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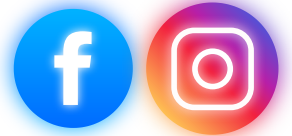
What a fantastic first full week for our Key Stage 1 pupils! We're so impressed with how well they've settled in.

Our approach to this transition is all about putting the children first. We've focused on building relationships and helping them feel comfortable and secure. This gentle start is crucial for ensuring that every child feels happy and safe in their new classroom with their new teacher.

The children have been busy getting used to new routines and expectations, all while learning about their class country and enjoying time with their friends.

We know that some children may take a little longer to adjust, and that's completely normal. If your child is finding the change challenging, please don't worry. Our learning mentor, Viv Graham, is here to support both children and families. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher using the communication book or contact your year group leader if you think your child needs extra support.

STAY CONNECTED AND SEE THEIR LEARNING IN ACTION!



We strongly encourage you to join our private [Facebook group](#), even if you're not a regular user. This exclusive group is a safe and secure space for our school community where we share photos, videos, and information about your child's learning journey and their day at school.

If your child is one who often replies "nothing" when you ask about their day, you can be sure that's not actually true! Use the photos and videos we share to start conversations with your child about what they got up to, allowing you to connect with them about their school day.

In addition to our private Facebook group, we also have a public [Instagram page](#). Follow us there for even more updates, behind-the-scenes glimpses, and information about upcoming events.

DID YOU KNOW?

While we don't have a full-time Learning Support Assistant in every Key Stage 1 classroom, our school has a dedicated and skilled team of Learning Support Assistants, Higher Level Teaching Assistants, and qualified teachers. This team works with individual pupils and small groups, providing support both inside the classroom and in our specialised intervention spaces. This approach allows us to deliver targeted, flexible support to the children who need it most.

EXCITING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS!

Over the summer, we've made some fantastic changes to our school, with more on the way!

Nursery Expansion

Thanks to a grant from the Department for Education, we've expanded our nursery into the small hall. This funding was specifically for schools looking to create or grow their nursery provision, and we're so proud to be able to offer more much-needed childcare in our community. The expansion is nearly complete, and we expect the final doors to be installed during the October half-term break.

Our nursery has been a wonderful addition to the school, providing children with a strong start to their educational journey. The income it generates is used across the entire school, benefiting all our pupils.



New Learning Spaces

We've also created some new spaces to support our pupils. Our Year 1 children now have a dedicated intervention area, and we've added a "regulation station" for children who need regular movement breaks. Located in the small hall, this area will be a place where children can work with staff or volunteers.

In the summer, we also expanded the outdoor play area for Classes Scotland and Northern Ireland. Class Wales will have their fenced garden installed soon as well!



TEATIME CLUB

We are excited to announce the official opening of our Teatime Club on Wednesday! This new after-school provision is designed for our Nursery and Reception pupils, offering a safe, nurturing, and relaxed environment once the school day ends. Children will have the opportunity to play and explore in the Nursery classroom and garden, with access to a variety of activities including puzzles, crafts, and games. They will also be provided with a warm and satisfying snack, along with fruit and water.

Your child will be cared for by our dedicated Teatime Club staff, all of whom have training in safeguarding, food hygiene, and allergens. A member of staff with full pediatric first aid training will always be present. For more information about Teatime club, please contact nursery@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk

EXCITING CHANGES TO OUR SCHOOL DINNER MENU!

We're excited to introduce our new school dinner menu, beginning Monday, 15th September! After taking your feedback into account, we've made some great changes to make our meals healthier and more appealing. You can look forward to more homemade meals, a two-week rotating menu with a wider variety of options, and daily jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings. We'll be encouraging children to choose a vegetable or salad with their meal to ensure a balanced plate. Please remember that school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2.

Your support in encouraging your children to have school lunches is vital and helps us ensure our meal service remains financially sustainable. We can accommodate allergies and dietary needs, just contact the school office.

Check out the new menu and talk to your children about all the delicious options!

REACH AWARD

We're excited to announce that our Governor Award has a new name: the REACH Award!

This award will continue to celebrate a pupil in Reception, Year 1, or Year 2 who has been an exceptional role model. Each week during our Friday celebration assembly, we will present the award to a child who demonstrates one of our core REACH values in a truly outstanding way: Respect, Enjoy, Achieve, Care, or Healthy.

The selected child will receive the brand new, beautiful trophy to proudly display in their classroom for the whole week, along with a certificate to take home. Huge congratulations to our first REACH award winner!



MAKING OUR SCHOOL RUN SAFER

We're sure you've noticed the new pedestrian crossing on London Road, and we are so pleased to have this new safety measure in place. This addition will make the journey to and from school much safer for everyone, but only if we all use it correctly.

We've observed a small number of parents and children crossing at the busy Nelson Road junction. This area is extremely unsafe. While using the new crossing might add an extra minute to your journey, the safety of our children is worth it.

Please help us keep our pupils safe by always using the new, designated crossing on London Road.



LOCAL MP VISITS TO CELEBRATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

We were delighted to welcome our local MP, David Burton-Sampson, to our school this week to see our new facilities. He was given a tour of our recent developments, including the new nursery expansion and our "Regulation Stations."

During his visit, Mr. Burton-Sampson commented, "Great to see the brand new £150,000 nursery opening its doors at Chalkwell Hall Infant School! The new facilities will hopefully be completed next month and are a great opportunity for parents to access 30 hours of government-funded childcare."

He also praised our innovative approach to supporting pupils, noting, "I also saw their new 'Regulation Stations,' which can help children who need it to de-stress and take a breather if they become dysregulated, which is fantastic."

The visit concluded with Mr. Burton-Sampson sharing his positive outlook for our school, stating, "Onwards and upwards for this brilliant school!" We are very proud of the positive feedback and the recognition of our commitment to improving our school for all our pupils.



The children have had so much fun with the hoops and games equipment this week! Our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) lunchtimes provide a wide range of opportunities for the children to play and explore. We are so grateful for all the equipment you have donated, it truly helps make our lunchtimes brilliant for every child. Thank you for your continued support!





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: Olu's Teacher, Betsy starts Nursery

Number songs/Stories: Once I caught a fish alive, 1,2 buckle my shoe

Other Areas: We are so excited to welcome everyone back to Nursery next week! During our first few days, we will be listening to stories about starting Nursery and exploring our feelings. The Nursery staff will also be sharing special items from their All About Me boxes, helping the children get to know a little more about their teachers.

The children will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy painting, drawing, puzzles, and games as they begin to learn our routines and make new friends. We will also play fun games and sing songs that help us learn each other's names and start building friendships.

It's going to be a busy, happy, and fun-filled week. We can't wait to see you all!


Reception

Phonics: During our first week we will play some listening games to get us ready for phonics!

Maths: We will learn our maths meeting song and will sing a range of number and counting songs too.

Other Areas: Our first week in Reception will focus on getting to know our teachers and new friends, while building confidence with new routines. These will include taking the register, snack time, lunch time, and carpet time. Teachers will provide plenty of support to help every child feel happy, secure, and settled.

Throughout the week, we will share stories about starting school and exploring feelings, as well as enjoying songs and nursery rhymes together. It will be a busy, fun-filled week that lays the foundations for the children's learning adventures at Chalkwell Infants!





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Year

1

Phonics: ea (tea), oi (spoil)

Maths: Number formation and recording in Maths books

Foundation subjects: In Science, we'll become material detectives, exploring different objects and identifying what they are made of, such as metal, plastic, wood, and glass. In Computing, we're excited to introduce the pupils to their Purple Mash accounts and learn how to log in for the first time. In Geography, we'll begin to understand our world by exploring maps and globes and learning about different countries and oceans. In History, in recognition of Black History Month, we'll begin to learn about significant people who have had a profound impact on our world. In Art, our pupils will use their sketchbooks for the very first time to practice drawing different types of lines, including zig-zag, curved, and straight. In P.E., we'll have our first Gymnastics lesson, where we'll learn about the expectations for indoor P.E. and practice moving in various ways around the hall. In R.E., we will begin our learning about the different religions that people can belong to. Finally, in P.S.H.E., we'll discuss the importance of rules and why they help keep us safe and happy.



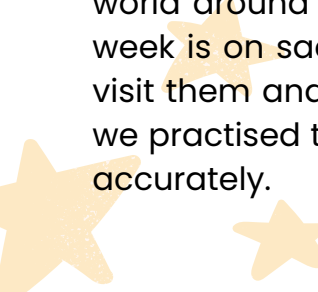
Year

2

Phonics/GPS: a (ball), c (rice), word classes - nouns, statement sentences

Maths: Partitioning a 2 digit number in different ways, number patterns in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s.

Foundation subjects: We are looking forward to an exciting and busy week of learning across the curriculum. Science - This week we will be studying the butterfly lifecycle, exploring its fascinating transformation. This follows on from our learning about the human life cycle last week. Art - Children will be developing their drawing skills by exploring line and shading techniques with pencils, inspired by African art. Computing - Our online safety focus will be on self-image and identity. We will be discussing examples of online situations that may cause concern and how children can seek help and support. Geography - We will be learning about human and physical features in the world around us and understanding the differences between them. RE - Our focus this week is on sacred buildings. We will be exploring churches and considering who might visit them and why. PE - Building on last week's introduction to invasion games, where we practised throwing and catching, this week children will be learning how to roll a ball accurately.



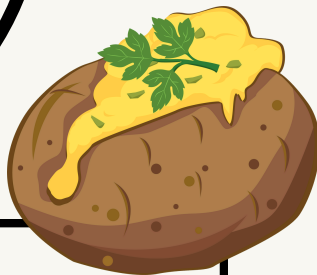
AUTUMN WEEK 1

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)



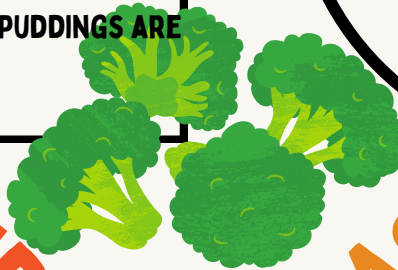
TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

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)

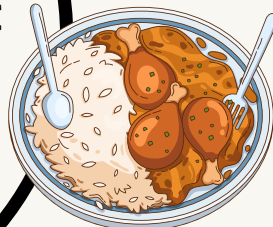
A COLD SALAD BAR

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

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

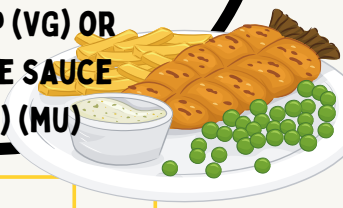
FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

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

NORTHERN IRELAND



WALES



SCOTLAND



SPAIN

Lulah Storey



MEXICO

Matida Nyambuya



SOUTH AFRICA

Penelope Day



FINLAND

Rabia Bektasoglu



VIETNAM

Talia Jacobs



BAHAMAS

Yuvan Pottam



Right on time



Ralph Rawlings	Dhruvin Patel	Dusty Thomson
Callum Holmes	Robyn Hogg	Rhodri Burniston
★	★	★



ATTENDANCE
This week - 95.96%
Year 1 - 94.32%
Year 2 - 97.56%
Whole School Year To Date - 96.35%



REACH Award

Respect

Aoife Carroll-Pizzulo



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

Wed 17 Sep	Reception start full time
Fri 26 Sep	KS1 cross country (invited children only)
Mon 29 Sep	Flu immunisation sprays (more info to follow for EYFS)
Weds 8 Oct	Individual Photos
Fri 24 Oct	Last day at school - Oct half term
Mon 3 Nov	Back to school
Fri 21 Nov	Boys football tournament (girls tournament date tbc)
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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