



CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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14 NOVEMBER 2025

CELEBRATING KINDNESS AND DIFFERENCE

This week we have been celebrating kindness, difference and showing we care. We kicked off the week by wearing our odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week, a fun way to demonstrate and celebrate our uniqueness.

Yesterday was World Kindness Day, and throughout the week the children have been learning about random acts of kindness and how these small gestures can make a big difference to others, even something as simple as sharing a smile!

In our Celebration Assembly, all of our Reach Awards were presented for care, and it was wonderful to hear about the many thoughtful and caring things the children have been doing, including their own random acts of kindness.

Today we rounded off the week by showing our support for Children in Need, dressing up and donating to help raise money for this important cause. What a wonderful week!



CHOIR PERFORMANCES

Tomorrow, Saturday 15th November, our school choir will be performing at the Southend Christmas Lights switch-on on Southend High Street at 1:00pm. It would be wonderful if you could come along and cheer us on!

On Friday 28th November, the choir will also be performing at Leigh Lights, just outside the IronWorks, Leigh Community Centre on Elm Road – we'd love to see you there to support our talented singers once again.

Finally, on Saturday 29th November, our choir will be singing at the PTA Winter Fayre here at school. We're really looking forward to sharing more festive songs and helping to spread some Christmas cheer!

WORKING TOGETHER: AUTUMN CONSULTATIONS

Our autumn Parent/Teacher Consultations are well under way. For those who have already attended, we hope you found them useful. We know how important it is for parents to be well informed about how their children are getting on in school, both academically and socially. When parents and school work together, children benefit.

If you are unable to attend your scheduled appointment, please let us know and we will be happy to reschedule.

We are HIRING



VACANCY School Cleaner

We are looking for an enthusiastic and reliable individual to join our dedicated cleaning team and help maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment for our pupils, staff, and visitors at Chalkwell Hall Infants School.

About the Role:

- **Job Title:** School Cleaner
- **Hours:** 10 hours per week (4:00pm – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday, term time only)
- **Additional Week:** Includes one additional week during the August holidays for a full school deep clean
- **Contract:** Permanent
- **Pay:** £13.09 per hour (Level 2, SCP 4)

Key Responsibilities:

- General cleaning duties including vacuuming, mopping, dusting, and surface cleaning
- Sanitising washroom facilities, sinks, tables, chairs, and other high-contact areas
- Ensuring hygiene and cleanliness standards are consistently met

About You:

- Reliable, punctual, and take pride in a job well done
- Able to work independently and as part of a team
- Cleaning experience is desirable but not essential - full training will be provided

To Apply:

For an application pack, please contact Kerrie Lawton on 01702 478533 or email education@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk.

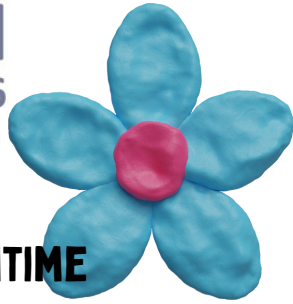
CVs will not be accepted.

Closing date: 19th November 2025 at midday



Platinum Award

2024 - 2026



MORE FUN AT LUNCHTIME

This week our Play team introduced a plasticine modeling station to the playground. As you can see it was extremely popular with all ages of children. I love how our Opal lunchtime offers encourages all ages of children to play together and alongside one another.

WISH LIST

SANDPIT TOYS

CHALK

MAGAZINES

TRADING CARDS

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS (PERCUSSION)

BEAN BAGS (FOR SITTING ON)



Thank You



WHAT I'D LIKE YOU TO KNOW ABOUT:

TYPE 1 DIABETES

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

What is Type 1 Diabetes?

It is a serious condition where your blood glucose level is too high. Insulin is made by the pancreas and it allows the glucose in our blood to enter our cells and fuel our bodies.

IT IS AN
AUTOIMMUNE
CONDITION WHERE
THE BODY DESTROYS
ITS INSULIN
PRODUCING
CELLS.

If you have Type 1 Diabetes you cannot make any insulin so need to have insulin injected or via a pump.

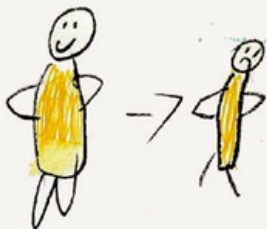
Approximately 270,000 people in England have Type 1 Diabetes.

TYPE 1
DIABETES
IS NOT CAUSED
BY DIET OR
LIFESTYLE.



WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

The 4 main symptoms of Type 1 Diabetes - "The 4 Ts":



THINNER

unexpected
weight loss



THIRSTY

being REALLY
thirsty



TIRED

feeling more tired
than usual.



TOILET

going for a wee a lot,
especially at night.

If you spot any of these signs see a GP as soon as possible and ask for a test.
If left undiagnosed it can make you unwell, very quickly.

Illustrations by: *Avery Fuller* Diagnosed age 6



NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

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Nursery

Stories: Owl babies

Number songs/Stories: How many stars?


Other Areas: Next week, our learning will be linked to night time. We will read stories and learn about animals that wake up at night as well as the moon and stars. We will also explore light and shadow. We will practise our subitising skills up to 3. Subitising is when children can tell how many objects there are without counting.

Reception

Phonics: o (orange), c (caterpillar), k (kangaroo), u (umbrella)

Maths: Next week we will be focusing on comparison of quantities. Children will use the language more than and fewer than to compare groups of objects.

Other Areas: Next week, we will be learning all about people in our community who help us. We will learn about some of the important jobs that police officers, firefighters, doctors and paramedics do. We will think about how our families help us and keep us safe. We will also learn a bit about internet safety using the Smartie the Penguin story. Our drawing club adventures will be based on the classic animation 'Bananaman' next week. Did you know... We dedicate some of our story times to 'Vocab stories'. These stories have been selected to help to develop specific vocabulary and we explore the meaning of new words together.



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Year
1

Phonics: ew (chew), oa (goat)

Maths: Addition using objects, using the strategy of combining two groups and adding by counting on. Children will also practise writing addition number sentences (e.g. $5 + 2 = 7$) and a part-part-whole diagram (video coming soon!). In our rekenrek sessions, we will be finding one more and one less of a given number.

Foundation subjects: In Science, we'll be revisiting our learning about materials and completing a table to show that we understand the difference between an object, the material it is made from, and the properties it has. In Geography, we will be exploring human and physical features in Chalkwell Park and the local area. In Art, we will be working with playdough to practise techniques such as rolling, pinching, and pulling to shape the dough purposefully, ahead of using clay in a few weeks' time. In Design & Technology (DT), we will be evaluating the split-pin mini-mes we have made, thinking about what we like and what we would like to improve. In Music, we will be exploring the concept of tempo during our mini lesson. In Dance, we will be linking our pirate moves together to create a short dance routine. In RE, we will listen to another story from the Bible: Jesus and the Paralyse Man. In PSHE, we will learn about consent by reading The Body Safety Book for Kids. And of course, we have started learning lots of songs for our Christmas production!

Year
2

Phonics/GPS: o (mother), ar (warm)

Maths: Subtraction of 2 digit numbers from 2 digit numbers with renaming (e.g $35 - 19$)

Foundation subjects: In our Science unit on hygiene, we have been investigating the question: "How can you stop germs from spreading on your hands?" After conducting an experiment using salt and pepper, we made predictions about what might happen. This week, we will be analysing our results and writing our conclusions. In Computing, our focus is on online relationships, learning how to stay safe online and identifying who can help if something happens without our consent. In Geography, we will use Google Earth, maps, and globes to identify, name, and locate the five oceans of the world. In Music, we are exploring tempo, discovering how the speed of music affects its mood and energy. During PE, we continue to develop our Tag Rugby skills, focusing on accurate passing, tagging opponents, and avoiding being tagged ourselves. Finally, as the countdown to our Christmas concert, "A Bundle of Joy," begins, we will start rehearsals in the hall to practise our acting and singing!

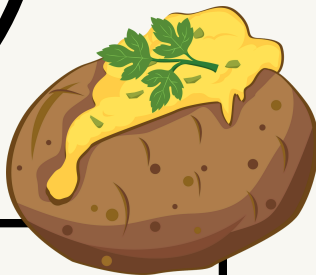
AUTUMN WEEK 1

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)



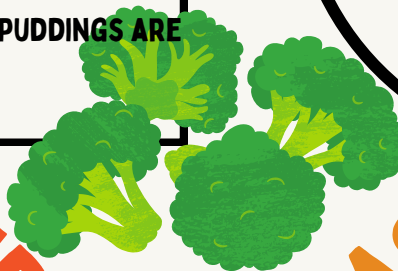
TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

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)



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)



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)

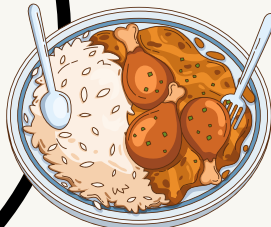
A COLD SALAD BAR

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

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

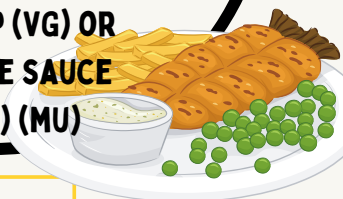
FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

OVEN BAKED BREADED
CHICKEN GOUJON (G) OR
BREADED MEAT FREE GOUJON (G)
WITH
HOMEMADE KATSU CURRY SAUCE
(CCN) (SOYB)(CY)(VG)
AND STEAMED RICE AND
MIXED VEGETABLE MEDLEY:
GREEN BEANS/SWEETCORN/
CARROT/PEAS (VG)



FINTASTIC THURSDAY

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)



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Stars of the week

NURSERY

Lola Williams



NORTHERN IRELAND

Fia Hurlstone

WALES

Hugo

SCOTLAND

Shakya Tissera

SPAIN

Azalea Lika

MEXICO

Finan Day

SOUTH AFRICA

Fraser Taylor

FINLAND

Maya Kilbey

VIETNAM

Isabella Oakes

BAHAMAS

Fletcher Smith

Right on time



Dominic Furnigel	Matilda Binns	Arthur Portman
Ethan Murphy	Aris Bigand	Talia Jacobs
Margot King-Stokes	Esmee-Rose Wayman	Blake Meadows



ATTENDANCE

This week - 96.44%

EYFS - 97.44%

Year 1 - 97.44%

Year 2 - 96.40%

Whole School Year To Date - 96.63%



REACH Award

Care

Evelyn Clarkson

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

Sat 15 Nov	Choir singing at 'The Big Switch On' Southend
Wed 19 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
Fri 21 Nov	Boys football tournament - postponed (girls date tbc)
Tue 25 Nov	Year 1 visiting St Michael's Church
Thu 27 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
Fri 28 Nov	Choir singing at Leigh Lights
Fi 28 Nov	Dodgeball tournament
Fri 28 Nov	Non-Uniform Day - donations for Winter Fayre
Sat 29 Nov	PTA Winter Wonderland Fayre (choir performing)
Wed 3 Dec	PTA Santa visiting
Wed 2 Dec	Reception visiting St Michael's Church
Thu 4 Dec	PTA Christmas Bazaar
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
Mon 15 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Northern Ireland parents - 9.15
Tues 16 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Scotland parents - 9.15
Wed 17 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - Wales parents - 9.15
Tues 16 Dec	Junior Christmas Dinner/Infant Party Lunch
Weds 17 Dec	Infant Christmas Dinner
Weds 17 Dec	Year 1 park trip
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)
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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