



CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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HARVEST FESTIVAL 2026

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest this year and supporting two wonderful local organisations: **Southend Foodbank** and **The One Love Project**, which provides practical support, including food, clothing and advice, to vulnerable people across Southend.

We would be very grateful for donations of food and essential items. The charities' current priority items include a range of long-life, non-perishable items; specific information has been sent to you via PING/email.

Donations can be brought into school from Monday 21st September, with all donations needing to be in by 9am on Monday 5th October.

Year 1 and Year 2 will also be taking part in our Harvest Festival at St Michael & All Angels Church on Thursday 1st October at 9.30am. All KS1 classes will sing Harvest songs, with Year 2 children narrating the service and each Year 2 class performing their own song. We will also need some parent volunteers to help us walk to and from the church; further information will follow on Facebook.

Our Reception and Nursery children will also be learning about the meaning of Harvest, caring for others and sharing what we have. They will explore these themes alongside their classmates through activities and discussions.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and for helping us teach the children about caring for others in our community.

SETTLING INTO SCHOOL

Our new cohort of Nursery and Reception children have made a wonderful start to school life. Each day, they are becoming more familiar with our routines, growing in confidence and feeling increasingly comfortable in their new environment.

They are also beginning to discover what it means to belong to our school community; as part of their class, their year group and the wider Chalkwell Hall family.

A very warm welcome to all our new families. We are excited to get to know you and your children, and look forward to working alongside you as they begin this important and exciting part of their school journey.

TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

We're excited to welcome the Book Fair to school from Monday 28th September, open daily after school from 3.10pm in the Nursery garden (weather permitting).

Buy 3 books for the price of 2 – the cheapest book is FREE!

Every book you buy also helps us earn FREE books for our school libraries. What a wonderful way to inspire a love of reading!



GOLD GEESE – FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

On Friday 25th September, we will be supporting Gold Geese, a wonderful local charity that provides practical and emotional support to families of children and young people fighting cancer across the Southend and Basildon areas.

To show our support, we are asking children to wear as much gold or yellow as they can! This could be clothes, socks, shoes, accessories, wigs or even face paint. There is absolutely no need to buy anything new – please use whatever you have at home or can borrow.

If you are able to, we would be grateful for a donation of £1 or more. Donations can be given to your child's class teacher on the day, or you can donate directly to Gold Geese via the [JustGiving page](#)

Thank you for helping us support such a special local charity and the families they care for.



STAY CONNECTED!

A quick reminder to join our private [Facebook group](#) if you haven't already. It is a safe space for our school community where we share photos, videos and updates about the children's learning and experiences at school. It can also be a lovely way to find out what your child has been up to when the answer to "What did you do at school today?" is simply "nothing!"

We also have a public [Instagram page](#), where we share school news, behind-the-scenes glimpses and reminders about upcoming events.

We'd love you to follow along and stay connected with everything happening at Chalkwell Hall Infants!

MAKING THE MOST OF LUNCHTIMES

Lunchtimes make up around 20% of the school day, so we believe it is really important that children have the opportunity to let their hair down, be social, creative and imaginative, and most importantly, play and have fun.

We know that fun looks different for every child. For some, it might mean running around and being active with friends; for others, it might be finding a quiet space to relax with a book or enjoying a calm activity.

Our lunchtimes, inspired by the OPAL approach to play, really do offer something for everyone. Our skilled and dedicated lunchtime Play Team work hard every day to make sure the playground is filled with exciting, creative and purposeful opportunities for play. From our huge sandpit and small-world activities to dressing up, arts and crafts and our much-loved Friday disco, there is always something to explore, create or enjoy.

We are incredibly proud of the rich and varied play opportunities our team provide and of the way our children make the most of this important part of their school day.

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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Asthma Newsletter

Winter 2026



Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

Want to know how to protect your child this winter?

Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine**.



We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.

What is good asthma control?

1. **No symptoms during the day.**
2. **No symptoms waking them at night.**
3. **Able to complete all normal activities including PE.**
4. **Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.**



If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.



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: Owl Babies. Peace At Last,

Number songs/Stories: Peter Hammers With One Hammer, Two Little Dickie Birds, 1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught A Fish Alive.

Other Areas: Wow Nursery children, we are all so proud of how well you have settled in. We look forward to seeing everyone back at Nursery again next week! We will be listening to stories about Families. The Nursery staff will also be sharing photos of their families 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: We will be practising some important foundational skills, including breaking words into syllables and noticing rhyming words.

Maths: We will explore the composition of numbers 1-4, learning that each number is made up of 1s.

Other Areas: Next week, we will continue to build our confidence in school routines and expectations. We will share some PSED stories such as "We listen" and "We look after property", and will discuss how they apply to us in our classroom. We will also learn about the school fire alarm next week, making sure we all know what to do if we hear it. We will then practise leaving the classroom safely and calmly. On Friday, our school are supporting the local charity "Gold Geese", so don't forget to wear gold or yellow!





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**Year
1**

Phonics: oo (zoo), oo (look), ar (car), or (storm)

Maths: Counting to 10 and ordering numbers

Foundation subjects: In Science, we will be spotting what different objects are made from and recording our findings in our new Science books! In Computing, we will be learning how to log on to Purple Mash, create an avatar and begin to understand how to stay safe online. In History, we will be learning about the Gunpowder Plot and why we remember the 5th of November! We will also be reading more of our Black History texts as we continue to recognise and celebrate Black History Month. In Art, we will be using our line-drawing skills and resilience to create self-portraits. In DT, we will be exploring different ways to shape and join paper using a range of tools. In RE, we will be finding out about the Christian faith and the Creation story, and in PSHE, we will be discussing what makes a good friend. What a wonderful, but busy, week we shall all have!



**Year
2**

Phonics/GPS: Revision o-e (toe) u-e (glue) aw (yawn) are (care)

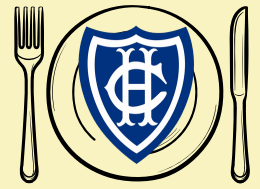
Maths: Addition: 2 single digits, adding tens to a single digit

Foundation subjects: In Science, we will continue our topic on the life processes of living things by learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and how it is different to a human. We will continue our learning about online safety, exploring self-image and identity, thinking about how people may look and behave differently online and offline. In Geography, we will revisit human and physical features and their characteristics. In Music, we will listen to and learn about South African music, using untuned percussion instruments to accompany the music. In RE, we will begin exploring sacred buildings in different religions. This week, we will focus on a church, thinking about who might visit and what they might do there. We will continue our PE lessons in the park, while in PSHE we will explore how our thoughts and feelings can change and learn strategies to help us self-regulate.





AUTUMN WEEK 1



MONDAY



SWEET POTATO HOT POT AND RICE (VE)
OR
MACARONI CHEESE (WHEAT, MILK) AND A
CHEF'S SALAD
WITH
OVEN ROASTED COURGETTES AND CARROTS

TRAYBAKE (WHEAT, EGG, MILK)
AND CUSTARD (MILK)

TUESDAY



CHICKEN SAUSAGE ROLL (WHEAT, SULPHITES)
AND OVEN ROASTED POTATOES
OR
ORIENTAL STYLE SWEET & SOUR STIR FRY
AND RICE (VE)
WITH
BROCCOLI AND BAKED BEANS

MIXED BERRY & APPLE OAT BAR (WHEAT, OAT)



WEDNESDAY



SMOKEY BBQ STYLE BEEF CHILLI
(SULPHITES)
OR
BEAN CHILLI (VE)
WITH
A SOFT TACO (WHEAT) & RICE
AND SALSA, LETTUCE, CHEESE (MILK),
LIME & CORIANDER MAYONAISE (EGG)
AND
SWEETCORN & MEXICAN ROASTED VEGETABLES

MARYLAND COOKIE (WHEAT, EGG)
AND PINEAPPLE & LIME COMPOTE

THURSDAY

TOMATO & BASIL PASTA BAKE
WITH MOZZARELLA (WHEAT, MILK)
OR

CHICKEN CASSEROLE WITH MASHED POTATOES
WITH
GREEN BEANS & ROASTED BUTTERNUT SQUASH

PARSNIP & APPLE CAKE (WHEAT, EGG)
WITH CUSTARD (MILK)



FRIDAY

PESTO STYLE TOPPED PIZZA (WHEAT, FISH)
OR
BATTERED FISH (WHEAT, MILK)
WITH
OVEN CHIPS OR NEW POTATOES
& TOMATO KETCHUP
AND
PEAS OR BAKED BEANS

JAM DROP COOKIE (WHEAT, EGG, SULPHITES)



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

Stars of the week

NURSERY

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NORTHERN
IRELAND

Locksley Thomson

WALES

Sylvie Jacobs

SCOTLAND

Amari
Anderson-Smith

SPAIN

Oliver Cork

MEXICO

Flo Tremaine

SWEDEN

Brody Rawlings

FINLAND

Enzo Smith

VIETNAM

Cian Nolan

BAHAMAS

Willow Nice

Right
on time

punctual



Lennox Pollard

Rupert O'Donnell

Lochie Bishop

Willow

Fleur Markillie

Margot Guy

Lucas Draper

William Harden

Emma-Maria
Manikaite

ATTENDANCE
This week - 97.51%

EYFS - 98.78%

Year 1 - 97.96%

Year 2 - 97.29%

Whole School Year To Date - 97.84%

REACH Award

Enjoy

Matida Nyambuya



Work as a team &
follow your dream!





AUTUMN / WINTER TERM 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CHALKWELL HALL INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS PTA EVENTS



SEPTEMBER 2026

Wednesday 16th September

Deadline for PANTO tickets

Thursday 17th September

PTA Coffee Morning
(Juniors Office)

Saturday 26th September



Bounce Back
Inflatable Day

Session 1: 12:30pm to 2:30pm

(12:00pm SEN Early Entry)

Session 2: 3:30pm to 5:30pm



OCTOBER 2026

Friday 2nd October

Cauliflower Cards Return
(Infants Only)

Friday 2nd October

Quiz Night

School Dining Hall

Enter via Rockleigh Gate

Monday 5th October

AGM

Juniors Office



Wednesday 21st October

Wrapping Santa Gifts
(Infants Office)



NOVEMBER 2026

Friday 27th November



Non-Uniform Day

Donation of Chocolates
and Wine

Saturday 28th November



Winter Fayre

11:30am SEN Entry

12:00pm General Entry



DECEMBER 2026

Tuesday 1st December



Juniors Bazaar /
Infants Santa

Wednesday 2nd December



Infants Bazaar /
Juniors Santa



CHRISTMAS DONATION REMINDERS



Jolly Jars



Soft Toys



Games



Children's
Books



Christmas
Jumpers



Gift Wrap



Pre-order
Wreath Kit

Thank you for supporting the PTA

Contact us at ptachalkwellhall@gmail.com



WHAT'S GOING ON?

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

W/b 21 Sep	Harvest donations
Thu 24 Sep	Year 1 Drama workshop
Fri 25 Sep	Gold Geese charity day - wear yellow
Fri 25 Sep	Year 2 Cross Country Competition (invited children only)
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
Fri 2 Oct	PTA Quiz Night
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
Mon 2 Nov	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Fri 27 Nov	PTA Non-Uniform day in exchange for booze / chocolates
Sat 28 Nov	PTA Winter Fayre
Tue 1 Dec	Santa visiting
Wed 2 Dec	Christams Bazaar
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





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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