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WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

We are delighted to share that our school Eco Warrior team would like to invite your child to participate in a five-day walking challenge for Walk to School Week which begin on Monday 18th May. Following on from what we learned on Earth Day we feel it is so important to offer the children opportunities to see how the small changes they make to their day can impact the world around them. What better way than to take part in the 'Mission to move!' challenge with Living Streets? It encourages the children to walk, wheel, cycle, hop off scoot or Park and Stride to school every day of the week and thinks about the benefits of travelling in this way.



Your children will think about Mental Health and Wellbeing, Road Safety, Physical Health, Sustainability and Community and Inclusivity. We would really appreciate your support in discussing this at home too. In school, each class will have a classroom wallchart. Your child's teacher will begin each morning with a quick hands up survey of how we travelled to school and record this on the class wallchart.

Walking journeys (including wheeling, cycling, scooting, hop off and park and stride) all count as 'walk to school'. Park and stride means that if you are unable to walk the whole way, you may be able to park a short distance away from the school and complete the rest of your journey on foot. Hop off means you may choose to hop off public transport a stop or two early and walk the rest of the way. We hope it will be a really valuable way for us all to learn about the benefits of walking to both our physical and mental health, and the environment.

Thank you for your support with Walk to School Week. We really do appreciate it.

Mrs Corrigan and The Eco Warriors



GO TEAM CHALKWELL!

Today, our Quad Kids team are taking part in the borough event, where they will be put through their paces in running, jumping, and throwing. I know they will do us proud by demonstrating all of our REACH values, and I look forward to sharing how they get on.

Next week is the final week before we break for half term. Please note that the school will be closed to all pupils, including Nursery, on **Friday 22nd May**, to allow teachers time to begin preparing end-of-year reports.



**Platinum
Award**
2024 - 2026

SALON FUN & SUN SAFETY REMINDER

This week, the children had lots of fun exploring and playing with the hairdressing equipment in our Chalkwell salon. It was a fantastic opportunity for imaginative play and creativity, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Looking ahead, we are expecting some warmer weather next week at last! ☀️ If the sun does make an appearance, please ensure your child arrives at school with sunscreen already applied. If you would like them to reapply during the day, they are welcome to bring in a small, clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen. Sun hats would also be a great idea to help keep everyone protected.



WISH LIST



**POTS AND PANS &
ANYTHING FOR OUR OUTDOOR KITCHEN**





CHALKWELL HALL INFANT & JUNIOR
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!

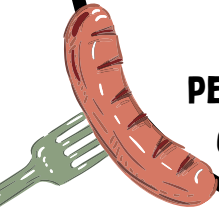
NEW MENU - WEEK 1

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
MACARONI CHEESE
(WITH HIDDEN VEG) (G) (MK)
WITH
GARLIC BREAD (G) (VG)
AND PEAS & CARROTS (VG)



WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

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

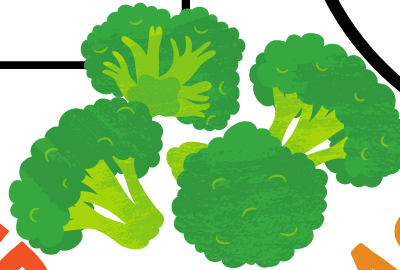
AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

TORTILLA WRAP WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS INCLUDING:

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

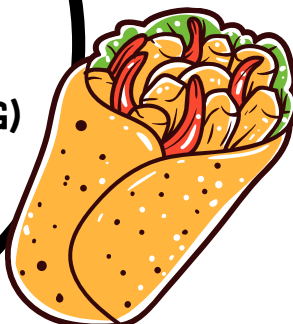
A COLD SALAD BAR

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



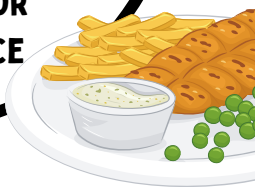
FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

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
Denis Paduraru

NORTHERN IRELAND

Lena Ojo

WALES

Landon Fraser-Johnson

SCOTLAND

Fleur Markillie

SPAIN

Max Halsall

MEXICO

Aurora Jacques

SOUTH AFRICA

Imran Helili

FINLAND

Liliana Blackmore

VIETNAM

Zaeem Imran

BAHAMAS

Tali Williams

Right on time

punctual



Faiman Ahmed	Eliza Harding	Ananyo Saha Halder
Hugo Khan Sekeres	Patrik Varga	Otilie Butcher
Noah Fenton Warner	Finnley Devine	Kylah Myles -Moore

ATTENDANCE

This week - 96.80%

EYFS - 97.44%

Year 1 - 97.56%

Year 2 - 96.52%

Whole School Year To Date - 96.20%



REACH Award

Enjoy

Eli Muzuzu-French



Be kind, be good,
shine brightly!



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: Dinosaur Hide and Seek, The Dinosaur that pooped a zoo!

Number songs/Stories: 10 little dinosaurs, 5 little speckled frogs

Other Areas: Next week, we will continue our learning about dinosaurs. We will explore messy dinosaur play, splashing the dinosaurs in muddy swamps and we will also have the chance to make our own dinosaur masks!

★ Shooting Stars Class

We will continue to develop our focus and attention during our group work. We will play some number games where we wait for a turn to add 1 more and will count to see how many objects we have. We will also sing songs and share stories together.

🚀 Rockets Class

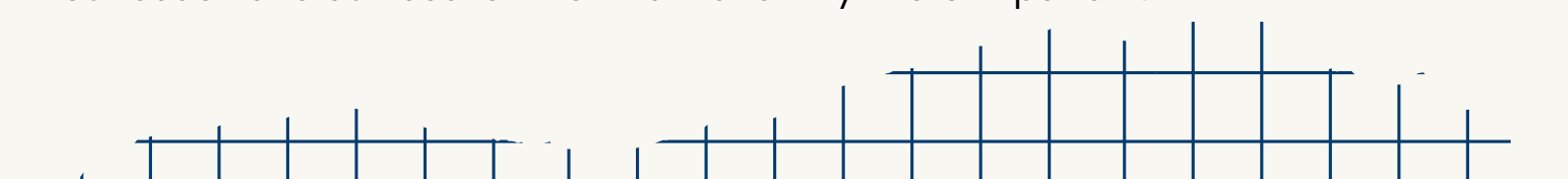
Next week in our phonics sessions, we will begin to develop an understanding of alliteration. We will play games like I spy and make 'silly soup' where we try to notice all the words that begin with the same first sound. In maths, we will work on our understanding of 1 more.

Reception

Phonics: Children will use their phonic knowledge to read the green books 'The Web' and 'What am I?'

Maths: Children will use 'linear number tracks' to order numbers and decide which numbers are more or less. They will also use these number tracks to help them with counting on from a given number for example knowing that if you start at 3 you will count on by saying "4, 5, 6..."

Other Areas: Next week, our beach learning will continue as we prepare for our exciting trip on Thursday! We will make comparisons between Chalkwell beach and Dover beach using photos, looking carefully for similarities and differences. We will also talk about habitats and discuss some of the animals that we might find living at the beach. We will read the story 'Turtle Turns the Tide' which is linked to our big question this term 'Who can save the planet?' We will talk about how we can care for our beach and our local environment and why this is important.





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Year 1

Phonics: Revisiting previously taught special friends and sounds

Maths: Time; telling the time to o'clock and half past. Ordering events using the language of first, next, then after and last and exploring the duration of time.

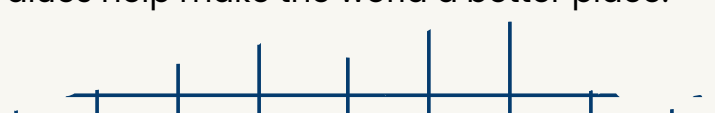
Foundation subjects: In Science, we will be sorting images into groups of either trees or plants by spotting their key parts such as the trunk and stem. In Computing we will be creating our own pictograms by rolling dice and recording how many of each number we get! In Geography we will be moving onto our houses and homes work and we will explore the different types of houses that people can live in and which ones we are likely to find in Southend and which we are not! In Art we will be completing the next part of our shared artwork on the canvas by adding textured paint to create the sea and a paint wash to create the sky. In Music we will be using the tuned bells and glockenspiels to improvise to a piece of music called 'round and round'. In our PE lesson we will learn about paced running and use it as a strategy to complete a lap in a given time and in RE we will listen to the Bible story 'Noah's Ark'. In our PSHE lesson we will use the text 'Daisy's Dragons' to remind us of our learning about emotions and we will think about what the emotion feels like and how to spot it in other people.

Year 2

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

Maths: Volume; measuring in litres and millilitres

Foundation subjects: This week in Art, we will be painting and decorating our 3D clay tiger sculptures to make them look more realistic. In our Online Safety lesson, we will investigate how to manage online information by using simple keywords in search engines and learning how to navigate a webpage to find the information we need. In Geography, we will identify and compare daily weather patterns between the UK, which is further from the equator, and Kampong Ayer in Brunei, which is close to the equator. In History, we will use the sources of information we have explored to ask and answer historical questions about what seaside holidays were like in the past. Our final ukulele lesson will see us playing an accompaniment to Stringalong Rag! In PE, we will take part in the ultimate endurance test by practising long-distance running. In PSHE, we are learning about the four main points of the Water Safety Code in preparation for our swimming lessons after half term. In our RE story time sessions, we will consider the concept of care in the context of the Five Pillars of Islam, focusing on compassion, charity, community, and personal responsibility, and how these values help make the world a better place.



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

w/b 18 May	Walk to School week
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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