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As we reach the penultimate week of the school year, I would like to thank our entire school community for another wonderful week. The hot weather has continued, and whilst temperatures have been challenging at times, we have maintained a range of measures across the school to keep everyone safe, comfortable and able to learn. The resilience, positivity and maturity shown by the children have been remarkable, and they have approached each day with enthusiasm despite the heat.

I would also like to pay special tribute to our staff team, whose monumental efforts in caring for and supporting the children have been exceptional. Their commitment, flexibility and dedication ensure that our pupils continue to thrive, whatever the circumstances.

Yesterday, your child's end-of-year report was sent home. These reports provide a snapshot of the tremendous progress, effort and achievements that have taken place over the course of the year. We are incredibly proud of every child and the journey they have been on. The growth we see academically, socially and personally is a reflection of their hard work, the support of their families and the dedication of our staff. Together, these achievements make us all immensely proud of the special school community we have here at Chalkwell Hall.

With just one week remaining, we are looking forward to a fantastic final week of the academic year, with slightly cooler temperatures hopefully making things a little more comfortable for everyone. We will also be saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. They are a genuine credit to our school and have represented Chalkwell Hall with pride, kindness and character throughout their time with us. Today, they enjoyed a well-deserved day at Adventure Island, and we are looking forward to sharing a very special final week with them as they prepare for their next exciting chapter.

Have a safe, restful and relaxing weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone for one last memorable week together.

Andy Newnham

Headteacher

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Dates for Your Diary

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SCHOOL NEWS

Follow Our New School Instagram Page!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new school Instagram page and warmly invite all parents and families to join our online community.

From the Autumn term, our Instagram page will offer a window into school life, with regular updates celebrating the learning, achievements and experiences taking place across CHJS. From classroom highlights and special events to exciting projects and memorable moments, you'll be able to see some of the many wonderful opportunities our children enjoy throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of our school community and hope this new platform will help keep families connected and informed. We look forward to sharing our journey with you and celebrating all the fantastic things happening at CHJS.

Be sure to follow us and join us as we showcase the very best of school life! 📷

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - THE 2 JOHNS

*We are delighted that our friends, **The Two Johns**, will once again be joining us in the Autumn Term to work with our whole school community. Their engaging and informative sessions will help children, parents and staff develop the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe online.*

As always, their focus will be on empowering children to navigate the digital world confidently, responsibly and safely—equipping them with the understanding and resilience they need to make good choices online.

*Further details will follow, but for now, please **save the date**. We look forward to welcoming The Two Johns back to Chalkwell Hall Junior School.*

An evening with the 2 Johns

Do you know how to keep your child safe and show them the wonders of our digital world?

Your child is growing up within and into this digital age.



'The 2 Johns' will open your eyes to a world we, as adults, didn't grow up in.



Details

Wednesday 16th
September 2026

8pm

Online event

Additional information

This is a parent event and the content is not suitable for children to be watching.

Online link will be sent out nearer the time.

Do you know the latest risk on line and what children will do for commodities in games?

Do you know what stranger danger looks like in 2026?

Do you know how the power of influence is robbing our children of their childhood?

Do you know that restricting 'chat' in games does not stop your child talking to other people?

Do you know how an innocent prank can lead to serious consequences? The Johns will talk about the Essex police and EE campaign.

In 2024 there was a 103% increase in Indecent Images of children aged 7-10 years making this the largest number however there was also an increase of 1558% of indecent images of children aged 3 to 6 years in relation to Fake / AI imagery.

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TASH FEST

Tash Fest is being arranged in memory of the mother of one of our former pupils, who sadly passed away from breast cancer last August, to raise funds for a wonderful local breast cancer charity "Lady McAdden".

All proceeds from entry and raffle ticket sales will be donated to the charity who are coincidentally celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

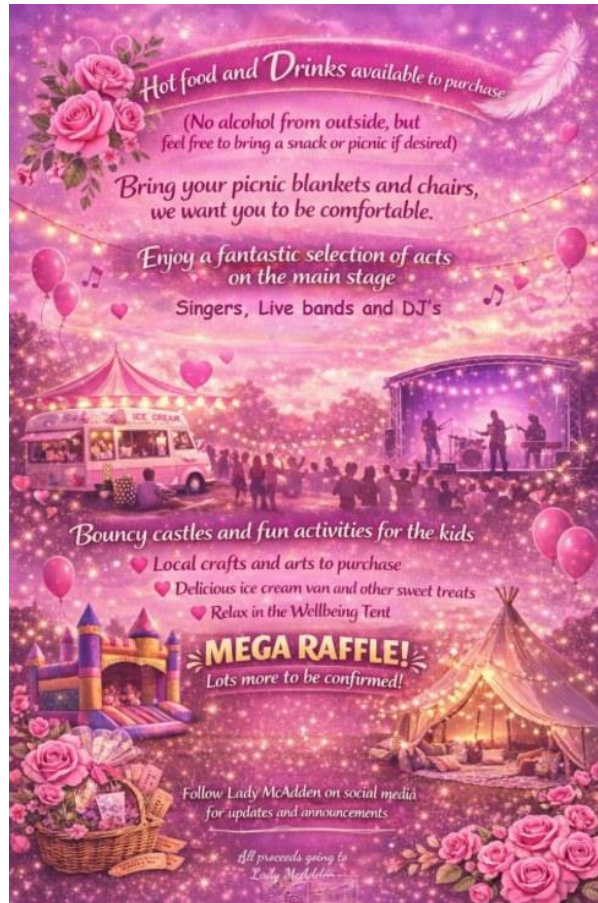
So why not join them, to support the charity, and enjoy for an unforgettable day of live music, wellbeing, entertainment, bouncing and cocktails.

Tickets are £12.50 per person, and preferably purchased in advanced by way of the QR code on the attached flyer, with further details of the arrangements provided on the link.

Hoping to see you there!



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Friends Fundraise for Havens Hospices

*We are delighted to share that a group of girls in year 4 have been busy making loom band bracelets, 3D-printed fidgets and other handmade items to raise money for **Havens Hospices**. They will be holding a fundraising stall in Chalkwell Park after school on **Friday 17th July**.*

If you are passing by, please do stop and support these enterprising young fundraisers as they help to raise money for a wonderful local charity. We wish Maddie and her friends every success with their fundraising efforts!

Leigh Art Trail Children's Exhibition - Winners!

Last week's exhibition was a great success and Chalkwell Hall Junior School were awarded 'Highly Commended' for the range of artistic expression through drawing, painting, photography and sculpture pieces.

Prizes are on their way to us for three children who have been awarded 'Budding Artists' – all will be revealed next week!

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Schools' Art Exhibition & Competition

PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Where

Saint Pierre School
16 Leigh Road, SS9 1LE

When

Saturday 4th July, 11am-3pm
Sunday 5th July, 11am-3pm

SECONDARY SCHOOLS



Where

Leigh Road Baptist Church
SS9 1NN

When

Saturday 4th July, 10am-4pm
Sunday 5th July, 10am-4pm



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Free school meal (FSM) eligibility

From September 2026, the Department for Education (DfE) will expand free school meal (FSM) eligibility to include all pupils from households receiving Universal Credit. This creates two categories:

- **Targeted FSM:** Based on the existing £7,400 income threshold
 - **Expanded FSM:** Covers meals only for pupils in households receiving Universal Credit who do not qualify for Targeted FSM
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Free school meals are available to pupils who are, or whose parents are, in receipt of:

- Universal Credit
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
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A pupil is only eligible if:

- A claim has been made, and
 - Eligibility has been verified by the school or local authority
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Households may also qualify if they:

- Receive income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Receive the guarantee element of Pension Credit
 - Meet criteria set out in separate guidance for **families with no recourse to public funds**
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See: **Free school meals: guidance for local authorities, local -authority-maintained schools, academies and free schools – GOV.UK**

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Under the expanded scheme from September 2026, Southend-on-Sea City Council advises applying after 15 June 2026:

[Applying for free school meals / Southend-on-Sea City Council](#)

We strongly encourage eligible families to apply.

Please note:

- *Southend-on-Sea City Council cannot backdate claims to cover unpaid or previously paid costs*
- *Foster children are not usually eligible, as fostering allowances are intended to cover meal costs*



Department for Education

SCHOOL DINNER MENU - Next week: WEEK 2

WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

HOMEMADE CHEESE AND TOMATO PIZZA / VEGETABLE 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)

WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

PORK SAUSAGE TOAD IN THE HOLE (G) (MK) (E) (S) OR MEAT FREE SAUSAGE TOAD IN THE HOLE (G) (MK) (E) (S) (V) WITH OVEN ROASTED POTATOES (VG) (G) BROCCOLI (VG), CARROTS (VG) AND GRAVY (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)

FINTASTIC THURSDAY

OVEN BAKED FISH FINGERS (G) (F) OR OVEN BAKED VEGETABLE FINGERS (G) (VG) WITH CHIPS (VG), PEAS AND SWEETCORN (VG) AND KETCHUP (VG) OR TARTARE SAUCE (V) (MU) (E)

FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

OVEN BAKED BREADED CHICKEN GOUGHN (G) OR BREADED MEAT FREE GOUGHN (G), WITH HOMEMADE KATSU CURRY SAUCE ((CCN) (SOTB)(CT)(VG) AND STEAMED RICE AND CARROTS (VG)

WEEK 2

AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:
TORTILLA WRAP WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS
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 OCCASIONALLY)

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

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SCHOOL MENU - ALLERGENS



G	CEREALS CONTAIN GLUTEN (WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE, OATS, KAMUT, SPELT)
MK	MILK
E	EGG
SS	SESAME SEEDS
CY	CELERY
V	VEGETARIAN
VG	VEGAN
F	FISH

N	TREE NUTS
P	PEANUT
L	LUPIN
MU	MUSTARD
SOYB	SOYBEAN
MOL	MOLLUSCS
CR	CRUSTACEANS
S	SULPHITES
CCN	COCONUT



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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**

SPORT @ CHJS

Super Sports Heroes!

On another scorching hot day, six of our talented athletes travelled to Garons to compete in the Super Sports Field Events Finals, having earned their places through their fantastic performances at Borough Sports. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing great determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the competition.

It proved to be another hugely successful afternoon, with our team returning home with an incredible four medals – a fantastic achievement against some of the very best athletes from across the borough.

Every one of our six competitors should be extremely proud of themselves. They gave their all, supported one another throughout the day and were outstanding ambassadors for our school.

A huge well done to all of our athletes. We are incredibly proud of everything you achieved, especially in such challenging conditions. What a fantastic way to round off another successful Super Sports competition!

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SUPER SPORTS SUPERSTAR

A huge congratulations to Illinois on her fantastic achievement of finishing 2nd place in the ball throw event at the Southend competition. This is an outstanding accomplishment and a testament to Illinois' hard work, determination and skill.

Competing against talented children from across the area, Illinois demonstrated great focus, resilience and athletic ability to secure such an impressive result. Achievements like this do not happen by chance; they are earned through dedication, practice and a positive attitude.

We are incredibly proud of Illinois for representing our school so brilliantly. Her success is a wonderful example of what can be achieved through effort and perseverance, and she should be very proud of herself.

Well done, Illinois – an amazing achievement! 🏆 🏅

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Learning highlights this week!

Year 3

Another busy and very warm week, Year 3!

Our stop-motion films are progressing well and the children have demonstrated great resilience, creativity and teamwork.

Maths became magical this week as we embarked upon a Harry Potter themed project, revising topics such as fractions, perimeter and time. In English, we have been demonstrating our story-mapping skills after watching a clip from the Harry Potter film and devising our own actions when performing these to the class.

Earlier in the week we were invited to watch the Year 2 Leavers' Show – it is hard to believe that it is only a year ago that our classes were saying goodbye to the Infants! At this point in the summer term, we reflect upon how far the children have come both in their learning and growing maturity. To say how proud, we are is an understatement! Let's see this year out in style, Year 3!

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Year 4

It's been an amazing year and our year 4 children have had the time of their lives! We've investigated the Vikings and discovered how their time came to an end with the Battle of Hastings. The children have been fascinated by the words we get from the ancient civilisation and how we learn from the past to enrich our own lives today.

In Maths, we've been addressing misconceptions outlined in our end of year tests and have encouraged the children to focus on 'Time' and 'Fractions' as these seemed to be the most tricky concepts to master. In our PE lessons, we have been improving our tennis and cricket skills when it's not been too hot to go over the park. We've adjusted a few lessons to indoor activities so the children can still work on their sporting talents. This term, our Science lessons have been all about

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electrical circuits and how to make a bulb light up using essential equipment to make complete circuits. Our trip to the Museum of Power tied in perfectly with this topic.

The children have developed their writing substantially this year and have been using their imagination to write a final piece about dragons. We've encouraged the use of more complex punctuation, higher level word choices and being creative with similes and metaphors.



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Year 5

Our talented Year 5 students have been busy honing their artistic skills this week in Art! They explored the fascinating world of photo manipulation, using photographs of themselves as the starting point for a creative project. By carefully cutting up their images, rearranging features and compositions, and adding vibrant colours, they transformed ordinary photographs into imaginative works of art that convey different moods, emotions and expressions. 🖌️✍️

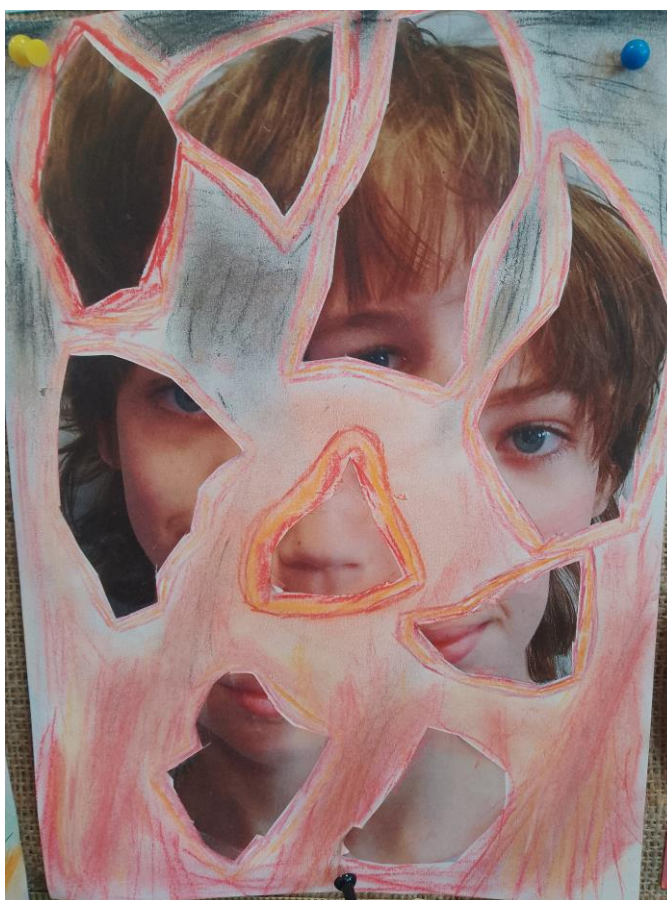
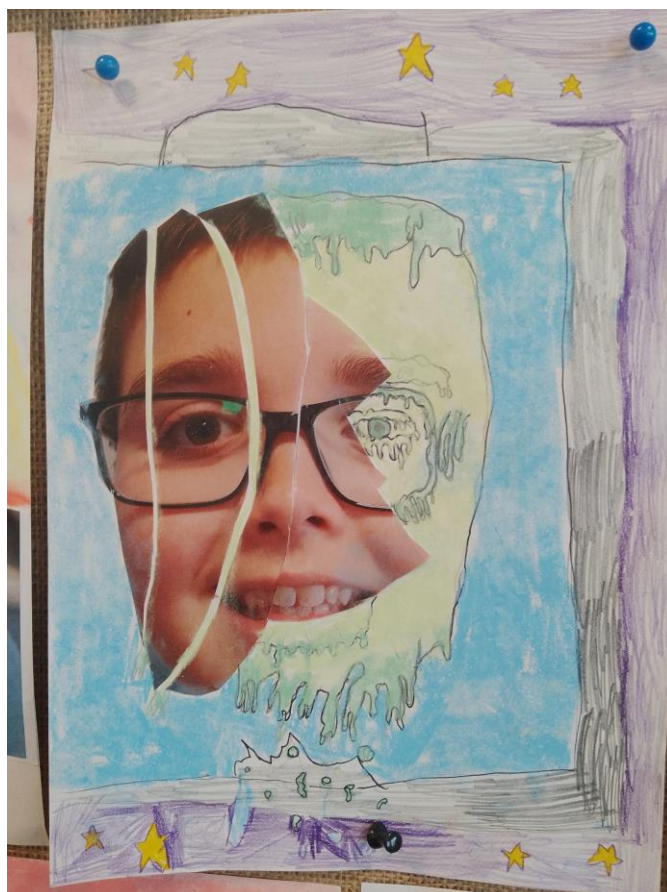
Throughout the lesson, the children showed excellent creativity, resilience and attention to detail as they experimented with a range of ideas and techniques. We are incredibly proud of the unique pieces they have produced and the confidence they have shown in expressing themselves through

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art. It has been wonderful to see their artistic talents flourish and we look forward to sharing more of their fantastic work with you soon! ✨



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Year 6

We have enjoyed a busy, penultimate week in Year 6, making the most of the beautiful sunshine while playing cricket and developing our batting, bowling and fielding skills. We also had a wonderful trip to Chase High School to watch their fantastic production of Bugsy Malone, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Back at school, the children have been working hard during full leavers' assembly rehearsals and are now feeling confident and ready for their final performances next week. To round off our World War

Two topic, the children have been carefully finishing their scrapbooks and are looking forward to bringing their books home to share all of their hard work and learning with their families. Nearly there everyone - 1 week to go! Have those tissues ready!



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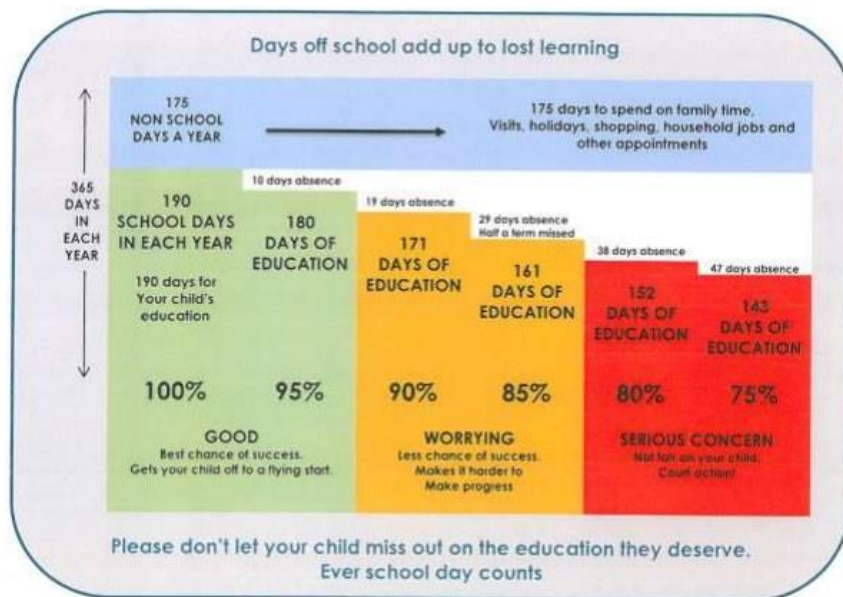
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Achievement Awards



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! Certificates were given out in class.

Attendance & Punctuality



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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK - 95.7%

Weekly Attendance by Year Group

Year 3 = 97.4%

Year 4 = 97.1%

Year 5 = 92.9%

Year 6 = 95%

Lower School Winners = 3CH (99.7%)



Upper School Winners = 6DS (98%)



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GOL!

ELITE COACHING

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Summer Camp

Holiday Camps

At Garons 5 Aside Centre

Three children in the foreground hold GOL! bags and certificates. In the background, a group of children stands on a field with inflatable sports equipment like a dartboard and soccer goals.

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	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
WEEK 1	28TH JULY	30TH JULY
WEEK 2	TUESDAY 4TH AUGUST	THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST
WEEK 3	TUESDAY 11TH AUGUST	THURSDAY 13TH AUGUST
WEEK 4	TUESDAY 18TH AUGUST	THURSDAY 20TH AUGUST

Prices:

1-4 Days	£32.50
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VENUE:	FAIRWAYS PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE FAIRWAY, LEIGH-ON-SEA SS9 4QW
COST:	£35 PER DAY (MULTIPLE DAY / SIBLING DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE)
TIME:	9.30AM - 3.00PM EACH DAY (EARLY DROP OFF 8.30AM AVAILABLE)
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Thursday 3rd September - 1st day of new school year - children back in school

Thursday 22nd October - last day of half term

Friday 23rd October - Non-pupil day

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - HALF TERM

Friday 18th December - break up for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 4th January 2027- First day of Spring Term

Thursday 11th February - last day of half term

Friday 12th February - Non-pupil day

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February - HALF TERM

Thursday 25th March - break-up for EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 12th April - First day of Summer Term

Thursday 27th May - last day of half term

Friday 28th May - Non-pupil day

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June - HALF TERM

Wednesday 21st July - last day of school - break up for SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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