

16.10.2026 CHJS Newsletter



As we head into the final week before half term, I find myself reflecting on what has been an incredibly busy and successful first half of the autumn term. With just four more days to go before a well-deserved break, I want to congratulate our children on their outstanding efforts, enthusiasm and hard work. They continue to embrace every opportunity with positivity, resilience and a determination to do their very best, and I am immensely proud of them all.

This newsletter showcases the many highlights each week. From sporting successes and enrichment opportunities to residential experiences and curriculum achievements, we have certainly packed a tremendous amount into the term so far.

I would also like to take this opportunity to shine a spotlight on my wonderful staff team. Day after day, they go above and beyond to provide the very best experiences for our children. Their commitment, dedication and willingness to give up countless hours behind the scenes ensure that our pupils enjoy opportunities that extend far beyond the classroom. Brilliant examples of this have been our Year 5 Big Camp, Year 6 residential and Year 6 Activity Week. These events require enormous amounts of planning, organisation and care, and they simply would not happen without the passion and commitment of our staff.

As a school community, we are incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated professionals working together to create memorable experiences and achieve great things for our children.

*Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic final week of term. A reminder that **Friday 23rd October is a non-pupil day**, so children will finish for half term at the end of the school day on **Thursday 22nd October**.*

Have a wonderful weekend.

Andy Newnham

Headteacher



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Next week's diary:

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

SCHOOL NEWS

Year 6 Activity Week & PGL Trip!

While many of our Year 6 pupils were away at PGL, the children who remained at school enjoyed an equally memorable and action-packed Activity Week, packed full of fun, laughter and new experiences.

From adventure golf and indoor climbing to beach visits, park trips, cooking sessions, movie afternoons and tenpin bowling, every day brought a new opportunity for children to challenge themselves, build friendships and create lasting memories. Whether mastering a climbing wall, showing off their culinary skills or simply enjoying time together outdoors, the children embraced every activity with enthusiasm, positivity and a wonderful sense of adventure.

What has impressed us most, however, has been the attitude of the children throughout the week. They have been an absolute credit to themselves, demonstrating resilience, kindness and excellent behaviour wherever they have gone. Their willingness to try new things, support one another and make the very most of every opportunity has made the week an outstanding success.

We are incredibly proud of this fantastic group of young people. They have approached every day with smiles on their faces and a determination to enjoy every moment. Activity Week has been filled with fun, friendship and unforgettable experiences, and the children have made it truly special.

What a week, what an adventure, and what a wonderful group of children!



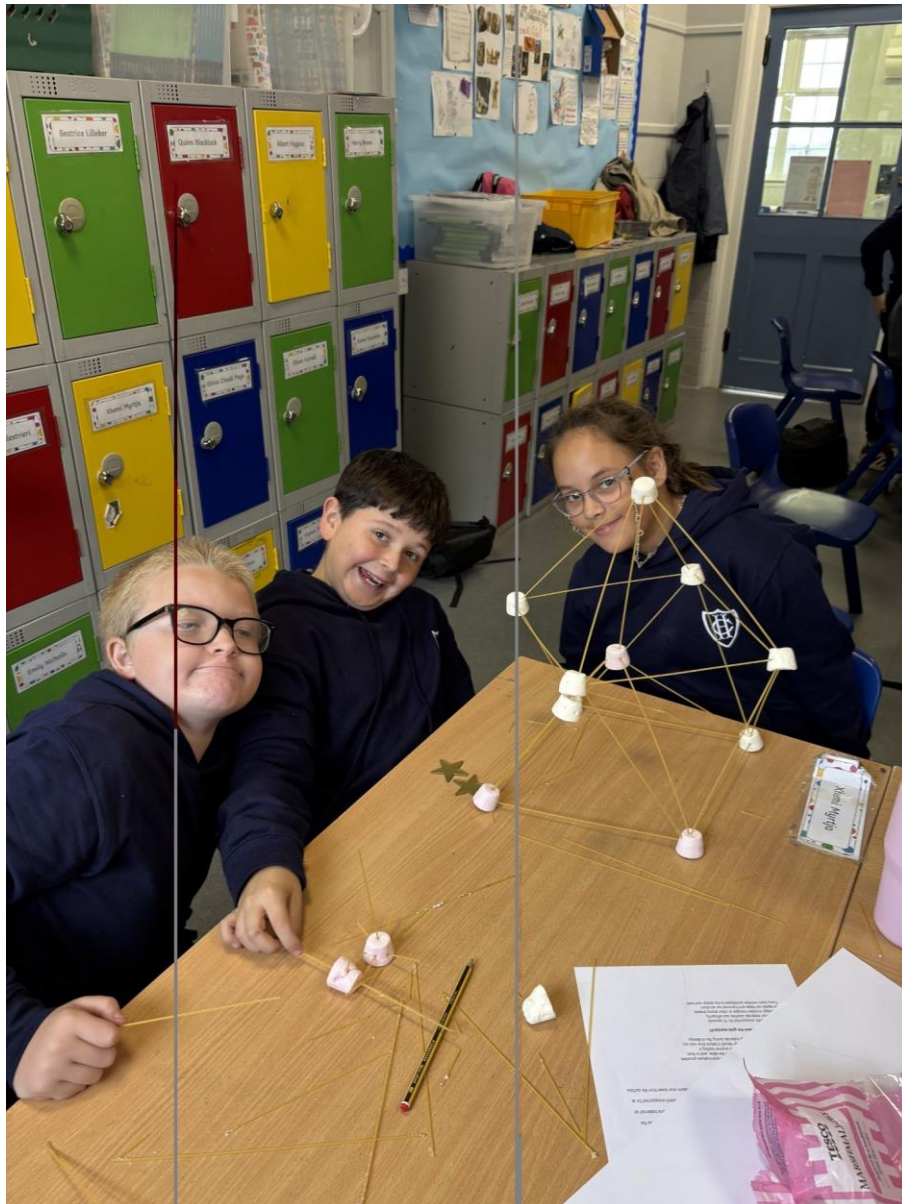


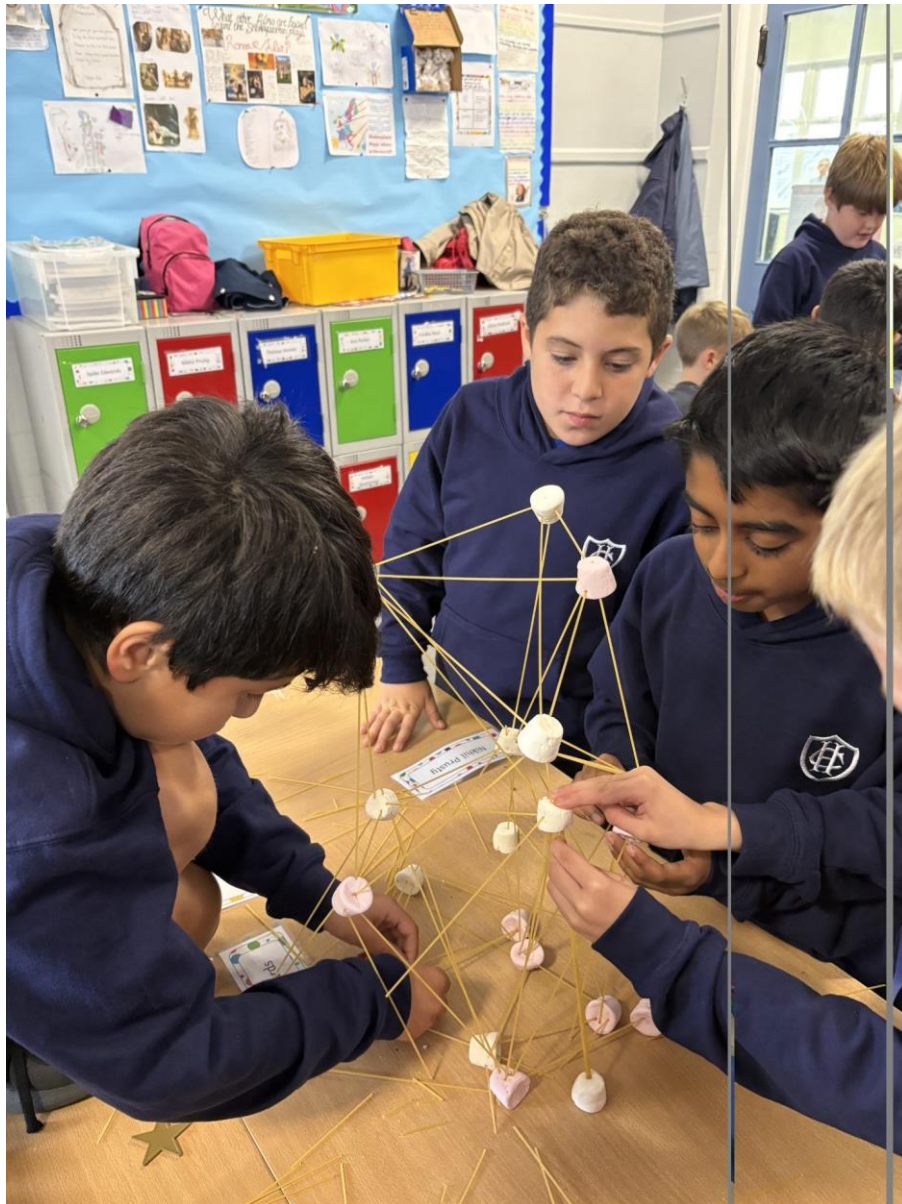


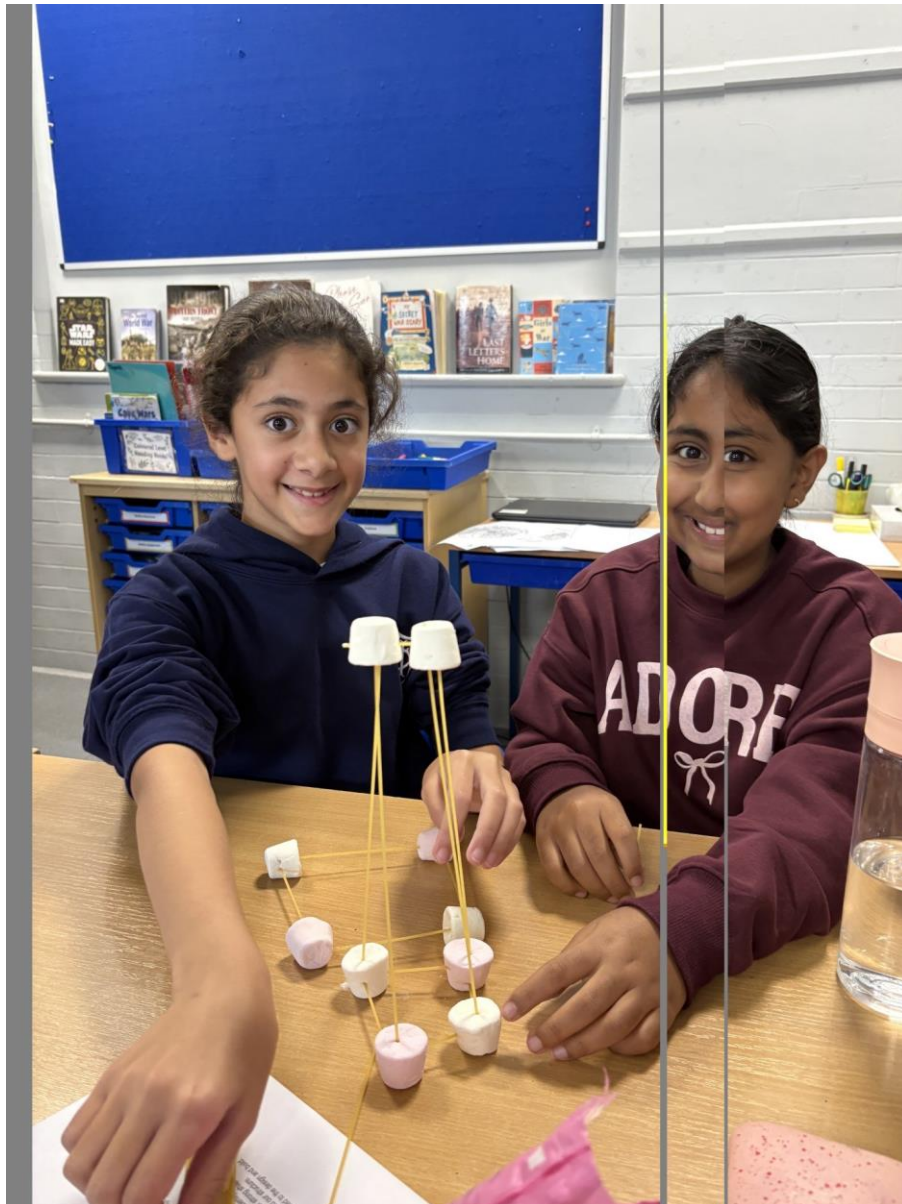






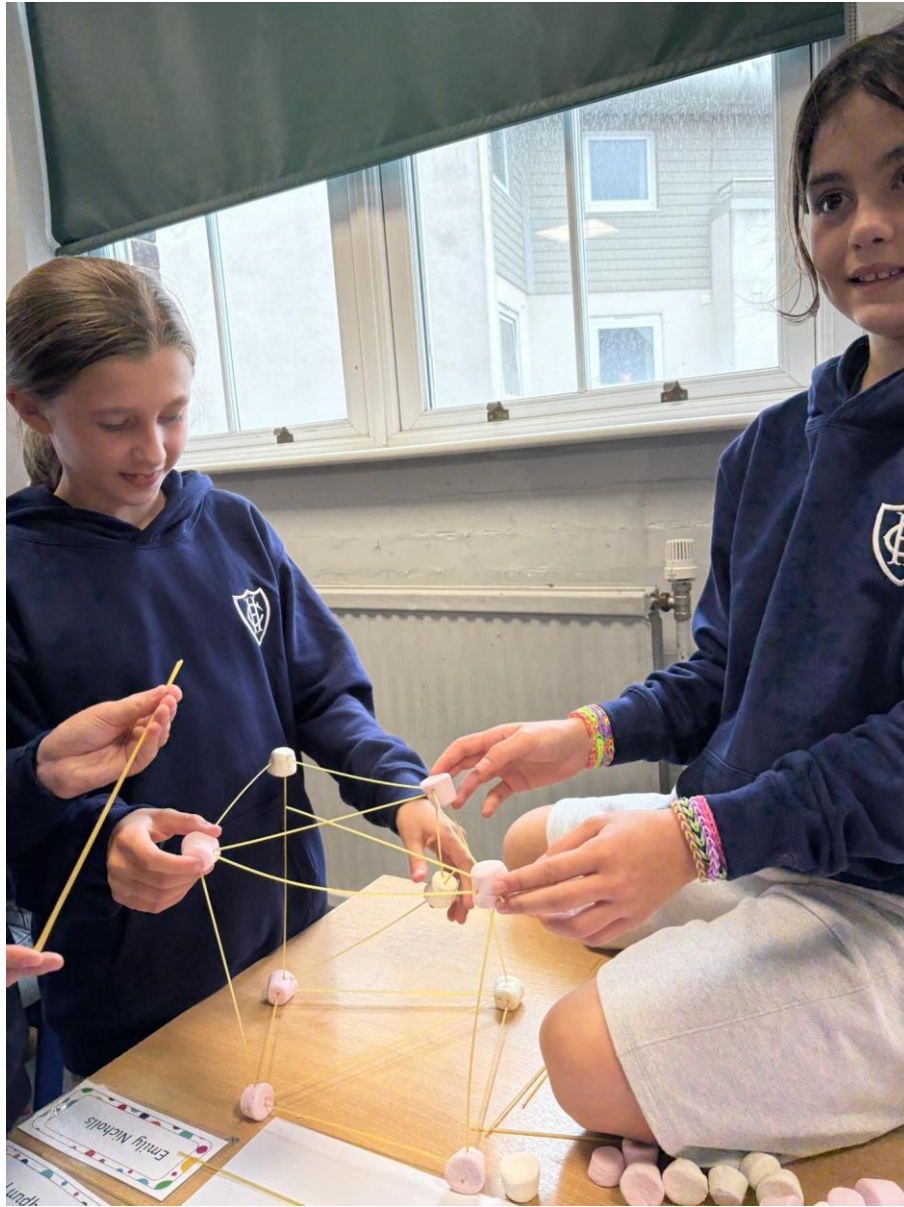


















Year 6 Take on PGL Bawdsey Manor

Our Year 6 pupils have returned from an incredible few days at PGL Bawdsey Manor, having created memories that will last a lifetime.

Throughout the trip, the children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, courage and determination. Whether scaling heights, tackling team challenges or stepping outside their comfort zones, they demonstrated fantastic resilience, teamwork and support for one another. Above all, they represented the school brilliantly with their positive attitudes, excellent behaviour and willingness to make the most of every opportunity.

Residential visits such as this provide so much more than adventure. They help children develop confidence, independence and friendships, and it was wonderful to see these qualities shine throughout the week.

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils and a sincere thank you to the staff who gave their time and energy to make the experience possible. We are also delighted to let parents know that photos from the trip will be made available shortly.

What a fantastic adventure and a wonderful way to create lasting memories in the children's final year at Chalkwell Hall Junior School. 🌟 📸 📱 📷 📺 📺



Year 4 Harvest Showcase

Over the past two days, our Year 4 children have made us incredibly proud with their wonderful Harvest Showcase performances.

The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, confidence and enthusiasm throughout, delivering their lines beautifully and singing with real energy and joy. It was wonderful to see every child playing their part and working together to create such a memorable performance.

A huge thank you to all the families who came along to support the children. Judging by the smiles and applause, the showcases were a great success! Most importantly, our Year 4 pupils should be extremely proud of themselves. They represented the school brilliantly and showed exactly what can be achieved through hard work, cooperation and determination.

Well done, Year 4, on two fantastic performances! 🎵 🎶 🙌

Harvest Collection for Southend Foodbank

*We are delighted to launch our annual Harvest Collection in support of **Southend Foodbank**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to show its strength, kindness and generosity by coming together to support those who are less fortunate than ourselves.*

*Any donations of non-perishable food and household essentials would be greatly appreciated. Please send donations into school by **Monday 19th October**. Thank you for helping us make a difference to local families in need. 🙌 ❤️*

Follow Our New School Instagram Page!

Are you following our school on Instagram yet? If not, scan the QR code below to follow us!

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



@CHALKWELLHALLJUNIORS

Achievement Awards



Congratulations to all children who received an award in Celebration Assembly today! Due to the Year 4 Harvest Showcase and Year 6 residential and activity weeks, certificates were given out in class today.



Wednesday Beforeschool Tennis Classes

Book Now
For Autumn
Term 2
While Spaces
Last!



Questions?
Email us on
Info@jwtennis.co.uk
Phone us on:
[07702 839337](tel:07702839337)

Classes run on Wednesdays straight before the school day at 8:00am at Chalkwell Park!

The sessions provide:

- ✓ Coaching from an experienced Lawn Tennis Association Accredited Tennis Coach
- ✓ A fun, structured environment for children to learn a new sport with other children
- ✓ An indoor all weather option so the session run in all weather
- ✓ All necessary equipment, including tennis rackets
- ✓ A great introduction to tennis!

Just £38.50 for the 7 lessons until the end of term.

To book a place

1. Scan the QR code below or follow the link
2. Select Chalkwell Hall Juniors
3. Select 4th Nov, then Select 8:00am.

Ensure that you enter your child's name as the booking name so that your child appears on the club register. If the child's name is not entered it may result in them not being able to take part in the class.

<https://www.jwtennis.co.uk/school-lesson-booking.php>



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.

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 - 3JW



Upper School Winners - 6JDW 100%



CHALKWELL HALL SCHOOLS PTA

Things to remember THIS WEEK

PRE-LOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM & GLOW SALES

MONDAY 19TH & WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

IN THE PLAYGROUND
FROM 2.45PM TO 3.30PM
CASH & CARD ACCEPTED

BOOK YOUR SANTA VISIT!

SANTA IS COMING TO CHALKWELL HALL SCHOOLS!

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER
NURSERY & INFANTS

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
JUNIORS

BOOK YOUR CHILD'S VISIT WITH SANTA THROUGH THE PTA WEBSITE!

SANTA GIFT WRAPPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Straight after drop off.
If you can spare an hour to help wrap the gifts for Santa's visit, it'll be hugely appreciated!

PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE INFANT SCHOOL OFFICE AND COME STRAIGHT THROUGH TO THE STAFFROOM.

WRAPPING PAPER DONATIONS

We are in need of unisex Christmas wrapping paper for Santa's gifts!

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS AT DROP OFF ON:

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER
TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

All tickets and more information can be found on our PTA website
www.pta-events.co.uk/chalkwellhallpta
Any questions? Please email us at ptachalkwellhall@gmail.com

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS & OFFER TAX-FREE CHILDCARE!

MEGA CAMPS

KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

CHILD CARE FROM 8am - 6pm

AGES 4 - 14

OCTOBER CAMP 2026

CHECK WEBSITE FOR OCTOBER LOCATIONS & DATES

WALL CLIMBING



KIDS FAVOURITE

FANCY DRESS



ANIMAL WORKSHOP



GO KARTING IS BACK



DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ESSEX & KENT THIS OCTOBER

CHECK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & DATES

Ofsted
Registered

BOOK ONLINE NOW!
WWW.MEGACAMPS.NET
OR CALL 0333 012 4378

ALL OUR STAFF ARE

DBS CHECKED

ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, SOUTHEND

HARVEST HOPE. GROW INDEPENDENCE.

**A hand up today.
A way forward tomorrow.**

Walking alongside our neighbours,
tackling the causes of poverty
and supporting lasting independence.

Our paid community market helps people
take steps back to supermarket shopping.

*Stronger
Communities
Brighter
Futures*
♡

**Schools, Community groups
& Businesses**

Support SVP this Harvest

Collect food • Fundraise • Donate

Call 01702 592980

or email southendsupport@svp.org.uk
to arrange a pick-up day
for your collection.

FROM CRISIS TO INDEPENDENCE

— Turning concern into action. —

Wesley **Methodist** Church 

FUSION

Youth & Kids

For school years 1 - 6

**2ND
THURSDAY
OF THE
MONTH
6pm-7.30pm**

**Wesley
Methodist
Church,
Elm Road,
Leigh**

**£1.50
ENTRY**

Tuck Shop | Sports | X Box/Wii | Games
Craft | Pool | Table Football | Competitions
& much more!

Contact: judy@wesleymethodist.org.uk



www.wesleymethodist.org.uk



**Dementia
Friendly**
Community

Wesley **Methodist** Church 

FUSION

Youth & Kids

2026/2027

Wesley
Methodist
Church,
Elm Road,
Leigh

Thursdays 6pm-7.30pm

10th September

8th October

12th November

10th December

14th January

11th February

11th March

No session in April

13th May

10th June

8th July

Contact: judy@wesleymethodist.org.uk

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Dates for your diary:

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

Monday 2nd & Wednesday 4th November - Parent Consultations

Friday 13th November - Children In Need

- Year 6 Football Competition @ Len Forge

Monday 16th - Friday 20th November - Book Fair in School

Monday 16th November - Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying

Friday 27th November - PTA Winter Fayre Donation Day - non-uniform in exchange for chocolate & wine

Saturday 28th November - PTA Winter Fayre 12-3pm

Tuesday 1st December - PTA Christmas Bazaar

Wednesday 2nd December - PTA Santa visit

Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December - Year 3 Warm Winter Wishes 2:15pm in Dining Hall

Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 14th December - Carol Concert @ St Michaels & All Angels 6pm

Friday 18th December - SANTA FUN RUN / 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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