raise awareness and funds for a range of charities and important causes, including Remembrance and Children in Need. Through our work with Communication Matters, they will promote understanding of different communication needs by teaching sign language to their peers through a variety of songs. We are also looking forward to visiting a local care home, where the children will share stories, songs and music with older members of our community, helping to build meaningful connections between generations. Through these experiences, our REACH Council will develop their confidence, leadership and teamwork skills while making a real difference to our school and wider community. We are very excited to see the positive impact they will have throughout the year!

## HAPPY HALF TERM!

A quick reminder that school, including Nursery, will be closed to all pupils tomorrow.

We wish all our families a happy, safe and restful half-term break and hope you enjoy some lovely time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2nd November.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and trust. It is greatly appreciated by our whole school team.



# CO OP

## Community Fund



Charity No. 1094927

# ARE ONCE AGAIN SUPPORTING OUR PTA!



Please download the Co-op app  
and select us as your cause.



Every time you shop at Co-op,  
**1% of what you spend**  
on selected own-branded products  
will be donated to our school.



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please go online [www.co-op.co.uk/membership](https://www.co-op.co.uk/membership)  
and register your cause as  
**Chalkwell Hall Schools PTA.**

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member yet?

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

Direct link  
to our page:

[https://membership.  
coop.co.uk/  
causes/106116](https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/106116)



# TRUST LINKS FOREST SCHOOL

## OCTOBER HALF TERM HALLOWEEN SPECIAL EVENTS

JOIN US FOR NATURE THEMED HALLOWEEN FUN AND ACTIVITIES

MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 10AM-12 NOON

AGES 0-11YRS

TRUST LINKS SHOE BURY

ELM ROAD, SS3 9RZ

£5 FOR FIRST CHILD, £2.50 PER

ADDITIONAL CHILD

ADULT(S) ACCOMPANY CHILDREN

FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 10AM-12 NOON

AGES 0-11YRS

TRUST LINKS WESTCLIFF

FAIRFAX DRIVE, SS0 9AG

£5 FOR FIRST CHILD, £2.50 PER

ADDITIONAL CHILD

ADULT(S) ACCOMPANY CHILDREN

WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 10AM-2PM

AGES 7-11YRS

ST LAURENCE ORCHARD

EASTWOODBURY LANE

£30 - LUNCH PROVIDED

ADULT(S) DROP OFF CHILDREN

**NEW!**

Booking  
Required



SCAN HERE

**TrustLinks**

Youth & Families

Charity No. 1092324



# FUSION

## Youth & Kids

For school years 1 - 6

**2ND  
THURSDAY  
OF THE  
MONTH  
6pm-7.30pm**

**Wesley  
Methodist  
Church,  
Elm Road,  
Leigh**

**£1.50  
ENTRY**

Tuck Shop | Sports | X Box/Wii | Games  
Craft | Pool | Table Football | Competitions  
& much more!

Contact: [judy@wesleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:judy@wesleymethodist.org.uk)

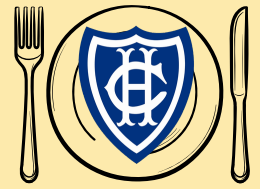


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# AUTUMN WEEK 1



## MONDAY



SWEET POTATO HOT POT AND RICE (VE)  
OR  
MACARONI CHEESE (WHEAT, MILK) AND A  
CHEF'S SALAD  
WITH  
OVEN ROASTED COURGETTES AND CARROTS  
  
TRAYBAKE (WHEAT, EGG, MILK)  
AND CUSTARD (MILK)

## TUESDAY



CHICKEN SAUSAGE ROLL (WHEAT, SULPHITES)  
AND OVEN ROASTED POTATOES  
OR  
ORIENTAL STYLE SWEET & SOUR STIR FRY  
AND RICE (VE)  
WITH  
BROCCOLI AND BAKED BEANS  
  
MIXED BERRY & APPLE OAT BAR (WHEAT, OAT)



## WEDNESDAY



SMOKEY BBQ STYLE BEEF CHILLI  
(SULPHITES)  
OR  
BEAN CHILLI (VE)  
WITH  
A SOFT TACO (WHEAT) & RICE  
AND SALSA, LETTUCE, CHEESE (MILK),  
LIME & CORIANDER MAYONAISE (EGG)  
AND  
SWEETCORN & MEXICAN ROASTED VEGETABLES  
  
MARYLAND COOKIE (WHEAT, EGG)  
AND PINEAPPLE & LIME COMPOTE

## THURSDAY

TOMATO & BASIL PASTA BAKE  
WITH MOZZARELLA (WHEAT, MILK)  
OR

CHICKEN CASSEROLE WITH MASHED POTATOES  
WITH  
GREEN BEANS & ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

PARSNIP & APPLE CAKE (WHEAT, EGG)  
WITH CUSTARD (MILK)



## FRIDAY

PESTO STYLE TOPPED PIZZA (WHEAT, MILK)  
OR  
BATTERED FISH (WHEAT, FISH)  
WITH  
OVEN CHIPS OR NEW POTATOES  
& TOMATO KETCHUP  
AND  
PEAS OR BAKED BEANS

JAM DROP COOKIE (WHEAT, EGG, SULPHITES)



### AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

WRAPS WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS (WHEAT, DAIRY)  
JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS  
A COLD SALAD BAR  
FRESHLY MADE BREAD  
FRESH FRUIT  
WATER AND MILK

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES  
FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES



## NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

This page of our Newsletter summarises some the learning your child will access next week. For more detailed information on our curriculum please visit our [website](#).

### Nursery

**Stories & Songs:** Roaring Rockets, Peace At Last Bonfire's Burning, The Rockets In The Sky,

**Number songs/Stories:** 5 Pretty Fireworks, I Took My Money To The Firework Shop

**Other Areas:** After half term we will be exploring the celebration of Bonfire Night. We will be discussing how to keep safe with fireworks. At the creative table we will be making firework streamers. We will use paint and straws to create firework effects whilst listening to firework sounds. We will also be learning some new action songs all about fireworks.

In the garden we will be using spray water bottles and paint to create firework marks. We will listen to fireworks and make movements like fireworks; zooming, spinning, whizzing and popping!

### Reception

**Phonics:** u, b, f, e

**Maths:** After half term, we are comparing groups of objects, and children will develop an understanding of more, fewer and equal groups.

**Other Areas:** After half term, we will be exploring the celebrations of Diwali and Bonfire Night, learning about how and why fireworks are used in these special occasions. During our Creative Development sessions, the children will experiment with oil pastels to explore different colours, patterns and effects before creating their own colourful firework artwork. We will also discuss the importance of firework safety. In Drawing Club, our focus story will be Not Now, Bernard. Inspired by the story, the children will use their imagination and creativity to design and draw their very own monsters!



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## Year 1

**Phonics:** Revisiting 'Special Friends' and applying to new words

**Maths:** Comparing sets of objects and numbers using the language 'more', 'less', 'fewer', 'as many as' and 'equal to'

**Foundation subjects:** After the half-term break, in our Geography lesson, we will be learning about human and physical features that we find in the park and the local area. In our first Dance lesson in PE, we will be using counts of 8 to move in time with the music and in PSHE we will be learning about how to be safe when near fireworks and bonfires. In our Art lesson, we will be exploring hot and cold colours and using water colours to paint our 'Senecio' inspired artwork. In History, we will be looking at how we remember the events of The Gunpowder Plot with traditions old and new, and in RE we will be finding out about the festival of lights, Diwali. What a great week to look forward to after the half term break!

## Year 2

**Phonics/GPS:** ph (phone) ure (mixture) tion (attention) cious (delicious) tious (scrumptious)

**Maths:** Subtraction

**Foundation subjects:** In Science, we will be exploring the importance of good hygiene and carrying out an experiment to investigate what cleans our hands most effectively. In Art, we will be exploring patterns and colour symbolism, using South African masks as inspiration to design our own. In Computing, we will be learning how to share our work electronically and beginning to understand how information can be shared around the world online. In DT, we will be evaluating our couscous salad against our original design brief. In History, we will be learning about the significance of Armistice Day and why it is commemorated. In PE, we will be developing our passing skills and learning how to tag and avoid being tagged in preparation for Tag Rugby. Finally, in RE, we will be exploring special celebrations in Hindu Dharma, focusing on Diwali, the Festival of Lights.



# Stars of the week

**NURSERY**

**Miles**

**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Betsy Day**

**WALES**

**Senua Davidson**

**SCOTLAND**

**Zadie A**

**SPAIN**

**Teddy Iyegbe**

**MEXICO**

**Jude Rumbelow**

**SWEDEN**

**Cora K**

**FINLAND**

**Rory Mason**

**VIETNAM**

**Jacob Hems**

**BAHAMAS**

**Aurora Jacques**

**Right on time**



Mimi Crowton

Ivy Fitzsimmons

Joel Taylor

Alex E

Brody Rawlings

Naga Snigdha  
Sistla

Tristan  
Hennessy-Davis

Ellsie Digance

Suzie Bacon

## ATTENDANCE

This week - 95.12%

Reception - 96.53%

Year 1 - 95.14%

Year 2 - 95.00%

Whole School Year To Date - 97.60%



**Half Termly  
Star Award**

**Olivia McFadden**

**WINNER**



Be kind, be good,  
shine brightly!

# Attendance Matters

Attendance class of The Month for October.....



**CLASS FINLAND WITH A MASSIVE 98.85% - WELL DONE!!**

**WOW - CLASS FINLAND - AMAZING JOB!**

**YOU WIN A STICKER EACH,**

**AN EXTRA PLAY ON THE PIRATE SHIP AND**

**CHALKY, OUR ATTENDANCE BEAR,**

**WILL LIVE WITH YOUR CLASS**

**DURING NOVEMBER**



well  
done



# WHAT'S GOING ON?

*New additions will be in red*  
*School holidays will be in bold*

|                   |                                                                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Thu 22 Oct</b> | <b>Break up for half term</b>                                    |
| <b>Fri 23 Oct</b> | <b>Non-pupil day (closed to all pupils)</b>                      |
| <b>Mon 2 Nov</b>  | <b>Back to school for all pupils</b>                             |
| Mon 2 Nov         | Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations                                     |
| Mon 2 Nov         | Poppy sales in the Nursery garden at 3pm all week                |
| <b>Wed 4 Nov</b>  | <b>10am New Intake SEN tour with our SENDCo</b>                  |
| Thur 5 Nov        | 9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours (full)          |
| Mon 9 Nov         | Year 2 – visit from the dentist                                  |
| Tue 10 Nov        | 9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours                 |
| <b>Wed 11 Nov</b> | <b>Remembrance Day</b>                                           |
| Fri 13 Nov        | Children in Need (more info to follow)                           |
| <b>Fri 13 Nov</b> | <b>World Kindness Day</b>                                        |
| Mon 16 Nov        | Odd socks for Anti-Bullying (more info to follow)                |
| Wed 18 Nov        | 9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours (full)          |
| Wed 18 Nov        | 6.30pm Prospective Parents Information Evening                   |
| Fri 20 Nov        | Year 2 City Boys Football Tournament                             |
| <b>Tue 24 Nov</b> | <b>9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours</b>          |
| <b>Thu 26 Nov</b> | <b>9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours</b>          |
| Fri 27 Nov        | PTA Non-Uniform day in exchange for booze / chocolates           |
| Sat 28 Nov        | PTA Winter Fayre                                                 |
| Tue 1 Dec         | Santa visiting                                                   |
| Wed 2 Dec         | Christams Bazaar                                                 |
| Mon 7 Dec         | Year 1 visit to Chalkwell Park                                   |
| Tue 8 Dec         | 9.10am Class Wales Nativity                                      |
| Wed 9 Dec         | 9.10am Class Scotland Nativity                                   |
| Thu 10 Dec        | 9.10am Class Northern Ireland Nativity                           |
| Thu 10 Dec        | Choir to perform at Langley Lodge                                |
| Fri 11 Dec        | Christmas Jumper Day (fundraising for Brain Tumour charity)      |
| Tue 15 Dec        | 9.30am KS1 Nativity at St. Michael and All Angels                |
| Wed 16 Dec        | 9.30am KS1 Nativity at St. Michael and All Angels                |
| Thu 17 Dec        | KS1 visiting Palace theatre The Nutcracker (more info to follow) |
| <b>Fri 18 Dec</b> | <b>Break up for Christmas holiday</b>                            |
| <b>Mon 4 Jan</b>  | <b>Back to school for all pupils</b>                             |
| <b>Thu 11 Feb</b> | <b>Break up for half term</b>                                    |
| <b>Fri 12 Feb</b> | <b>Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)</b>              |
| <b>Thu 25 Mar</b> | <b>Break up for Easter holidays</b>                              |
| <b>Mon 12 Apr</b> | <b>Back to school for all pupils</b>                             |
| <b>Thu 27 May</b> | <b>Break up for half term</b>                                    |
| <b>Fri 28 May</b> | <b>Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)</b>              |
| <b>Mon 7 Jun</b>  | <b>Back to school for all pupils</b>                             |
| <b>Wed 21 Jul</b> | <b>Break up for Summer holidays</b>                              |



# CONTACT US

*If you have a question, query or concern, please get in touch with someone from the list below. Please do not email class teachers directly, they should be contacted via the communication book or by calling the school office. Teachers may be available to chat to at the end of the school day.*



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