



9 JANUARY 2026

CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

I hope you had a restful Christmas break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new term ahead. A particularly warm welcome to our new parents, carers and children who have joined our Nursery this term; we are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

Each term, we explore a 'Big Question' that takes learning beyond the National Curriculum. These questions are designed to spark thoughtful discussion, encourage children to consider different perspectives, and help them think deeply about real-world issues. This term, our Big Question is: 'Can we all belong, even if we are different?'

This question will guide our exploration of inclusion, diversity and individuality. Through stories, discussions and age-appropriate debates, children will be encouraged to reflect on what makes us unique and how we can create a community where everyone feels valued and respected.

Our aim is to nurture deep thinkers who can challenge assumptions, develop empathy, and form their own views about fairness, right and wrong. We want children to feel confident to listen to others, respect differing opinions and speak up when they see injustice. By focusing on these values, we hope to develop curious, open-minded learners who are passionate about helping to create a fairer, kinder and more equitable world.

Please keep an eye on your PINGs for further information about our curriculum this term, and remember that you can also find lots of useful information on our [website](http://www.chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk).



PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT (PPG) – COULD YOUR CHILD BE ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium Grant (PPG), even if you're not sure or haven't applied before. PPG provides extra funding to school to support pupils whose families receive certain benefits, including Universal Credit. All checks are confidential.

PPG helps by:

- Providing extra learning and wellbeing support for pupils
- Helping with the cost of trips, clubs, resources and enrichment
- Bringing additional funding into school that benefits all children

Applying does not affect your benefits and can make a real difference to your child, your family and the wider school community.

If you think you might be eligible, please speak to Shelley, Viv or any member of staff, who can check quickly and discreetly and answer any questions. Even if you're unsure, it's always worth checking.

Thank you for helping us support every child to thrive.

STUDY SMART

Free Online Courses

**STARTING
MONDAY
12TH
JANUARY**

**Fully Funded Education Support Course
Online LIVE Webinars
6 Week Course
Mon - Fri 9.30 - 11.30 & 12.30 - 2.00
Support Session 4.00 - 4.30**

**Levels 1, 2 & 3 Available
Accredited Awards & Certificates in:
Prepare to Work in Schools
Wellbeing
Safeguarding & Prevent
Occupational Studies
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Principles of SEN**

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PLEASE FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

SEND SURGERIES

with the Southend SEND Team

Are you a parent carer of a child with SEND?

The Southend Council SEND Team, along with a range of services, hold monthly informal and friendly drop-in sessions to offer families clear information and advice.

- No booking needed
- From 9:00 to 11:00 am
- Various locations

Scan for dates and locations



For up-to-date details, dates and locations, visit:
www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDSurgeries



SEND surgeries 2026

Share your
feedback



WEDNESDAY
28
JANUARY
Earls Hall
Primary School

THURSDAY
26
FEBRUARY
Prince Avenue
Primary School

TUESDAY
24
MARCH
Fairways
Primary School

MONDAY
27
APRIL
North Leigh Street
Primary School

WEDNESDAY
20
MAY
Thorpedene Primary
School and Nursery

FRIDAY
26
JUNE
Cecil Jones
Academy

MONDAY
6
JULY
Bournemouth Park
Academy

THURSDAY
24
SEPTEMBER
Milton Hall
Primary School

TUESDAY
20
OCTOBER
Edwards Hall
Primary School

WEDNESDAY
25
NOVEMBER
Blenheim
Primary School

FRIDAY
11
DECEMBER
Charter Suite
Southend Civic Centre

- ✓ drop-in
- ✓ ask questions
- ✓ get advice





**Platinum
Award**
2024 - 2026

WISH LIST

SANDPIT TOYS

CHALK

DOLLS HOUSE FURNITURE

DOLLS

TOY VEHICLES

**NEW YEAR,
NEW LEASH
OF LIFE**

**ADOPT A RESCUE DOG
& BE PART OF
CHANNEL 4'S**

The Dog House

APPLY HERE

C4THEDOGHOUSETAKEPART.CO.UK

Channel 4's The Dog House is looking for local families to offer a loving home to a rescue dog and share their reasons why on the show! If you're interested, find out more here:

<https://c4thedoghousetakepart.co.uk>
or email
thedoghouse@fivemilefilms.co.uk

SPECIAL MENU CHANGE FOR CENSUS DAY

Special
Menu

Due to the upcoming Census Day, there will be a special change to next week's lunch menu. On Thursday, we will be serving a firm favourite, chicken nuggets or veggie nuggets with waffles, followed by an old-school classic sponge cake with icing and sprinkles. Jacket potatoes will also be available as an alternative.

We strongly encourage all parents to allow their child to try a school meal on Thursday, even if they don't usually have one. The number of school meals taken on Census Day directly affects the funding the school receives for the year ahead, which supports resources and provision for all pupils.

Children are very welcome to bring a packed lunch as well, in case they decide they do not like what is on offer.

Please also note that there will be a change to Friday's lunch as a result of this menu swap.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

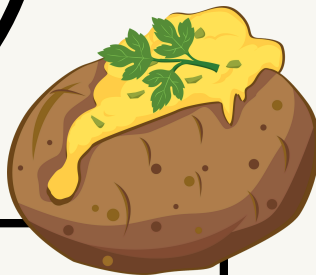
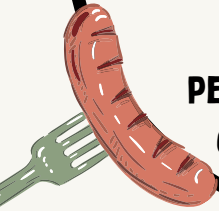
AUTUMN WEEK 1

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

OVEN BAKED PORK SAUSAGE (S)
OR OVEN BAKED MEAT FREE SAUSAGE (G) (VG)
WITH
OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES (VG),
AND A CHOICE OF
PEAS (VG), BROCCOLI (VG)
OR BAKED BEANS (VG)



TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

HOMEMADE BEEF BOLOGNAISE (CY)
OR
HOMEMADE MEAT FREE BOLOGNAISE (BOTH WITH HIDDEN VEG) (G) (SOYB)(VG)(CY)
WITH
TRICOLOUR PASTA TWIRLS (G)(VG)
GARLIC BREAD (G) (VG)
CARROTS (VG)
AND PEAS (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

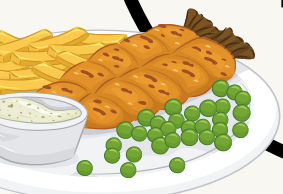
WATER AND MILK / A FRUIT BOWL (ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE AVAILABLE OCCASSIONALLY)

REACH FOR A ROAST WEDNESDAY

OVEN ROAST TURKEY
OR
OVEN ROAST QUORN (V) (MK) (E)
WITH
OVEN ROASTED POTATOES (VG) (G),
BROCCOLI (VG),
CARROTS (VG), YORKSHIRE PUDDING (MK) (V) (G) (E)
AND GRAVY (VG)

FINTASTIC FRIDAY

BATTERED FISH FILLET (G) (F)
OR
VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)
WITH CHIPS (VG),
PEAS AND SWEETCORN (VG)
AND
KETCHUP (VG) OR
TARTARE SAUCE (V) (E) (MU)



Special Menu

ALLERGY FREE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE

CHICKEN NUGGETS (G) OR
VEGE NUGGETS (G) (VG)
WITH WAFFLES (VG),
PEAS OR BAKED BEANS (VG)
WITH KETCHUP (VG), MAYO (E) (V)
OR BBQ (VG)
AND
SPONGE CAKE WITH
SPRINKLES (E) (M) (G) (V)



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Stars of the week

NURSERY

Keeona Kwashi



NORTHERN IRELAND

Nova Mahdilou

WALES

Banks Bolton

SCOTLAND

Cecilly Kenny

SPAIN

Syon Selvarajah

MEXICO

David Ajala

SOUTH AFRICA

Theo Taylor

FINLAND

Olive Eden

VIETNAM

Parker Pilgrim

BAHAMAS

Clara Hobden

Right on time

punctual



Fia Hurlstone	Nour Oukili	Liam Preston
Luna-Mae Popham	Ozzy McFarlane	Ellie French
Leo Dooley	Rory Mason	Rose O'Connell



ATTENDANCE

This week - 97.21%

EYFS - 98.75%

Year 1 - 95.97%

Year 2 - 97.78%

Whole School Year To Date - 95.96%



REACH Award

Achieve

Dylan Murphy





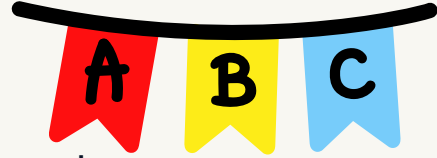
NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

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Nursery

Stories: Hey Presto!

Number songs/Stories: 5 currant buns




Other Areas: Next week our learning will have a magical theme! We will share stories about magic, magicians and magic tricks! Children will also have the opportunity to make their own magic wands and hats. In the role play corner, children can practise their own tricks or pretend to have magic powers! Our school leavers will begin their very first circle time to sharpen their listening skills and group focus. During their dedicated maths sessions, they will work on mastering number recognition and the ability to represent quantities up to five using their fingers. To keep those little hands busy, our "story dough" session will be inspired by the book Hey Presto! This activity is designed to boost fine motor skills as the children warm up their dough to sculpt miniature magicians and carefully etch their own "magic buttons." It promises to be a fun week of learning!

Phonics: qu (queen), ng(string), nk(think)

Maths: Next week in maths we are focusing on the principle of cardinality. Children will count objects and understand that the last number we count tells us 'how many' things there are altogether.

Reception

Other Areas: Next week, our drawing club activities are inspired by the classic animation Wacky Races. Children will draw original vehicles and tracks alongside practising their writing skills. This will also link to a focus on road safety, where we will teach the children practical skills for staying safe when crossing the road. We are also excited to explore geographical contrasts through the story of The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse, comparing the features of a busy town with the countryside. To support our students' social and emotional development, our PSED session will focus specifically on collaborative play. We will work together on building stronger interpersonal skills, specifically focusing on how to listen to one another, find compromises during play, and ensure everyone gets a fair turn.





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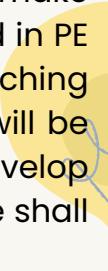
Year

1

Phonics: ure (pure), tion (attention), sion (tension)

Maths: Teen numbers: reading, ordering, counting and writing

Foundation subjects: In Science, we'll be exploring the human body by drawing and labelling its external parts, such as the elbow, shin, eyes, and ankle. In Computing we will be using coding blocks away from the computers to begin to write our own codes and in DT we will be exploring sliders and looking closely at the different components that make them work! In Music we will begin our block of learning titled 'your imagination' and in PE we will be supported by our sports coach, James, to develop our throwing and catching skills. In RE we will be learning about Allah from the Islamic faith and in PSHE we will be thinking about what is really meant by 'fair'. In our Art lessons we will continue to develop our line drawing skills and add colour with watercolours. What a wonderful week we shall have!




Year

2

Phonics/GPS: Compound words, snowman, starfish; sentence types, questions

Maths: Division - by 2, 5, 10

Foundation subjects: Our learning this term is inspired by The Great Fire of London. In Art, we are exploring collage, paint, and a range of tools to create fiery flame backgrounds. Our final pieces will feature striking black silhouettes of buildings layered over the flames. Alongside this, we have been learning about the key events of the Great Fire, acting out the story and using timelines to help us understand the sequence of events. In Science, we are beginning our new topic on materials. This week, we will be sorting everyday objects and matching them to the materials they are made from. In Computing, we will be learning what an algorithm is and developing our understanding of debugging. Our Geography lessons will focus on using a compass and learning simple directions, North, East, South and West, and applying this knowledge to locate places on a world map. In Music, we will be learning a new Friendship song and using untuned percussion instruments to create accompaniments. Finally, in Gymnastics, we will be practising balancing our bodies in different positions and beginning to combine balances and rolling movements into a short sequence.



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

Thu 15 Jan	Census Day - special menu
Tue 20 Jan	Bowling tournament (invited children only)
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
Thu 12 Feb	Last day at school - Feb half term
Fri 13 Feb	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
Fri 13 Feb	Boys Football tournament
Mon 23 Feb	Back to school
Wed 4 Mar	KSI 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
Fri 27 Mar	Last day at school - Easter holidays
Mon 13 Apr	Back to school
Fri 24 Apr	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Scotland
Fri 1 May	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Spain
Mon 4 May	Bank holiday (school closed)
Thu 21 May	Last day at school - May half term
Fri 22 May	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
Mon 1 Jun	Back to school
Fri 12 Jun	9.00 Celebration assembly - class South Africa
Fri 19 Jun	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Mexico
Fri 17 Jul	Last day at school - Summer holidays
Mon 20 Jul	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)

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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