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It has been another great week at Chalkwell Hall Junior School — one that has been truly packed with learning, enrichment and excitement. We are so proud of all of our children for the incredible attitudes they bring to school each day and for the passion they show for their learning. This week has had a strong focus on listening to feedback, aiming high and striving for personal bests.

Today, in particular, was a joyful reminder of just how much fun we have together as a school community, with our much-loved Kids Make the Rules Day. The laughter, creativity and sense of united purpose on show captured exactly what makes our school such a special place, where we genuinely enjoy each other's company.

It was also a delight to see our Pop-Up Art Gallery in school yesterday and today. The talent, creativity and pride on display from both our children and staff were outstanding — what an inspiring celebration of our creative community.

*Warm regards,
Andy Newnham
Headteacher*

Dates for Your Diary

- **Wednesday 6th May - Y6 Trip to Old Leigh**
 - **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs week**
 - **Thursday 21st May - Class Photos**
 - **Friday 22nd May - INSET day - non-pupil day**
 - **Friday 12th June - SPORTS DAY (am Lower School/pm Upper School)**
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SCHOOL NEWS



Superhero Teachers – London Marathon Heroes!

We are *so, so proud* of our very own superhero teachers, **Mr Smale** and **Mr Halsall**, who recently completed the **London Marathon**. What an incredible achievement!

They are truly **amazing humans** and a huge inspiration to us all. Their marathon times were impressive, but even more powerful is why they ran – raising money for causes so close to their hearts, and to ours as a school community.

How lucky we are to have such inspirational role models for both our children and our adults. Determination, resilience, kindness and commitment – all values we celebrate every day at our school.

We couldn't be prouder. 🙌👏

You can donate by clicking on the following links:

[Mr Smale's Tommy's Fundraiser](#)

[Mr Halsall's Havens Hospices Fundraiser](#)

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Take One Picture Exhibition – Celebrating Creativity Across Our School

*Yesterday, our school proudly set up our pop-up art gallery inspired by **Take One Picture**, The National Gallery's national programme designed to inspire a lifelong love of art and learning in primary schools.*

*This year, every class across the school created a wonderful and varied range of artwork inspired by A Muse by **Cosimo Tura**. The outcomes were truly impressive – showcasing not only artistic skill, but also imagination, thoughtful interpretation and a great deal of hard work.*

The exhibition was a lovely celebration of our pupils' creativity, offering families the opportunity to see first-hand how a single artwork can spark so many different ideas and responses. Each piece told its own story, reflecting the individuality of our children and the care they take in their learning.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, effort and creativity shown by pupils across the school, and thank families for joining us to celebrate their achievements. It was a joy to share such fantastic artwork and to see our school buzzing with creativity. Special thanks to the incredible hard work and commitment of Mrs Harris and Mrs Cooper who made this the outstanding showcase it was.



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Thank you to all the adults and children who visited our very first exhibition; it was so lovely to see everyone admiring the work produced. If you were not able to make it, why not check out our virtual tour?

CHJS Take One Picture Virtual Tour



Run Club – Every Friday Morning!

*Looking for a positive and energising way to start your Friday? **Run Club takes place every Friday morning**, and everyone is warmly invited to join!*

*Held in the park, run by the fantastic Mr Smale, Run Club is **open to all abilities** – whether you prefer to walk, jog or run. The focus is on enjoying the fresh air, moving together and starting the day in the best possible way.*

 **Time:** 8:00am start

 **Location:** The park

 **Who can join?** Everyone – all abilities welcome!

It's a relaxed, friendly session and a great opportunity to boost wellbeing, fitness and community spirit. New faces are always welcome, and it's a fantastic way to ease into the school day.

*Come along and give it a try – **you know you want to!***

We hope to see you there on Friday morning.

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HUNGRY CUPBOARD!

🌟 Well Done 5RM – Hungry Cupboard Heroes!

*We would like to say a **huge well done to class 5RM** for their fantastic efforts in supporting the **Hungry Cupboard** initiative.*

*Thanks to their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment, a wonderful collection of donations has been gathered, all of which will be delivered to the **SVP Foodbank** to support families in need. The class have shown great responsibility, kindness and compassion, living out our school values in a very meaningful way.*

We are incredibly proud of 5RM for leading this initiative and would also like to thank all families who supported the project through their generous donations.

An excellent example of pupils making a real difference to their community – well done, 5RM! 🍷 🙌



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Food Bank Items of Need

UHT Milk	Jams & Spreads
Pasta sauces	Tins of veggie food
Tins of fruit	(macaroni cheese/ veggie
Tinned Meat pies	ravioli etc)
Mayo	Sugar
Butter	Tuna
Nappies	Coffee
Wet wipes	Biscuits
Crisps/ biscuits	Cereal Bars
Tuna	Tinned Tomato
Crackers	Toiletries
Tinned meat meals	Cereal
Pot Noodles	Pasta
Pasta in sauces	Instant Noodles
Mince	Sausage
Tea	Cheese

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PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS

CHALKWELL HALL SCHOOLS PTA

TREASURER NEEDED

Help us to
make a
difference!

WE NEED YOU!

Danielle, our current Treasurer, is stepping down at the end of the year.

For the PTA to continue, we need a new Treasurer to take over in September 2026. Handover and support will be provided.

ROLE:

- Basic book keeping & excel skills
- Preparing floats for events & banking cash
- Approving payments
- Trustworthy & reliable
- Able to attend meetings from time to time (usually with a wine!)



CONTACT US:

PTACHSTREASURER@GMAIL.COM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

SPRING & SUMMER TERMS 2026



- MAR 9-13** **PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALES**
2.45-3.15PM, LIBRARY (NEW PTA UNIFORM SHOP) 
- MAR 9-13** **SPRING PLANT SALE**
PRE-ORDER ONLINE 
- MAR 27** **INFANT BUNNY HOP**
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY 
- MAR 27** **EASTER EGG DRAW**
1 WINNER FROM EACH YEAR GROUP 
- MAY 1** **MAKE THE RULES DAY**
DURING THE SCHOOL DAY 
- MAY 15** **RECEPTION TEA TOWELS**
DESIGNED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY 
- MAY 4-21** **RAINBOW RAFFLE**
DONATIONS 4-15TH MAY & DRAW 21ST MAY 
- JUNE 14** **SUMMER FETE**
12-4PM 

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/CHALKWELLHALLPTA



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SCHOOL DINNER MENU - Next week: WEEK 1

**Just to let you know Tuesday 5th May will be Monday Week 1 Menu - sausages and wedges. The rest of the week will be normal Week 1 Menu.*

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 BROCCOLI (VG)
OR BAKED BEANS (VG)

WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN (WITH HIDDEN VEG)
OR VEGE SWEET AND SOUR WITH
STEAMED RICE AND GREEN BEANS (VG)

WEEK 1

AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:
TORTILLA WRAP WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS
HAM, TUNA (F), HUMMOUS (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 OCCASIONALLY)

TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

HOMEMADE MACARONI CHEESE (WITH HIDDEN VEG) (G) (MK)
WITH
GARLIC BREAD (G) (VG)
AND PEAS & CARROTS (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)

FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

CHICKEN OR QUORN (VG) (G)
FAJITAS (WITH HIDDEN VEG)
SERVED WITH TORTILLA WRAP (G)
AND MIXED PEPPERS (VG)

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES
THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

SCHOOL MENU - ALLERGENS

G	CEREALS CONTAIN GLUTEN (WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE, OATS, KAMUT, SPELT)	N	TREE NUTS
MK	MILK	P	PEANUT
E	EGG	L	LUPIN
SS	SESAME SEEDS	MU	MUSTARD
CY	CELERY	SOYB	SOYBEAN
V	VEGETARIAN	MOL	MOLLUSCS
VG	VEGAN	CR	CRUSTACEANS
F	FISH	S	SULPHITES
		CCN	COCONUT

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES
OUR HEAD COOK, IS HAPPY TO DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S INDIVIDUAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS AND ALLERGIES WITH YOU
WHERE POSSIBLE, ALL OUR MEALS ARE FRESHLY PREPARED, USING QUALITY, LOCALLY SOURCED INGREDIENTS

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SPORT @ CHJS

Year 6 Quad Kids Competition

Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in the exciting Quad Kids athletics competition, which challenges competitors across four different events: a 70m sprint, howler throw, standing long jump and 600m run.

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The children performed brilliantly across all disciplines, showing great versatility, determination and team spirit throughout the event. Competing against strong opposition, they worked incredibly hard and supported one another every step of the way.

Their efforts resulted in a very respectable 7th place overall out of 22 schools, which is a fantastic achievement in such a competitive field.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience a range of athletic events – and who knows, perhaps it will inspire some of them to one day take on the decathlon or heptathlon!

Well done to all involved – you should be very proud of yourselves! 🙌



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Learning highlights this week!

Year 3

Another great week, Year 3!

In Maths we have been learning about fractions – recognising that the larger the denominator, the smaller the fraction which has helped us compare fractions. Some fraction word problems gave us the opportunity to apply our learning in real-life situations.

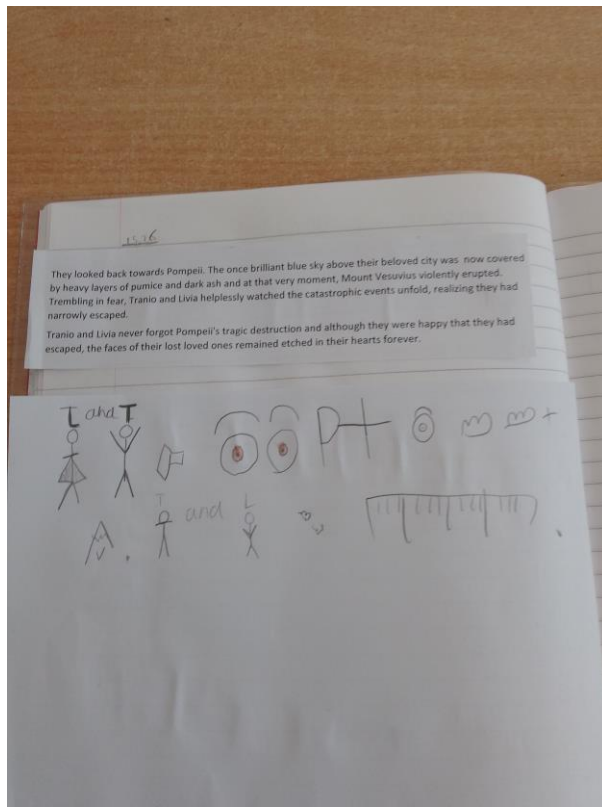
In English, we have further honed our story mapping skills by representing the story 'Escape From Pompeii' ready for planning and writing our own narratives next week.

Our plans in DT are progressing well and this week, we selected topics from which to design our electrical information posters and began planning our initial designs.

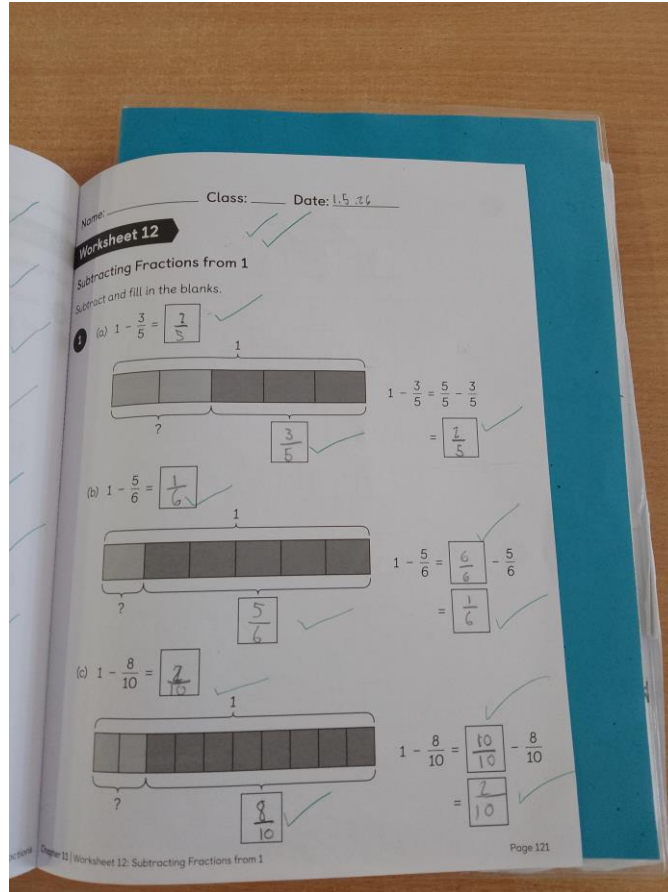
Today, we enjoyed visiting the Take One Picture Exhibition, viewing art work from across the school. It amazed us that every class had started with the same picture but that the outcomes were so different!



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Year 4

What a super week Year 4 have enjoyed and we are incredibly proud of their effort, enthusiasm and hard work. As geographers, the children have been diving head-first into the explosive world of volcanoes. From gentle shield volcanoes to mighty stratovolcanoes, they've wowed us with their intriguing facts, curious questions and erupting excitement - we've had mini volcanologists bubbling away all week.

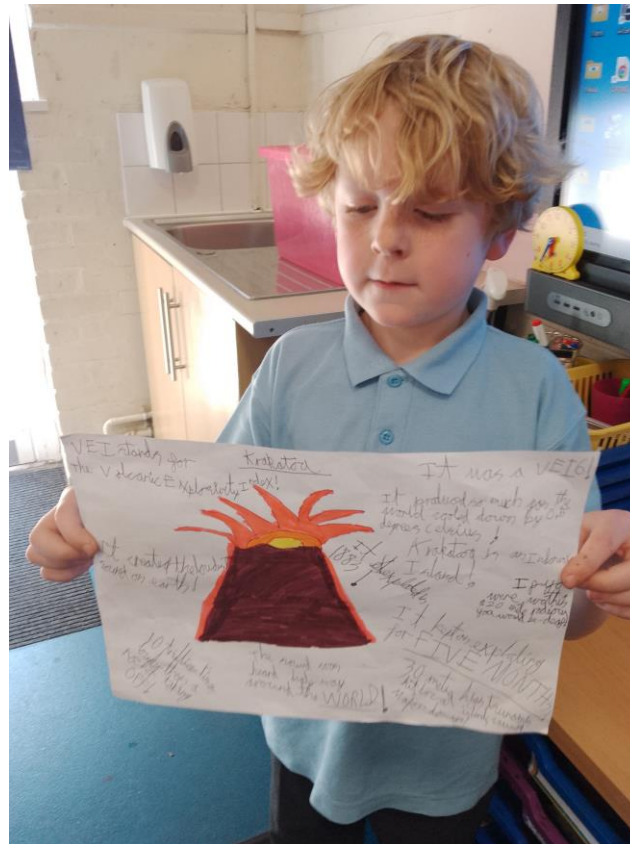
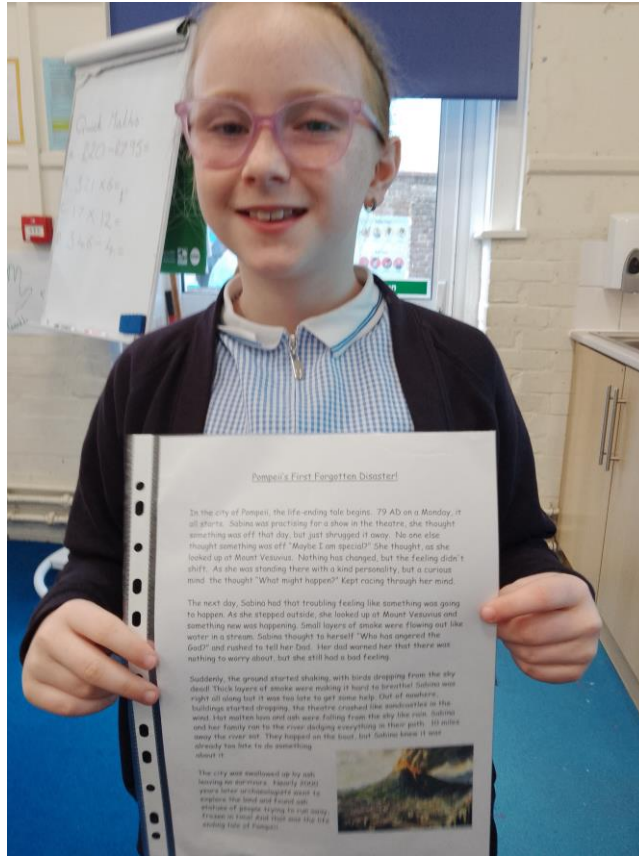
We have absolutely loved seeing the brilliant and varied array of Creative Homework that has been shared. The imagination, effort and individuality in each piece have been a joy to celebrate. Thank you for your continued support as it truly makes a difference and keeps the creativity flowing.

As scientists, the children have been learning how to classify animals by their features. They've become mini zoologists, confidently sorting creatures into groups and spotting similarities and differences. We definitely have some superb scientists in the making - David Attenborough would be proud.

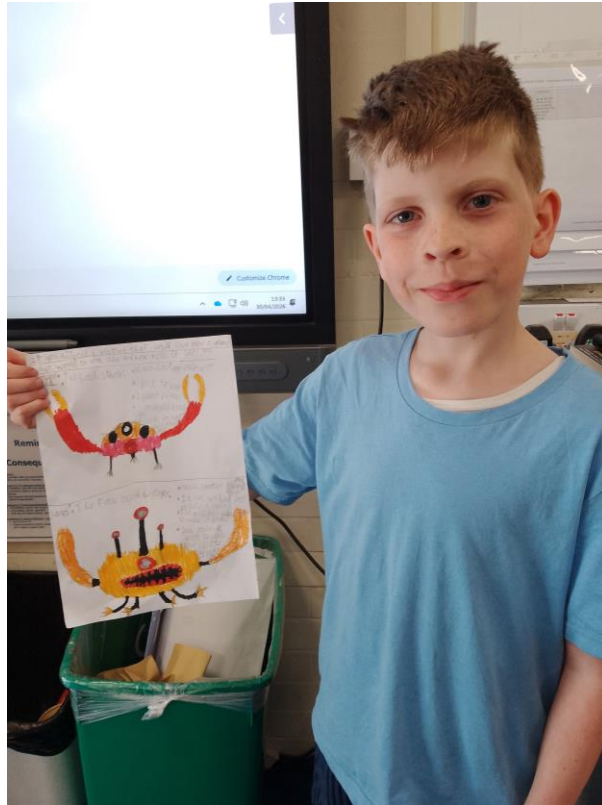
Wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend and fingers crossed that the sunshine keeps shining.



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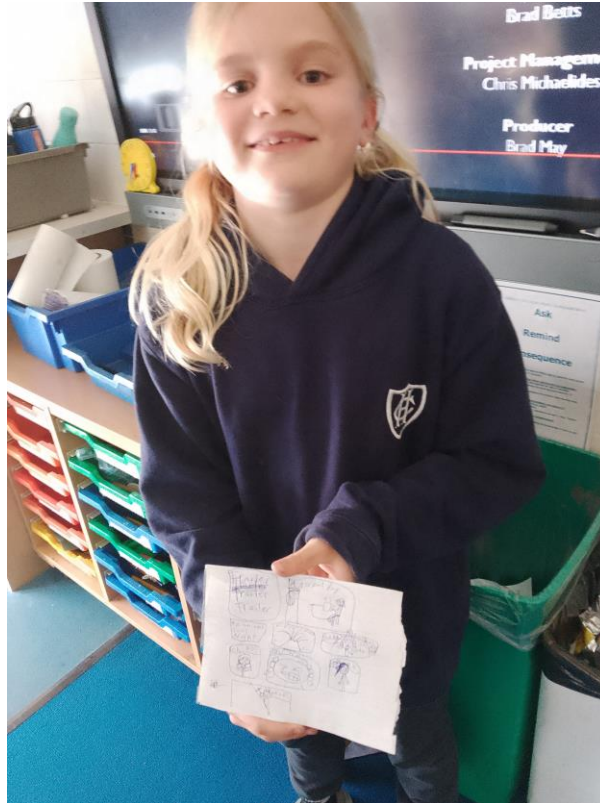
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Year 5

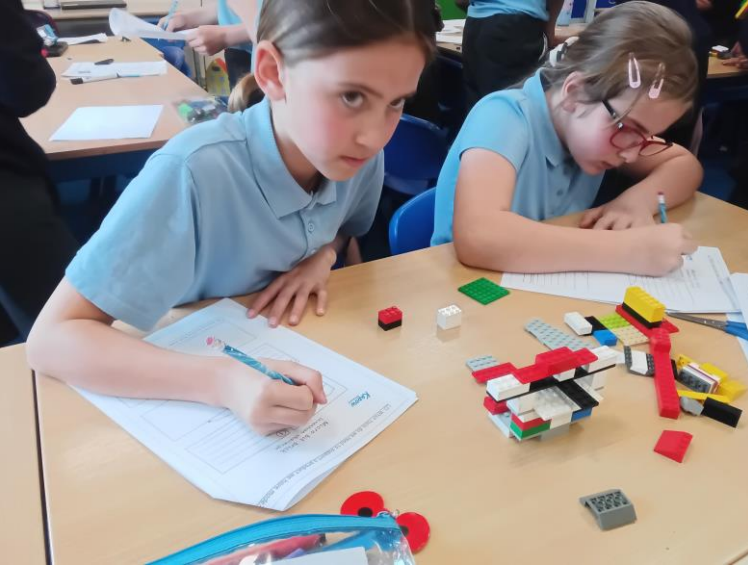
What a fantastic week Year 5 has had, filled with creativity and enquiry! In Science, we dove into the fascinating world of water resistance. Students crafted plasticine objects in various shapes to explore how they travel through water, working together to time and record their results.

In Computing, we had a blast filming our weather reports, and we're excited to edit these next week!

Our Design and Technology lessons were equally engaging as we investigated the uses of plastic. The highlight was creating protective cases for our microbits using Lego, which sparked lots of imaginative ideas.

Well done, Year 5! Keep up the great work!

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Year 6

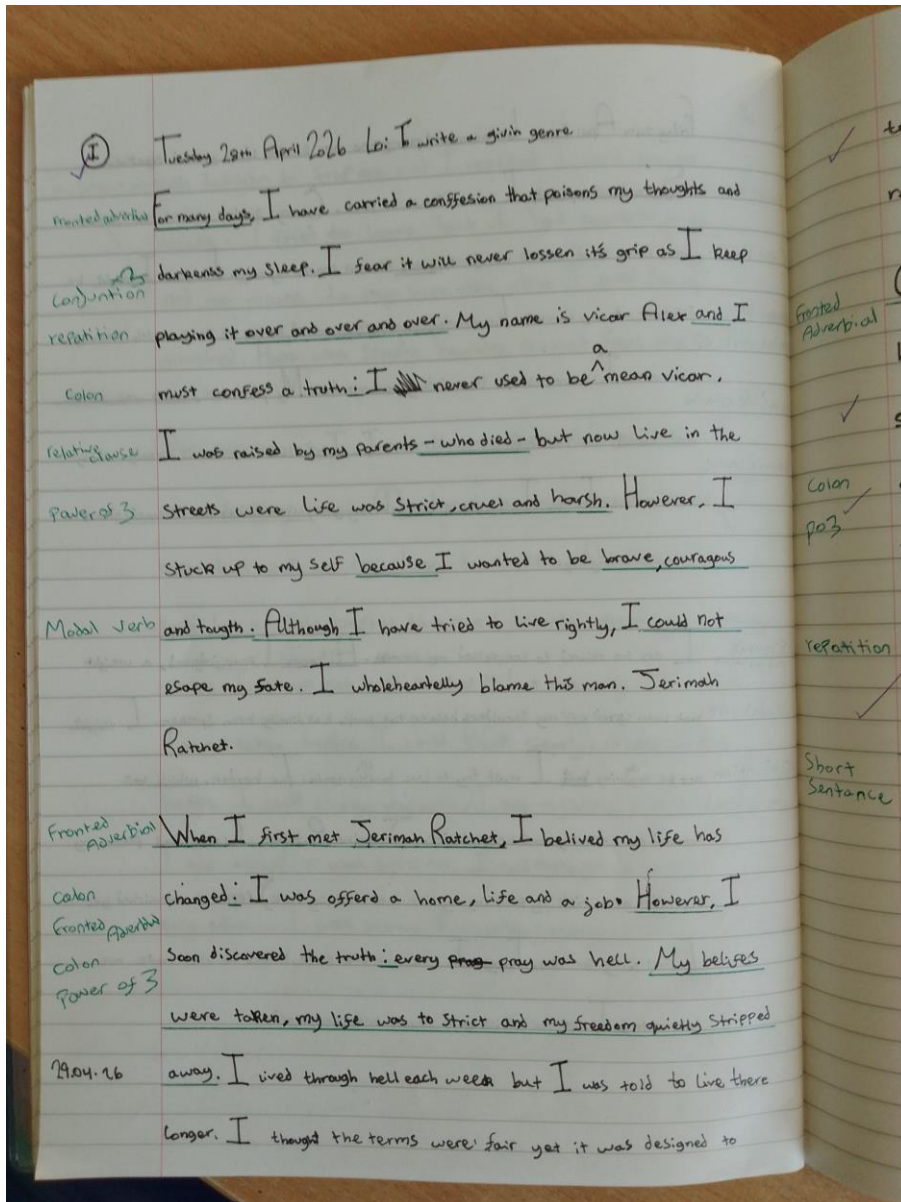
This week, Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard in English, creating their own stories inspired by The Black Book of Secrets. They developed characters who harboured sinister secrets, which were gradually revealed throughout their narratives. Their writing continues to impress us, as they independently incorporate a range of techniques to create vivid imagery in the reader's mind.

In art this half term, each lesson focuses on a different artist and style. This week, the children explored Gassed by John Singer Sargent, a powerful painting depicting soldiers at war. After analysing its key features, they used drama and props to recreate the scene. While frozen in

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character, pupils responded in role when tapped on the shoulder, describing how they were feeling and bringing the artwork to life.

In science, we investigated whether bacteria can be helpful or harmful. The children then set up an experiment to explore the effect of different amounts of water on bread over the course of a week. They will observe and record the changes each day, allowing them to compare the results with their initial predictions.



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trap me and I had nowhere to go and no means to fake my
and religion so I ^{remained} remained. Hope was slowly being drained from me.

One night, as I was praying, I ^{noticed something unusual} noticed ~~noticed~~ something unusual. My
I heart began to race because I knew this could be my chance to
show my feelings. Upon a dusty table, lay a holy cross with
gold embroidery; delicate, gleaming, impossibly valuable. I should not
have touched it but desperation had taken hold of me. It was broken
before I could think clearly, it was hidden before I could change
my mind. I told myself it was necessary, I told myself it was
survival, I told myself it was my my only chance. I was wrong.
Everything changed.



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Achievement Awards



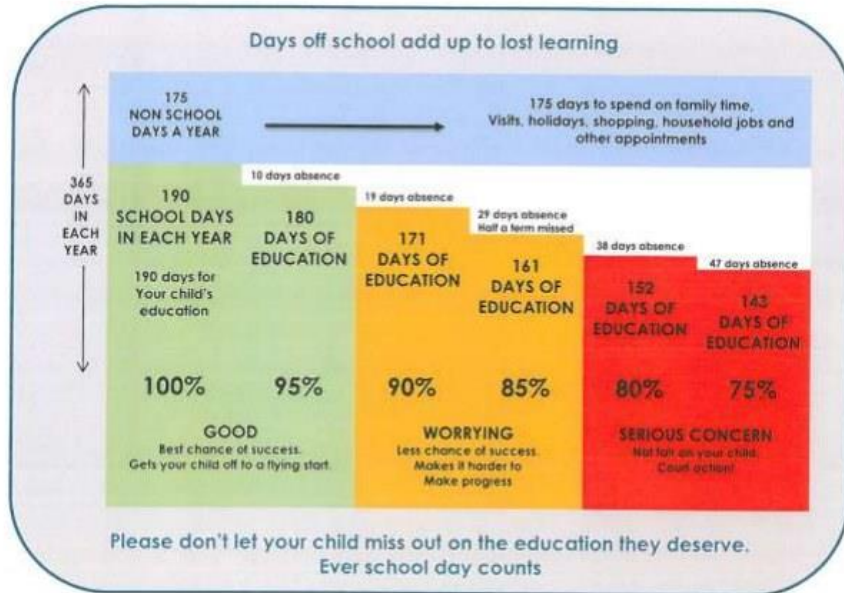
Today, it was a delight to give recognition to so many children for embodying our core values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Cooperation, Creativity, and Enquiry. A huge well done to everyone—there are so many superstars at CHJS! Your hard work and dedication truly shine, making our school community a wonderful place to learn and grow together. Keep up the fantastic effort, and let's continue to support one another in our journey of learning! (apologies for not including the lower school superstars in the newsletter - here they are this week...better late than never!)

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Attendance & Punctuality



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK - 97.2% (-0.4%)

Weekly Attendance by Year Group

Year 3 = 96.9% (-2)

Year 4 = 97.4% (-0.2)

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Year 5 = 95.3% (-0.9)

Year 6 = 97.3% (+0.3)

Lower School Winners = 3CH (98.7%)



Upper School Winners = 6FW (99.3%)



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Community News



Southend Lifeboat Station Open Day

Southend Inshore Boathouse
Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026
11:30 'til 16:00

Southend RNLI are welcoming you to their Open Day! View the Hovercraft and lifeboats, meet the crew, say hello to Stormy Stan and learn all about Southend RNLI!

Lifeboat demonstrations at 12:30 and 15:00 (subject to operations)

Find out more at facebook.com/southendlifeboat

*** Find us behind Adventure Inside, SS1 1EE ***

***** FREE TO ATTEND *****



The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, a charity registered in England and Wales (209603), Scotland (SC037736), the Republic of Ireland (CHI 2678 and 20003326), the Bailiwick of Jersey (14), the Isle of Man (1908 and 066209), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Alderney, of West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset, BH15 1H2



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WE INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF A SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT. ANMARIE WAS AN AVID READER, AND TO MARK HER BIRTHDAY WEEKEND, WE'RE ENCOURAGING FAMILIES TO SIT TOGETHER AND READ.

DATE: MONDAY 4TH MAY

TO FIND OUT MORE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR GOLD GEESE, PLEASE SCAN:





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LEIGH-ON-SEA CRICKET CLUB SUMMER CRICKET CAMP 2026

Get ready for an action-packed summer of cricket, fun, and new friendships!
We're excited to announce the return of our **Youth Summer Cricket Camp 2026**, taking place during our annual Cricket Week celebrations  **9:30am – 12:30pm daily:**

 **Wednesday 29th July**

 **Thursday 30th July**

 **Friday 31st July**

Join us for one, two, or all three days – but be quick, as places are limited and fill fast!

WHO'S IT FOR?

Perfect for **boys and girls aged 6–13**, whether you're picking up a bat for the first time or looking to sharpen your skills. Our experienced LOSCC coaching team creates a fun, inclusive environment for all abilities.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Get involved in a wide range of exciting cricket activities, including:

-  Fast-paced matches & mini tournaments
-  Batting, bowling & wicket-keeping skills
-  High-energy fielding drills & net sessions
-  Team challenges and competitions
-  Game tactics & match awareness
-  Agility, coordination & movement skills

PRICING

- **£25 per session**
- **£65 for all 3 days (save £10!)**

Payment required in advance to secure your place, either on Friday night cash or card or bank transfer


HOW TO BOOK

Bank Details:

Account Name: Leigh-on-Sea Cricket Club
Sort Code: 30-94-26
Account Number: 00429528
Reference: *(Child's Name + SC26)*

NEED MORE INFO?

Contact:

Alexandra Randon (Youth Admin Manager)
 07887 855686

BOOKING FORM

Office Use Only: Paid Date _____

Childs Name: _____

Age: _____

Contact Number: _____

Please reserve a place for: Wednesday Thursday Friday All 3 Days

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Dates for your diary:

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 6th May - Year 6 trip to Old Leigh

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 18th May - Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle

Thursday 21st May - Class Photos

- Last day of half-term - May half term

Friday 22nd May - Non-Pupil day (school closed to all pupils)

Monday 1st June - Back to school after half term

Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th June - Y4 trip to Windmill Hill / Activity Days

Wednesday 10th June - pm Borough Sports

Friday 12th June - Sports Day - am Y3&4 / pm Y5&6

Sunday 14th June - PTA Summer Fete 12-3pm

w/c 15th June - Junior swimming starts (4 weeks)

Friday 26th June - Governor Day

Friday 3rd July - Y6 Transition Day / Meet new teacher day

Wednesday 8th July - Open classroom 3:15-4:15pm

Thursday 9th July - End of year reports home

Friday 10th July - Y6 trip to Adventure Island

Wednesday 15th July - 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents

Thursday 16th July - 1:30pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly to parents

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Friday 17th July - Last day at school - Summer Holidays

Monday 20th July - Non-Pupil day (school closed to all pupils)

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