



CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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A WONDERFUL START TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

11 SEPTEMBER 2026

What a fantastic first full week for our Key Stage 1 pupils! We're so impressed with how well they've settled in.

Our Reception teachers have also been enjoying meeting their new children, both at home and in school, and are really looking forward to welcoming them into school full time. They can't wait for the children to fully start and begin their exciting Reception journey with us.

It has also been wonderful to welcome our Nursery children back after the summer, alongside our new cohort of children joining us for the first time. They are all settling in so well, and it has been lovely to see them becoming familiar with their new surroundings, teachers and friends.

Our approach to transition is all about putting the children first. We've focused on building relationships and helping them feel comfortable and secure. This gentle start is crucial in ensuring that every child feels happy and safe in their new environment with their new teacher.

Our Year 1 and 2 children have been busy getting used to new routines and expectations, all while learning about their class country and enjoying time with their friends.

We know that some children may take a little longer to adjust, and that's completely normal. If your child is finding the change challenging, please don't worry. Our Learning Mentor, Viv Graham, is here to support both children and families. Feel free to reach out to your child's teacher using the communication book or contact your year group leader if you think your child needs extra support.

STAY CONNECTED AND SEE THEIR LEARNING IN ACTION!



We strongly encourage you to join our private [Facebook group](#), even if you're not a regular user. This exclusive group is a safe and secure space for our school community where we share photos, videos, and information about your child's learning journey and their day at school.

If your child is one who often replies "nothing" when you ask about their day, you can be sure that's not actually true! Use the photos and videos we share to start conversations with your child about what they got up to, allowing you to connect with them about their school day.

In addition to our private Facebook group, we also have a public [Instagram page](#). Follow us there for even more updates, behind-the-scenes glimpses, and information about upcoming events.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS - EVERY DAY COUNTS!

We know that getting children to school every day isn't always easy, and we understand that there are times when children are genuinely unwell or when absence is unavoidable. However, every day in school really does matter. Being in school regularly helps children to learn, build positive relationships, develop confidence and feel a strong sense of belonging within their class and our wider school community.

We want to work in partnership with every family to support good attendance and will always talk to you if we have concerns. If there is something making it difficult for your child to attend school regularly, please come and talk to us. We are here to listen and help wherever we can.

We would also like to remind families that school attendance is a legal responsibility. Where attendance is a concern, and absences are unauthorised, we may need to ask the Local Authority to consider a penalty notice in line with their procedures.

Our shared aim is simple: happy children, in school, learning and thriving every day. Thank you for working with us to make every school day count.

MORNING DROP-OFF

Our school gate is particularly busy at the moment as our new Reception children settle in and become more confident with separating from their grown-ups. Please bear with us during this time, we really appreciate your patience and understanding.

A little reminder that the gate is open between 8.35am and 8.50am, so you can arrive at any point during this 15-minute window. It does tend to be quieter towards the end of the morning drop-off time, if this works for you.

Once your child has gone through the gate, we would really appreciate it if you could move away from the entrance as promptly as possible. This helps to keep the area clear and makes things easier for everyone arriving behind you.

Thank you, as always, for your patience, kindness and support as our youngest children find their feet.



**THURSDAY
17TH SEPTEMBER
9AM
JUNIORS OFFICE**

Hello & Welcome!

*Come and enjoy
a cuppa after
drop off!*

*Coffee
Morning*





**SOUTHEND PARKS TENNIS
CHALKWELL
PARK LAUNCH
EVENT**

Come and celebrate the opening of the brand new tennis courts at Chalkwell Park with free tennis for all the family!

**SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
1.45PM - 4.45PM**

Chalkwell park, Chalkwell Avenue,
Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 8NB

FREE TASTER SESSIONS FOR ALL AGES &
ABILITIES - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED



**FIND OUT MORE
PLAY TENNIS TODAY**
clubs.parklta.org.uk/ChalkwellPark
hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

School Nursing Service 2026-27

Parent/carer drop in clinics for children aged
5-11 years

Venue

Time

Chalkwell Hall Infants and Junior School

(clinic will take place in the loft in the Infant side)

Tuesday 6th October

8.30am-9.15am

Emotional health and wellbeing advice ● Growth and development
● Healthy lifestyles ● Bedwetting support ● Hearing
● Sleep support ● Puberty

**No appointment needed.
Call or text us for further information.**

 **01702 534843**

 **ChatHealth Parentline: 07507 331884**

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BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL INFLATABLE FUN DAY

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

SESSION 1: 12.30-2.30PM / SESSION 2: 3.30-5.30PM



**TICKETS
AVAILABLE TO
BUY ONLINE NOW!**

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

**£10 RECEPTION - YEAR 6
£7 NURSERY & PRE-SCHOOL**



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SNACK-TEMBER

“
EVERY SMALL
CHANGE CAN LEAD
TO GREAT RESULTS
”

Newsletter September 2026

WHY SNACK-TEMBER?

The aim of Snack-tember is to help children and young people (aged 5-16 years) make and choose healthier, more sustainable snacks.

During Snack-tember, we will be encouraging pupils to:

- **EXPLORE** better snacking
- **TRY** new snacks
- **MAKE** their own healthy snacks

A scoping review* investigating the patterns of snacking in children aged 2–12 years found that:

- Over 92% of children consumed snacks.
- On average they had 3 snacks a day.
- Snacks contributed 231-565kcal a day to the diet.
- Only 24% children regularly have veg snacks



SNACK SPOTLIGHT

Making snacks yourself means you know exactly what's in them, helping you cut down on added sugar, salt, and processed ingredients. It's often cheaper too - buying ingredients in bulk can save money in the long run, and you'll get more for your money than with individual pre-packaged snacks. Plus, homemade snacks can be fun to make with your child and help them learn healthy habits for life!



Pizza Muffins

These Pizza Muffins are an easy savoury snack that combines all your favourite pizza toppings in a handy muffin. Great for lunchboxes, picnics, or a quick bite on the go!

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2026/>

GETTING DIPPY WITH IT

Making your own dips is a fun and easy way to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables plus, they're more likely to try new foods when they've helped make it!

Pizza in a Pot

A dollop of cream cheese or cottage cheese in a small dish, add tomato sauce or some passata, and top with grated cheese. Add a pinch of dry oregano if you like.

Pea Pesto Smash

Mash some frozen peas with cream cheese and pesto.

Hand them a fork and let them squish until it looks like green slime. Bonus points if they make monster noises while doing it!

WEBINARS

Join our Lunch & Learn webinars and build your confidence around feeding your little one. Learn useful tips and tricks, share experiences, and get advice from our supportive team of experts.



Healthy Eating & Eating
on a Budget
Wednesday 16th September @ 12pm

Healthy & Hassle Free
Lunchboxes
Wednesday 23rd September @ 12pm



Sugary Snacks & Oral
Health
Wednesday 30th September @ 12pm

Fussy Eating
Wednesday 7th October @ 12pm



TOP TIPS

After school ideas

Swap biscuits, sweets and chocolate muffins for healthier snacks like fruit and chopped veggies, plain rice cakes, toast with lower-fat spread or a fruited teacake

Cut and colour

Offer kids a range of brightly coloured fruit and veg cut into different shapes, or draw funny faces on a banana or satsuma.

Watch the teeth

Dried fruit counts towards your 5 A Day but it can stick to teeth so should only be eaten at mealtimes to reduce the risk of tooth decay.

Get the kids involved

Try making snack time exciting and more hands-on. Get your child involved by getting them to prep what they're going to eat. They'll love chopping it up themselves!

Liquid sugar

A drink with a snack can be a double sugar overload. A chocolate bar and juice pouch together can contain around 8 cubes of sugar - that's more than the maximum daily amount of added sugar in 1 snack session! So swap sugary and fizzy drinks for diet or no added sugar drinks, lower-fat milks or water.

Leave it on the shelf

The simplest trick in the book: if you don't have sweets in the house, you cannot eat them. You will save money, too!



SUPER SWAPS

When shopping, take a quick look at the food labels on the front of the pack. These show traffic light colours for things like sugar, salt, and fat. Try to choose more items with green, some with orange, and avoid too many with red - that means it's high in something less healthy.

Per 100g	Low Healthier Choice	Medium Ok most of the time	High Just Occasionally
Sugars	5g or less	>5g - 22.5g	More than 22.5g
Fat	3g or less	>3g - 17.5g	More than 17.5g

Want to make it even easier? Download the free NHS Food Scanner app - just scan the barcode and it shows healthier swaps your family can try in real life!



Download the free
NHS Food Scanner
app

With a speedy scan of your family's favourite foods, you can find healthier swaps for next time you shop.



The nutrient data provided in the app is supplied by Brandbank and FoodSwitch

**FOR ANY FURTHER SUPPORT PLEASE
CONTACT HEALTH4LIFE**



health4life@southend.gov.uk



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DISCOUNTED TICKETS CHRISTMAS PANTO - CLIFFS PAVILION

WE KNOW WE HAVEN'T EVEN SAID GOODBYE TO THE SUMMER, BUT THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO ORDER DISCOUNTED PANTO TICKETS THROUGH THE PTA!

ORDER DEADLINE WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER!

**PANTO - SNOW WHITE
DATE: SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER
TIME: 2PM
VENUE: CLIFFS PAVILLION
SEATS: STALLS ROWS C-P**

**PANTO - SNOW WHITE
DATE: SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER
TIME: 1PM
VENUE: CLIFFS PAVILLION
SEATS: STALLS ROWS F-Q**



**TICKETS FOR BOTH PERFORMANCES WILL COST £44 PER PERSON
(INSTEAD OF £49.50 EACH, PLUS £3.65 BOOKING FEE, AT THE BOX
OFFICE)**

SECURE YOURS ASAP AT WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/CHALKWELLHALLPTA



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: Olu's Teacher, Betsy starts Nursery

Number songs/Stories: Once I caught a fish alive, 1,2 buckle my shoe

Other Areas: We are so excited to welcome everyone back to Nursery again next week! We will be listening to stories about starting Nursery and exploring our feelings. The Nursery staff will also be sharing special items from their All About Me boxes, helping the children get to know a little more about their teachers.

The children will have plenty of opportunities to enjoy painting, drawing, puzzles, and games as they begin to learn our routines and make new friends. We will also play fun games and sing songs that help us learn each other's names and start building friendships.

It's going to be a busy, happy, and fun-filled week!

Reception

Phonics: During our first week we will play some listening games to get us ready for phonics!

Maths: We will learn our maths meeting song and will sing a range of number and counting songs too.

Other Areas: Our first week in Reception will focus on getting to know our teachers and new friends, while building confidence with new routines. These will include taking the register, snack time, lunch time, and carpet time. Teachers will provide plenty of support to help every child feel happy, secure, and settled.

Throughout the week, we will share stories about starting school and exploring feelings, as well as enjoying songs and nursery rhymes together. It will be a busy, fun-filled week that lays the foundations for the children's learning adventures at Chalkwell Infants!





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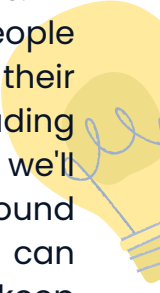
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Year 1

Phonics: ay (play), ee (see), igh (high), ow (blow)

Maths: Number formation and recording in Maths books

Foundation subjects: In Science, we'll become material detectives, exploring different objects and identifying what they are made of, such as metal, plastic, wood, and glass. In Computing, we're excited to introduce the pupils to their Purple Mash accounts and learn how to log in for the first time. In Geography, we'll begin to understand our world by exploring maps and globes and learning about different countries and oceans. In History, in recognition of Black History Month, we'll begin to learn about significant people who have had a profound impact on our world. In Art, our pupils will use their sketchbooks for the very first time to practice drawing different types of lines, including zig-zag, curved, and straight. In P.E., we'll have our first Gymnastics lesson, where we'll learn about the expectations for indoor P.E. and practice moving in various ways around the hall. In R.E., we will begin our learning about the different religions that people can belong to. Finally, in P.S.H.E., we'll discuss the importance of rules and why they help keep us safe and happy.

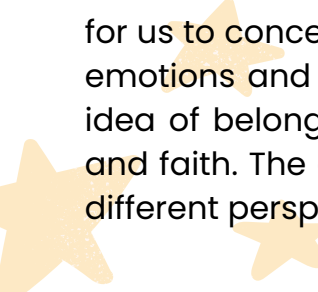


Year 2

Phonics/GPS: Revision ea (tea) oi (boil) a-e (cake) i-e (bike)

Maths: Place value, number patterns

Foundation subjects: In Science, we are beginning to explore the life processes of living things. This week, our focus will be on the human life cycle, as we learn about the different stages of human growth and development. In Computing, we will be using laptops and practising logging into Purple Mash independently, as well as developing keyboard skills. Meanwhile, History will see us becoming historians! We will use a range of different sources to find out about the past and practise asking relevant questions to help us gather information. During our PE lessons at the park, we will be developing our throwing, catching and bouncing skills. These fundamental skills will help us prepare for our upcoming work on invasion games. In PSHE, we will be thinking about distractions and considering how they can sometimes be helpful, but at other times make it harder for us to concentrate. We will explore different strategies that can help us to regulate our emotions and regain our focus when we need to. Finally, in RE, we will be exploring the idea of belonging and thinking about what belonging can mean in relation to religion and faith. The children will have opportunities to share their own thoughts and consider different perspectives.



AUTUMN WEEK 3

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

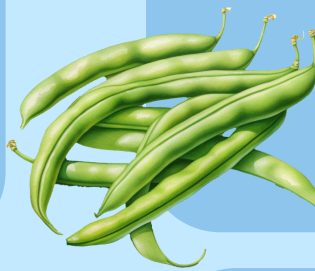
MONDAY

CHEESE & CHIVE MACARONI BAKE (WHEAT, MILK)
OR
CARIBBEAN STYLE CHICKEN CURRY AND RICE
WITH
OVEN ROASTED COURGETTES & SWEETCORN
ST. CLEMENTS SPONGE (WHEAT, EGG, MILK)
AND CUSTARD (MILK)

TUESDAY

CHICKEN SAUSAGES
OR
CHICKPEA & HERB PATTIE
WITH
MASHED POTATO, ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH & GREEN BEANS

MAPLE FLAVOURED
OAT COOKIE (WHEAT, OAT)
AND PEACH PUREE



WEDNESDAY

TOMATO & OREGANO SAUCE
OR
BEEF BOLONAISE
WITH
PENNE OR FUSILLI PASTA (WHEAT)
AND BROCCOLI & SWEETCORN
STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM (MILK)



THURSDAY

JACKET POTATO WITH CHEDDAR CHEESE (MILK)
& COLESLAW (EGG)
OR
CHINESE STYLE VEGETABLE STIRFRY WITH RICE
AND
SAVOY CABBAGE & CARROTS
WHOLEMEAL SHORTBREAD (WHEAT)
AND SPICED APPLE COMPOTE

FRIDAY

BATTERED FISH (WHEAT, FISH)
OR
CHEESE & LEEK PINWHEEL (WHEAT, MILK)
WITH
OVEN CHIPS & TOMATO KETCHUP
AND
PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
STRAWBERRY JELLY



AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS
WRAPS WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS
A COLD SALAD BAR
FRESHLY MADE BREAD
FRESH FRUIT
WATER AND MILK
WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES
FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Stars of the week

NURSERY

Bea Cornwell-Choi

NORTHERN IRELAND

WALES

SCOTLAND

SPAIN

Lottie Walsh

MEXICO

Margot King- Stokes

SWEDEN

Lucille Livermore

FINLAND

Imran Helili

VIETNAM

Matilda Binns

BAHAMAS

Oliva McFadden

Right on time

punctual



Freya Hatton

Davina
Sodimu-Jones

Dhruvin Patel

Nova Mahdilou

Anisa Ibrar

Callum Holmes



ATTENDANCE
This week - 98.19 %

Year 1 - 98.28%

Year 2 - 97.96%

Whole School Year To Date - 98.19%



REACH Award

Respect

Orla Willmott





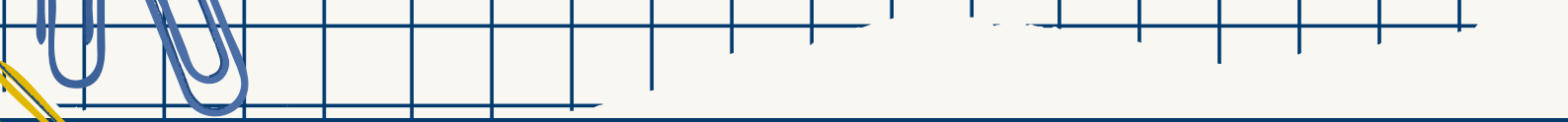
WHAT'S GOING ON?

New additions will be in red
School holidays will be in bold

Tue 15 Sep	Reception children start full time
Thu 24 Sep	Year 1 Drama workshop
Fri 25 Sep	Gold Geese charity day - wear yellow
Sat 26 Sep	PTA 'Bounce Back' Inflatable Fun day on the playground
Mon 28 Oct	Book fair arrives
Thu 1 Oct	KS 1 Harvest Festival at St Michael and All Angels church
Mon 5 Oct	Individual Photos
Mon 5 Oct	10am PTA AGM Chalkwell Hall Juniors
Tues 6 Oct	School Nurse Drop in Clinic 8.30 - 9.15
Tue 6 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours
Thu 15 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours
Fri 16 Oct	9.00 New intake (Reception 2027) tours for SEND
Mon 19 Oct	9.30 and 10.45 New intake (Reception 2027) tours
Thu 22 Oct	Reception Autumn walk to Chalkwell Park
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 May	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



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ONLY WATER SHOULD BE IN YOUR CHILD'S WATER BOTTLE. YOUR CHILD SHOULD BRING THEIR WATER BOTTLE INTO SCHOOL EVERY DAY. CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO WATER AND CAN REFILL THEIR BOTTLES WHENEVER NEEDED.



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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