



1 MAY 2026

CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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MAKE THE RULES DAY!

Today, the grown-ups put their feet up and the children made the rules; all in the name of fun and fundraising! The children relished the opportunity to create their own rules for the day. Some decided to ditch the school uniform, others dared to have juice in their water bottles, and a few even made the brave choice to sport a temporary tattoo!

It was a wonderfully fun day, and we would like to thank all of our parents for supporting us through these PTA-run events. A huge thank you must also go to the PTA for providing our community with such enjoyable opportunities whilst raising much-needed funds for our school. We will be in touch soon with the total amount raised.



IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT PE

To ensure the safety of all children, and in line with guidance from AfPE, children are unable to take part in PE lessons whilst wearing earrings.

Therefore, with immediate effect, any child who comes to school wearing earrings that they are unable to remove independently will not be able to participate fully in their PE lesson.

As a school, we have a duty of care, and health and safety must always take priority. If your child wears earrings to school, they must be small stud earrings only (no hoops) and must be removed before PE lessons. Thank you for your understanding and support.

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR CHANGE

This term promises to be an exciting and important time, with a strong focus on transition. Ensuring that all our children feel confident and prepared for their next steps is a key priority for us, after all, "Preparing today's learners for tomorrow's world" is at the heart of our mission statement.

Transition takes many forms, whether it's through a curriculum that fosters lifelong skills such as resilience and self-regulation or through tailored support to help children feel ready for the move into a new school year. As we enter the final term, we will gently guide children through this period of change, equipping them with the tools to process and embrace new experiences with confidence. To support this, children will have opportunities to visit different classrooms, engage with peers from other year groups, and take part in stories, lessons, and assemblies centered around change. Most importantly, we will listen, providing space for children to share their thoughts and questions. We recognise that while some children will embrace transition with excitement, others may find change more challenging. That's why we take a personalised approach, tailoring our support to meet the unique needs of every child. As always, we will keep you informed throughout this process and work together to ensure a smooth and positive transition for all.



Platinum Award

2024 - 2026

ENCOURAGING POSITIVE PLAY ACROSS THE SCHOOL

Many of our lunchtime activities naturally encourage Infant and Junior children to play together, with our Arcade Zone being a particularly successful example.

It is wonderful to see children of different ages mixing so positively, enjoying each other's company, and having fun together.

WISH LIST

- MAGAZINES
- CHALK
- BUCKETS AND SPADES
- BUNTING



**SEPT
2026**



**LAST
FEW
SPACES**

CHALKWELL HALL NURSERY



**Term time only for
preschoolers
Aged 3 and 4 years**

We have a few spaces remaining in our Nursery class for a September 2026 start. Open from 8:30am to 3:30pm, with optional extended care available until 5:30pm.

We accept government funding, with both 15-hour and 30-hour places available.

Our warm and welcoming setting is led by a qualified teacher, and our dedicated team is passionate about supporting your child's early development and preparing them for their next steps into school life.

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YEARS 1 TO 3

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Friendly**

**Free Kit
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GIRLS CRICKET YEAR 7 + & LADIES TOO!**

**HADLEIGH & THUNDERSLEY CRICKET CLUB
BASED AT JOHN BURROWS PARK**





FUN!

MAY HALF TERM



May
26-29



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for Boys**



£22.50 – 10am to 4pm
from 8am £29.50

THE ACTIVITIES

Football
Water Fights
Dodgeball
Slime

AGES 5-12

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NEW MENU - WEEK 1

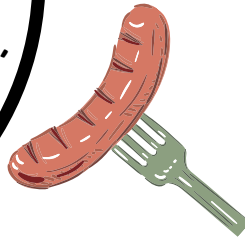
WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES
THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CHANGE →



WACKY WEDGE TUESDAY

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)



AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

TORTILLA WRAP WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS INCLUDING:

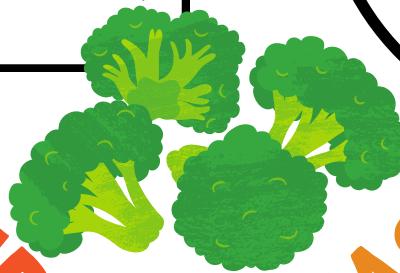
HAM, TUNA (F), HOUMOUS (SS), CHEESE (MK),
VEGAN CHEESE (VG), EGG (E), MAYO (E) (MU)

A COLD SALAD BAR

SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT, LETTUCE
WATER AND MILK / A SELECTION OF DESSERTS / A FRUIT BOWL
(ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE AVAILABLE OCCASSIONALLY)

WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

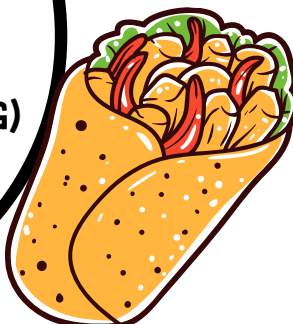
SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)
OR VEGE SWEET AND SOUR
WITH
STEAMED RICE AND
GREEN BEANS
(VG)



FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

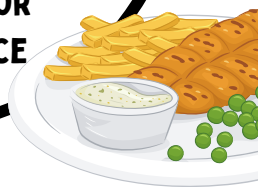
CHICKEN OR
QUORN (VG) (G)
FAJITAS
(WITH HIDDEN VEG)

SERVED WITH TORTILLA WRAP (G)
AND MIXED PEPPERS (VG)



FINTASTIC THURSDAY

OVEN BAKED
FISH FINGERS (G) (F)
OR
OVEN BAKED VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)
WITH CHIPS (VG),
AND SWEETCORN (VG)
AND
KETCHUP (VG) OR
TARTARE SAUCE
(V) (E) (MU)



Stars of the week

NURSERY
Mehreen Chowdhury

NORTHERN IRELAND

Teddy Iyegbe

WALES

Jude Rumbelow

SCOTLAND

Nevaeh Burford

SPAIN

Ezra Edgings

MEXICO

Lochie Bishop

SOUTH AFRICA

Hannah Blake

FINLAND

Mila-Melody Rowley

VIETNAM

James Belcher

BAHAMAS

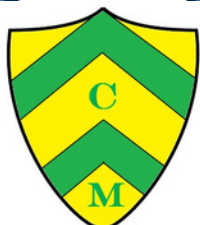
Posey Cutmore

Right on time

punctual



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| Artie Stimpson | Orly Sherer Wan | Fargo Niven |
| Hudson | Matilda Miller Villar | Isabella Oakes |
| Finlay Pitt Kramer | Yaash Dewendra Wijendra | Rabia Bektasoglu |



Together, we can do great things.

ATTENDANCE

This week - 98.40%

EYFS - 98.56%

Year 1 - 97.44%

Year 2 - 99.20%

Whole School Year To Date - 96.10%



REACH Award

Care

Willow Walker

Attendance Matters

Attendance Class of The Month for April....



CLASS BAHAMAS (AGAIN) WITH A RECORD BREAKING 99.39%

**WOW - BAHAMAS - AMAZING JOB!
YOU WIN A STICKER EACH,
AN EXTRA PLAY ON THE PIRATE SHIP AND
CHALKY, OUR ATTENDANCE BEAR,
WILL LIVE WITH YOUR CLASS
DURING MAY**



well done



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: The Very hungry Caterpillar, Mad About Minibeasts

Number songs/Stories: Ladybird spots, 5 little Woodlice

Other Areas: Next week, our theme is minibeasts. We will search for minibeasts in the garden, read stories and sing songs and nursery rhymes about different bugs and creepy crawlies!

★ Shooting Stars Class

We will explore some interesting items in our curiosity basket and will learn to wait for a turn and share the resources. We will also be developing our communication skills by learning new vocabulary from songs and stories and interacting with our friends as we play.

🚀 Rockets Class


During group phonics, children will continue to practise the skill of oral blending (pushing sounds together to make a word). In maths, children will sing the 5 little woodlice song and practise counting back from 5-0. During story dough, we will develop our fine motor skills as we roll the dough to create a caterpillar and draw triangles for our magic button!

Reception

Phonics: Children will use their phonic knowledge to read the green books 'Black Hat Bob' and 'Tug Tug'

Maths: In maths next week, we will be looking at the composition of numbers 5-9. We will look at all the different ways to make 5 and will also understand that numbers 6-9 are composed as '5 and a bit'.

Other Areas: Next week, our learning will be linked to deaf awareness week. We will learn about how sign language can help us to communicate and will learn how to sign along to some songs. Our drawing club story 'Freddie and the Fairy' also promotes deaf awareness as one of the main characters has a hearing impairment. We will also revisit our learning about oral hygiene and how to keep our teeth clean and healthy. We will also learn about the spring festival of May day and how and why this is celebrated.





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Year 1

Phonics: Revisiting previously taught special friends and sounds

Maths: Finding half and a quarter of shapes and then sets of objects and numbers

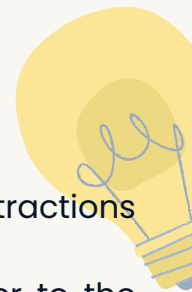
Foundation subjects: In Science, we will be dissecting plants to identify the different main parts, including the roots, stem, leaves and petals. We will then be drawing our own diagram of a flowering plant and labelling it. In our Geography lesson we will be looking at different maps of Southend and spotting the key settlements and features including the coast, main road and town centre. In our Art lesson we will be using our sea animal designs to print onto our t-shirts using a polystyrene tile and in DT we will continue to practise our sewing skills so that we can add a running stitch to our t-shirts. In Music we will use the notes C, D, and F on the glockenspiel and tuned bells to accompany a song and in PE we will be practising our jumping and running techniques. In RE we will find out about baptism and in PSHE we will learn about being safe in the sun - when it finally shines!

Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Grammar, punctuation and spelling practice - contractions and possessive apostrophes

Maths: Time; revising half past, learning quarter past and quarter to the hour on an analogue clock

Foundation subjects: This week in Science, we will continue exploring animals and their habitats, with a focus on identifying plants and animals in our local urban and microhabitats. In Geography, we will use Google Earth and globes to locate hot and cold regions of the world, linking these areas to the Equator and the North and South Poles. In Music, we are really enjoying our ukulele lessons! This week, we will learn about open string names, these are the strings played without pressing down on any frets. In PE, we will be developing our sprinting technique, learning how to run with greater speed and control. In PSHE, we will be discussing how all bodies are unique and capable of different things, and why it's important to have a positive body image. Finally, in DT, we will begin preparing for our next exciting project by practising our sewing and threading skills.



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

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| Mon 4 May | Bank holiday (school closed) |
| Wed 6 May | Eco Council visiting Langley Lodge |
| Mon 11 May | Class photos |
| Fri 15 May | Quad Kids sporting event (invited children only) |
| Wed 20 May | No Pens Afternoon for Speech and Language UK |
| Thu 21 May | Reception visiting Chalkwell beach |
| 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 |
| Mon 1 Jun | Year 2 swimming lessons begin (2 weeks) |
| <i>Wed 3 Jun</i> | <i>Year 1s visiting Chalkwell beach</i> |
| <i>Tue 9 Jun</i> | <i>Year 2s visiting Chalkwell Hall Juniors</i> |
| <i>Thu 11 Jun</i> | <i>2.15pm Year 2 parent meeting with Andy Newnham</i> |
| Fri 12 Jun | 9.00 Celebration assembly - class South Africa |
| Sun 14 Jun | Summer Fete |
| Mon 15 Jun | Year 2 visit to Belfairs Woods |
| Wed 17 Jun | 9.30 Year 1 Sports Day at Chalkwell Park |
| Wed 17 Jun | 12.45 Year 2 Sports Day at Chalkwell Park |
| Thu 18 Jun | 12.30 Reception Sports Day at Chalkwell Park |
| Fri 19 Jun | 9.00 Celebration assembly - class Mexico |
| Tue 7 Jul | KS1 Borough Sports at Garons Park (invited children only) |
| Wed 8 Jul | 9.30 Year 2 End of Year show |
| Wed 8 Jul | Reception Summer Walk - Chalkwell Park |
| Thu 9 Jul | 9.30 Year 2 End of Year show |
| <i>Wed 15 Jul</i> | <i>1.15 Year 2 Rounders at Chalkwell Park (more info to follow)</i> |
| Fri 17 Jul | Last day at school - Summer holidays |
| Mon 20 Jul | Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils) |

What's new?

SAVE THE DATE



WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL YEAR 2 PUPILS TO BEGIN USING THE JUNIOR GATE TO ENTER SCHOOL IN THE MORNINGS AS PART OF THEIR TRANSITION PROCESS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS GATE IS FOR YEAR 2 PUPILS ONLY, AND CHILDREN SHOULD NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 8:35AM, AS THERE WILL BE NO INFANT STAFF ON THE PLAYGROUND TO SUPERVISE BEFORE THIS TIME.



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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