

# 12.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



What a week it has been! As we approach the penultimate week of this term, Christmas is almost upon us, and we are well and truly immersed in the festive season after a week filled with fun, excitement, and enrichment.

Our wonderful choir truly rocked out at the Cliffs Pavilion foyer as part of the '12 Days of Christmas' celebration. It was a joy to see our talented students showcase their hard work and dedication, filling the space with beautiful melodies that brought smiles to everyone's faces. Their performance not only highlighted their musical abilities but also their enthusiasm for spreading Christmas cheer.

In addition to the choir's performance, our Year 5 students had a fantastic experience during their enrichment day. They had the opportunity to learn alongside students from another school in our Trust, The Eastwood Academy. It was heartwarming to witness the collaboration and camaraderie between the students, as they engaged in various activities that fostered teamwork and creativity. Such experiences are invaluable, helping to build friendships and a sense of community within our Trust.

Of course, we cannot forget the incredible performance by our Year 3 children, who presented their 'Warm Winter Wishes' show. They truly made us proud, showcasing their talents and creativity while filling the room with warmth and festive spirit. It was a delightful reminder of the joy that this season brings, and we are so grateful for the effort and enthusiasm they put into their performance. Their smiles and excitement were infectious, leaving us all feeling full of Christmas cheer!

Looking ahead, we have one more week filled with even more Christmas magic. We are excited for our upcoming Carol Concert, Christmas Dinners are also on the horizon and who knows, we might even squeeze in a movie too! We can't wait to enjoy this run-in to Christmas, rounding off a wonderful first term for us.

As we reflect on the past weeks, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for all your support. Your involvement and encouragement make a significant difference in our school community, and we are truly grateful. Let's continue to celebrate this joyous season together, creating lasting memories for our children.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead filled with festive cheer!



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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Y3 Warm Winter Wishes!

Today and yesterday, we had the absolute pleasure of witnessing our wonderful Year 3 children perform their 'Warm Winter Wishes' assembly. It was a delightful showcase that truly spread joy, cheer, and the Christmas spirit throughout our school community.

The talent on display was nothing short of remarkable! Each child contributed to the performance with such enthusiasm and creativity, highlighting the wonderful teamwork that we value so highly. It was heartwarming to see our children shine, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated staff for their guidance and support, and of course, to our superstar children who brought the assembly to life. Your hard work and commitment have made this event a memorable one for all of us.

Wishing you all a warm and festive season ahead!



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### Chalkwell Unplugged play at Cliffs Pavillion!

On Monday, our brilliant 'unplugged' children took to the stage at the Cliffs Pavilion Foyer for the delightful '12 Days of Christmas' showcase. It was a heartwarming event filled with festive cheer as our talented students sang, played, and performed with such joy and enthusiasm. The audience was absolutely captivated, and it was a joy to witness our children shine as fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Their performances not only spread the Christmas spirit but also showcased the hard work and dedication they have put into their music. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for their outstanding efforts. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing more wonderful moments with you throughout the festive season!



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## Drama Club Stars

We are thrilled to share the highlights from our drama club's performance on Monday! Our fantastic students truly performed their hearts out, presenting a brilliant retelling of the Christmas story, inspired by the wonderful storytelling of Dr Seuss. The creativity and enthusiasm displayed by our young actors were nothing short of inspiring.

The talent, teamwork, and dedication of each child were clear to see, as they brought the stage to life with their vibrant characters and engaging narratives. It was a joy to witness their hard work culminate in such a delightful performance for parents and staff alike.

A huge congratulations to all the children for their outstanding efforts! We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mr Fleury and Mrs Skurr for their skill and unwavering support of these talented young performers. Your guidance has been invaluable in helping them shine.



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## School Attendance - Have you got Studybugs yet?

### Studybugs – report absence securely and help improve children's health

We're pleased that CHJS is using a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.



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Get the app using the QR code below or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs:

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.

(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)



## Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

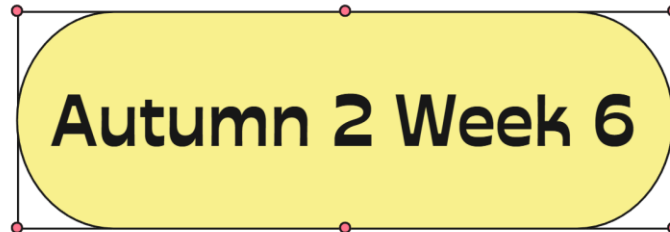
A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



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Mindful Mondays, Chalkwell Character Curriculum & Core Value  
Focus:



Core Value: Enquiry  
SMSC/FBV: Individual Liberty  
Learning Behaviour: Empathy

Chalkwell Character Curriculum: Regulating emotions



How do other  
people's  
emotions affect  
my choices?

## What does 'empathy' mean?



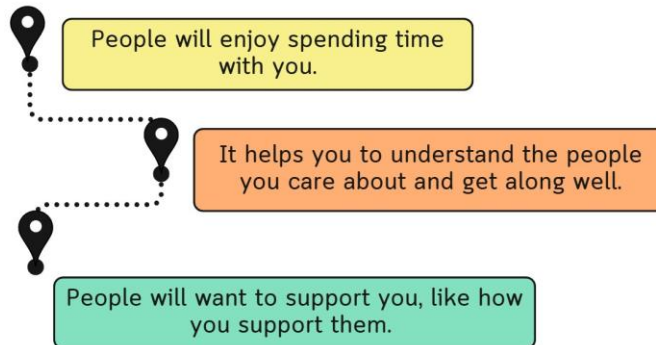
Empathy means "feeling with someone."

This is when you recognise another person's feelings and try to understand and support them without judgement.

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## What does 'empathy' mean?

### Why is it important to show empathy?



### How do you do it?

Imagine your friend is telling you about a difficult situation in their life - maybe their parents have decided to get divorced, their pet isn't well or they are feeling nervous about attending a new club.

What can you do?



#### Step 1: Listen

How do you show that you are listening to the person sharing their thoughts and feelings?

Make sure you are really listening, and not just waiting for your turn to talk - there's a difference!



#### Step 2: Think about how the other person is feeling.

What zone or emotion are they experiencing? What do their words and body language tell you?

Are they ok in that zone, or are they finding it difficult?

What tools might help them?





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## Step 3: Be supportive.

Use a gentle voice and kind words and actions that show the person you have listened and that you care.



## Optional Step 4: Give advice.

Sometimes, we just want to vent and get things off our chest and don't want any advice. Other times, we would like help from our friends.

You can ask your friend, "Are we trying to solve the problem together or do you just need to let it out?"

Let them lead the conversation.



On the way to school, Emma is excited to tell Matt all about a dancing competition that she won. Matt won a karate competition a long time ago. What should he do?

## Your Turn

Take it in turns to share how you are feeling and why. Speak for one minute as the talker, and the switch and be the listener for one minute.

Which was easier? Which was harder? Why do you think?

## This Week:

Showing empathy is part of being respectful. It means we are taking notice of others around us and not always thinking about ourselves. Try and show empathy to the other people in your lives (this includes the adults!)

House points will be awarded to those who are showing empathy to others; this includes listening, being supportive, advising where needed and being respectful.



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## Core Value - Enquiry: Human Rights Day

### Enquiry: Human Rights Day

Tomorrow is International Human Rights Day - watch this video to find out what that means and why it's important.



### Young People's Rights are Human Rights

There are 75 human rights and the pictures on these next few slides represent some of them... can you guess what they are?



All humans have the right to be free from slavery.



All humans have the right to believe and practice a religion of their own choice, or to choose not to follow a religion

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All humans of voting age have the right to participate in elections.

Sadly, human rights are not always respected...

UNICEF estimates 400 million children are fleeing from conflict zones losing family members, their homes and possessions.

Over 251 million children are not receiving education.

1 billion children live in countries that are at risk from the impacts of climate change such as severe storms and floods or drought.



So what can we do?

- Raise awareness and learn more
- Support charities
- Vote
- Stand up against discrimination
- Protest or take action if human rights are violated



## Reflection

There are people working throughout the world to help those whose rights are not being respected. We all have a responsibility to respect the rights that protect us all. What could you do this week to help other people feel safe, happy and listened to in your class and in our school?



## Regulation Station

Take some time to revisit and discuss your regulation station as a class. What tools are working best? What zone are you in right now?





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## Enquiry:

Think, Pair and Share your ideas to this week's big question...

Is it ok to think bad thoughts?



## WEEKLY WAKE UP WEDNESDAY PARENT GUIDE

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION**  
Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.
- EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS**  
Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.
- ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES**  
In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unvetted sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.
- NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR**  
Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.
- RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS**  
Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.
- REINFORCING INEQUALITY**  
Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

#### Advice for Parents & Educators

- TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS**  
Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encourage children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.
- ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE**  
Teach young people to wait for official releases or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.
- SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING**  
Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.
- SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES**  
Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

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## HUNGRY CUPBOARD!

### 6DS Supporting Our Community

We are thrilled to share some uplifting news from our school! The Hungry Cupboard is a brilliant initiative designed to collect essential items for local families in crisis, and we can't wait for everyone to get involved!

Here's how it works: Each week, the Hungry Cupboard will be hosted in a different classroom. Our pupils will gather priority items suggested by SVP and fill the cupboard to the brim. Once it's full, the contents will be delivered directly to SVP Southend, ensuring that our collective efforts make a significant impact.

**This week it was the turn of 6DS who put in a fantastic effort to fill the Hungry Cupboard to bursting! Well done, everyone!**

**Next week, the initiative moves on to 6AD.** Let's continue to show our support and demonstrate the strength of our community spirit!



## 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

Figures are in for this term and what a fantastic term it's been! We couldn't do it without you, so hopefully you can forgive us for all the messages 🙏 as they really do make a difference to our children! Huge thanks as always to everyone for their support, donations, volunteering and patience! Cheers to 2025 🥂





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## DISCOUNTED TICKETS - MJ, THE MUSICAL!

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Don't forget to book your tickets - deadline this Sunday 14th December.

The PTA have reserved fabulous tickets for this amazing show on Thursday 12th February, 7:30pm at the Prince Edward Theatre, London, in rows B-G of the Stalls (Friday 13th February is a non-pupil day.)

Tickets are a fantastically discounted £45 compared with the box office price of £77.50. This fabulous show is ending in March so be sure to catch it before it closes! Tickets would make a great Christmas gift or a treat for yourself!

Order via our website at [www.pta-events.co.uk/chalkwellhallpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/chalkwellhallpta)



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**SCHOOL DINNER MENU - Next week: WEEK 1 & Christmas Dinner on Tuesday!**

**AUTUMN WEEK 1**  
AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:

**JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS (INCLUDING ITEMS FORM THE DAILY MENU SUCH AS BOLOGNAISE)**  
TUNA (T), VEGAN CHEESE (CCN) (V) (VG), HUMMUS (SS)(VG), CHEESE (MK), BAKED BEANS (VG), HOMEMADE COLESLAM (E) (V)

**A COLD SALAD BAR**  
SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT (VG), LETTUCE, MIXED PEPPERS  
WATER AND MILK / A FRUIT BOWL (ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE AVAILABLE OCCASIONALLY)

**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)

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


**REACH FOR A ROAST WEDNESDAY**  
OVEN ROAST TURKEY  
OR  
OVEN ROAST QUORN (V)  
(MK) (E)  
WITH OVEN ROASTED POTATOES (VG) (G),  
BROCCOLI (VG),  
CARROTS (VG), YORKSHIRE  
PUDDING (MK) (V) (G) (E)  
AND GRAVY (VG)

**FWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY**  
HOMEMADE BEEF BOLOGNAISE (CY)  
OR  
HOMEMADE MEAT FREE BOLOGNAISE  
(BOTH WITH HIDDEN VEG)  
(G) (SOYB)(VG)(CY)  
WITH  
TRICOLOUR PASTA TWIRLS (G)(VG)  
GARLIC BREAD (G) (VG)  
CARROTS (VG)  
AND PEAS (VG)

**FWIREY FRIDAY FEAST**  
OVEN BAKED BREADED CHICKEN GOUJON (G) OR BREADED MEAT FREE GOUJON (G)  
WITH  
HOMEMADE KATSU CURRY SAUCE (CCN) (SOYB)(CY)(VG)  
AND STEAMED RICE AND MIXED VEGETABLE HERLEY: GREEN BEANS/SWEETCORN/ CARROT/PEAS (VG)

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES  
THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS: <https://www.chjs.co.uk/what-we-do/our-menu/>

**SUMMER 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

**We Are an Allergy Aware School.**

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH FOOD ALLERGIES  
OUR HEAD COOK, JOSEPHINE, 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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## OPAL



OPAL lunchtimes are as exciting as ever. Rain or shine, our lunchtimes are full of activities that enrich and promote play, teamwork and friendships.

An out of this world new zone arrived in school this week, and the children absolutely love our new Space Zone! They've been busy blasting off in the space rocket, exploring with torches, and diving into fascinating books and magazines all about space. It's wonderful to see their imaginations take flight! A huge thank you to Natalie and the Play Team for their creativity and hard work in designing such exciting new play zones for the children to enjoy during lunchtime.

As always, we're so grateful for your kind donations, they help us keep creating new and inspiring spaces for play and learning. Please hand any donations to the school office.

So many wonderful play opportunities this week!

## OPAL WISHLIST:

If you are able to add to our incredible offer at lunchtime by buying something off our wish list, we would be most grateful.

Have a look and see what you could buy to enrich our play offer by clicking the following link:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/C4RN99TIYQDH/ref=hz\\_ls\\_biz\\_ex](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/C4RN99TIYQDH/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex)

## SPORT @ CHJS

### Handball Competition

Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in the Handball competition held at Garons, and it proved to be an exciting and highly competitive event. The standard of play was intense, with fast-paced games and some very fierce competition from all teams involved.

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Despite facing tough opposition, our boys and girls showed great determination and never gave up. While we did not come away with any silverware, the enjoyment and enthusiasm shown by everyone was clear to see. Throughout the tournament, pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship, with each child having moments where their skills and confidence really shone.

Well done to all involved for representing the school so positively — a fantastic effort from our Year 6 team!



## Brilliant Basketballers - Essex Finalists!

We are very proud to announce that the Chalkwell basketball team has finished 4th in the Essex basketball tournament at the University of Essex in Colchester. The team put on a fabulous display of skill and determination in the group stage to win all three games. One of the games went down to the last 5 seconds and a buzzer beating shot! In the Super 8s group, we faced tougher opposition but came away with a win, a draw and a loss. Fortunately, the amazing team did just enough to reach the semi-final. After battling hard, the team finished the day in a magnificent fourth position! We are exceedingly proud of how the team conducted themselves, fought in both attack and defence, and most importantly had fun! Go Team Chalkwell!





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## Sporting Opportunities



The poster features a festive design with a blue and red background. At the top, Santa Claus is shown in his sleigh, pulled by reindeer, with snowflakes falling around them. Below this, the text 'HAF CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOLS' is written in large, bold, red letters, followed by '10:30AM - 2:30PM' in a similar font. To the right, the Southend United Community Foundation logo is displayed, featuring a shield with a soccer ball and the text 'SOUTHEND UNITED COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'. Below the main title, there are two circular images: one showing a group of children playing soccer on a field, and another showing a group of children sitting in a hall, both wearing Santa hats. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. At the bottom, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube, followed by the text 'FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE EMAIL: D.KING@SOUTHENDUNITED-CET.CO.UK'. The dates and locations for the events are listed on the right side: 'MONDAY 22ND DECEMBER CLEMENTS HALL EVERSLEY LEISURE' and 'TUESDAY 23RD DECEMBER ROOTS HALL STADIUM'. The text 'ALL ABILITIES AGES 5 - 13' is also present.

**HAF CHRISTMAS  
SOCCER SCHOOLS**  
10:30AM - 2:30PM

**SOUTHEND UNITED  
COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION**

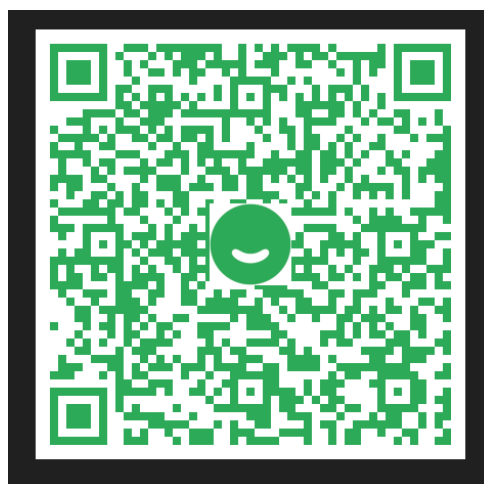
**ACTIVATE**

**MONDAY 22ND  
DECEMBER**  
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**TUESDAY 23RD  
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STADIUM**

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Thorpe Bay LTC

# Christmas Tennis Camp

*New Tuesdays*

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wed 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> & Wed 31<sup>st</sup> December  
9.00am-1.30pm

**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:  
Matt Bell 07786238586 or mattwgbell@aol.com

### Learning this week!

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#### *Year 3*

*The Christmas spirit has well and truly arrived in Year 3!*

*Our fantastic children have treated us (and several audiences) this week to a medley of seasonal songs. In classes, the children sang their hearts out and performed their poem brilliantly. The year group rendition of Feliz Navidad was a highlight and the confidence and enjoyment displayed was a delight to see!*



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*In Science this week, we have been testing different surfaces to expand our knowledge of friction, identifying different types of magnets, explaining why magnets attract and repel and testing objects to discover whether they are magnetic.*

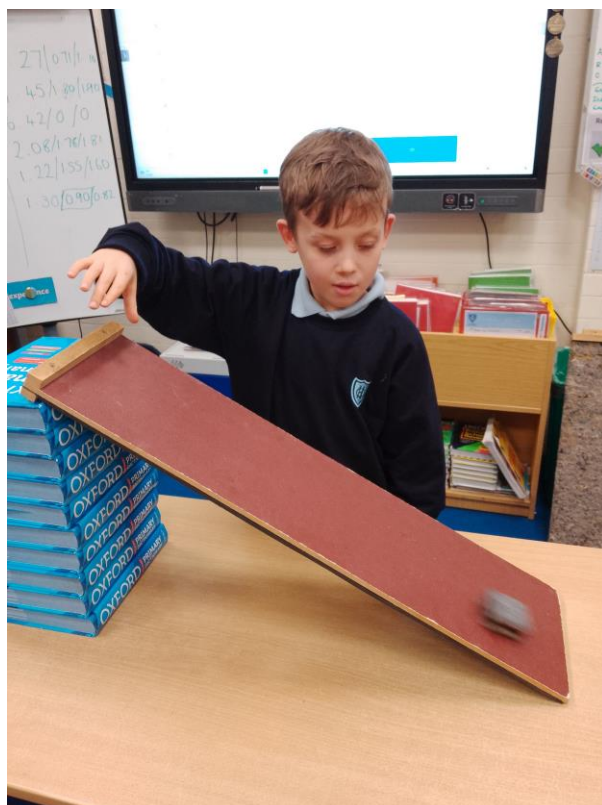
*We have been solving word problems in maths using the bar model, making sure that we read the question carefully so that we can identify the important information, calculate the answer and solve the problem. Resilience was definitely on display as these are the most complex word problems we have met so far this year!*

*One week to go until your first term in the Juniors is complete, Year 3 – how time has flown and what skills and learning you have gained!*

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## *Year 4*

*Year 4 have had a great few weeks, travelling around the world in 80 days for our topic. We've researched different countries - their capitals, population and cultures. In computing, the children have made powerpoints about their favourite countries, using research online and looking at atlases.*

*In Maths, we've been looking at division - using the 'bus stop' method to divide three digit numbers by one digit numbers and continuing to do timed tests where the children work towards winning a star or certificate. In our PE lessons, we have continued to develop our hockey skills while working in pairs in gymnastics to balance confidently.*

*This term, our Science lessons have about 'Living things and their habitats – Conservation.' We conducted an interested experiment about pollution, demonstrating how much dirtier the air is by the London Road compared to in the classroom.*

*In Music they have been learning about the roots of rock and roll, singing 'Rock around the clock' and dancing to the hand jive!*

*Needless to say, they're all looking forward to the holidays and a final week learning through Christmas themed activities!*

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## Year 5

🦋 What an exciting, busy week Year 5 has had! 🦋

*In DT, we had so much fun creating amazing doodlers using circuits and motors to draw fun patterns. We needed to use a lot of problem solving skills and creativity, but the final doodlers were great!*

*We were also treated to a fantastic performance from our wonderful drama club, showcasing their incredible talents! We were so pleased to be invited to see their show, and they have worked so hard to put on a brilliant afternoon for us!*

*The week continued with an enriching Geography day, where we explored our local area on a walk, followed by engaging activities. We had special visits from Eastwood Academy, where we were taught how to use microscopes, discovered what happens to our water, and discussed what we should flush down the toilet. We even delved into the fascinating world of microorganisms!*

*To top it all off, we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day with a delightful pantomime as our end-of-term treat! 🎅 ✨*

*We are so proud of our Year 5 students for their enthusiasm and hard work this week!*

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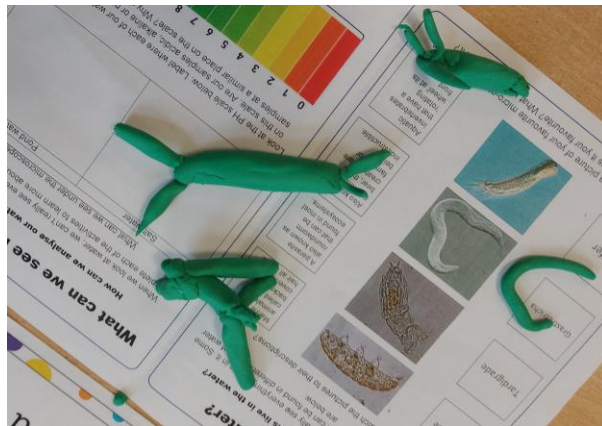
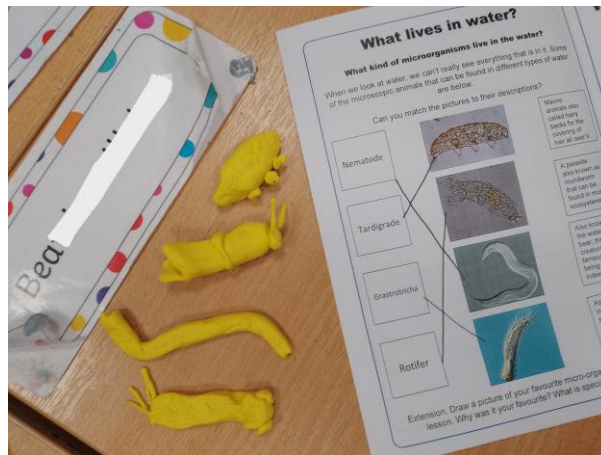


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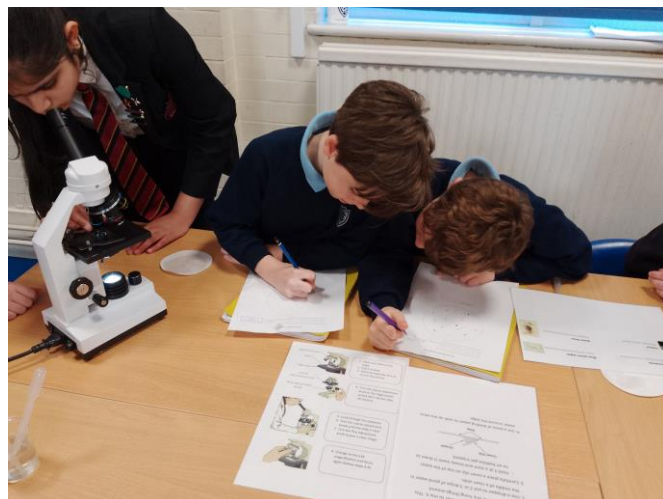


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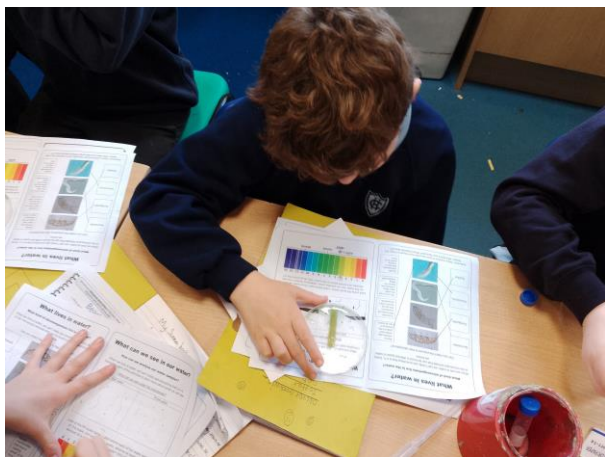


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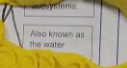

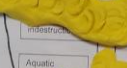


**What lives in water?**

**What kind of microorganisms live in the water?**

When we look at water, we can't really see everything that is in it. Some of the microscopic animals that can be found in different types of water are below.

Can you match the pictures to their descriptions?

Nematode		
Tardigrade		
Gastrotricha		
Rotifer		

Also known as the water bear

Aquatic Invertebrates

**What can we see**

**How can we analyse our**

When we look at water, we can't really see everything that is in it. Some of the microscopic animals that can be found in different types of water are below.

Complete each of the activities to learn more.

What can we see under the microscope?

Salt water

Look at the pH scale below. Label where each sample is on the scale. Are our samples acidic, alkaline or neutral?

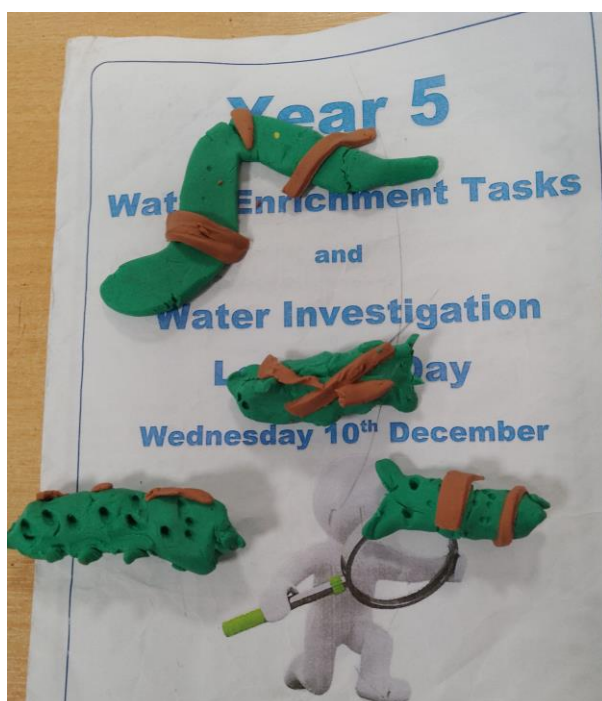
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acidic neutral

Extension: Draw a picture of your favourite micro-organism from this lesson. Why was it your favourite? What is special about it?

Hettie

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## Year 6

*Year 6 have had an exceptionally busy and exciting week filled with creativity, learning and teamwork. In English, the children have been planning and writing persuasive letters to businesses from the perspective of elfkins (young elves) who are trying to gain work experience before becoming real elves. Their imaginative applications have included placements in toy shops, bakeries, air traffic control and even petting farms! The children have shown fantastic creativity while also developing important persuasive writing skills.*

*In Computing, the children have been finalising their websites about famous children of the Windrush generation. They have learnt how to add photos, videos and maps, as well as how to insert both external and internal links. They have also thought carefully about audience, layout and usability, ensuring their websites are easy to navigate and engaging for visitors.*

*In Art, the children have been creating some beautiful Windrush-inspired artwork based on famous Windrush children, using chiaroscuro – a technique that explores light and shadow. Their brilliant artwork will also be displayed in the pop-up museum and adds another powerful layer to their learning.*

*All of the children's hard work for their Windrush pop-up museum came together beautifully this week. Their work was proudly displayed and some children took on the important role of tour guides, leading the rest of Year 6 around the museum. This gave everyone the opportunity to explore each other's work and further consolidate their understanding of the history and significance of the Windrush.*

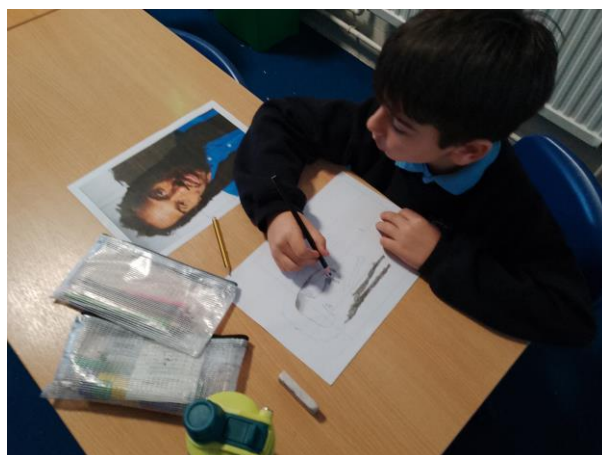
*Year 6 should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved – their effort, creativity and teamwork have truly shone this week.*

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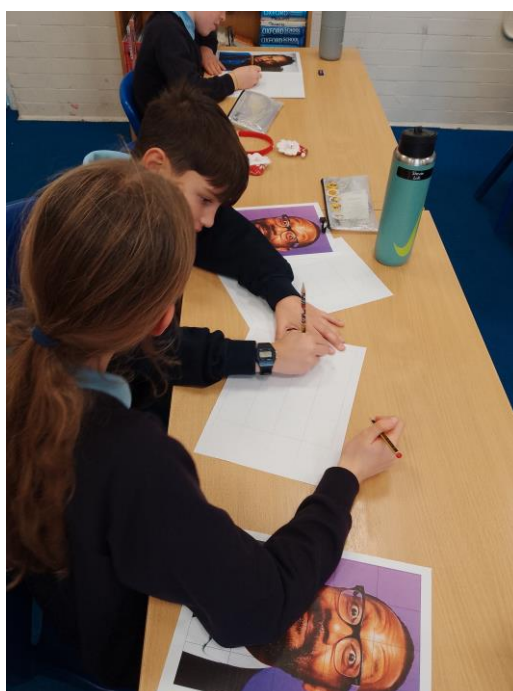
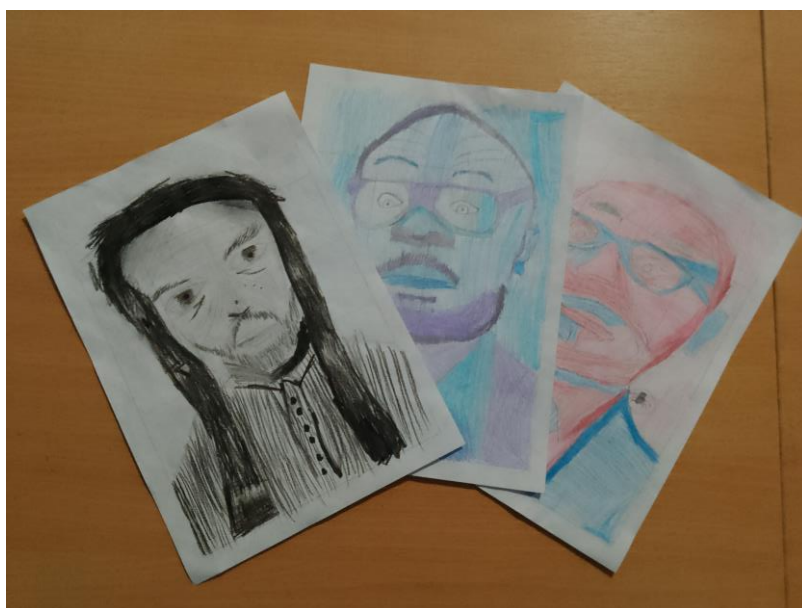




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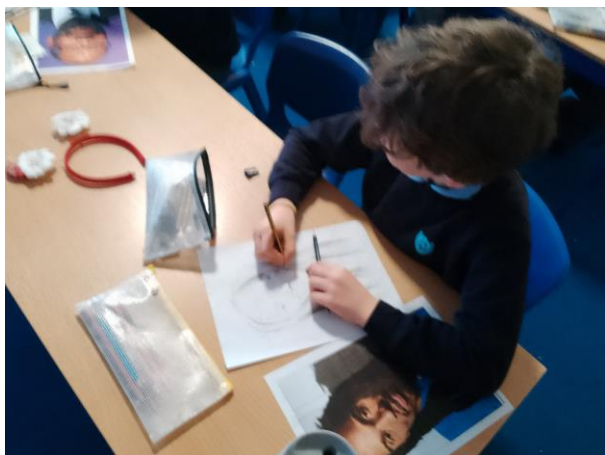


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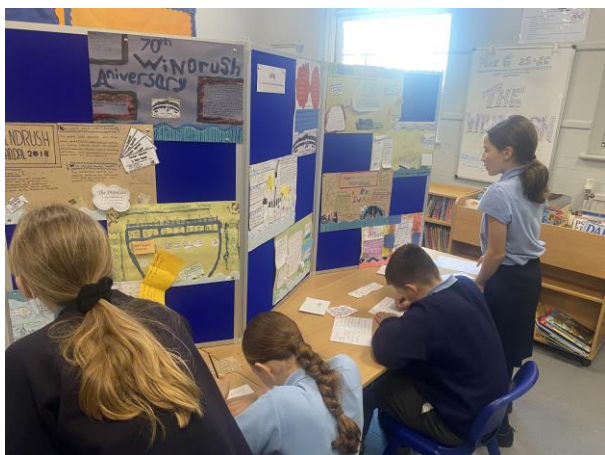




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## Achievement Awards

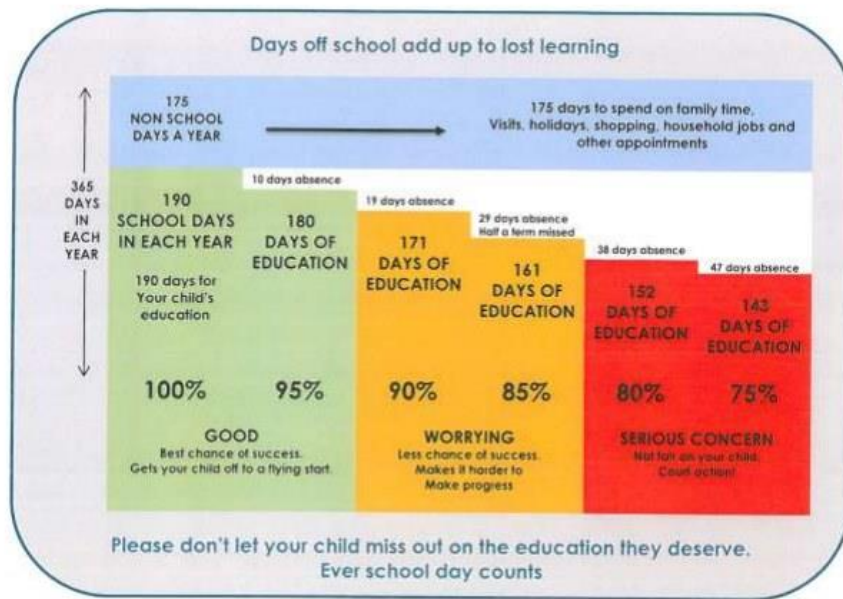


Today in Celebration Assembly it was a delight to give recognition to so many children for showing our core values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Cooperation, Creativity and Enquiry. Well done everyone, so many superstars at CHJS! Certificates were given out in class today due to our Year 3 Warm Winter Wishes Assembly!



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## Attendance & Punctuality



**Please encourage good attendance and ensure your child is in every day.**

### Important facts about school attendance:

- There are 190 school days each academic year
- There are 175 other days for holidays and other activities
- The national average for school attendance is 95%
- 90% attendance represents 1 day non-attendance a fortnight
- 80% attendance represents 1 day non-attendance a week

At CHJS, we always strive for 100% attendance. We understand that illness occurs from time to time but ask that you support your child's learning and us as a school by ensuring your child is in school every day and on time.

Our aim is that every child is in school every session, every day so we can give them the best education we can. Attendance is a key indicator to a child's success so we will be looking to be even better every week! We will be focusing on ensuring attendance is as good as it can be next year.

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## HOW MUCH SCHOOL HAVE YOU MISSED?

100% attendance means that you have been in school every day of the school year.

Well done!

99%	=	2 days missed of the school year
98%	=	4 days missed of the school year
97%	=	6 days missed of the school year (over 1 school week)
96%	=	8 days missed of the school year
95%	=	10 days missed of the school year (2 school weeks)
94%	=	12 days missed of the school year
93%	=	14 days missed of the school year
92%	=	16 days missed of the school year (over 3 school weeks)
91%	=	18 days missed of the school year
90%	=	20 days missed of the school year (4 school weeks)
89%	=	22 days missed of the school year
88%	=	24 days missed of the school year
87%	=	26 days missed of the school year (over 5 school weeks)
86%	=	28 days missed of the school year
85%	=	30 days missed of the school year (6 school weeks)
84%	=	32 days missed of the school year
83%	=	34 days missed of the school year
82%	=	36 days missed of the school year
81%	=	38 days missed of the school year
80%	=	40 days missed of the school year (8 school weeks)

70%	=	1.5 days missed / week
	=	12 weeks missed / year
	=	almost a whole term
60%	=	2 days missed / week
	=	Almost 4 months
50%	=	2.5 days missed / week
	=	Half a school year (19 weeks)
40%	=	3 days / week
	=	Over half a school year

## Attendance Guide for Parents/Carers

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

### What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

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If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

## **What WE will do:**

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

## **CURRENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK - 94.9%**

### **Weekly Attendance by Year Group**

Year 3 = 96.8%





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Year 4 = 95.7%

Year 5 = 95.1%

Year 6 = 92.5%

**Lower School Winners = 4BR (98.3%)**



**Upper School Winners = 5SH (95.7%)**



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## Community News



**THE VICTORIA CENTRE SOUTHERN**

*This is Where The Magic Begins*

A Day of Festive Fun!  
**Saturday 15th November**  
10am - 5pm

What's Going On:

- Live Music
- Christmas Carols
- Artisan Christmas Market
- Free Festive Activities

PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON

[@victoria\\_southend](https://www.instagram.com/victoria_southend)  
[thevictoriasc](https://www.facebook.com/thevictoriasc)  
[@victoriasouthend](https://www.tiktok.com/@victoriasouthend)  
[www.victoriasc.co.uk](http://www.victoriasc.co.uk)

**MARKETS THIS CHRISTMAS**

This festive season, Southend will sparkle with a delightful mix of Christmas markets, bringing extra charm and cheer to the city centre.

**SWITCH ON MARKET**  
SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER / 9AM - 6.30PM  
SOUTHERN HIGH STREET AND THE VICTORIA CENTRE  
Enjoy the artisan market with a dazzling array of festive goodies including clothing, decorations, Christmas gifts, and more.

**BIG UP SOUTHERN MARKET**  
SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AND 13TH DECEMBER / 11AM - 4PM  
THE VICTORIA CENTRE  
Head up to the first floor to browse amazing small businesses and grab something locally sourced or handmade for your gifts this year.

**THE ROYAL CHRISTMAS MARKET**  
SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER / 10.30AM - 3PM  
THE ROYAL HOTEL  
Discover festive gifts, handmade crafts, and seasonal treats from local traders in their beautiful ballroom.

**HIGH STREET MARKET**  
13TH - 24TH DECEMBER / 9AM - 5PM  
SOUTHERN HIGH STREET  
Pick up essentials from the general market that will be running every day in the run up to Christmas.

Alongside these seasonal stalls, Southend city centre is brimming with shops, cafes, restaurants, and bars offering perfect gift ideas and delicious treats. Whether you're shopping for loved ones or simply soaking up the festive atmosphere, there's something for everyone in Southend.

**MEET SANTA**

Santa is setting aside time in his busy diary to visit Southend this Christmas. Don't miss the chance of seeing him for a cosy grotto visit, a festive photo opportunity, or a chance to share what's on your Christmas list. Be sure to check with each venue for full details to avoid disappointment.

**CHRISTMAS GROTTTO AT THE ROYALS SHOPPING CENTRE**  
WEEKENDS FROM 15TH NOVEMBER, THEN DAILY 10TH - 24TH DECEMBER  
Experience the magic of Christmas with a memorable visit to see Father Christmas in his charming grotto. A truly wonderful experience that enhances the festive spirit for you and your loved ones. Tickets include a special gift. [BOOK NOW!](#)

**MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE AT CADDIES**  
8TH & 9TH, 12TH & 13TH, 20TH - 24TH DECEMBER  
Totally unique and filled with surprises that are guaranteed to entertain the entire family, here's what's included: Santa's Grotto, interactive family show, and Christmas cray gift. [BOOK NOW!](#)

**SANTA MEET AND GREET AT THE VICTORIA CENTRE**  
6TH & 20TH DECEMBER  
Bring the family for a magical festive experience - meet Father Christmas, share your wishes, and take a special photo. Every child receives a free gift from Santa. No booking required!

**The Snow Queen**  
A brand-new family musical adventure

**SAT 13 - SUN 28 DEC 2025**  
Produced by The Palace Theatre and Wind Song Theatre

**PALACE THEATRE SOUTHERN**  
[palacetheatresouthend.co.uk](http://palacetheatresouthend.co.uk)

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## THE BIG SWITCH ON

On Saturday 15th November 2025, Southend High Street will sparkle with festive magic as Christmas in the City returns! Join us for a full day of fun & cheer as Christmas in the City returns to Southend City BID and proudly sponsored by Southend Theatres.

ARTISAN MARKET	STORYTELLING BUS	BUSKING SPOTS	CRAFTING FUN
From 10am, explore our market that will sparkle through the High Street and the Victoria Centre. There's a go on every street of the town as you join the street art.	Look for people dressed, with an extraordinary story to tell and a chance to hear their story. There's a go on every street of the town as you join the street art.	Enjoy the performances from a variety of talented local artists. There's a go on every street of the town as you join the street art.	Get creative under the bridge. Join us for a day of crafting fun. There's a go on every street of the town as you join the street art.
STAGE PERFORMANCES	MAGIC MOMENTS	SWITCH ON	FIREWORKS FINALE
Headed by BBC News, the stage will come alive with performances from local talent. There's a go on every street of the town as you join the street art.	A host of magical moments will be taking place throughout the day. There's a go on every street of the town as you join the street art.	Join us for the Switch On ceremony. There's a go on every street of the town as you join the street art.	End the day with a bang! Head to the Victoria Centre for a night of fireworks. There's a go on every street of the town as you join the street art.

**DON'T MISS THE SWITCH ON AT 6PM!**

[VISITSOUTHEND.CO.UK](http://VISITSOUTHEND.CO.UK)

CLIFFS PAVILION PALACE THEATRE

## FESTIVE SUNDAYS IN SOUTHEND!

The fun continues in Southend with our Family Friendly entertainment designed to fill your weekends with Christmas cheer. From 11am - 5pm on the first three Sundays of December, the city will come alive with festive music, live performances, visiting performers, and seasonal surprises. And to make your visit even more enjoyable, there's parking in Southend on the first three Sundays, making it even easier to join us and enjoy the celebration!

SNOW QUEEN SUNDAY	MUSICAL SUNDAY	FESTIVE FUN SUNDAY
SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025 Celebrating the Palace Theatre's new festive production with a day of family friendly entertainment.	SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 Joyful, festive performances from local talent filling Southend with the sounds of the season.	SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025 Roaming festive characters will bring Christmas magic to Southend in the last weekend before the big day!

Visit us online on the City Council website for full details, including

## MORE TO ENJOY THIS CHRISTMAS

Southend is full of activity this festive season, there's some more activities you don't want to miss! Check with the venues for more details.

ELF ON A SHOP SHELF TRAIL	SANTA'S ON HIS SLEIGH!
SOUTHEND CITY CENTRE <a href="http://www.southendcitycentre.co.uk">www.southendcitycentre.co.uk</a>	THE PALACE THEATRE <a href="http://www.palacetheatre.co.uk">www.palacetheatre.co.uk</a>
SANTA'S SECRET WORD TRAIL	THE SNOW QUEEN
THE VICTORIA CENTRE <a href="http://www.victoriacentre.co.uk">www.victoriacentre.co.uk</a>	THE PALACE THEATRE <a href="http://www.palacetheatre.co.uk">www.palacetheatre.co.uk</a>
BLUESY CHRISTMAS	CINDERELLA
THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT <a href="http://www.terracebar.co.uk">www.terracebar.co.uk</a>	THE PALACE THEATRE <a href="http://www.palacetheatre.co.uk">www.palacetheatre.co.uk</a>

**ELF ON A SHOP SHELF TRAIL**

From Saturday 15th November to Wednesday 20th December, Southend City Centre is getting a sprinkle of festive magic! Join us for a trail of shops and cafes.

Start from behind the elf, just where you're shopping, and complete the trail by the end of the trail. It's a fun, festive trail for the whole family!

Each shop/cafe/restaurant can win with each finished trail and when you all are ready by 2nd January 2026 for your chance to win. The prize will be awarded by Southend City BID on Wednesday 7th January 2026. The prize will be awarded by random, it's a 50/50 each value and cannot be exchanged.

**WIN AN ADULT AND CHILD CLIMS VOUCHER AT INDIVISIO**

**VENUES ARE:**

- The Hungry Owl - London Road
- Indivisio - The Victoria Centre
- Wings - The Victoria Centre
- Shoe Store - Queens Road
- Luxury Mattress - Queens Road
- Locally Jewellers - Clifton Road
- The Royal Centre for Learning - Clifton Road
- Home - High Street
- Uplink - High Street
- Indivisio - Clifton Road

## SOMETHING JUST FOR THE GROWN UPS!

BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH	A NIGHT OF COMEDY
FESTIVE BOTTOMLESS LUNCH PARK INN PALACE HOTEL <a href="http://www.parkinn.co.uk">www.parkinn.co.uk</a>	CHRISTMAS COMEDY THE ROYAL HOTEL <a href="http://www.royalhotel.co.uk">www.royalhotel.co.uk</a>
GLITTER AND GOOD TIMES SLUG AND LETTUCE <a href="http://www.slugandlettuce.co.uk">www.slugandlettuce.co.uk</a>	SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE COMEDY CABS <a href="http://www.livecomedy.co.uk">www.livecomedy.co.uk</a>
ROYAL BRUNCH CLUB THE ROYAL HOTEL <a href="http://www.royalhotel.co.uk">www.royalhotel.co.uk</a>	IMPROV XMAS COMEDY CABARET <a href="http://www.improv.co.uk">www.improv.co.uk</a>
CHRISTMAS CRAFTING	GLORIOUS CHEESE
CARDS AND COCKTAILS THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT <a href="http://www.terracebar.co.uk">www.terracebar.co.uk</a>	MERRY CHEESES THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT <a href="http://www.terracebar.co.uk">www.terracebar.co.uk</a>
BOB ROSS PAINTING LAURENCE MATTHEWS <a href="http://www.laurencemattews.co.uk">www.laurencemattews.co.uk</a>	FOR THE GREATER GOOD THE ROYAL HOTEL <a href="http://www.royalhotel.co.uk">www.royalhotel.co.uk</a>
WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP THE VICTORIA CENTRE <a href="http://www.victoriacentre.co.uk">www.victoriacentre.co.uk</a>	

**RYLAN ROSS KING**

**Cinderella**

THE MOST MAGICAL PRINCE OF THEM ALL

STEVE HEWLETT  
NIG GREENSHIELDS  
EWAN GODDARD  
OONAGH COX

SAT 13 DEC 2025  
SUN 14 JAN 2026



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## Too Much Couch Time?

Could you benefit from a motivational challenge that starts your health and fitness journey on the right track?



### Fully Funded and Rewarding

- 9 Week health & fitness programme
- Award winning
- Safe, Supportive & Social



Get your Backside to the Trackside for our fully funded and rewarding nine week fitness programme. Build your fitness gradually in a safe, supportive and social environment and be led by our experienced, motivational fitness trainers who are there with you every step of the way.

**The programme will finish with a 5km Fun Event**



Find us on Facebook at 'Backside To Trackside CIC' for more information.

Text a school nurse directly to talk about health or emotional wellbeing:

**IF YOU'RE 11-19 YEARS OLD TEXT**

**07520 649895**

**PARENT OF 5-19 YEARS OLD TEXT**

**07507 331884**



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Young People scan this QR Code to find support



Parents scan this QR Code to find support



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## Dates for your diary: (new additions marked with \*)

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*Monday 15th December - 6pm Carol Concert @ St. Michael's & All Angels*

*Tuesday 16th December - Junior School Christmas Lunch*

*Wednesday 17th December - Junior School Packed Lunch (Infant Christmas Lunch)*

*Friday 19th December - SANTA FUN RUN!*

*Friday 19th December - Last day at school - Christmas Holidays!*

*Monday 5th January - First day of Spring Term*

*Tuesday 6th January - Year 5 Chinese Dragon Workshop*

*Wednesday 7th January - Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics Competition*

*Thursday 8th January - Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics Competition*

*Wednesday 14th January at 6pm - 11+ Meeting for Year 5 Parents*

*Wednesday 21st January - Sitting Volleyball Competition*

*Wednesday 21st January at 6pm - Year 6 SATs Parent Information Meeting*

*Friday 23rd January - Year 4 Football Competition*

*Monday 9th February 7pm @ Palace Theatre - CHJS performing at Southend Makes Music*

*Thursday 12th February - Last day of half term*

*Friday 13th February - Non-Pupil day (school closed to all pupils)*

*Monday 23rd February - Back to school after February half term*

*\*Thursday 5th March - WORLD BOOK DAY*

*\*Thursday 5th March - pm Year 4 'Readers are Leaders' - Assembly to parents*

*\*Friday 6th March - pm Year 4 'Readers are Leaders' - Assembly to parents*

*\*Thursday 26th March - 1:30pm Year 5 Spring Showcase to parents*

*\*Friday 27th March - 1:30pm Year 5 Spring Showcase to parents*

*Friday 27th March - Last day of Spring Term - Easter Holidays*

*Monday 13th April - Back to school after Easter Holidays*

*Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed*

*Thursday 21st May - 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*

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

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

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

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

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