



5 JUNE 2026

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FUN AND LEARNING IN THE POOL

Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the half-term break and had the opportunity to make the most of the beautiful sunshine.

What a wonderful start to our final term of the academic year. The arrival of our swimming pool has generated great excitement across the school, and it has been a joy to see the children embracing this fantastic opportunity.

Swimming lessons are now well underway for our Year 2 children and those in Treehouse class. It has been truly inspiring to watch every child make progress, regardless of their starting point. From children who were initially hesitant about entering the changing area to our most confident swimmers, each child is being supported, encouraged, and celebrated for their achievements.

Our fantastic swimming instructors have created a calm, nurturing environment where children feel safe, happy, and confident to challenge themselves and develop new skills.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our team of parent volunteers who have generously supported the children with changing throughout the week; we simply could not have provided this wonderful opportunity for our children without your support. We are looking forward to seeing the children's progress continue and to another fantastic week of swimming ahead.

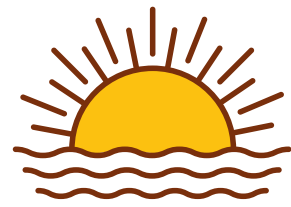


LOOKING AHEAD TO A BUSY AND FUN-FILLED HALF TERM

The final half term of the school year is always an exciting one, packed with memorable events and opportunities for the children. With so much happening, please keep an eye on the 'What's On' section of the newsletter, as well as PING, for updates and further details about upcoming school events and activities.

You will see that our Sports Days have now been scheduled, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to cheer on the children as they represent their house teams and strive to do their very best. These events are always a wonderful celebration of teamwork, determination and school spirit. Further details about each Sports Day will be shared in a separate letter shortly.

LEARNING AT CHALKWELL BEACH



As part of their Geography and Art learning, our Year 1 children enjoyed a visit to the beach yesterday. On their journey, they spotted and discussed different types of homes that people live in, linking their observations to their classroom learning.

Once at the beach, the children explored the concept of transient art, creating artwork using natural materials found on the shore. They also practised the 'look and draw' technique, carefully sketching the coastal landscape around them. Before lunch, everyone joined in with a fun and lively Rhyme Time session.

Although the weather was not quite on our side, the children had a wonderful day and embraced every activity with enthusiasm.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Reception trip to the beach due to the forecast of thunderstorms. We hope to rearrange this visit for another date so that the children can enjoy the same exciting learning experience.



MESSAGE FROM THE PTA...

ON SUNDAY 14TH JUNE, AND WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- MIXED GAMES POD - 11.30-12.45PM
- LADDER BEAN BAG TOSS - 11.30-2.30PM
- FLOOR IS LAVA - 11.30-1PM / 2-4PM
- CRAZY SAND ART CRAFT (ADULT ONLY) - 11.30-4PM

PLEASE VOLUNTEER SO THESE STALLS DON'T HAVE TO CLOSE!! WHATEVER TIME YOU CAN SPARE MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE AND IS HUGELY APPRECIATED, EVEN IF IT'S JUST 1 HOUR.

HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY VOLUNTEERED

PLEASE EMAIL PTACHALKWELLHALL@GMAIL.COM

FROM MONDAY 8TH JUNE, PRE-BOUGHT GAMES TOKEN CARDS & INFLATABLE BANDS CAN BE COLLECTED AFTER SCHOOL AT PICK UP. WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING BOTH OF THESE AFTER SCHOOL EVERY DAY THIS WEEK. WE ACCEPT CASH & CARD.

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS AND MONEY TREE ENVELOPES!

Volunteers
needed

Southend SEND Information Day

Pre-register now!

www.livewellsouthend.com/SENDLocalOffer

Over 65 stalls • Opportunity for parent carers to connect with services
• 3 information sessions • Network opportunity for professionals



Tuesday 16 June 2026
9.30am to 2.30pm



Southend Civic Centre,
Victoria Avenue, SS2 6ER

WITH THE WEATHER
CONTINUING TO BE
UNPREDICTABLE, PLEASE
ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD
COMES TO SCHOOL PREPARED
FOR ALL EVENTUALITIES,
INCLUDING BRINGING A
WATERPROOF COAT WITH A
HOOD EACH DAY.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT.



Southend-on-Sea
City Council



Stars of the week

NURSERY
Anastasia Nolan

NORTHERN IRELAND

Penny Hendry

WALES

Miles Halliday

SCOTLAND

Flynn McPherson

SPAIN

Beatrix Watson

MEXICO

Grace Williams

SOUTH AFRICA

Mia Derrick

FINLAND

Scarlett O'Kill

VIETNAM

Alex

BAHAMAS

Ria Viegas

Right on time

punctual



Ivy Fitzsimmons	Clémence Weller	Evelyn Clarkson
Ingrid Teaca	Freddie Dolan	Annabelle Tremaine
Robin Whitehead	Alayna Ali	Franklin Smith



Work as a team & follow your dream!

ATTENDANCE

This week - 97.60%

EYFS - 98.06%

Year 1 - 98.19%

Year 2 - 97.05%

Whole School Year To Date - 96.10%



REACH Award

Care

Maya Kilbey

Attendance Matters

Attendance Class of The Month for May.....



CLASS SOUTH MEXICO WITH A FABULOUS 97.50% - WELL DONE!!

WOW - MEXICO - 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 JUNE**



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 Sunny Day, When Summer Comes

Number songs/Stories: The Ice cream song, The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Other Areas: Next week, our learning is linked to Summer. We will learn about the changes that summer might bring and why it is important to stay safe in the sun. We will have the opportunity to take part in summer-themed crafts, including creating golden suns and ice creams. Our role-play areas will also transform into ice cream shops and vans!

★ Shooting Stars Class

We will learn new vocabulary linked to the summer season as we explore a range of stories and songs. We will also take turns speaking as we continue to develop our conversational skills. We will sing counting songs and practise counting up to five objects accurately.

🚀 Rockets Class

Next week in Rockets Class, our circle time will focus on feelings to help us express how we are feeling about change and transition. We will also play phonics games that help us listen to the initial sounds in words. In addition, we will take part in daily movement-to-music activities to help develop our rhythm and coordination.

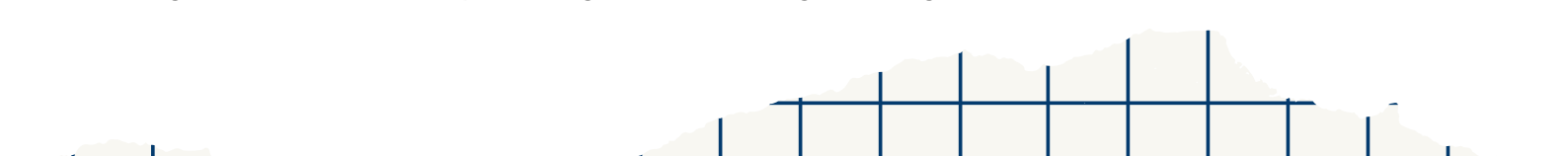
Reception

Phonics: Children will use their phonic knowledge to read the purple books 'Ken's Cap' and 'A Bad Fox'

Maths: In maths next week, the focus will be on practising automatic recall of number bonds to 5. Children will use the song 5 little speckled frogs to help them to see these number bonds eg if there are 3 frogs on the log, how many have jumped into the pond?

Other Areas: Next week, our learning will be linked to Toys. Children will compare toys from the past and present. Each class will have the opportunity to visit Mrs Corrigan's Toy Museum, where they will have the chance to look at and explore toys that belonged to Mrs Corrigan, her parents, and even her grandparents!

As part of our Expressive Arts and Design learning, children will explore the different effects they can create using wax crayons and watercolours. During our Snack and Chat sessions, we will also explore the Zones of Regulation and continue to learn strategies that may help us regulate our big feelings.





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Phonics: Revisiting previously taught special friends and sounds

Maths: Comparison of time (slower, slowest, quicker, quickest), days and months and revisiting addition and subtraction strategies.

Foundation subjects: In Science we will look again at wild and garden plants and sort them into the two groups using a picture mat to help us. In Geography we will look at different houses and homes and sort them into houses and homes that we find in Southend (e.g. house, flat) and houses that we do not (e.g. igloo, stilt house). In History we will think about the heroine Grace Darling and write our own celebration certificates recognising her achievement and impact on the world. For Art this week we will be completing our oil pastel lighthouse pictures by using a busho mix to create the sky, using candles to create a wax resist and in PE we will continue to practise the events ahead of our Sports Day. In Music we will compose our own music to accompany the song 'Round and Round', this is in preparation for composing their own music in a few weeks time! In DT we will continue to add a running stitch to our printed t-shirts. In RE we will be reviewing what we know about Muslims and in PSHE we will be thinking about 'big' feelings and how we can manage them.


Year

2

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

Maths: Revision: Addition

Foundation subjects: Next week promises to be both exciting and busy! As part of our transition programme, we will spend a day at the Junior School, giving children the chance to explore and ask questions. In Science, we will learn about animals and their habitats, and how animals have adapted to their environment over time. In Art we will create Rousseau-inspired animal sketches using mark-making techniques. Our Online Safety lesson will focus on voice-activated search tools and managing online information. In DT, we are beginning a new sewing project. The children will design and create purposeful, functional, and appealing hand-sewn decorations based on a set of design criteria. In Geography we will use aerial photographs to learn about Kampong Ayer in Brunei. In RE, we will explore how religious beliefs inspire people to help others, using Mother Teresa as an example. We are also excited to start learning songs for our end-of-year production, Plastic Pirates, and to enjoy another week of swimming!



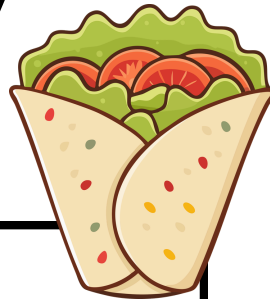
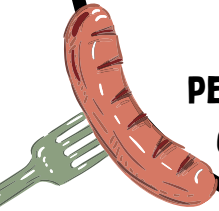
NEW MENU - WEEK 1

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)

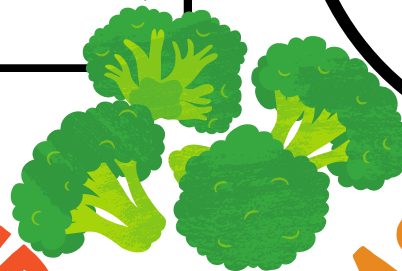
AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

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

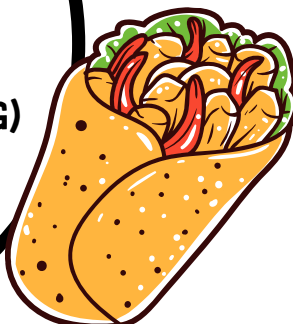
SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT, LETTUCE
WATER AND MILK / A SELECTION OF DESSERTS / A FRUIT BOWL
(ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE AVAILABLE OCCASSIONALLY)



FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

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

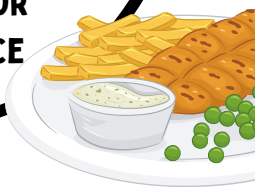
SERVED WITH TORTILLA WRAP (G)
AND MIXED PEPPERS (VG)



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)



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

- Tue 9 Jun Year 2s visiting Chalkwell Hall Juniors
- Wed 10 Jun Author visiting
- 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
- Thu 11 Jun 9:15 Scotland Class Assembly**
- Fri 12 Jun 9.00 Celebration assembly - class South Africa
- Sun 14 Jun Summer Fete
- Mon 15 Jun Year 2 visit to Belfairs Woods
- Tue 16 Jun 6.30 New Intake Parent meeting (Reception 2026)
- 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
- Thu 25 Jun 9:15 Northern Ireland Class Assembly**
- Wed 1 Jul 9:15 Wales Class Assembly**
- Wed 1 Jul Reception and Year 1 children to meet their new teacher**
- Fri 3 Jul Year 2 children to meet their new teacher**
- 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
- Wed 8 Jul 3pm - 4pm Open classroom
- 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)
- Thu 16 Jul Year 2 Leavers party afternoon
- 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





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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