



Books

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# CHALKWELL HALL INFANTS

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BOOK WEEK

## CELEBRATING BOOKS!

World Book day aims to inspire every child to enjoy the life benefits of reading for fun! It will be celebrated on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**. We have a special timetable in school, where children will have the opportunity to show off their costumes and have the opportunity to share their own books to friends in other classes or year groups. Children will be studying a specific book in class and participating in activities, including art work to do with that book. There will also be 'drop ins' to classes from different adults in the school to read them their favourite stories!

Each child will receive a £1 book token, which can be used at The Book Fair as part payment, or at other local sellers. See [here](#) for the full list.



GO  
ALL  
IN.

National  
Year of  
Reading  
2026

## Go all in for World Book Day

World Book Day will be bigger and better than ever during the National Year of Reading, 2026. World Book Day is a proud delivery partner of National Year of Reading

Go All In – The National Year of Reading campaign to get more people reading, by bringing reading to where culture is.

If you're into it, read into it.

## SCHOOL MENU UPDATE

Today, you will have received notification about some changes to our school menu. Thanks to pupil feedback and what we know about meal uptake and waste, we've made a few small tweaks to improve the choices on offer.

The most significant change is that we have listened to your feedback about bringing back a cold option. After the February half term, we will be trialling an alternating alternative option:

- Week 1: Cold tortilla wraps
- Week 2: Jacket potatoes

Both options will be available with a range of fillings to suit all tastes.

Thank you for your continued support as we work to make mealtimes enjoyable and sustainable for all our pupils.





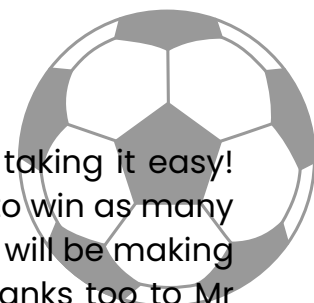
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## **HAPPY HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils tomorrow for one of our INSET days. The teaching staff will be working in year group teams to plan the curriculum for the Summer term. We hope you all have a lovely, relaxing week away from the routines of school and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 23rd February.

## **GOOD LUCK TO OUR BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM**

Tomorrow may be a non-pupil day, but our boys' football team won't be taking it easy! They'll be reaching for the stars at the borough tournament, giving their all to win as many games as possible. A huge thank you to Mrs Bygrave and Miss Cramer, who will be making sure the boys are happy, safe, and motivated throughout the day. And thanks too to Mr Farquharson who has organised the team and provided some additional coaching sessions for them. We'll be sure to share news on how they get on; watch this space for updates!



## **SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK – THIS IS MY PLACE**

This week, we were really pleased to take part in **Children's Mental Health Week**, focusing on this year's theme, *"This Is My Place."*

In our REACH assembly, we spent some time chatting about what it means to feel like we belong. The children shared ideas about the places where they feel happiest and safest; at home, in their classrooms, on the playground, at clubs or with friends and family. It was wonderful to hear them describe how it feels to be part of a group and to know that you matter.

Back in class, we read stories about friendship and kindness and had circle-time discussions about how we can help everyone feel welcome at Chalkwell. The children had some brilliant ideas, including inviting someone new to play, sharing toys and equipment, using kind words and helping others if they are feeling sad.

The children also enjoyed getting creative. Some drew pictures of the places where they feel they belong, while others made "My Place Islands" to show the people, places and things that are special to them.

We captured some comments from our student ambassadors, and it was lovely to hear them say things like, *"I belong here because my friends are here,"* and *"This is my place because my teacher helps me."*

Throughout the week, we reminded the children that it's okay to have all kinds of feelings and that there is always a grown-up in school ready to listen and help. Feeling cared for and valued is such an important part of building happy, confident learners.

We are so proud of the kindness and thoughtfulness the children showed during the week. Together, we continue to make Chalkwell a place where every child can smile and say with confidence, *"This is my place."*

[parentingsmart](#)

[behappy](#)

Trudy Dove

Health and Wellbeing Lead





## What does 'belonging' mean?

I belong to my  
home and school.  
Astrid - Year 1

I feel safe at  
school.  
Olive - Year 2

I feel like I belong at  
my clubs and they  
make me feel happy.  
Evelyn - Year 2

I belong to  
my family.  
Rupert -  
Reception

## How does belonging make you feel?



## WET WEATHER, BIG FUN!

Even in the rainy weather, our sports zones remain a favourite with the children! Our Play team are brilliant at changing activities regularly, keeping everyone excited about what's on offer.

Recently, the children have loved swing ball and practicing their aim with the mini basketball hoops; lots of smiles and plenty of active fun!

Thank you for your recent donations of clouring books and pens.

## WISH LIST

**COMPUTER KEYBOARDS**

**TELEPHONES**

**SANDPIT TOYS**

**CHALK**

**VEHICLES**



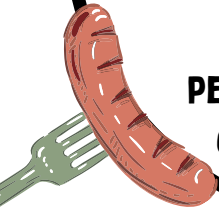
# NEW MENU - WEEK 1

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)

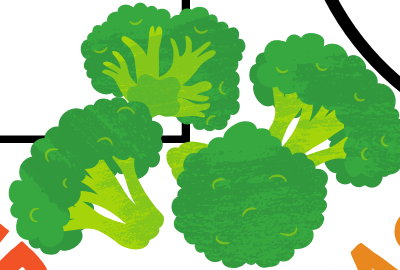
AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

**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)



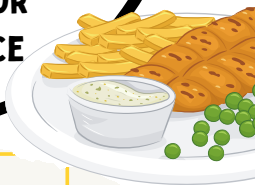
## FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

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**

**Henry Bird**



**NORTHERN IRELAND**

**Alesha Uddin**

**WALES**

**Lyra Lockley**

**SCOTLAND**

**Dylan Williams**

**SPAIN**

**Finnley Devine**

**MEXICO**

**Nour Oukili**

**SOUTH AFRICA**

**Sophia Homan**

**FINLAND**

**Blake Meadows**

**VIETNAM**

**Victoria Handziuk**

**BAHAMAS**

**Lyra De Garston- Baines**

**Right on time**

**punctual**



Oliver Cork	Lochie Bishop	Sebby Hessami-Arthur
Cora K	Miracle	Noah Kent
Kaira Kirathika	Rafa Harbage	Florence Ahrens



Work as a team & follow your dream!

## ATTENDANCE

This week - 92.25%

EYFS - 89.80%

Year 1 - 95.56%

Year 2 - 93.61%

Whole School Year To Date - 95.61%



**Half Termly STAR Award**

*Enzo Smith*

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

<b>Thu 12 Feb</b>	<b>Last day at school - Feb half term</b>
<b>Fri 13 Feb</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>
Fri 13 Feb	Boys Football tournament
<b>Mon 23 Feb</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
w/b 2 Mar	Book week
Wed 4 Mar	KS1 Tag Rugby Tournament (invited children only)
Wed 4 Mar	Reception visit to the Library
Thu 5 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 6 Mar	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Wales
Thu 12 Mar	Music Festival (invited children only)
Fri 13 Mar	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Northern Ireland
Fri 13 Mar	Girls Football Tournament (invited children only)
Mon 16 Mar	EYFS National Measurement Programme
Mon 16 Mar	2.15pm Year 1 assembly (parents need only attend one performance)
Tues 17 Mar	9.15am Year 1 assembly (parents need only attend one performance)
Tue 17 Mar	Fire Engine visiting Year 2
Tues 17 Mar	EYFS National Measurement Programme
Wed 18 Mar	Reception Spring walk
Thu 19 Mar	Tennis Taster Day - more info to follow
Fri 20 Mar	Comic Relief
<b>Wed 25 Mar</b>	<b>Tower of London Trip - class Finland and Vietnam</b>
<b>Thu 26 Mar</b>	<b>Tower of London Trip - class Bahamas</b>
<b>Fri 27 Mar</b>	<b>Last day at school - Easter holidays</b>
<b>Mon 13 Apr</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Fri 24 Apr	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Scotland
Fri 1 May	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Spain
<b>Mon 4 May</b>	<b>Bank holiday (school closed)</b>
Mon 11 May	Class photos
<b>Thu 21 May</b>	<b>Last day at school - May half term</b>
<b>Fri 22 May</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>
<b>Mon 1 Jun</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Fri 12 Jun	9.00 Celebration assembly - class South Africa
Fri 19 Jun	9.00 Celebration assembly - class Mexico
<b>Fri 17 Jul</b>	<b>Last day at school - Summer holidays</b>
<b>Mon 20 Jul</b>	<b>Non-pupil day (school closed to all pupils)</b>

What's new?

*For Celebration assembly, you should arrive at 9am via Rockleigh gate.*





# 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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