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What a fantastic first full week of the new academic year it has been!

I have been incredibly impressed by the way our children have returned to school. Across every year group, pupils have shown excellent conduct, a positive attitude to learning, and a wonderful enthusiasm for school life. Classrooms have been purposeful and productive, and it has been a pleasure to see children embracing new learning opportunities with such energy and determination.

We are already well underway with this term's exciting topics, which have been carefully designed to spark curiosity, develop knowledge and inspire a genuine enjoyment of learning. Whether exploring history, science, geography or the arts, the children are asking thoughtful questions and engaging enthusiastically with their new learning journeys.

As we begin the year, I would also like to highlight the importance of reading. One of our key priorities as a school is to nurture a lifelong love of reading in every child. Reading together at home, listening to your child read, talking about books and sharing stories all make an enormous difference. We have some exciting developments planned this year to further strengthen our reading culture, and we look forward to sharing these with you in the coming weeks.

Another area we are keen to develop this year is the role of our pupil ambassadors. These leadership opportunities allow children to contribute to school life beyond the classroom while developing valuable skills such as communication, teamwork, responsibility and leadership. We want as many pupils as possible to experience these opportunities and to develop the confidence that comes from serving their school community.

Thank you for your continued support. The year has started with a real sense of purpose and positivity, and I am excited about all that lies ahead for our children, staff and wider school community.

Andy Newnham

Headteacher

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Next week's diary:

Wednesday 16th September - The 2 Johns visiting CHJS / 8pm Parent Workshop online

Thursday 17th September - 9am PTA Coffee Morning in school

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SCHOOL NEWS

The 2 Johns

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.

*We are delighted that our friends, **The 2 Johns**, will once again be joining us next week 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. Parents are warmly encouraged to join the online workshop on **Wednesday at 8:00pm**. It is always an eye-opening and valuable session, providing practical advice and up-to-date guidance to help families navigate the digital world safely.*

As always, their focus will be on empowering children to navigate the online world confidently, responsibly and safely, while helping parents better understand the opportunities and challenges that young people face online today.

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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! 📷



@CHALKWELLHALLJUNIORS

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GO GOLD FOR GOLD GEESE

Go Gold for Gold Geese

*On Friday 25th September, Chalkwell Hall Junior School will be proudly supporting **Gold Geese**, a fantastic local charity that helps families affected by childhood cancer and raises awareness of the signs and symptoms of childhood cancer.*

*Children and staff are invited to wear non-school uniform, with a splash of **gold or yellow** if they wish, to show their support. The day is an opportunity for our school community to come together, raise awareness and support a cause that makes a real difference to local families.*

Gold is the colour associated with childhood cancer awareness, and the charity's message, "Geese stick together, they fly huge journeys together," reminds us of the importance of kindness, community and supporting one another through difficult times.

We look forward to seeing a sea of gold across the school and helping to raise awareness for this worthy cause. Donations can be made directly to Gold Geese via their website.

[Gold Geese- donate here](#)

#WeFlyTogether #GoldGeese #ChildhoodCancer

Achievement Awards



Congratulations to all children who received an award in Celebration Assembly today!

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attendance and punctuality are vital in helping children make the most of their learning opportunities and start each day positively. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn.

Our school gates open at 8:20am each morning.

Year 3 and Year 4: Whistle at 8:30am. Registers close at 8:40am.

Year 5 and Year 6: Whistle at 8:40am. Registers close at 8:50am.

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Please note that the school gate will close at 8:50am each day.

Arriving promptly helps children settle calmly, take part in important morning learning activities and begin the day alongside their classmates. Thank you for your partnership in supporting excellent attendance and punctuality across the school.

Lower School Winners - 4DS



Upper School Winners - 5RM & 5CH 100%



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PTA NEWS



**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

 PTA CHS  WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/CHALKWELLHALLPTA 

The poster features a vibrant purple background with a string of colorful triangular bunting at the top. The title 'BOUNCE BACK TO SCHOOL INFLATABLE FUN DAY' is written in large, bold, blue letters. Below the title, a pink banner contains the date 'SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER' and the session times 'SESSION 1: 12.30-2.30PM / SESSION 2: 3.30-5.30PM'. The central part of the poster is divided into two circular images: the left one shows a collage of food items like hot dogs, cookies, and ice cream, while the right one shows a large, colorful inflatable slide on a grassy field. The bottom section has a light blue box for ticket information and a pink box for pricing. The footer includes social media links for Facebook and a website, along with the PTA Chalkwell Hall logo.

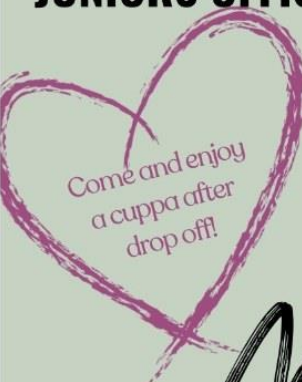
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**THURSDAY
17TH SEPTEMBER
9AM
JUNIORS OFFICE**

Hello & Welcome!

Come and enjoy
a cuppa after
drop off!

**Coffee
Morning**



COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**

clubspark.lta.org.uk/ChalkwellPark
hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

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OCTOBER HALF TERM

Tennis Camp

Wed 21st & Thurs 22nd Oct
Wed 28th & Thurs 29th Oct
9.00am-1.30pm

Same price earlier start time

Price
£20 Members
£25 Non Members

10% discount for
multi day or siblings

For kids aged 3-18
(Split groups)

All equipment provided
by Thorpe Bay Lawn
Tennis Club

Payment Details:

Account name - Thorpe
Bay Lawn Tennis Club
Limited

Sort Code - 30-92-53

Account no - 27496268

Ref - Childs name

Please bring drinks and
snacks



For more information or to book contact:
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Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 16th September - 2 Johns visiting school - 8pm Online Parent Workshop

Saturday 19th September - 11+ examination

Friday 25th September - Gold Geese Day (non-uniform WEAR YELLOW)

Tuesday 29th September - Individual photos being taken

Tuesday 6th October - Y6 Height & Weight Checks

Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th October - Y5 Big Camp at The Eastwood Academy

Monday 12th to Friday 16th October - Y6 Residential & Activity Week

Thursday 15th & Friday 16th October - 2pm Y4 Harvest Showcase to Parents

Tuesday 20th October - Y3 trip to Hyde Hall

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

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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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