



GROWING CONNECTIONS AT LANGLEY LODGE

On Wednesday, our Eco Team enjoyed a very special visit to the residents and staff at Langley Lodge Nursing Home. Together, they planted sunflower seeds in pots – a simple (if a little messy) activity that brought so much joy to everyone involved.

It was truly heartwarming to see the children and residents connecting so naturally. Our pupils demonstrated our REACH values beautifully: they showed great respect and care as they chatted with residents, listened thoughtfully to their gardening tips, and worked together with such enthusiasm. There was a real sense of enjoyment throughout the visit, and it was wonderful to see relationships beginning to grow, just like the sunflowers they planted (hopefully).



The children left nine planted pots at Langley Lodge for the residents and staff to nurture, and each child also took one home, supporting their sense of responsibility and helping them to achieve something meaningful beyond the classroom.

As it is Deaf Awareness Week, it was also a perfect opportunity for Mrs Corrigan to remind the children about clear and thoughtful communication, ensuring that everyone felt included and understood.

We are incredibly proud of our Eco Team for representing the school so positively and for spreading such happiness within our community.

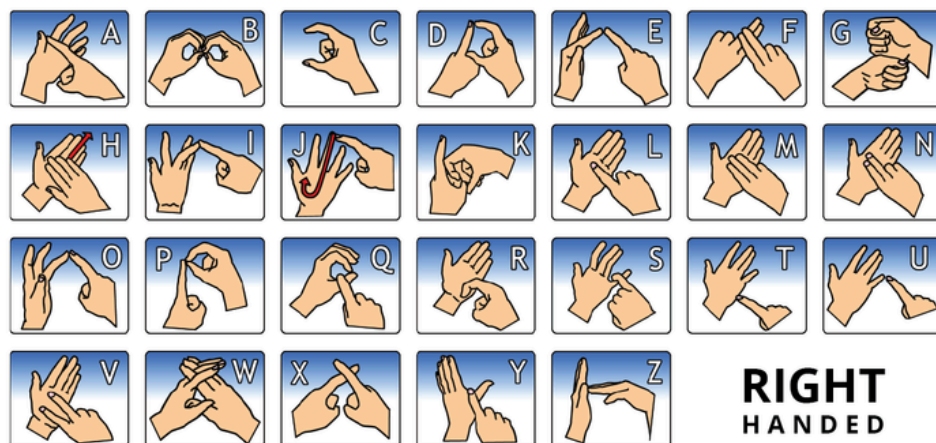


On Wednesday 20th May, we will be taking part in 'No Pens Afternoon' run by Speech and Language UK. Research shows that children who are supported to develop strong language skills in their earliest years are more likely to succeed in school and work and lead happier lives. This year our focus is going to be on communicating using British Sign Language. The children will be taught the signs for a couple of weekly assembly songs.

Additionally they will learn how to communicate using simple phrases as well as their emotional needs through the zones of regulation. Teachers will also be supporting communication skills through a range of speaking and listening games and activities. If you would like to donate to Speech and Language UK to support them in further supporting the 2 million children in the UK that are currently facing speech and language difficulties you can do so here.



BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE - FINGERSPELLING

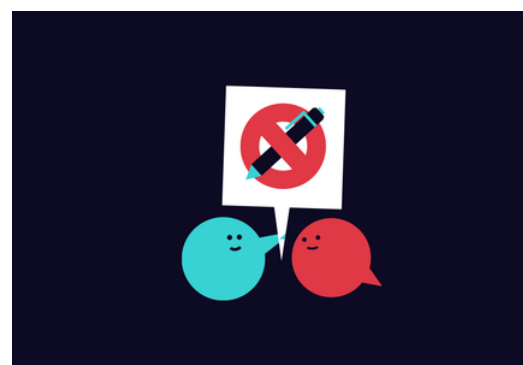


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HANDED**

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**We're putting
down our pens
and picking up our
language!**



PARENT GOVERNOR APPLICATIONS – REMINDER

We're still inviting parents and carers to put themselves forward for the role of Parent Governor. We would love to hear from anyone who's even slightly curious about getting involved.

Being a Parent Governor is a genuinely rewarding experience — past governors often tell us how much they enjoyed being part of the school's direction and how surprisingly fun it felt to work alongside other parents and staff. It's a popular role for a reason.

You don't need any specialist knowledge to apply. What matters most is your commitment to our children and your willingness to ask questions and share the parent perspective. We are particularly keen to meet parents with experience in finance, accounting or financial management, but this is not essential — we welcome parents from all backgrounds.

If you've ever thought "I'm not sure this is for someone like me", please consider this your nudge. Your voice really does make a difference.

Applications close on Friday 15th May. We'd love to hear from you

If you have any questions, please email joe.knowler@chalkwellhallinfants.co.uk directly





Platinum Award

2024 - 2026

SAND PIT SUPERSTARS

This week, the children have been wonderfully creative in the sand pit, building some fantastic sand sculptures! As you can see, they were incredibly proud of their creations. It has been lovely to see the children working together as a team and having so much fun during their lunchtime play.

A huge thank you to everyone who continues to donate, your generosity really does make such a difference. We have recently received some computer keyboards, which I'm sure will be put to very good use.

Please take a look at our wish list and donate if you are able to. Donations can be dropped off at the school office.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

WISH LIST

DRESSING UP
SANDPIT TOYS
POP UP TENTS
DUPLO / LEGO



**26-29
MAY**

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SCHOOLS PTA**



SUMMER FETE

**SUNDAY 14TH JUNE
12 - 4PM**

(OPEN FROM 11.30AM FOR OUR SEN FAMILIES ONLY)

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS *(PRE-BOOK ONLINE IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT)*

PONY CYCLES *(COURTESY OF LITTLE RIDERS)*

INFLATABLES *(COURTESY OF ELLIS LEISURE)*

RAFFLE

FACE PAINTING

PIMMS TENT & BAR

BBQ

WINE & CHOCOLATE TOMBOLAS

GAMES STALLS

GIFT STALLS

ICE CREAM VAN

... AND LOTS MORE!!!

EVERYONE WELCOME!



15th August 2026

1pm to 10pm

@WESTCLIFF RUGBY CLUB



Tash Fest

IN MEMORY OF NATASHA

General admission

£12.50

+ small booking fee



3 and under FREE



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**Lady
McAdden**

Before, During and After Breast Cancer



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RUGBY CLUB



Hot food and Drinks available to purchase

(No alcohol from outside, but
feel free to bring a snack or picnic if desired)

Bring your picnic blankets and chairs,
we want you to be comfortable.

Enjoy a fantastic selection of acts
on the main stage

Singers, Live bands and DJ's



Bouncy castles and fun activities for the kids

- ♥ Local crafts and arts to purchase
- ♥ Delicious ice cream van and other sweet treats
- ♥ Relax in the Wellbeing Tent

MEGA RAFFLE!
Lots more to be confirmed!



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for updates and announcements

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Lady McAdden



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AGES
4 - 14

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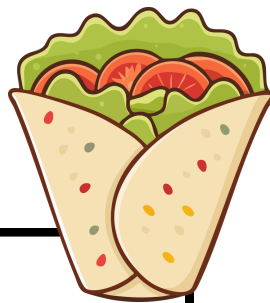
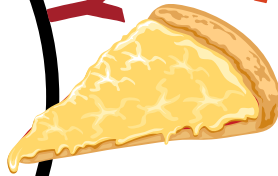
MENU - WEEK 2

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)



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 AVAILBLE OCCASSIONALLY)

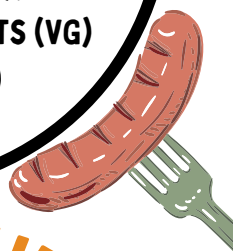
TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

TRICOLOUR PASTA (G) (VG)
WITH
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE
(WITH HIDDEN VEG) (CY)
AND GRATED CHEESE (MK),
GARLIC BREAD (G) (MAY CONTAIN MK)
AND
BROCCOLI (VG)



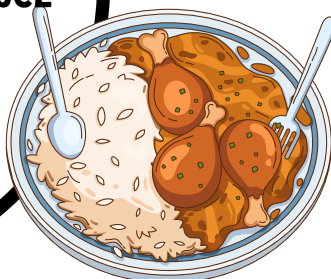
WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

PORK SAUSAGE OR MEAT FREE
SAUSAGE WITH YORKSHIRE
PUDDING
(G) (MK) (E) (S) (V)
WITH OVEN ROASTED
POTATOES (VG) (G),
BROCCOLI (VG), CARROTS (VG)
AND GRAVY (VG)



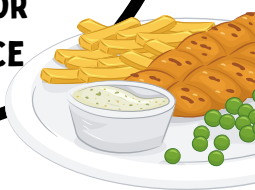
FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

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
CARROTS (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) (E) (MU)



Stars of the week

NURSERY

Racheal Ajala

**NORTHERN
IRELAND**

Orla Willmott

WALES

Ruby McCombie

SCOTLAND

Ethan Murphy

SPAIN

Jack Edwards

MEXICO

Matilda Binns

SOUTH AFRICA

**Miracle-Djema
Efumo**

FINLAND

**Aoife
Carroll-Pizzulo**

VIETNAM

Rhodri Burniston

BAHAMAS

**Zinachimdimma
Odoh**

**Right
on time**

punctual



Nova Mahdilou	Henley Holmes	Huxley Bridgeman
Ava Arnold	Theo Taylor	Holly Skeet
William Lidster-Woolf	Eva	George Hendry



Together, we can
do great things.

ATTENDANCE

This week - 97.70%

EYFS - 96.25%

Year 1 - 98.06%

Year 2 - 97.32%

Whole School Year To Date - 96.10%



REACH Award

Health

Lottie Walsh



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: If I had a dinosaur, Dinosaurs love underpants

Number songs/Stories: Days of the week song, 10 little dinosaurs

Other Areas: Next week, our learning is linked to dinosaurs! We will share dinosaur stories and songs and will take part in lots of exciting dinosaur small world play and crafts too!

★ Shooting Stars Class

We will join in with words and actions of different songs and Nursery rhymes which will help us to build our vocabulary. We will practise counting using games, songs and stories. We will have the chance to use scissors to develop our fine motor skills and begin to make snips in paper.

🚀 Rockets Class

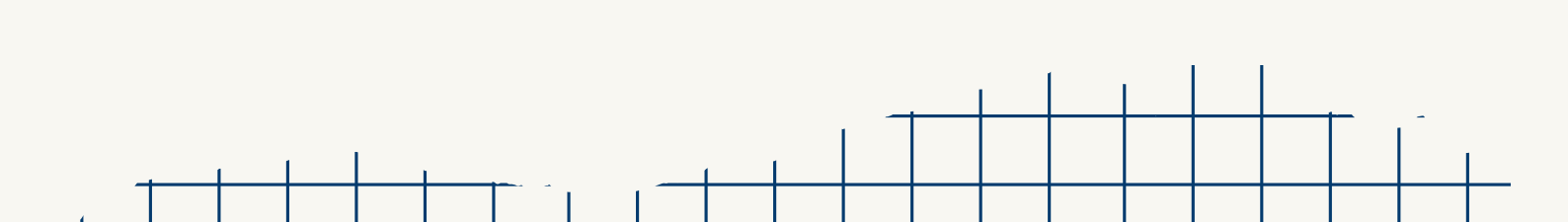
Our circle time next week will encourage us to wait for a turn, speak in full sentences and use past tense. We will also focus on composition of the number 3 in our maths group where children will play a game with 'hiding dinosaurs'. During story dough, we will use our fine motor skills and imagination to create our own dough dino.

Reception

Phonics: Children will use their phonic knowledge to read the green books 'Let's Go' and 'Chips'

Maths: In maths next week, we will be looking at the composition of the number 10 and will explore how 10 can be made of 2 parts. We will use both finger patterns and 10 frames to help us to visualise and explore this further.

Other Areas: Next week, our learning will be linked to the beach! We will learn about how to use charcoal and chalk pastels and will use these tools and techniques to create beach scenes. Our drawing club story is 'Night Pirates' so we will use our imagination to create and write about our own characters and settings linked to the story. We will also learn a bit about sun safety and ways we can keep ourselves safe as the weather gets warmer!





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Year 1

Phonics: Revisiting previously taught special friends and sounds

Maths: Exploring numbers to 100, partitioning into tens and ones, identifying the tens within numbers or comparing them

Foundation subjects: In Science, we will be learning about the different parts of a tree and comparing it to the parts of a plant. In our Geography lesson we will be labelling the key places on a map of Southend including the main road, coast and town. In History we will be looking again at Grace Darling and playing a hotseating game where children can ask Grace questions about her life to deepen their historical understanding. Inspired by the artwork linked to Grace Darling, we will be creating our own lighthouse seascape pictures using oil pastels. In DT we will continue to practise our sewing skills in order to add a running stitch and bead embellishment to our now printed t-shirts and in our mini music lesson we will learn what 'timbre' means. In RE we will look at Christian symbols and how they give Christians a sense of belonging and in PSHE we will use the story 'Uniquely You' to help us to think about what makes each of us special and unique!

Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Grammar, punctuation and spelling practice and revision

Maths: Time; durations and intervals of time, telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes

Foundation subjects: This week in Science, we will continue exploring urban and microhabitats, identifying and labelling the animals and plants that can be found in our local towns and gardens. In Art, we are beginning an exciting new project where we will create a 3D tiger sculpture using terracotta clay. In Computing, the children will learn how to send an email attachment to their teacher using 2Email on Purple Mash. In History, we will investigate Victorian seaside holidays by asking historical questions such as: What was a trip to the seaside like 100 years ago? How did people travel there and what activities did they enjoy? In Music, we will be playing our ukuleles to help us identify pitch and describe whether notes sound high or low. During PE, we will practise teamwork and coordination by taking part in relay races using batons. Finally, in PSHE, our learning will focus on naming body parts, including understanding private and personal body parts in an age-appropriate way.



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

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)
Wed 3 Jun	Year 1s visiting Chalkwell beach
Tue 9 Jun	Year 2s visiting Chalkwell Hall Juniors
Thu 11 Jun	2.15pm Year 2 parent meeting with Andy Newnham
Thu 11 Jun	PTA donation day – non-uniform in exchange for a donation of booze or chocolate
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
Wed 15 Jul	1.15 Year 2 Rounders at Chalkwell Park (more info to follow)
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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