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# CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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## ANOTHER WEEK OF LEARNING AND SUCCESS AT CHALKWELL

This week, the Local Authority carried out a governance health check of our Governing Board. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the parent survey, your feedback is greatly appreciated. The outcome of the audit was very positive. As with any review, there are areas for development, including how the Governing Board engages with all stakeholders. Please watch this space for further information on how our governors will be strengthening their communication and engagement with you.

We were also pleased to welcome the Maths Hub into school. They visited to observe how maths is taught at Chalkwell and how well pupils are developing their fundamental mathematical skills. They were impressed with what they saw and provided some valuable suggestions to help us continue to improve.

Last week, we welcomed the Reading Hub, who supported us in developing our reading and phonics provision. They were equally impressed with our practice, the children's engagement in phonics lessons, and the progress they are making in their reading.

Finally, thank you for your support of our school meal service this week. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying their special lunch of chicken nuggets and waffles, and the cake looked delicious! Your support helps us to sustain and develop our school meals provision, and we are very grateful.



## KITCHEN TEAM TRAINING BRINGS FRESH IDEAS TO OUR SCHOOL MENU



Two members of our fantastic kitchen team have recently taken part in local professional training delivered by the charity Chefs in Schools. This inspiring organisation works with schools across the country to help transform school food, supporting catering teams to create meals that are nutritious, affordable and genuinely enjoyable for pupils.

During the training sessions, our staff experimented with a range of exciting new recipes, focusing on dishes that are both very healthy and absolutely delicious. The emphasis was on fresh ingredients, balanced nutrition and flavours that children love, and the results were extremely encouraging!

The training will continue through to the end of the year and will play a key role in helping us further improve our lunchtime meal offer. Watch this space for some exciting changes to our menu coming soon, as we put these new skills and ideas into practice for the benefit of our pupils.



## Platinum Award 2024 - 2026

Our OPAL lunchtimes continue to be a much-loved part of the school day, full of creativity, choice and fun. Dressing up remains a firm favourite, with children using costumes and props to spark imaginative play and create their own games and adventures.

OPAL provides opportunities for all children to play in ways that suit them, whether that's energetic outdoor play, role play, building, or spending time with friends. These experiences support confidence, cooperation and wellbeing, and it is wonderful to see children of all ages playing together so positively.



## WISH LIST

**SANDPIT TOYS**  
**CHALK**  
**DOLLS HOUSE FURNITURE**  
**DOLLS**  
**TOY VEHICLES**



# subject SPOTLIGHT

## PE



At our school, physical education plays a vital role in developing healthy, active and confident children. Our approach to PE is underpinned by three key principles: encouraging active lifestyles, developing physical literacy, and building confidence in cooperation and competition. Through PE, children learn how to move their bodies effectively, enjoy being active and develop positive attitudes towards participation, teamwork and sportsmanship.



In our Nursery, physical development is embedded throughout the day rather than taught as a separate subject. Children learn through play, exploration and movement, both indoors and outdoors. Activities such as climbing, running, jumping, balancing and riding wheeled toys help children develop strength, coordination and confidence in a natural and enjoyable way, forming the foundations for future physical learning.



In Reception, physical development becomes more structured while remaining playful and inclusive. Children take part in Movement Mondays and Physical Fridays, where they use large equipment and wheeled toys such as bikes, trikes and scooters on the playground. These sessions develop balance, coordination, spatial awareness and safe use of shared space. In the summer term, a sports coach supports staff in delivering simple games and ball skills, helping children practise throwing, catching, kicking and cooperative play.



As children move into Key Stage 1, PE is taught through a range of activities including dance, gymnastics, games and athletics, with a continued focus on developing fundamental movement skills. Year 1 children work with the sports coach on games activities, including tag rugby, while Year 2 build on this learning through rugby sessions at Chalkwell Park. In the summer term, Year 2 pupils also take part in two weeks of intensive swimming lessons in our pop-up pool.

Our PE curriculum follows a spiral approach, building skills and understanding progressively from Reception to Year 2. Lessons are taught to mixed-ability classes in a variety of settings, including the hall, playground and park. From Reception onwards, children learn the '3 S's' – Safe, Sensible and Space – which underpin all PE lessons. Pupils are encouraged to challenge themselves, work with others and develop good sportsmanship.

PE at our school is inclusive and accessible to all. We regularly highlight the benefits of physical activity for both physical and mental health and make links with other subjects such as PSHE and Science. Children are also offered wider opportunities to be active through sports clubs, competitions, the daily mile and recognition of sporting achievements, helping to foster a lifelong enjoyment of physical activity.

# AUTUMN WEEK 2

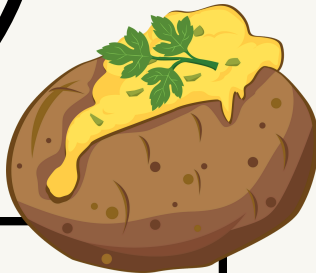
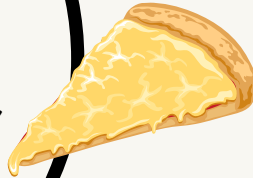
WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

HOMEMADE CHEESE AND  
TOMATO PIZZA / VEGE PIZZA  
(MK) (G) 9V) (ON A  
WHOLEMAEL BASE AND  
HIDDEN VEG)

WITH  
OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES (VG),  
AND MIXED VEGETABLE MEDLEY:  
GREEN BEANS/SWEETCORN/  
CARROTS/PEAS (VG)



## TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

TRICOLOUR PASTA  
TWIRLS (G) (VG) WITH  
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE  
(WITH HIDDEN VEG) (CY)

AND GRATED CHEESE (MK),  
GARLIC BREAD (G) (MAY CONTAIN MK)  
AND  
CARROTS AND GREEN BEANS  
(VG)



## REACH FOR A ROAST WEDNESDAY

PORK SAUSAGE TOAD IN THE  
HOLE (G) (MK) (E) (S)

OR

MEAT FREE SAUSAGE TOAD IN  
THE HOLE (G) (MK) (E) (S) (V)

WITH OVEN ROASTED POTATOES (VG) (G),  
BROCCOLI (VG),  
CARROTS (VG)  
AND GRAVY (VG)

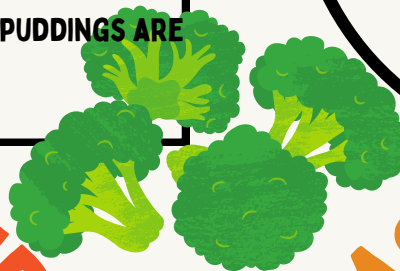


**AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:**  
JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS (INCLUDING  
ITEMS FROM THE DAILY MENU SUCH AS BOLOGNAISE)  
TUNA (F), VEGAN CHEESE (CCN) (V) (VG), HUMMUS (SS)(VG),  
CHEESE (MK), BAKED BEANS (VG), HOMEMADE COLESLAW (E)  
(V)

A COLD SALAD BAR

SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT (VG), LETTUCE,  
MIXED PEPPERS

WATER AND MILK / A FRUIT BOWL (ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE  
AVAILABLE OCCASSIONALLY)



## FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

HOMEMADE BEEF CHILLI  
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)  
OR VEGGIE CHILLI (SOYB) (VE)  
WITH  
STEAMED RICE AND GRATED  
CHEESE (MK) (V)  
AND  
CARROTS AND BROCCOLI  
(VG)



## FINTASTIC THURSDAY

OVEN BAKED  
FISH FINGERS (G) (F)

OR

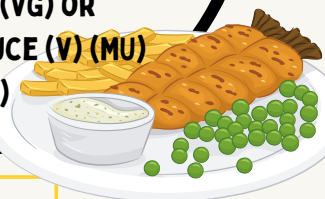
OVEN BAKED VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)

WITH CHIPS (VG),  
PEAS AND SWEETCORN (VG)

AND

KETCHUP (VG) OR  
TARTARE SAUCE (V) (MU)

(E)



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

# Stars of the week

**NURSERY**

Olive Whitworth



**NORTHERN IRELAND**

William Harden

**WALES**

Mia Harding

**SCOTLAND**

Hero Niven

**SPAIN**

Alayna Ali

**MEXICO**

Olivia McFadden

**SOUTH AFRICA**

Phoebe Stewart

**FINLAND**

James Mossop

**VIETNAM**

Florence Ahrens

**BAHAMAS**

Rose O'Connell

**Right on time**

punctual



Edith Crouch	Kaia Chindanya	Olive Eden
James Hodges	Margot Guy	Oscar Lissamore
Miles Halliday	Enzo Smith	Jamie Tree



## ATTENDANCE

This week - 95.32%

EYFS - 96.41%

Year 1 - 94.78%

Year 2 - 97.89%

Whole School Year To Date - 95.91%



**REACH Award**

Care

Hugo Lowden





# FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAYCAMPS

**Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th February 2026**

**AGE: 5 - 12 Years**

## **VENUES**

**GARONS 5-A-SIDE CENTRE  
SS2 4FA**

**Prices from £32.50 per day or 2 days for £60**

**EARLY BIRD OFFER:  
£15 PER DAY**

*\* Must be booked and paid by 31st January.*

We are OFSTED registered and our camps have been thoroughly risk assessed to ensure that we are creating a fun and safe environment for your children to enjoy. Our coaches are fully qualified and DBS checked.

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**SUPPORT OUR LOCAL  
COMMUNITY CAUSE & HELP  
RAISE FUNDS EVERY TIME YOU  
SHOP!**

## **CHALKWELL HALL INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS**



**WE ARE RAISING FUNDS TO  
TRANSFORM OUR DULL,  
GREY PLAYGROUND INTO A  
VIBRANT FLOWER-FILLED  
SPACE!**

GARDENING IS PROVEN TO POSITIVELY IMPROVE MENTAL WELLBEING, SO BY IMPROVING THE PLAYGROUND FOR OUR CHILDREN WE WILL BE POSITIVELY SUPPORTING THEIR MENTAL HEALTH.

OUR VISION IS TO INTRODUCE COLOURFUL FLOWER POTS, RAISED PLANTERS AND A VARIETY OF FOLIAGE & FLOWERS. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE HOPE TO BRING COLOUR, NATURAL LIFE AND LEARNING TO OUR PLAYGROUND - TURNING CONCRETE INTO COMMUNITY AND CARE.

BECOME A CO-OP MEMBER TODAY, SELECT OUR SCHOOL AS YOUR CHOSEN CAUSE & HELP RAISE EXTRA FUNDS FOR OUR CHILDREN EVERY TIME YOU SHOP IN ANY CO-OP!



**SIMPLY VISIT**

**[HTTPS://MEMBERSHIP.COOP.CO.UK/CAUSES/94156](https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/94156)**

**TO SELECT CHALKWELL HALL INFANT & JUNIOR  
SCHOOLS AS YOUR CHOSEN CAUSE, OR SCAN HERE!**



Scan me!



Southend-on-Sea  
City Council

IN CELEBRATION OF CHILDREN'S  
MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

# YOUTH FEST

CHILD & YOUTH  
SERVICES

ACTIVITIES &  
MUSIC

WELL-BEING

SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2026

10AM - 4PM

THE VICTORIA SHOPPING CENTRE



THE  
VICTORIA  
CENTRE

SOUTHEND





**PARALLEL**  
SPORTS COACHING

**WATERMAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROCHFORD**

**13TH - 20TH FEBRUARY 2026**

To book: <https://parallel-sports-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/>

Enquiries: [bookings@parallelsportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:bookings@parallelsportscoaching.co.uk)

## Monday

Multi Sports

Dancing/Acting Games

Swimming

## Tuesday

Crazy Golf

Nerf War

Arts & Crafts

Swimming

## Wednesday

Basketball

Archery

Swimming

FUN BUS

## Thursday

Football

Gymnastics/Apparatus

Swimming

## FRIDAY 13TH

Football ~ Gymnastics/Apparatus Day

## FRIDAY 20TH

Rainbow Party Day & Swimming

Dress up in as many colours to dazzle the coaches!



**FREE PIZZA WILL  
BE AVAILABLE**





# 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:** Car, Car, Truck, Jeep, who is driving

**Number songs/Stories:** 10 little buses

**Other Areas:** Next week, we are exploring the world of transport! Through a variety of stories, songs, and rhymes, we will be focusing on strengthening our listening and attention skills while expanding our growing vocabularies.

From cars and trains to planes and boats, our play areas will be transformed into busy hubs of travel. For our school leavers, we are introducing a new challenge: exploring syllables. By learning how to break words down into smaller parts, they are building the essential foundations for rhyming, reading, and writing. We can't wait for this exciting week of discovery!

**Phonics:** We will be using our phonic knowledge to read the red books 'pin it on' and 'got him'.


**Maths:** We will continue to practise our subising skills but will begin to notice patterns to help us subitise larger numbers eg knowing there are 4 because we can see 2 groups of 2

## Reception

**Other Areas:** Next week, our learning will be all about Winter!

We will be layering up for a Winter Walk to Chalkwell Park, where we'll make comparisons and discuss how the park has changed since our Autumn visit. Back in the classroom, our Funky Fingers sessions will focus on fine motor skills as we carefully cut intricate snowflakes and icicles.

Our young scientists will also be conducting a class experiment with "ice eggs," observing how they melt and practicing the art of prediction. We'll also be using chalks to create atmospheric winter art and exploring the value of patience as part of our PSED (Personal, Social, and Emotional Development) focus.





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## Year

### 1

**Phonics:** cious(delicious), tious (ambitious), tch (pitch), ph (phone)

**Maths:** Comparing numbers and addition (by counting on and using numberlines)

**Foundation subjects:** In Science we will be exploring different objects to learn about the senses and the corresponding body part (e.g. smell, nose, hear, ears). In our Geography lesson we will be reviewing our previous learning and recalling what we can about the local area and what we know about the wider world through the use of Google Earth, maps and globes. In our History lesson we will be thinking again about Beatrix Potter and the time that she was alive in (Victorian Times) and the similarities and differences compared to life today. In DT we will be designing our own sliders and deciding what the background and character should be and also where the slot and guide should go. In PE we will continue to practise ball skills including throwing, catching and rolling. In RE we will learn about the creation story from the Muslim faith and in RE we will be learning about the activist Greta Thunberg. What another action packed and exciting week we will have!


## Year

### 2

**Phonics/GPS:** ey (donkey), revising suffix 's' and 'es' to a word to make a plural

**Maths:** Finding the difference between two numbers, measuring using metres and centimetres

**Foundation subjects:** This week in Science, we are learning about the suitability of materials and why certain materials are used for specific purposes. For example, glass is used for windows because it is transparent and hard. In Art, we are exploring line and shape by studying the work of different artists. We will look closely at how artists use line to create drawings, which will help us design our own line drawings inspired by 17th-century buildings. In Computing (Online Safety), we will discuss what bullying is, the different ways people may bully others, and how bullying can make someone feel. This will help us understand how to be kind and respectful online. In History, we will learn how historians find out about the past by using different sources of information. We will explore Samuel Pepys' diary, a first-hand account that tells us about the Great Fire of London and what life was like at the time. In RE, we are learning about stories from the Bible and how they teach Christians important life lessons. This week, we will focus on the story of Joseph and his colourful coat. Finally, in Gymnastics, we will practise linking movements smoothly to create our own routines. We will use shapes and rolls, and work on perfecting our starting and finishing positions.



# WHAT'S GOING ON? *New additions will be in red*

Wed 21 Jan	Reception Winter Walk at Chalkwell Park
Fri 23 Jan	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Bahamas
Fri 30 Jan	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Finland
Fri 6 Feb	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Vietnam
w/b 9 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Thu 12 Feb</b>	<b>Last day at school - Feb half term</b>
<b>Fri 13 Feb</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>
Fri 13 Feb	Boys Football tournament
<b>Mon 23 Feb</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Wed 4 Mar	KS1 Tag Rugby Tournament (invited children only)
Fri 6 Mar	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Wales
Fri 13 Mar	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Northern Ireland
Mon 16 Mar	EYFS National Measurement Programme
Mon 16 Mar	2.15pm Year 1 assembly (parents need only attend one performance)
Tues 17 Mar	9.15am Year 1 assembly (parents need only attend one performance)
Tues 17 Mar	EYFS National Measurement Programme
Fri 20 Mar	Comic Relief
<b>Fri 27 Mar</b>	<b>Last day at school - Easter holidays</b>
<b>Mon 13 Apr</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Fri 24 Apr	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Scotland
Fri 1 May	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Spain
<b>Mon 4 May</b>	<b>Bank holiday (school closed)</b>
<b>Mon 11 May</b>	<b>Class photos</b>
<b>Thu 21 May</b>	<b>Last day at school - May half term</b>
<b>Fri 22 May</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>
<b>Mon 1 Jun</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Fri 12 Jun	9.00 Celebration assembly - class South Africa
Fri 19 Jun	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Mexico
<b>Fri 17 Jul</b>	<b>Last day at school - Summer holidays</b>
<b>Mon 20 Jul</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>

What's new?

*For Celebration assembly, you should arrive at 9am via Rockleigh gate.*





# 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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