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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week after the half-term holiday. The children have settled back into school routines brilliantly and are once again enjoying learning and spending time with their friends.

This half term is always an especially exciting one as we begin the countdown to Christmas! If this is your first experience of Christmas at Chalkwell, then prepare yourself for a very busy (but wonderfully exciting) few weeks!

There will be lots happening, so please do keep a close eye on the What's On page of our newsletter, SchoolPing and, of course, our social media pages to make sure you don't miss any of the festivities.

As a little preview, Christmas celebrations officially begin at Chalkwell on 1st December, when the children will help to decorate their classrooms for the season. From then on, we have a magical calendar of events planned, including Christmas fairs and bazaars, visits from Santa, nativity performances, Christmas parties and lunches – and much, much more!

This year, our Key Stage 1 children (Years 1 and 2) will also be enjoying a very special trip to the Palace Theatre to see The Nutcracker, which we are sure will be a real highlight.

Over the coming weeks, we will also be asking for parent volunteers to help with various Christmas activities and preparations. If you are able to spare a little time to support the school and/or our wonderful PTA, we would be incredibly grateful. These events really do help to make Christmas at Chalkwell so special for the children.

YOUR *Feedback* MATTERS!

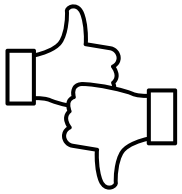
We are always keen to hear your views and gather feedback from parents and carers. However, we also recognise that lengthy surveys can sometimes feel a little daunting, so we're going to try something different!

Occasionally, we'll include just one question in the newsletter, giving you a quick and easy way to share your thoughts with us. Most questions won't require any written comments and should take just a few seconds to answer. All responses are anonymous, so please feel comfortable sharing your views openly and honestly.

Our aim is to make gathering your feedback as simple as possible, while still giving us valuable insights into your experiences of school.

We will use the feedback you share to help us reflect, celebrate what's working well and identify where we can make improvements. Your views really do matter, so please do take a moment to click the link and respond. We really appreciate your support!

Our first question is a simple one, but probably the most important of all...



IS YOUR CHILD HAPPY AT SCHOOL?

Simply click here to answer our first question. It should take just a few seconds! Thank you for taking the time to share your views.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP AND DEMOCRACY

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been delighted to introduce our new Young Leaders across the school. At Chalkwell Hall Infant School, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop their confidence, take on responsibility and make a positive contribution to our school community.

All children have the opportunity to apply for Young Leader roles, including Sports Captains, Eco Warriors, REACH Council members and Librarians. Parents are informed about the available roles, and children are encouraged to explain why they would be suited to the position before their classmates vote democratically.

Our Year 2 House Captains follow a slightly different selection process, reflecting the important role they play in representing the whole school. Children apply by preparing a speech, either at home or with time provided in class. Class teachers then select a shortlist of candidates to represent each house. These children record short videos, which are shared with the whole school before everyone has the opportunity to vote for their preferred House Captain.

We are incredibly proud of all the children who have put themselves forward. These opportunities are a valuable part of our REACH values in action, helping children to develop leadership skills, confidence and a strong understanding of democracy, fairness and representation. We look forward to seeing our Young Leaders make a difference throughout the year!

MEET OUR YOUNG LEADERS



Meet our new librarians! They are looking forward to starting their new roles after half term!

This is their job description:

- Sorting Books: They will help sort the books in the foyer into their correct subject categories.
- Organising Shelves: They will make sure all books are put back on the shelves in the right place so they are easy for everyone to find.
- Keeping the Library Tidy: They will help keep the library a clean and welcoming place for all to enjoy.
- Being an Ambassador for Reading: They will share their love of books with others and encourage everyone to read more.

Skills and Qualities:

- Love Reading: They must have a true passion for stories and books.
- Be a Good Organiser: They will need to be good at putting things in order.
- Show Commitment: They must be able to work independently and show up for their weekly commitment.

OUR REACH COUNCILLORS – MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Our REACH Councillors have been busy helping to plan and organise the charity events taking place over the next couple of weeks. They work closely with Miss de Garston-Webb to help shape the events and then share all the important information with their classes. They have certainly had a particularly busy few weeks, and we are really proud of the part they play in helping to make a difference to others!

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED



We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. Following a vote by our REACH Councillors, children can choose to come to school dressed in either fancy dress or pyjamas! This is a lovely opportunity to get creative, so anything from dressing-up costumes and football kits to cosy onesies is welcome. Please make sure clothing is suitable for the weather, with sensible footwear (no open-toed shoes or high heels). If your child wears a onesie, please consider whether they can manage the toilet independently.
If you are able to, we would be grateful for a £1 donation, which can be given to your child's class teacher on the morning.

If you would like to buy any official merchandise then please visit:
https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/product-category/schools/

All money raised will help BBC Children in Need support children and families facing challenging circumstances across the UK.
Thank you, as always, for your support!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK - WEAR YOUR ODD SOCKS!



To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16th November**! Children are invited to come to school wearing two different, brightly coloured or patterned socks, pulled up over the bottom of their uniform. If wearing tights, socks can go over the top, and children in trousers can tuck them in.
Our odd socks celebrate what makes us all unique and remind us that our differences should be valued. It's a lovely opportunity to express ourselves, celebrate individuality and spread kindness.
Children are also welcome to bring in an extra pair of odd socks to use as hand puppets during our soft start sessions as we explore kindness through role play!

Co-op Community Fund

pta CHALKWELL HALL

Charity No. 1094927

THANK YOU!

£1,725

RAISED FOR OUR PTA

Thank you to everyone who chose Chalkwell Hall Schools PTA as their Co-op cause!

Co-op has chosen us again for 2027!



Support us again

Open the Co-op app or sign in online and choose Chalkwell Hall Infant Junior PTA as your cause.

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Choose our cause:

membership.coop.co.uk/causes/106116

Funding round closes 17 October 2027.



AUTUMN WEEK 2

MONDAY



VEGETARIAN COTTAGE PIE (VE)
OR
PESTO STYLE PASTA (WHEAT)

WITH
OVEN ROASTED TOMATOES AND SWEETCORN

WHOLEMEAL CARROT CAKE (WHEAT, EGG)
AND CUSTARD (MILK)

TUESDAY

CORNISH STYLE VEGETABLE PASTY (VE) (WHEAT)
OR
PIRI PIRI STYLE CHICKEN FILLET

WITH
GARLIC& HERB ROASTED POTATOES
AND SAVOY CABBAGE & CARROTS

APPLE & CINNAMON FLAPJACK (WHEAT, OATS)

WEDNESDAY

CHANA CHICKEN
OR
VEGETABLE BALTI (VE)

WITH
LEMON RICE, BOMBAY POTATO SALAD,
TOMATO & CORIANDER CHUTNEY,
NAAN STYLE BREAD (WHEAT, MILK, SOYBEANS)
AND
BROCCOLI & ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

INDIAN TEA SHOP STYLE BISCUIT (WHEAT)



THURSDAY

PIZZA MARGHERITA (WHEAT, MILK)
OR
BBQ STYLE BEEF PIZZA (WHEAT, MILK, SULPHITES)

WITH
SWEET PEPPER PASTA (WHEAT)
AND
SWEETCORN & OVEN ROASTED COURGETTES

BERRY SWIRL SPONGE (WHEAT, EGG, MILK)
AND CUSTARD (MILK)



FRIDAY

BATTERED FISH (WHEAT, FISH)
OR
CHEESE & ONION TURNOVER (WHEAT, MILK)
WITH
OVEN CHIPS & TOMATO KETCHUP
AND
PEAS OR BAKED BEANS

HARRISON BEAR SHORTBREAD (WHEAT)
AND ORANGE WEDGES

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: Whatever Next, Aliens Love Underpants, How To Catch a Star

Number songs/Stories: 5 Little Men In A Flying Saucer,

Other Areas: Next week Nursery will be taking a trip to Outer Space!! We will be sharing stories about visiting space and will then try retelling the stories using props. At the art table we will be drawing the night sky and looking closely at pictures of the planets and stars. At the maths table we will be sorting and counting stars and creating rockets using 2D shapes. At the playdoh table the children will try and create their own alien using pipecleaners and stick on eyes! In the garden we will be exploring galaxy water in the mud kitchen! We will also be listening to music including The Planets by Holst and moving our bodies like astronauts.

Reception

Phonics: l, h, r, j

Maths: Next week, we will be focusing on the number 5. We will practise showing 5 in different ways and will look at different ways to represent 5, including the Hungarian number pattern (usually seen on dice).

Other Areas: Next week, our Drawing Club story will be "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." We will enjoy sharing the story together, exploring new vocabulary and developing our understanding of the characters and events. The children will have the opportunity to take part in a range of exciting activities inspired by the story. They will build on their previously learned printing skills to create their own bear pictures and masks.

As we approach Remembrance Day, the children will also learn a little about its significance and how it is commemorated. We will introduce the technique of collage and put our new skills into practice by creating beautiful poppy collage pictures. During our PSED sessions, we will begin to explore how our feelings link to the Zones of Regulation. We will focus on the Green Zone, learning what it means to feel calm, happy and ready to learn, as well as recognising when we might be experiencing these feelings.

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Year 1

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

Maths: Ordering and compating numbers

Foundation subjects: In our Science lesson, we will be completing our second experiment and finding out which materials are absorbent and which are not. In our Computing lesson, we will continue to learn about the directional keys, including how to move a character diagonally. In History, we will be finding out about Remembrance Day, why we have it and what people do to show that they remember the events of the past. In Art, we will be thinking about 3D models and will have the opportunity to explore playdough to practise our moulding, shaping and texturing techniques before we use clay in a few weeks' time! In our Music lesson, we will be listening to Bhangra music and using the glockenspiel to improvise. In our second Dance lesson, we will listen carefully to the counts of '8' to stay in time with the music and each other as we begin to create a pirate dance! In RE, we will find out about the Ten Commandments, and in PSHE, we will be learning how people can show their feelings and emotions through their facial expressions.

Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Multisyllablic words - breaking down longer words by breaking them into syllables (ay and ee families)

Maths: Subtraction

Foundation subjects: In Science, we will investigate how exercise affects our bodies by taking part in physical activities and monitoring our heart rate and pulse. In Art, we will explore shape and form as we begin making our 3D African masks, applying a black base coat. In Computing, we will learn about digital footprints, sharing information safely and keeping personal data secure. Our PSHE lessons will also explore how to share images and photos safely. In DT, we will begin our new project on wheels and axles, exploring different moving vehicles and how their mechanisms work. In History, we will learn about the significance of Armistice Day (Remembrance Day) and its symbols and traditions. In RE, we will explore special places, objects and symbols in a Mosque and learn about what happens there. Finally, in Music, we will get into the Christmas spirit by learning our Christmas songs and accompanying them with tuned and untuned percussion instruments!

Stars of the week

NURSERY
Viggo

NORTHERN IRELAND
Leo Sexton

WALES
Lucian De Rocquigny

SCOTLAND
Alex

SPAIN
William Harden

MEXICO
Ruby McCombie

SWEDEN
Ava Arnold

FINLAND
David Ajala

VIETNAM
Jude Ellis

BAHAMAS
Ore-Oreofe Akinpelu

Right on time



Jack Clarkson	Miles Halliday	Sophia Homan
Elliot	James Hodges	Eliza Harding
Jathniel Emmanuel	Lena Ojo	Anna Kearney



ATTENDANCE
This week - 97.40%

Reception - 96.80%
Year 1 - 96.50%
Year 2 - 98.80%
Whole School Year To Date - 97.50%



REACH Award
Enjoy
Harrison Aldridge

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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

Mon 9 Nov	Year 2 - visit from the dentist
Tue 10 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours
Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance Day
Fri 13 Nov	Children in Need
Fri 13 Nov	World Kindness Day
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
Tue 24 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours
Thu 26 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours
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)
Fri 18 Dec	**Break up for Christmas holiday**
Mon 4 Jan	**Back to school for all pupils**
Thu 11 Feb	**Break up for half term**
Fri 12 Feb	**Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)**
Thu 25 Mar	**Break up for Easter holidays**
Mon 12 Apr	**Back to school for all pupils**
Thu 27 May	**Break up for half term**
Fri 28 May	**Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)**
Mon 7 Jun	**Back to school for all pupils**
Wed 21 Jul	**Break up for Summer holidays**

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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