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As we begin the Summer Term, we do so with a real sense of excitement and optimism. This is always a special time of year—full of energy, opportunity and the chance for everyone to strive for their personal best. The months ahead promise a wealth of learning, growth and memorable experiences for our children.

Across the school, we are looking forward to an engaging and inspiring curriculum, alongside a wide range of sporting and extra-curricular opportunities. These moments beyond the classroom play a vital role in helping children build confidence, resilience and a love of learning, and we are delighted to see such enthusiasm for all that this term has to offer.

Our Year 6 pupils continue to impress us with their focus, maturity and teamwork as we approach SATs. They are working extremely well, supporting one another and showing great determination. We are very proud of the way they are approaching this important milestone with a positive attitude and ambition to do their very best.

The Summer Term is also an important period of transition. As children prepare for their next stage of education, staff are working closely together to ensure the highest quality teaching and careful planning to support smooth, successful transitions for everyone. Strong teamwork across the school underpins everything we do, and it remains central to helping every child feel confident and ready for what comes next.

We are truly excited about the term ahead and all the possibilities it brings.

Have a great weekend.

Warm regards,

Andy Newnham

Headteacher

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Dates for Your Diary

- **Monday 13th April - First day back, Summer Term begins**
 - **Friday 1st May - PTA Kids Make the Rules Day - non-uniform**
 - **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs week**
 - **Thursday 21st May - Class Photos**
 - **Friday 22nd May - INSET day - non-pupil day**
 - **Friday 12th June - SPORTS DAY (am Lower School/pm Upper School)**
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SCHOOL NEWS

Change of Sports Day date - now Friday 12th June

Due to Year 6 secondary transition days, we have moved Sports Day to Friday 12th June. Lower School will be in the morning and Upper School in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you there on this fantastic day in the school calendar!

Learning Journeys This Half Term

*This half term, our classrooms are bursting with **excitement, creativity and curiosity**, as pupils across the school dive into inspiring new topics. Each year group will be exploring carefully planned themes designed to ignite imagination, deepen understanding and nurture a **passion for lifelong learning**.*

We are proud of the rich, creative curriculum on offer and invite families to explore what each year group will be learning this half term.

 **Year 3 – Discover, Explore, Create**

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Year 3 pupils are embarking on a vibrant learning journey full of enquiry, hands-on experiences and creative opportunities. Through storytelling, practical investigation and imaginative thinking, children will be encouraged to ask questions, make connections and share their ideas confidently.

 *Explore the full Year 3 curriculum overview here:*

<https://www.chalkwellhall.co.uk/year-3-overview>

Year 4 – Curiosity in Action

Year 4 will be developing their curiosity and independence as learners through rich topics that promote discussion, investigation and collaboration. Pupils will deepen their understanding across subjects while applying their learning in creative and meaningful ways.

 *Discover what Year 4 will be learning this half term:*

<https://www.chalkwellhall.co.uk/year-4-overview>

Year 5 – Thinking Big and Learning Deeply

Year 5 pupils will be challenged to think critically, creatively and reflectively as they explore ambitious and engaging topics. This half term focuses on broadening perspectives, developing resilience and encouraging pupils to take ownership of their learning.

 *View the Year 5 curriculum overview here:*

<https://www.chalkwellhall.co.uk/year-5-overview>

Year 6 – Preparing for the Next Chapter

Year 6 learners will be building knowledge, confidence and independence as they tackle enriching topics that prepare them for secondary school and beyond. With opportunities for deep thinking, creativity and leadership, pupils will be encouraged to strive for excellence and celebrate their progress.

 *See what Year 6 will be learning this half term:*


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Run Club – Every Friday Morning!

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

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

 **Time:** 8:00am start

 **Location:** The park

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

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

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

We hope to see you there on Friday morning.



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🌟 Pupil Success: Entrepreneur Club in Action!

We are delighted to share a wonderful success story from our **Entrepreneur Club!**

Over the Easter holidays, **Millie** took her creativity and confidence into the community by approaching local shop **Ruby & Willow on Leigh Road**. They kindly agreed to display and sell her **handmade button badges**, helping her put her business skills into real-world practice.

Thanks to Millie's hard work—and the generous support of Ruby & Willow—she has already raised **£40**, which she will be **donating to the school**. What a fantastic achievement!

Millie has shown great pride in both creating her products and promoting them, perfectly showcasing the aim of the club: encouraging initiative, creativity and enterprise.

A huge well done to Millie, and thank you to our local community for supporting our young entrepreneurs! 🍌💙

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HUNGRY CUPBOARD!

🌟 Well Done 5SH – Hungry Cupboard Heroes!

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

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

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

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

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Food Bank Items of Need

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

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PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS

CHALKWELL HALL SCHOOLS PTA

TREASURER NEEDED

Help us to
make a
difference!

WE NEED YOU!

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

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

ROLE:

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



CONTACT US:

PTACHSTREASURER@GMAIL.COM



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

SPRING & SUMMER TERMS 2026



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

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SCHOOL DINNER MENU - Next week: WEEK 1

WEEK 1

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)

WACKY WEDGE MONDAY
OVEN BAKED PORK SAUSAGE (S)
OR OVEN BAKED MEAT FREE SAUSAGE (G) (VG)
WITH
OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES (VG),
AND A CHOICE OF BROCCOLI (VG)
OR BAKED BEANS (VG)

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

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

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

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

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

SCHOOL MENU - ALLERGENS

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

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

We Are an Allergy Aware School.

SPORT @ CHJS

SPSSA Golf Tournament Success

Yesterday afternoon, four of our pupils proudly represented the school at the SPSSA Golf Tournament held at Garons. With a very high standard of competition, the boys rose to the challenge and gave an excellent account of themselves.

While it wasn't a medal-winning day, the pupils showed great enthusiasm, sportsmanship and resilience – and most importantly, they clearly had a fantastic time! They were outstanding ambassadors for the school throughout the event.

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*A big well done to all four boys for their effort and attitude, and a huge **thank you to the parents and our Chair of Governors** for their support and help with transport. A great example of teamwork both on and off the course! 🤝👏*



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Year 6 Boys Football

*On Tuesday, our **Year 6 boys' football team** took on **West Leigh Juniors** in an exciting and closely fought match that ended in a **3–3 draw**.*

*The team showed outstanding **grit, determination and commitment**, fighting back **twice** during the game to secure a well-deserved result. It was a fantastic contest, played with great spirit and teamwork from start to finish.*

*A superb effort from all involved – **well done, Team Chalky!** 🙌🏻👏*

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Learning highlights this week!

Year 3

First week back and Year 3 have had a great introduction to our new topics 'What Talents did the Romans have?'.

We started the week with two WOW days and had a chance to get creative and arty! We made Roman shields, mosaics and a 3D Roman soldier. We have been introduced to our new 'Focus Author' Mary Pope Osborne and her series of Magic Tree House books.

In Maths, we have been learning about statistics, showing data in pictograms and bar charts and interpreting that data. In History, we looked at the Romans and the different reasons as to why they were successful in invading many countries.

We are excited to spend the next half term learning lots more about the Romans!

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Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic first week back. During our Wow Day on Monday, the children enthusiastically took part in a range of activities, including a lively game of “The Floor is Lava.” They also created their own volcanoes in art, which we later brought to life during an exciting eruption experiment on the playground.

In maths, the children have been developing their understanding of measurement, focusing on comparing and ordering different units.

In English, they thoroughly enjoyed writing and performing their own kennings poems for one another. In geography, the class explored what volcanoes are and identified where they can be found around the world.

With the warmer weather arriving, Year 4 have also made the most of their athletics and rounders lessons at the park this week.

Well done, Year 4, on such a brilliant start to the term!

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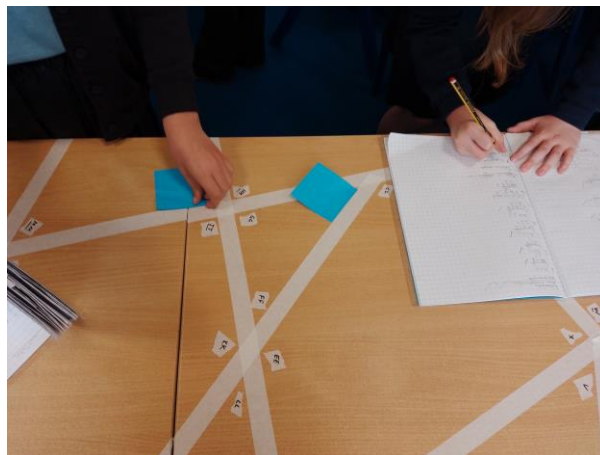
Year 5

Year 5 has had such a buzzing start to the term, and we couldn't be prouder of the energy everyone has brought back with them. We kicked things off with not one but two WOW days, and they

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certainly lived up to their name. First, we dived into the world of pop-up books, experimenting with folds, tabs and moving parts to bring our stories leaping off the page. Then we switched gears for a hands-on STEM challenge, designing and building structures sturdy enough to survive some seriously wild “storms”. The creativity and teamwork on display were fantastic.

In Maths, we’ve begun exploring angles, spotting them all around us and getting to grips with using protractors. And to top it all off, the classroom has been filled with the cheerful strumming of ukuleles as we start learning new chords and rhythms. It’s been a full, lively, inspiring week, and we’re only just getting started.



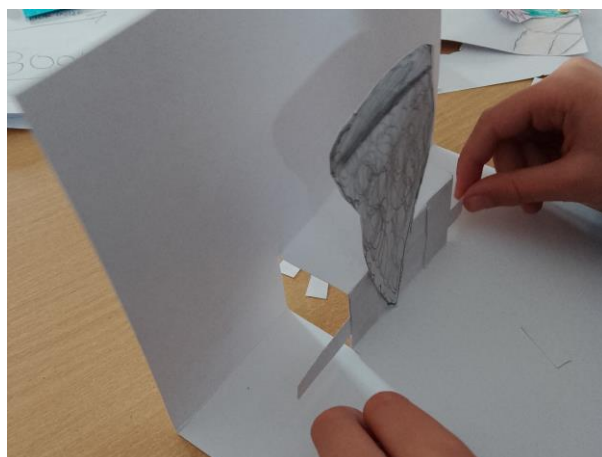
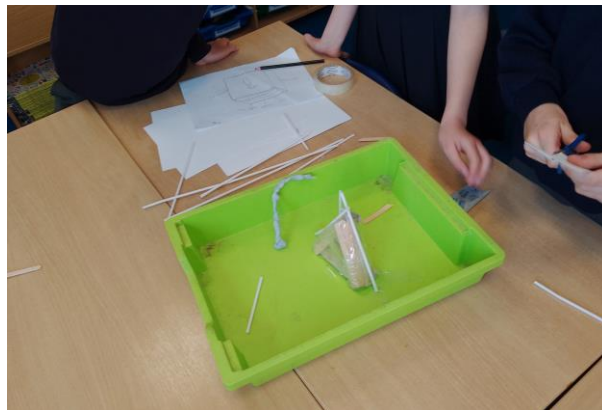
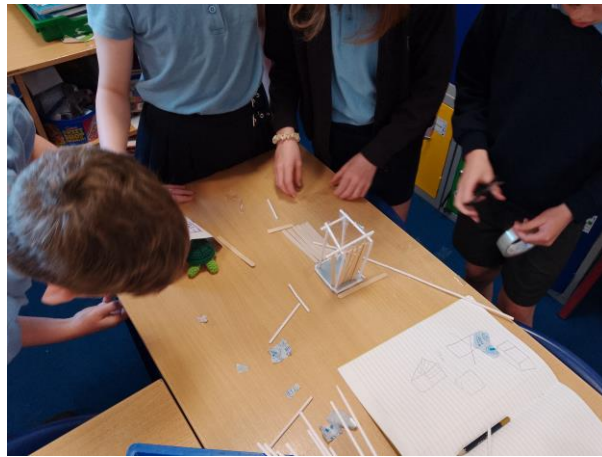
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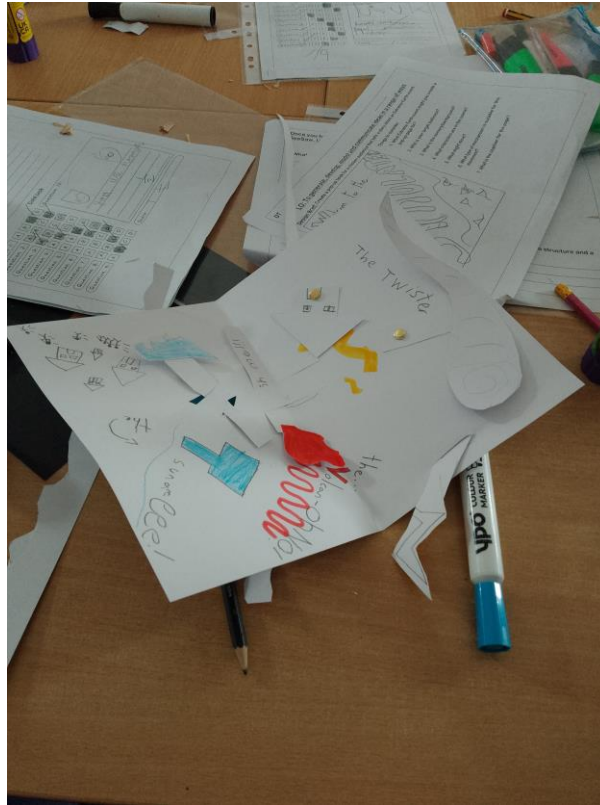
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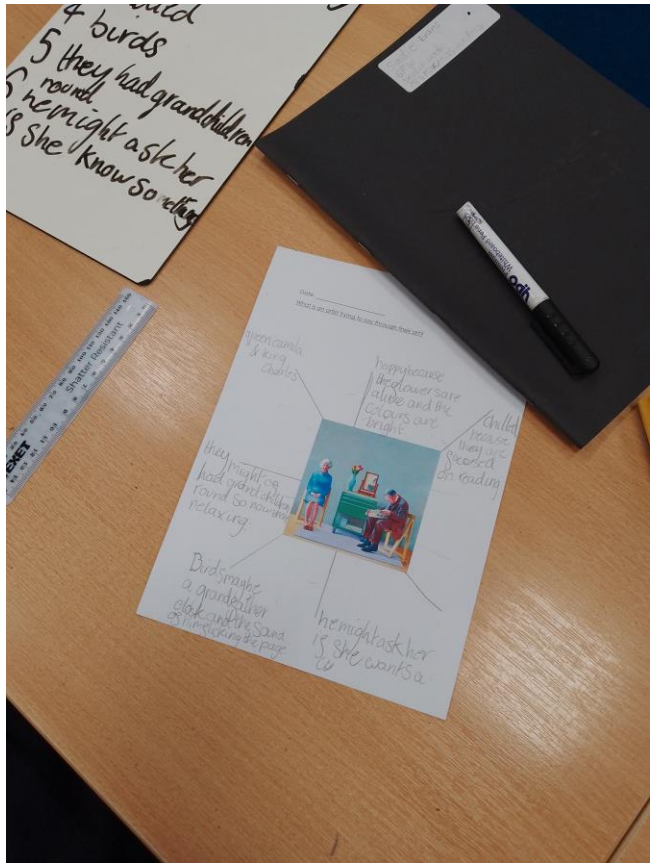
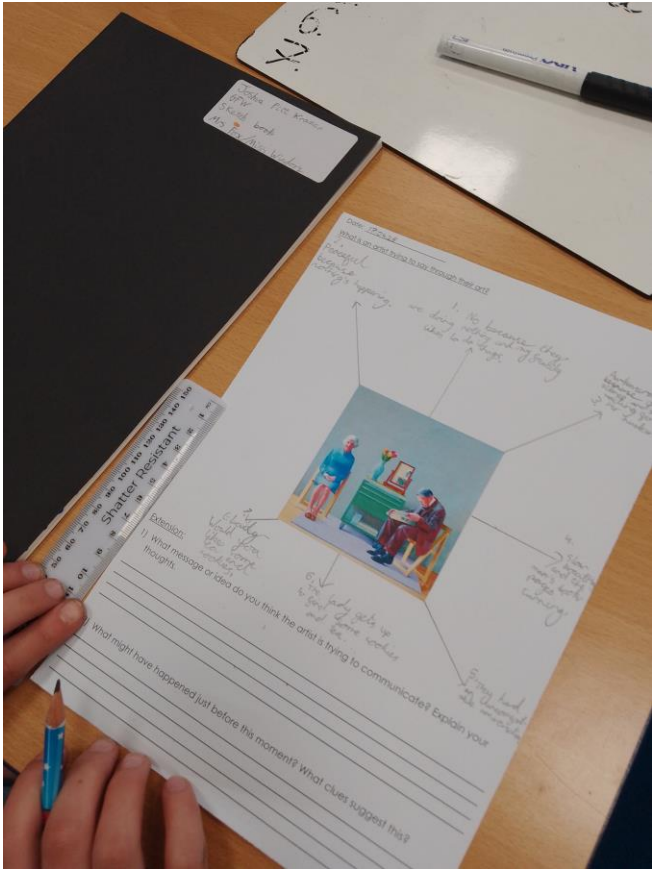
Year 6

Year 6 have had another busy and productive week, with lots of opportunities to revisit and consolidate key learning through focused revision activities. In Writing, the children have been introduced to our new class reader, The Black Book of Secrets, and have really enjoyed exploring its atmosphere and themes. This has sparked lots of discussion and early ideas, as pupils begin to explore the book's themes and characters in preparation for their own writing.

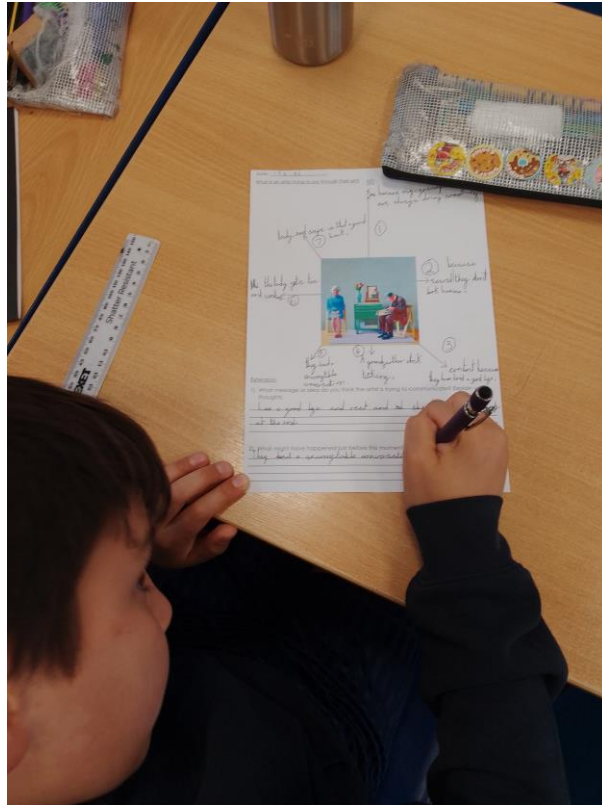
In Music, the class have begun working with Audacity, learning how to edit and manipulate sound clips in preparation for creating their own soundscapes based on their local area. Meanwhile, in Science, the children have been developing their understanding of classification, sorting and grouping animals based on shared characteristics.

Next week is our mock SATs week; we hope this will give the children an idea of what will happen in their SATs week and will help prepare them further. What a week!

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Achievement Awards



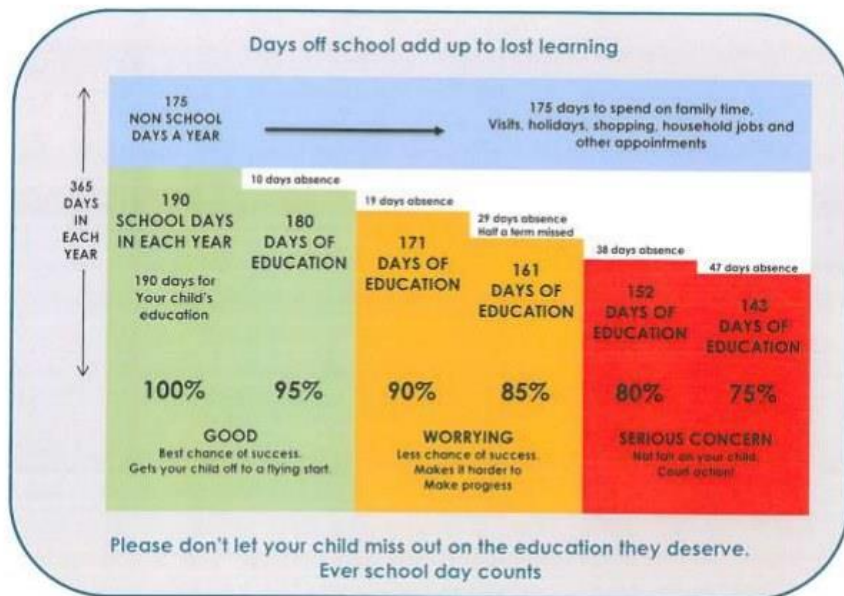
Today, it was a delight to give recognition to so many children for embodying our core values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Cooperation, Creativity, and Enquiry. A huge well done to everyone—there are so many superstars at CHJS! Your hard work and dedication truly shine, making our school community 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!



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Attendance & Punctuality



CURRENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK - 95.9% (+1.4)

Weekly Attendance by Year Group

Year 3 = 98.3% (+3.5)

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Year 4 = 94.5% (-0.8)

Year 5 = 97.6% (+4)

Year 6 = 94% (+0.4)

Lower School Winners = 4BR (100%)



Upper School Winners = 5GH (100%)



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Community News



6TH WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA SCOUTS
EST. 1918

BEAVERS
(6-8 yrs old)

cubs
(8-10 ½ yrs old)

MEETING NIGHTS: WEDNESDAY 16:45 - 18:00

LOCATION: CHALKWELL PARK METHODIST CHURCH, SSO 9XF

CONTACT: 6thWestcliff@southendwestscouts.co.uk

6th Westcliff Needs You

Illustration of a Scout leader in uniform.



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Every Thursday
During Term Time

5:45pm To 6:45pm

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Weekly Trophies Given Out!

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Year Groups
Year R/1/2
Year 3/4
Year 5/6

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1ST MARCH 26
9.15AM
GIRLS ONLY
ANY AGE

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WE CAN!!

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FOR MORE DETAILS

The poster features a central shield with a blue background and white and yellow accents. The shield contains a white anchor, a red trophy, a yellow grid, and a yellow shamrock. The background shows a rugby field with players and spectators. A girl is running with a red and white Gilboa rugby ball. The text is in various fonts and colors, including yellow, white, and black.

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Dates for your diary:

Monday 13th April - Back to school after Easter Holidays

- WOW days in Year 3,4 & 5

Tuesday 14th April - Y6 boys football match v Fairways

Friday 1st May - PTA Kids Make The Rules Day (non-uniform)

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Wednesday 6th May - Year 6 trip to Old Leigh

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

Monday 18th May - Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle

Thursday 21st May - Class Photos

- Last day of half-term - May half term

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

Monday 1st June - Back to school after half term

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

Wednesday 10th June - pm Borough Sports

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

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

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

Friday 26th June - Governor Day

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

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

Thursday 9th July - End of year reports home

Friday 10th July - Y6 trip to Adventure Island

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

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

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

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

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