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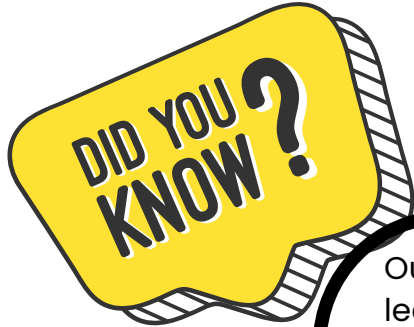
17 OCTOBER 2025

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL SO SPECIAL!

Thank you so much for your generous donations to our Harvest Festival. Your kindness will make a real difference in our community, and our chosen charities will be truly grateful for your support. A big thank you also to everyone who joined us at St Michael and All Angels Church yesterday to celebrate with our children. The church was filled with wonderful songs and poems, and it was fantastic to see the children performing so confidently to such a large audience outside of school.



Finally, thank you to our volunteers who helped us with the journey to and from the church, your support is always appreciated.



PUPIL PREMIUM – EXTRA SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Our school can receive extra funding to help support your child's learning through the Pupil Premium Grant. This funding is given to schools for children whose families receive certain benefits, or for children who have ever been in care or have a parent in the armed forces. Even though all infant children receive a free school meal, it's still really important to register if you think you might be eligible, the school receives extra funding for every eligible child. This money helps us provide additional teaching support, resources and enrichment opportunities that benefit all pupils. If you're not sure whether you qualify, please get in touch with Shelley attendance@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk, we can check quickly and confidentially for you.





The Southend Halloween Parade is back for 2025 — and it's bigger, bolder, and spookier than ever!

Get ready for a night of thrills and chills as the seafront comes alive with spine-tingling street performers, live music, and a carnival of creepy characters. Perfect for families, this free event promises fun for all ages, with plenty of surprises lurking around every corner. So grab your best costume, gather your goblins, and join us for a wickedly good time!

Southend Halloween Parade

Southend Seafront

Saturday, 25 October 2025 6.30 pm to 7.45 pm



Pop down to Prittlewell Priory this October half term to choose your pumpkin for Halloween and pet some farmyard friends at our own specially created pumpkin patch!

Get into the autumnal spirit to choose a pumpkin to take home with you, meet and greet the animals at Stanton's Farm's visiting petting zoo and enjoy other family friendly seasonal activities including face painting, crafting, games, Halloween potion making and a children's trail.

Every ticket includes a pumpkin to take away, there are adult and child tickets available, and kids under 3 go free!

Info & tickets at <https://prittlewell-pumpkin-patch.eventbrite.com>



PRITTLEWELL 
PUMPKIN PATCH
& PETTING FARM
 **25 & 26 OCTOBER** 

HALF TERM
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Southend SEND Information Day

Southend SEND Independent Forum (SSIF), and the SEND Local Offer Team invite parent carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), and professionals to a SEND Information Day.

Date and time: 6 November 2025 from 9:00am to 3:00pm (drop in anytime)

Venue: Southend Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, SS2 6ER

Attendees will be able to meet a range of local services and organisations at our SEND Marketplace, and attend information talks:

10am to 11am: Transitions from the Children with Disabilities Team to adult social care
11.30am to 12.30pm: Health information session; Decision making; young people with additional needs

1pm to 2pm: Collaboration Counts: Supporting your young person with SEND in education

No booking needed, just drop-in any time. Further information is available at: www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDInformationDay

SOUTHEND SEND INFORMATION DAY

An event for parent carers and professionals
Stalls | Talks | Discover teams and services



Thursday 6 November 2025
9am to 3pm



Southend Civic Centre,
Victoria Avenue, SS2 6ER



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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



Platinum Award

2024 - 2026



AN OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD NEW PLAY ZONE!

An out of this world new zone arrived in school this week, and the children absolutely love our new Space Zone!

They've been busy blasting off in the space rocket, exploring with torches, and diving into fascinating books and magazines all about space. It's wonderful to see their imaginations take flight!

A huge thank you to Natalie and the Play Team for their creativity and hard work in designing such exciting new play zones for the children to enjoy during lunchtime.

As always, we're so grateful for your kind donations, they help us keep creating new and inspiring spaces for play and learning. Please hand any donations to the school office.

[Here is our Amazon Wish list.](#)

WISH LIST

- TOY BINOCULARS
- MAGNIFYING GLASSES
- TELESCOPES
- KALEIDOSCOPES
- TRAIN SETS



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: Pick a Pumpkin, Big feelings

Number songs/Stories: 5 orange pumpkins sitting on the wall

Other Areas: This week, we really enjoyed taking part in our Diwali activities, so many of our pumpkin-themed experiences will continue into next week! The children will explore pumpkins in our sensory tray and create beautiful printed pumpkins at the craft table. We'll look closely at pumpkins of different sizes and shapes, using descriptive language to talk about how they look, feel, and smell.


Reception

Phonics: Next week, in phonics, we will be practising our oral blending skills. Oral blending is when children listen to the individual sounds in a word and then put those sounds together to say the whole word. For example, if we say the sounds c-a-t, children listen carefully and blend them to say cat.

Maths: Next week, the children will explore how numbers can be composed of 1s and, from this, begin to investigate the composition of 3 and 4. Composing and decomposing numbers involves children investigating part-whole relations, e.g. seeing that 3 can be composed of 1 and 2.

Other Areas: Next week in Drawing Club, our story will be "We're Going on a Bear Hunt!" We will explore the characters and settings from the story and use our imagination to create our own adventure drawings.

We will also be learning about the festival of Diwali and how it is celebrated. During activity time, the children will create beautiful rangoli patterns and colourful firework pictures. We will also enjoy moving to music as we join in with a fun Diwali dance!



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Year
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Phonics: aw (yawn), are (care)

Maths: Comparing numbers and using the words more, less and equal. In our 'rekenrek sessions' we will be exploring what makes the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Foundation subjects: In Science, we will explore what is meant by 'waterproof' and 'not waterproof', carrying out a simple experiment to test different materials for this property. In Computing, we'll be creating music on the computer using 2Explore on Purple Mash, and in Geography, we'll learn about the different landmarks in the park and how they appear on both a map and satellite view.

In History, we'll find out how we remember the Gunpowder Plot, and in Art, we'll create our own portraits inspired by Paul Klee's Senecio. We're also looking forward to our final Gymnastics lesson, where we'll practise different jumps and link them to the shapes we've been learning. Finally, in RE, we'll be discovering more about Diwali. What a busy and exciting way to end our first half term together!

Year
2

Phonics/GPS: Spelling patterns for the 'j' family; j (jam), g (gem), dge (badger), ge (large)

Maths: Revision and rapid recall of single digit subtraction number facts to 10 e.g, $7-4=$, $9-5=$

Foundation subjects: This Week in DT, we are excited to be creating our very own couscous salads, following the designs we planned last week. We'll be putting our food preparation skills into action; chopping, grating, and peeling a variety of vegetables, adding a touch of seasoning, and of course, tasting our delicious creations! In Computing, our focus will be on refining our internet searches and learning how to share our work electronically in a safe and effective way. In History, we'll be completing our study of Nelson Mandela, exploring his remarkable achievements and the lasting impact he had on the world. We're especially excited to bring his story to life next week through drama and song in our Black History Workshop. In PSHE, we'll be discussing what it truly means to be a good friend and how we can build positive, supportive relationships with others. In RE, we'll begin learning about special times and celebrations within Hindu Dharma, focusing on Diwali, the Festival of Lights, and discovering how this joyful festival is celebrated around the world.

AUTUMN WEEK 2

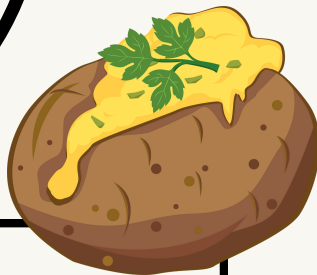
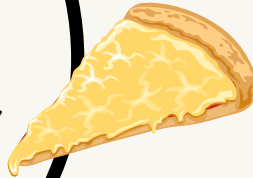
WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

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)



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

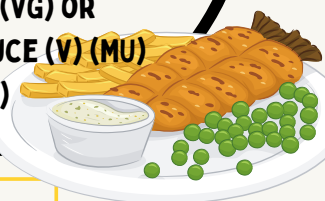
OVEN BAKED VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)

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
Emilia Crowton



NORTHERN IRELAND

Evie Evans

WALES

Hannah Briggs

SCOTLAND

Ava Arnold

SPAIN

Astrid Honey

MEXICO

Nala Quinn

SOUTH AFRICA

Sienna Desouza

FINLAND

Aaron Doyle

VIETNAM

Maya Vallance

BAHAMAS

Emilia
Campbell-Carr

Right on time



Oskar Luczak	Elijah Pilkington	Maisie Brooks
Lizzie Nolan	Lola Dooley	Lenny Riches
Freya Hatton	Finan Day	James Belcher



ATTENDANCE

This week - 97.16%

EYFS - 97.89%

Year 1 - 96.67%

Year 2 - 98.00%

Whole School Year To Date - 97.18%



REACH Award

Respect

Ezra Edgings



Be kind, be good,
shine brightly!

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

Fri 17 Oct	PTA Quiz Night
w/b 20 Oct	PTA Fund-Raisin
Wed 22 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 Reception 2026 Intake tour
Thu 23 Oct	Year 2 Nelson Mandela workshop
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 singig 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
Thu 4 Dec	PTA Christmas Bazaar
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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