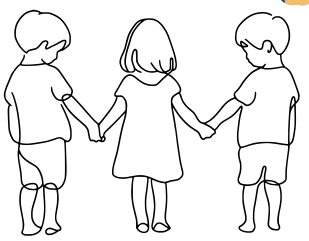

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BUILDING CONFIDENCE FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

Next week, our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will have the opportunity to meet their new teacher in their new classroom. During this time, they will begin building relationships with their teacher, share information about themselves, take part in activities together and spend time with their classmates. We know that strong relationships and a sense of belonging are key to a successful start to the new school year, and we place great importance on supporting every child through this transition.

Our Reception children will remain in their current class groups as they move into Year 1, allowing them to continue learning alongside familiar friends and adults. Following discussions with Mr Newnham and the Year 3 team, we have also agreed that our current Year 2 classes will remain together as they move into Year 3. Our current Year 1 children will be moving into newly mixed classes. We carefully consider a wide range of factors when creating classes and are confident that this will provide positive opportunities for children to develop new friendships and continue to thrive. During their transition session, children will meet both their new teacher and classmates and begin to feel familiar with their new environment. Parents will be informed of classes and teaching staff via PING.

To ensure every child feels happy, secure and ready for September, teachers will take part in detailed transition meetings, where they will discuss each child's strengths, needs, friendships and wellbeing. Where we feel a child may benefit from additional support with transition, this work has already begun and will continue over the coming weeks. Children will also have opportunities to ask questions about the year ahead and hear from both teachers and older pupils, helping them to feel excited, confident and well prepared for the next stage of their school journey.

CLASS NORTHERN IRELAND SHINE!

This week, Northern Ireland Class delighted parents with a wonderful class assembly that showcased just how much they have learned during their first year at school. The children spoke confidently, sang beautifully and shared many of the exciting experiences and achievements they have enjoyed throughout the year. A huge thank you to the parents and family members who came along to support the children. Your encouragement and support make such a difference and helped make the assembly a very special occasion. Well done, Northern Ireland Class, you are definitely ready for Year 1, you were amazing!

KEEPING COOL DURING THE HEATWAVE

The last few days have brought some exceptionally hot weather, creating challenging conditions for everyone in school. Throughout this period, our priority has been to keep all children safe, comfortable and happy while ensuring learning could continue as smoothly as possible.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the children, who have been incredibly sensible throughout. They have listened carefully to instructions, remembered to drink plenty of water, stayed in shaded areas when needed and adapted brilliantly to changes in routines. Their maturity and positive attitude have been impressive and have helped us ensure everyone remained safe during the hottest parts of the day.

We would also like to thank our staff team. Working in such high temperatures is far from easy, yet staff have continued to support, encourage and care for the children with their usual enthusiasm and professionalism. Whether adapting lessons, supervising alternative indoor activities or helping children stay cool and hydrated, they have done so with smiles on their faces and the children's wellbeing at the heart of every decision.

Finally, thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support and trust. We are particularly grateful for your help in ensuring children arrived at school prepared for the hot weather, with hats, water bottles and sunscreen already applied. Working together as a school community has enabled us to navigate these challenging conditions successfully.

While we are all hoping for slightly cooler temperatures in the days ahead, we are incredibly proud of how our whole school community has responded. Thank you to everyone for playing their part in keeping our children safe, happy and ready to learn.

Opal Platinum Award 2024 - 2026

It has certainly been a challenge to keep everyone cool this week, but we have managed it! This has been largely due to the dedication, flexibility and creativity of both the Play Team and the wider staff.

We have ensured that children have had access to plenty of shaded areas where they could enjoy quieter activities, as well as indoor spaces at lunchtime for calm activities and even the opportunity to watch films. Children have been regularly encouraged to drink water throughout the lunchtime, and time spent outdoors has been carefully managed during the hottest periods.

While many of us enjoy the sunshine, we will certainly be grateful for some cooler weather next week!

WISH LIST

JIGSAW PUZZLES
CHILDREN'S MAGAZINES

Stars of the week

NURSERY
Mehreen Chowdhury

NORTHERN IRELAND
Rosie Hallam

WALES
Theo D

SCOTLAND
Vienna Deeming

SPAIN
Dhriti Jain

MEXICO
Zayne Okpara

SOUTH AFRICA
Albie Johnson

FINLAND
Olive Eden

VIETNAM
Kylah Myles-Moore

BAHAMAS
Rose Taylor

Right on time

Punctual

Bella Whitehead	Tugce Bektasoglu	Yuvan Pottam
Davina Sodimu-Jones	Mia Derrick	Leo Lutterloch
Millie Dolman	Lulah Storey	Aaron Doyle

WINNER!

Together, we can do great things.

ATTENDANCE
This week - 96.10%

EYFS - 96.67%
Year 1 - 95.90%
Year 2 - 96.37%
Whole School Year To Date - 96.30%

REACH Award
Respect

Daisy Morris

NEXT WEEK'S LEARNING

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Nursery

Stories: Commotion in the Ocean, Shark in the Park
Number songs/Stories: Once I caught a fish alive, 10 little fish

Other Areas: Next week, our theme is "Under the Sea". Children will enjoy a range of stories, introducing them to new vocabulary linked to sea creatures and the ocean! There will also be an opportunity to create our own sea creatres at the creative table and there will be lots of water and sensory play to explore too!

⭐ Shooting Stars Class

In shooting stars next week, we will listen and join in as we learn some new songs and nursery rhymes. We will also practise listening and following instructions by playing games such as 'Simon says'. We will practise taking turns when we explore our curiosity baskets too.

🚀 Rockets Class

Next week in Rockets, we will practise our rhyming skills by playing a game during our phonics group work. We will also take part in a sorting activity during circle time where we sort animals into different groups. We will name the animals and think about which group they belong to. Our story dough session will be linked to our commotion in the ocean story and children will pick their favourite sea creature to create from dough. We will practise our pencil control skills by drawing squares on our magic button!

Reception

Phonics: Children will use their phonic knowledge to read the purple books 'Tag' and 'Elvis'

Maths: In maths next week, we will be exploring doubles and what we know about them. We will also be exploring odd and even numbers and sorting numbers to 10 into odds and evens.

Other Areas: Next week, our learning will focus on butterflies. As we continue to observe the caterpillars in our classroom, we will learn about the butterfly life cycle and experience these amazing changes first-hand. Using our observation skills, we will explore how our caterpillars have grown and changed over time.

We will enjoy sharing The Very Hungry Caterpillar and discover fascinating facts through a range of non-fiction books. In our Expressive Arts and Design learning, we will experiment with clay and a variety of tools to create different textures and patterns. We will then use these skills to design and make our own beautiful clay butterflies.

It promises to be a fun, engaging, and exciting week of learning! 🦋

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Year 1

Phonics: Revisiting previously taught special friends and sounds

Maths: Positional language, directions and turns

Foundation subjects: In Science we will be continuing to complete our sunflower diaries, tracking their growth and making careful observations. In Computing we will be completing our unit of work on spreadsheets and we will create a simple spreadsheet that can 'speak' and count. In our Geography lesson we will be using what we know about Southend and we will create posters inviting tourists to visit our city, including both human and physical features from our local area and beyond. In RE we will be learning about how different religions celebrate marriage including a Chrisitan wedding, a Muslim wedding and non-religious weddings. In PSHE we will be focusing on preparing for change and moving to a new ckass, with a new teacher and friends. We will talk about our feelings and how we can think positively about change.

Year 2

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

Maths: Revision: Multiplication

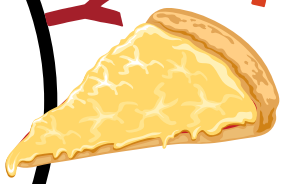
Foundation subjects: In Science, we will be learning that animals obtain their food from plants and other animals. We will explore food chains and understand how they show the connections between plants and animals based on what they eat. In Computing, we will be adding sound effects to our e-books to make them more engaging and bring our stories to life. In Geography, we will continue using aerial photographs, this time to identify basic landmarks and geographical features of Chalkwell. In PE, we will be learning the new sport of rounders, focusing on developing our hand-eye coordination through catching as well as improving our throwing skills. In RE, we will be exploring The Creation Story and understanding how different people believe the world was created. We will learn that creation stories explain how the world and life began, with different cultures and religions having their own versions. In Design and Technology (DT), we will continue making our sewn decorations by adding embellishments such as buttons, beads, and ribbons to complete our designs. Finally, as part of our transition to the junior school, we are excited to meet our new teacher next Friday and begin preparing for the next stage of our learning journey.

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)



TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

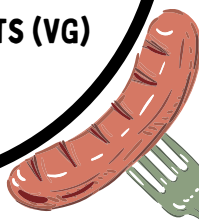
TRICOLOUR PASTA (G) (VG)
WITH
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE (WITH HIDDEN VEG) (CY)
AND GRATED CHEESE (MK), GARLIC BREAD (G) (MAY CONTAIN MK)
AND
BROCCOLI (VG)

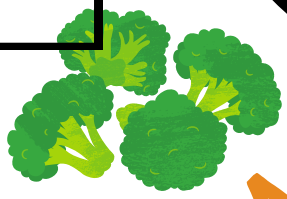
AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:
TORTILLA WRAP WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS INCLUDING:
HAM, TUNA (F), HOUMOUS (SS), CHEESE (MK), VEGAN CHEESE (VG), EGG (E), MAYO (E) (MU)

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

WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

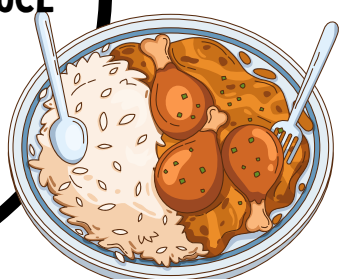
PORK SAUSAGE OR MEAT FREE SAUSAGE WITH YORKSHIRE PUDDING
(G) (MK) (E) (S) (V)
WITH OVEN ROASTED POTATOES (VG) (G), BROCCOLI (VG), CARROTS (VG) AND GRAVY (VG)





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)

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

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 tournament (in school)
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)**
Tue 1 Sep	**Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)**
Wed 2 Sep	**Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)**
Thu 3 Sep	**First day for Year 1 and Year 2**
Tue 15 Sep	**Reception children start full time**
Thu 22 Oct	**Break up for half term**
Fri 23 Oct	**Non-pupil day (closed to all pupils)**
Mon 2 Nov	**Back to school for all pupils**
Fri 18 Dec	**Break up for Christmas holiday**
Mon 4 Jan	**Back to school for all pupils**
Thu 11 Feb	**Break up for half term**
Fri 12 Feb	**Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)**
Thu 25 Mar	**Break up for Easter holidays**
Mon 12 Apr	**Back to school for all pupils**
Thu 27 Mar	**Break up for half term**
Fri 28 May	**Non-pupil day (school closed for all pupils)**
Mon 7 Jun	**Back to school for all pupils**
Wed 21 Jul	**Break up for Summer holidays**

CONTACT US

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