



CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL WINTER FAYRE

What a wonderful event the Winter Fayre was, not even the weather could dampen the Christmas spirit! Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered or came along on the day, and a special thank you to those who planned and organised the event. We know how much hard work goes into making it a success, and it is genuinely appreciated. It is always lovely to see our community come together; that truly is the best part. We are also very grateful for the additional funds raised through events like these.

A MAGICAL CHRISTMAS WEEK IN SCHOOL

This week has been truly magical in school, it really is the best time of the year. On Monday, the children busily helped to decorate the school in preparation for the Christmas festivities. Every child met Santa himself, supported by his elves, and each one received a special gift.

Then it was on to the Christmas Bazaar, our very own Christmas market at the Junior School. Hearing the gasps of "wow!" as the children entered the hall was so special. They absolutely loved wandering around the stalls, searching for the perfect gifts and treats, and carefully spending their money.

Once again, these events would not be possible without our wonderfully dedicated team of parent volunteers, organised so brilliantly by our PTA. We are very lucky indeed.



RECEPTION VISIT TO THE CHURCH

This week, our Reception children visited our local church, St Michael and All Angels, to learn more about places of worship. They were warmly welcomed by Vicar Tom who spoke to them about the special features of the church and why it plays such an important role in the lives of Christians. The children listened beautifully and showed great respect throughout the visit.

As always, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who accompanied us, we truly couldn't do this without your support.



CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS WITH OUR KS1 NATIVITY



We can't wait to share our hard work with you next week at our Nativities at St Michael and All Angels Church. All of our Year 2 children have had the chance to take on a role in the performance, whether as narrators, dancers or actors. Every child, including all of Year 1, has the extremely important job of telling the story of the very first Christmas through song.

Please be aware that you may not have a clear view of your child during the performance. There are 180 children in Key Stage 1, and our beautiful venue does have columns that may occasionally obscure sightlines.

We hope you will love our Nativity, and we are sure you will feel incredibly proud of all the children.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

You may have seen our PING message requesting Christmas treats to help us create hampers for Chalkwell families who may otherwise go without.

Please only donate if you are able to, and ensure any contributions are sent in by 12th December.

Thank you for showing you care.

*Christmas
Wish List*

DEAR SANTA!
we been
been in
need to
end



Platinum Award

2024 - 2026

WARMING UP WITH ACTIVE PLAY

Thank you for your recent donations. We've had another fun-packed week! One of the highlights has been our Games Zone, where the children have loved taking aim on the mini pool table and trying their hand at table football!

WISH LIST

SANDPIT TOYS

CHALK

SCOOTERS

LEGO / DUPLO

CONSTRUCTION TOYS



Thank You





THE FITZWIMARC SCHOOL

Planning for our future

Artist's impression of proposed school entrance



PUBLIC EXHIBITION

Bowmer + Kirkland has been selected by the Department for Education (DfE) as the main contractor on plans to redevelop The FitzWimarc School and would like to invite the local community to review the plans at a public exhibition or via our website.

Please come along to meet the project team on:



Thursday 8th January 2026, 5.00pm – 8.00pm



**The FitzWimarc School, Hockley Road, Rayleigh,
Essex, SS6 8EB**

**+BOWMER
KIRKLAND**



Department
for Education



Have your say at:

www.fitzwimarcplans.co.uk



NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

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Nursery

Stories: The Nativity

Number songs/Stories: Father Christmas Needs a Wee!

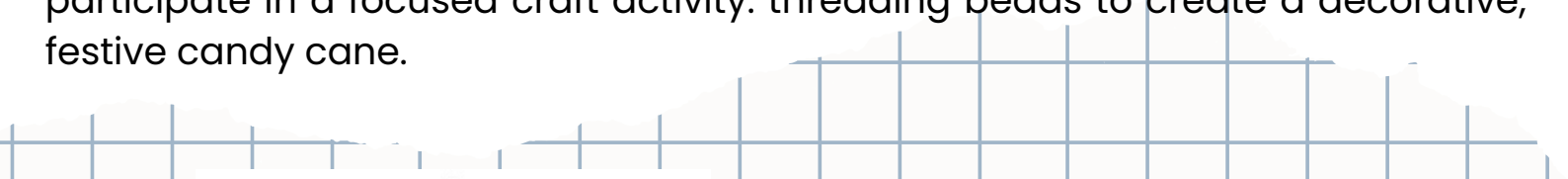
Other Areas: Next week, the Christmas spirit arrives in Nursery! Our learning will be filled with festive cheer as we discover the Nativity story, introducing the children to the traditional story of Christmas. The children will become little artists, creating a special Christmas card to take home to their families, along with other fun, festive crafts. We'll be singing joyful Christmas number songs and actively practising showing numbers up to 5 using our fingers, which strengthens our early maths skills. Finally, through sharing lots of festive stories and songs, we will be focusing on developing fantastic listening and attention skills.

Reception

Phonics: y (yak), w (worm), z (zip), x (eXercise)

Maths: Next week we will be exploring composition by focusing on understanding the concept of 'wholes' and 'parts'. They will begin to understand that whole things are often made up of smaller parts and that a whole is, therefore, bigger than its parts.

Other Areas: Next week, our learning will be fully immersed in the joy of Christmas! We have a fun-filled week planned to blend festive celebrations with key areas of the curriculum. We will begin by continuing to explore the Nativity story in depth. We will learn how Christians celebrate this important time of year and children will have a special opportunity to share their own family traditions and celebrations with the class. In preparation for the show, we will be singing festive songs and rehearsing our own Reception Nativity performance. Finally, to develop those important muscles needed for writing, we will engage in fine motor activities during funky fingers. All children will participate in a focused craft activity: threading beads to create a decorative, festive candy cane.





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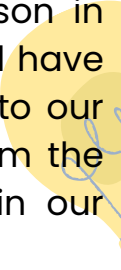
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Year 1

Phonics: kn (Knock), revision

Maths: Securing subtraction strategies, including using a number line and exploring fact families. In Rekenrek time, we will be exploring the number 6, where we will be subitising and learning the number bonds within 6.

Foundation subjects: In Computing we will be completing the final coding challenges where we will need to give directions and values to our objects movements. We will also be learning about stable structures in our DT lesson in preparation for making our own stable structures in the last week! In PE we will have our final Dance lesson where we will move like toys and perform the dance to our partners, and in RE we will learn all about the story of David and Goliath from the Bible. We will of course be doing some Christmas craft and performing in our Christmas production - we cannot wait!



Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Revision and assessment

Maths: Revision/assessment of place value and number facts

Foundation subjects: In Science, we are learning about the importance of sleep and rest, and how it helps us grow and stay healthy. In Art, we will continue exploring pattern and colour symbolism as we design and paint our own South African-inspired patterns onto our masks. In Computing, we are learning how to organise information clearly by creating simple charts and block graphs using Purple Mash. In DT, we will be investigating how moving axles and wheel mechanisms work and then designing and making our own prototypes. In PSHE, we are learning how to recognise hurtful behaviour, including online, and what to do and who to tell if we see or experience it. Finally, we are very excited to share our singing, dancing, acting and musical instrument performances in our Christmas concerts next week!

AUTUMN WEEK 2

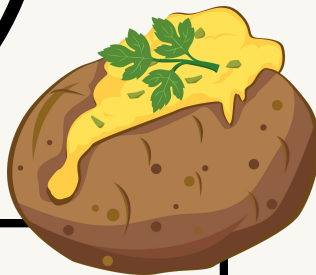
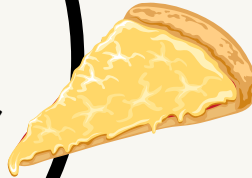
WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

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

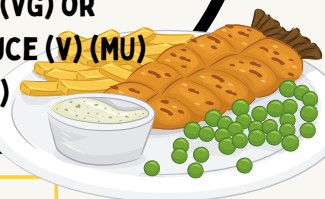
OVEN BAKED
FISH FINGERS (G) (F)
OR
OVEN BAKED VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)

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

Harry Aldridge



NORTHERN IRELAND

Maurice

WALES

William Lidster-Woolf

SCOTLAND

Lizzie Nolan

SPAIN

Dhruvin Patel

MEXICO

Kaia Chindanya

SOUTH AFRICA

Lucas Pollard

FINLAND

Theadora Hebburn-Janeski

VIETNAM

Eleen Abdulrazaq

BAHAMAS

Ananyo Saha Halder

Right on time



Leila Edwards	Freddie Manning-Parr	Yuvan Pottam
Finley	Penny Day	Willow Lamb
Jude Rumbelow	Harry Allen	Asante Tshuma



ATTENDANCE
This week - 94.63%

EYFS - 97.22%
Year 1 - 91.11%
Year 2 - 98.44%
Whole School Year To Date - 96.31%

REACH Award

Respect

Lola Dooley

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

Wed 10 Dec	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church - 9.45
Thur 11 Dec	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church - 9.45
Fri 12 Dec	Christmas/Winter jumpers for Brain Tumour Charity
Fri 12 Dec	Choir singing at Catherine Miller Home for the Elderly
Mon 15 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Northern Ireland parents - 9.15
Tues 16 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Scotland parents - 9.15
Tues 16 Dec	Junior Christmas Dinner/Infant Party Lunch
Wed 17 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Wales parents - 9.15
Weds 17 Dec	Infant and Nursery Christmas Dinner
Weds 17 Dec	Year 1 park trip
Fri 19 Dec	Nursery Xmas Celebration 2.15 til 2.45 - enter via Rockleigh Ave
Fri 19 Dec	Last day at school - Christmas holidays
Mon 5 Jan	Back to school
Thu 12 Feb	Last day at school - Feb half term
Fri 13 Feb	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)
<i>Fri 13 Feb</i>	<i>Boys Football tournament</i>
Mon 23 Feb	Back to school
Fri 27 Mar	Last day at school - Easter holidays
Mon 13 Apr	Back to school
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 17 Jul	Last day at school - Summer holidays
Mon 20 Jul	Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)



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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