



CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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24 OCTOBER 2025

HAPPY HALF TERM!

Congratulations to all our families! We have successfully made it through the first half term of the school year, and for many of you, this term has marked your child's exciting debut at school or nursery. You should all be incredibly proud.

The end of the half term is the perfect time to pause and reflect on the growth you've seen. Starting a new school year, especially a first one, requires everyone to build new routines, and that doesn't happen overnight! Please remember to be kind to yourselves and your children, adjustment takes different amounts of time for everyone, and that's perfectly normal.

The entire team and I are so proud to have witnessed the amazing progress the children have made. We celebrate every success, from the confidence of an independent morning arrival to the huge leap of learning to read. It's a privilege to watch them grow!

We wish you a restful and fun half term break. Take the time to relax, recharge, and enjoy those precious moments with your loved ones.

We can't wait to see your refreshed faces when we welcome you back to school on **Monday, November 3rd!**



You can now select the PTA as a Co-op Local Community Fund cause.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/94156>

Every time you spend on selected own-brand products in store, 1% goes to our charity. This raised over £2700 for our schools last time we were selected.

DID YOU KNOW?

THE POWER OF BOOKS

Sharing a book with your child every day is like giving their brain a super boost! It helps them learn lots of new words, which makes talking and listening easier, and helps them get ready for school. Reading stories also teaches them about feelings and empathy, and the quiet time creates a special, strong bond between you. To get the most benefit, let your child choose the book, be interactive by asking questions, and always make sure reading time is fun! For some handy tips on how to share the book love with your child click [here](#).



THANK YOU!

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!

Together, you spent an incredible £1,095.38, which means the school now has £547.69 to spend on new books. These will be used to top up our class libraries and to support our curriculum.

We are so grateful for your generosity, these new books will be a wonderful addition to our classrooms, and we have no doubt the children will thoroughly enjoy them.

HARVEST DONATIONS: SHOWING WE CARE

Our Harvest contributions have now been safely delivered to our chosen charities, The One Love Project and The Southend Foodbank.

A huge thank you for your generosity and kindness. It's so important for us to show our children the value of caring for others, and your support helps us do just that.

A NIGHT OF FUN AND FUNDRAISING!

Huge thanks to our wonderful PTA, who organised another fantastic fundraising event, this time purely for parents!

Our annual Quiz Night was a brilliant success, giving parents the chance to take a well-earned night off, relax, and, of course, show off their general knowledge.

As well as being a fun-filled evening, the event raised an impressive £433, thank you to everyone who came along and supported!



INTREPID VENTURES

October Holiday Camp
Leigh North Street Primary School

Halloween Spooktacular



Tag Archery

STEM games

Firelighting & Marshmallows



Soft Archery

Shelter Building

Team building games



Contact us: info@intrepidventures.org Tel: 07903355584

Find us on:   Bookings@ www.intrepidventures.org





WELCOME TO OUR ECO WARRIORS FOR THIS YEAR!

These amazing pupils will be leading our school community to become more eco friendly, helping us live out our core values of RESPECT, ENJOY and CARE. ♥

Their first project is to audit their classroom to ensure they have an Eco book to relay messages back to class from our meetings, a recycling bin and a class plant. They will be responsible for saving electricity by reminding the teacher to turn off lights and computer monitors when leaving the classroom, caring for the class plant and reminding the other children in the class about which bins on the playground to put their food waste and rubbish in.

I am looking forward to working with such a great team!

★ **“Little steps for Big Change”** ★

We believe even our youngest learners can make a big difference when they understand and care for the world around them.

Mrs. Corrigan

We are HIRING



Vacancy

Nursery Assistant

Term Time Only – 22.5 Hours per Week

Working Hours: Monday to Friday, 8am – 12.30pm

Salary: Level 3, SCP 5 – Actual Salary: £12,981.54 per annum

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our supportive, nurturing, and aspirational school community. Are you a passionate and dedicated Nursery Assistant committed to helping children thrive in their early years education?

We are seeking an enthusiastic Nursery Assistant to join our new school-based nursery from January 2026. You will work alongside the Nursery Teacher and Nursery Practitioners as part of the Early Years team, supporting the daily care and development of our children.

Main Responsibilities:

- Support the Nursery Teacher and Nursery Practitioners in delivering a high-quality early years provision.
- Care for and oversee the welfare of an allocated group of children.
- Promote the social, emotional, and educational development of all children in line with the Statutory Framework and school policies.

Candidate Requirements:

- Recent experience working within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).
- GCSEs in English and Maths (or equivalent).
- A good general standard of education.
- A positive, nurturing approach and commitment to high standards.

How to Apply:

Please contact Kerrie Lawton on 01702 478533 for an application pack, or email: education@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk. Application packs are also available from: www.essexschooljobs.co.uk – select Apply for this vacancy to download the application form.

Applications close: 31st October 2025 at midnight

Interviews to be held on: 13th November 2025

We are HIRING



VACANCY

Kitchen Assistant

Permanent

Do you like children and like to be busy? This could be the job for you!

We require a reliable Kitchen Assistant for our busy, friendly school canteen.

Hours: 11.25 hours a week (11.15am – 1.30pm, Monday to Friday, term time only)

Salary: £13.09 per hour.

Relevant experience is an advantage but not essential, as full training will be provided.

We are looking for someone who:

- is caring and friendly
- work effectively as part of a busy team
- uses initiative while following clear guidelines and protocols

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CV's will not be accepted.

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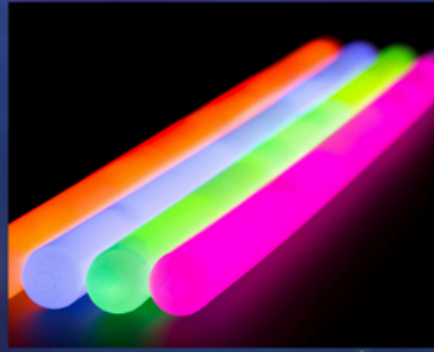
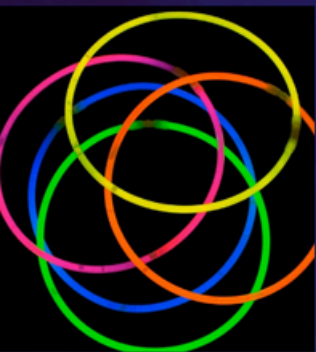


CHALKWELL HALL SCHOOLS PTA



GLOW

Sale



IN THE PLAYGROUND

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER

2.45 - 3.30PM

BE GLOW READY FOR HALLOWEEN!



Platinum Award

2024 - 2026

LET'S GO!

The children have been loving our workout and fitness zone recently! Here you can see our Reception and Year 1 pupils enjoying themselves during lunchtime.

Our Opal lunchtime provision really does have something for everyone, from active play to creative fun, there's always plenty to do and enjoy!



WISH LIST

SANDPIT TOYS

FARMYARD ANIMALS/VEHICLES

BOUNCY HOPPERS

TEDDIES



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR RECENT DONATIONS!

We've received some wonderful items, including trains, books, colouring pens, tents, space toys, dinosaurs, dressing-up clothes, dolls' clothes and building blocks. Your generosity makes such a difference to our children's play and learning experiences.

As you start sorting out in preparation for Christmas, please keep us in mind for any toys, books, or resources you're ready to pass on. Every donation is greatly appreciated!

Thank you



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: Roaring rockets

Number songs/Stories: 5 little monkeys,
Number of the day

Other Areas: After half term, our theme will be fireworks! We will learn about firework safety, listen to firework songs and sounds, and enjoy sharing stories all about fireworks. During activity time, we will have lots of fun making firework pictures and crafts using a range of materials. We will also continue to learn about sharing and taking turns, with support and guidance from the grown-ups.


Reception

Phonics: m (mountain), a (apple), s (snake),
d (dinosaur), t (tower)

Maths: We will be learning about circles and triangles and will make links to what we know about numbers 1-3

Other Areas: After half term, we will be learning all about Guy Fawkes Night, with lots of exciting activities linked to fireworks! We will explore why this event is celebrated and learn about some of the traditions that take place on Bonfire Night. As part of our Expressive Arts and Design learning, we will discover how to use oil pastels to create our very own firework art.

Our Drawing Club story will be **Not Now, Bernard**. We will have fun creating pictures of monsters and imagining new adventures that the monster might go on! We will also share the story **Everybody Feels... Sad** to help us begin to understand our emotions and learn about the Zones of Regulation.



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Year 1

Phonics: ur (turn), er (letter)

Maths: Ordering and comparing numbers and in Rekenrek Time we will be exploring the composition of 6, 7, 8 and 9 where 5 is one of the parts.

Foundation subjects: In Science, we'll be learning about what 'absorbent' means and carrying out a simple experiment to find out which materials have this property; in Computing, we'll be using 2Go and the directional keys to move a character around a maze; and in History, we'll be learning about Remembrance Day and why we recognise it as a special day. In Art, we'll be using watercolours to paint our Paul Klee inspired artwork with either warm or cool colours; and in our mini Music lesson, we'll be exploring pitch. In PE, we'll have our first Dance lesson and will be listening carefully to the music to move our bodies in time; and in RE, we'll be learning about Moses. Finally, in PSHE, we'll be exploring how we show different emotions and feelings with our facial expressions. What a busy first week back we'll have!

Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Word classes: noun phrases, expanded noun phrases

Maths: Subtraction of a single digit from a two digit number, subtraction of multiples of 10, using 100 squares and number lines

Foundation subjects: In DT, we'll be evaluating our couscous salad by comparing it to the original design criteria, reflecting on what worked well, and considering improvements we could make next time to enhance taste, presentation, or nutrition. In Science, our focus will be on personal hygiene, understanding how and why it plays a vital role in keeping us healthy; we'll explore everyday habits that help prevent illness and promote well-being. In Art, we'll dive into the world of pattern and colour symbolism, drawing inspiration from traditional South African masks; these vibrant designs will guide us as we begin developing ideas for our own mask creations later this term. In our Computing lessons, we'll learn about digital footprints and the importance of thinking carefully before sharing information online, which helps us stay safe and make responsible choices in the digital world. Finally, in History, we begin our exploration of Remembrance and Armistice Day, looking at its historical significance and how it's commemorated across different cultures around the globe.

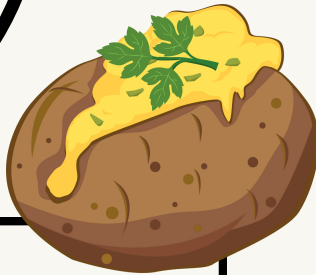
AUTUMN WEEK 1

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)



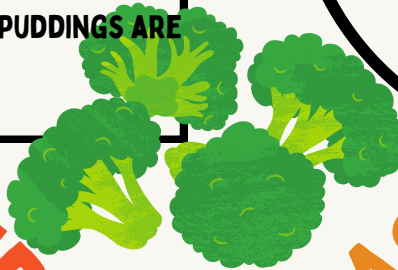
TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

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)

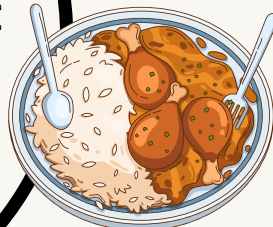
A COLD SALAD BAR

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

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

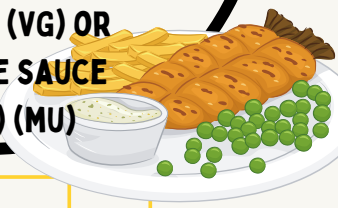
FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

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)



Stars of the week

NURSERY

Oliver Bourne



NORTHERN IRELAND

Flourish Adeniji

WALES

Flo Tremaine

SCOTLAND

Poppy Wallis

SPAIN

Rory Mason

MEXICO

Cian Nolan

SOUTH AFRICA

Anisa Ibrar

FINLAND

Aayaz Ali

VIETNAM

Euan Briggs

BAHAMAS

Lucas Brazier

Right on time

punctual



William Harden	Anna Kearney	Fletcher Smith
Milly Ouedraogo	Aurora Jacques	Lillie Palmer
Landon Fraser-Johnson	Lulah Storey	Manaswini Gowda



To dare is to do!

ATTENDANCE
This week - 95.74%

EYFS - 96.11%
Year 1 - 96.67%
Year 2 - 95.63%
Whole School Year To Date - 96.96%



Half Term Star Award

Dusty Thomson



Attendance Matters

Attendance Class Of The Month for October.....



CLASS WALES WITH A FAB 98.33% - WELL DONE!!

**WOW - CLASS WALES
YOU WIN A STICKER EACH,
AN EXTRA PLAY ON THE PIRATE SHIP AND
CHALKY OUR ATTENDANCE BEAR
WILL LIVE WITH YOUR CLASS
DURING NOVEMBER**



well done

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

Fri 24 Oct	Last day at school – Oct half term
Mon 3 Nov	Back to school
Tue 4 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
Wed 5 Nov	10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour with SENCo
Thu 6 Nov	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
Tue 11 Nov	6.30 Prospective Parents (Reception 2026) Information evening
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 (girls tournament date tbc)
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
Wed 3 Dec	PTA Santa visiting
Wed 2 Dec	Reception visiting St Michael's Church
Thu 4 Dec	PTA Christmas Bazaar
Weds 10 Dec	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church – 9.45
Thurs 11 Dec	Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert at St Michael's Church – 9.45
Mon 15 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert – Northern Ireland parents – 9.15
Mon 15 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert – Wales parents – 1.45
Tues 16 Dec	Reception Christmas Concert – Scotland 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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