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As we approach the end of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an extraordinary time for our school community. We're now in the final full week of term, and I can hardly believe how quickly the year has flown by. It's been a wonderful journey filled with learning, laughter, and growth.

This week has marked the conclusion of our swimming sessions at the pop-up school. Once again, it has been a roaring success! It has brought me immense joy to witness the children's confidence and skills blossom in the water. Watching them master new strokes and develop a love for swimming has truly been a highlight of our year.

As we wrap up our final weeks of topics, I must say how proud I am of our Chalkwell Curriculum. It serves as such a fantastic foundation for learning, and it's remarkable to see the children's thirst for knowledge in action. Their enthusiasm to explore different subjects has been phenomenal, and it's this drive that fuels our community's passion for education. I'm thrilled to see how engaged and curious they are, leading to some fantastic discussions and discoveries in the classroom.

Also, I must mention how lovely it has been to see both staff and children enjoying their time together during these final weeks in class. The recent Open Classroom event was a triumph, with so many of you turning out to support. It truly warms my heart to see the connection between home and school fostered by your presence.

I want to reach out to all of you—our amazing parents and carers—and express a huge thank you for your unwavering support throughout the year. My team and I are dedicated to providing your children with the best education, care, and support we can. While things don't always go to plan and we occasionally encounter a few bumps along the way, your collaboration is invaluable in helping us achieve the best for your child.

You deserve gold stars for all you do to support your children—facilitating events, dress-up days, trips, and home learning! What a team effort it has been!

We have just three days left to go, and I look forward to enjoying these final moments with your wonderful children. Have a fantastic weekend ahead!

Warm regards,

Andy Newnham

Headteacher

***"At CHJS, our vision is to provide an education that celebrates diversity and difference, encourages creativity and curiosity so children can achieve anything they set their minds to."***

**CHALWELL PARK/LEIGH CRICKET CLUB - WEDNESDAY 23rd JULY**

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With regards to next Wednesday afternoon after school finishes - our friends at Leigh Cricket club will be opening their doors from 3:30pm. They will be accepting card payments only. They happy to open up their clubhouse but please could we as a community respect their facilities, take any rubbish home and accompany children when using the toilets.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### HAPPY NEWS!

We are delighted to share with you that Miss Sullivan, one of our wonderful LSAs is pregnant. This is wonderful news to share as we approach the end of the school year. I'm sure you will join me in sending congratulations and best wishes to Miss Sullivan and her family on this fantastic news.

### Goodbye to Mrs Cade

Today we said a fond farewell to Mrs Cade who worked her last day at CHJS. We had a great send-off for her and were able to thank her for the fantastic contribution she has given to our school over the past year! Mrs Cade is as you know currently pregnant so we cannot wait to hear of the arrival of her baby next term. Thank you Mrs Cade for all you have done!

## DRAMA CLUB MAGIC!

A Special Message from Mr Fleury

☀️ Dear Chalkwell Hall Junior School Community,

I am overflowing with pride as I reflect on the incredible talent displayed by our 38 fabulous Drama Club members! 🎭 On Monday evening, our young stars put on a magnificent performance for invited guests and parents, showcasing their super characterisation, remarkable acting abilities, and maturity that truly goes beyond their years.

It has been my absolute pleasure to witness each child develop as a performer over the past two years. Their growth in confidence, ability, and sheer stage presence has been nothing short of inspiring. I will genuinely miss our Year 6 children, who have brought so much joy to our productions, but I eagerly await hearing about the exciting paths they will take as they move on to new adventures.

A special shout-out to the wonderful Mrs Skurr for her brilliant costumes and props, which have added so much colour and life to our performances! 🎨 ✨

Thank you, Drama Club members, for filling our lives with light and character over the past two years. You've all made this experience truly unforgettable!

Here's to future stars! ⭐

Drama Club #ChalkwellHallJuniorSchool #ProudDirector #FutureStars #TheatreMagic #Community



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## Waddle-On-Sea

Exciting news! Our beloved Lingo the Penguin—the Haven's Hospice penguin sponsored by our school—has officially arrived at his temporary home somewhere along the Waddle Trail in Southend, which launches today! Trail maps are available at various locations around Southend, or you can download the Waddle Trail app to track all the penguins. We were overjoyed by the incredible support and participation that made it possible for us to sponsor a penguin and contribute to the invaluable work of Havens Hospice. A huge thank you to everyone who helped raise the funds! Our very own penguin, Lingo, is extra special. He joyfully celebrates diversity, reminding us of the different cultures within our school community - our school motto 'If we believe, we will achieve' is written in all the different languages spoken in our school. With his amazing feathers, Lingo inspires firendship and unity, reminding us that kindness transcends differences.

We hope you all have a wonderful time on your penguin hunt and we can't wait to hear the children's stories and adventures as they search for Snowy. Happy waddling!





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## JUNIOR GOVERNORS CAMPAIGN - SUMMER OF KINDNESS!



This week is the 6th week of our Summer of Kindness led by our Junior Governors. Here's what was on the menu...

### Week 6 – Celebrating Kindness

What can we reflect on in terms of our positive behaviour and can we recognise acts of kindness in ourselves and other?  
Who has been a great example of kindness this term? What did they do?



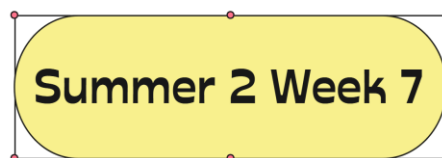
#### **\*\*Activity\*\*:**

Each class nominates one student and one adult for a Kindness Award. Celebrate with a class picnic in Chalkwell Park organised by the class teacher before the end of term.

\*\*\*Junior governors to hand out certificates to awarded in class or in assembly\*\*\*

## Mindful Mondays, Chalkwell Character Curriculum & Core Value Focus:

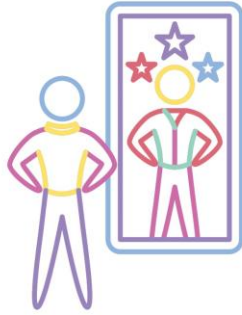
This week's focus has been on being reflective as we are approaching the end of a school year. Endings and new beginnings are part of life and the ability to reflect and move on is a key skill to have. We revisited the story we looked at in September - called 'The Dot' and revisited the themes in this story.



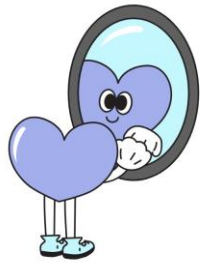
Core Value: Enquiry  
SMSC/FBV: Tolerance and Respect  
Learning Behaviour: Being Reflective



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## Being Reflective



What does it mean when we talk about being reflective?

When we are reflective, we think about our learning, actions and experiences and how we have grown, as well as how we want to grow in the future.

How do you do it?

There are many ways to be reflective! Sometimes it can be sitting and thinking, but other times it might be journaling, drawing or talking.



### Step 1: Ask yourself a question

Think about something you have experienced or learned and ask yourself...

- What was successful?
- What was tricky?
- What did I like about my actions?
- What do I want to improve?



### Step 2: Think about your feelings

How did you feel before the experience?

How did you feel during?

How do you feel after?

Does any thing surprise you about how you felt?





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## Step 3: Decide how this will shape your future.



Any experience is a chance to learn and grow, even if the feelings that go with it are negative. It helps us to learn about ourselves, our strengths, weaknesses and boundaries.

Think about how you can take the experience and make it helpful for you in the future. What did you learn?

## Your Turn:

Over this next week you will have lots of opportunities to reflect on your experiences this year.

At the beginning of the year, many of you thought about your comfort zone, stretch zone and panic zone.

Take some time now to reflect - what experiences from your year fit into each zone? Share your ideas as a class.



## Enquiry: The Dot



Who can remember the story of The Dot?



As our school year begins to come to an end, let's think about that dot again. Just like Vashti, each of you has made your own dots this year. Your dots are the little steps you've taken, the things you've tried - even when they were hard or new.



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Every dot you made is part of your story – a story of courage, creativity, and growth.



What are some of the ways that you've made your mark this year?

## My Dots



### Reflection:

As you get ready for your summer holiday, remember: your dot matters. It's not about being perfect or the best. It's about starting and believing in yourself. Your dots, your efforts, and your dreams are the beginning of amazing things.

Keep making dots - next year, and every year after. Because when you do, you're showing the world who you are and what you can do.

## Ish



The author of The Dot also wrote this story. What do you think the message in this book is?

What is the most important lesson you've learned this year?



What's something you haven't mastered yet?

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonlinecollege.com](https://nationalonlinecollege.com) for further guides, facts and tips for adults.

### Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

#### GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

#### TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

#### GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

#### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

#### AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

#### HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

#### BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

#### 'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

#### SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

#### TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

#### SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

#### WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

#### Meet Our Expert

Always ahead in design and delivery, the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.

### DEVICE BOX

#WakeUpWednesday

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## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - 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 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 2025

8pm

Online event

#### Additional information

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

Online link: To be sent nearer to the date

Do you know the latest risks online?

Do you know how gang culture and radicalisation affects your child?

Do you know how your child is being influenced online and how it impacts their view on the world?

Do you know that Roblox, Minecraft and Fortnite are not as safe as you might think?

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

Do you know that self-generated images are now common among Year 5&6 children?

Do you know that Essex Police have worked on cases of paedophiles grooming groups of children on these games?



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## Summer Young Writers' Retreat 2025

**JACKSON DIEGO**  
STORY EMPORIUM

**Young Writers' Retreat 2025**

For Young People  
Aged 8 - 11 years  
*who love to create!*  
11, 12, 13 August  
from 10am - 4pm  
each day at Metal, Chalkwell Hall,  
Chalkwell Park

Writing workshops  
Fun activities

Guest Authors:  
Jennifer Claessen  
Terrie Chilvers  
Ian Eagleton

£40 Per day  
limited spaces

Contact us at [stories@jacqsondiego.com](mailto:stories@jacqsondiego.com) to find out more

## SCHOOL DINNER MENU THIS TERM

**SUMMER MENU**

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES  
THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

**BUN-DAY MONDAY**

BEEF PATTY (SOYB) (S)  
OR  
VEGAN PATTY (G) (VG)  
IN A  
A SEEDED BUN (VG) (G) (SS)  
WITH WEDGES (VG),  
AND  
SWEETCORN (VG), SALAD (VG)  
OR BAKED BEANS (VG)  
AND KETCHUP (VG)

**CHICKEN CHOOSE-DAY**

ROAST CHICKEN PIECES  
OR QUORN PIECES (VG) (G)  
WITH EITHER  
CURRY (VG) OR BBQ (VG) (MU) SAUCE  
NAAN (VG) (G) OR WRAP (VG) (G)  
NACHOS (VG) OR POPPADOM (VG)  
SERVED WITH  
RICE (VG) AND  
VEG (VG) OR SALAD (VG)

**AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:**  
JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS  
TUNA & SWEETCORN (F), CHEESE (MK),  
VEGAN CHEESE (VG) (CCN), BAKED BEANS (V)  
A COLD SALAD BAR  
SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT,  
WATER AND MILK / A SELECTION OF DESSERTS / A FRUIT BOWL

**ROAST IT UP WEDNESDAY**

ROAST BEEF  
OR  
QUORN ROAST (V) (MK) (E)  
OR  
VEGAN FILLET (VG) (G)  
WITH ROAST POTATOES (VG) (G),  
BROCCOLI (VG),  
CARROTS (VG), YORKSHIRE  
PUDDING (MK) (V) (G) (E)  
AND GRAVY (VG)

**FRY IT UP FRIDAY**

HOT PORK SAUSAGES (S)  
OR  
VEGAN QUORN SAUSAGES (G) (VG)  
WITH  
HASH BROWNS (VG) AND  
BAKED BEANS (VG)  
OR SALAD (VG)  
AND KETCHUP (VG)


**FANTASTIC THURSDAY**

BATTERED FISH FILLET (G) (F)  
OR  
VEGE FINGERS (G) (VG)  
WITH CHIPS (VG), PEAS (VG)  
AND  
KETCHUP (VG)

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

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**SUMMER MENU - ALLERGENS**



	CEREALS CONTAIN GLUTEN (WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE, OATS, KAMUT, SPELT)
01	MILK
02	EGG
03	SESAME SEEDS
04	CELERY
05	VEGETARIAN
06	VEGAN
07	FISH

	TREE NUTS
08	PEANUT
09	LUPIN
10	MUSTARD
11	SOYBEAN
12	MOLLUSCS
13	CRUSTACEANS
14	SULPHITES
15	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

## OPAL



**WISH LIST**

- ball pit balls
- pop up tents
- tarpaulin
- sand pit toys

**A Huge Thank You for Your Generous Donations!**  
We are absolutely delighted with the wonderful donations we've received, including dolls, coloring pens, art and craft materials, puzzles, magazines, soft toys, and fidget toys. Your generosity means so much, and the children are loving every moment of play during their lunchtimes! Thank you for your kindness and support—it truly makes a difference!

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

We've been truly overwhelmed by the generous donations we've received recently and we want to say a huge thank you for thinking of us! Thank you again for your continued support.

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)

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## SPORT @ CHJS

### Dance World Cup Star!

We have a World Cup Superstar at Chalkwell!

Silva has competed in 7 dances in the Dance World Cup 2025 in Burgos, Spain representing Team England and Emery Stage School and coming home with 2 Bronze medals - we are so proud of you Silva and look forward to seeing you progress in this wonderful sport that you are so talented in. Keep up the great work!

Emery Stage School Westcliff Branch is enrolling students for September 2025. For more info please email [emerystageschool@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:emerystageschool@yahoo.co.uk) or check out the Instagram page [https://www.instagram.com/emerystageschool/?igsh=aWM2ejcwN25vYmhm&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/emerystageschool/?igsh=aWM2ejcwN25vYmhm&utm_source=qr)





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## Sporting Opportunities



# NOW BOOKING

## BEGINNER & IMPROVER LESSONS

September intake for City of Southend Swimming Academy

Help your swimmers improve in a fun club setting

✉ SWIMCOACHHELEN@HOTMAIL.CO.UK  
07813 361208

📷 @SOUTHENDONSEASWIMMING

Centurion Community Cricket  
In partnership with Essex Cricket in the Community

## Summer Holiday Cricket in Southend

Fridays 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Aug  
10:30am - 12:30pm  
Ages 5 - 8 years



**£50**  
for all four sessions  
Inc player packs

Eastwood CC  
Belfairs Sports Ground  
SS9 4LR

Fridays 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Aug  
1:00pm - 3:00pm  
Ages 8 - 11 years



Enquiries: [contact@centurioncricket.co.uk](mailto:contact@centurioncricket.co.uk)

**CENTURION**  
COMMUNITY CRICKET

**DYNAMOS CRICKET**  
HOLIDAY CAMP

Coming soon  
Fun-filled cricket camps for 8 - 11 year-olds

Register for Dynamos camps today!

SIGN UP



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## SOUTHEND PARKS TENNIS OPEN DAY EVENT



FAMILY TIME & COACHING TASTER SESSIONS FOR MINIS + ADULTS

**SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 9.30 - 12.30**

PRIORY PARK, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-sea, SS2 6NB

OPEN PLAY FOR ALL ABILITIES - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

[clubspark.lta.org.uk/southendparkstennis](http://clubspark.lta.org.uk/southendparkstennis)



## LEIGH-ON-SEA CRICKET CLUB SUMMER CAMP 2025

We are pleased to announce that once again the Youth Cricket Summer Camp will return and be held at the club, as part of the Cricket Week celebrations, on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August. All sessions run from 9.30am to 12.30pm and you are free to come to one or all of the sessions but please remember to book early as places are limited and will be granted on 1<sup>st</sup> come first served basis.

Designed for anyone aged 6-13 years old, our courses are run by the LOSCC coaching staff and our aim is to encourage all children and young people, regardless of ability or experience, to become involved in cricket or enhance existing skills.

Some of the exciting activities include:

- Organised Matches
- Batting and Bowling Techniques
- Fun Fielding drills & Net practice
- Team play and competition
- Tactical Awareness and Game Knowledge
- Catching, Throwing & Fundamental Movement

Fees are £25 per session, or £60 for all 3 sessions, and need to be paid in advance. To reserve your place please complete the form below and return it to one of our youth staff together with payment, which can be made by debit card, bank transfer or cash. For bank transfers our account details are:

Account name: Leigh on Sea Cricket Club

Sort Code: 30-94-26

Account Number: 00429528

Reference: (Name) SC

For further details please contact:

Siobhan Wilson (Youth Admin Manager)

Tel: 07913 658364 or email [leighcricket@gmail.com](mailto:leighcricket@gmail.com)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT TEL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve a space for me on the Cricket Summer Camp for the following days:

WED THURS FRI ALL (Please circle as appropriate)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian) (Official Use Only)

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## GIRLS' FOOTBALL MONDAYS!

Want your daughter to grow in confidence, learn football skills, and have loads of fun?

Year 1-4 (ages 5-9)  
5-6pm  
Jones Memorial Ground, SS2 5PX

**£5 a session**

Spaces are limited – don't miss out!





Sign up or ask a question:  
[JSsportCIC@gmail.com](mailto:JSsportCIC@gmail.com)



# SUFC Summer Soccer Schools



**Starts Tuesday  
22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**  
*For full list of dates,  
please see booking site.*





**BOOK HERE**



**Garon Park  
Clements Hall  
Eversley Leisure**

*For further information, please email [t.bailey@southendunited-cet.co.uk](mailto:t.bailey@southendunited-cet.co.uk)*



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## Learning this week!

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### *Year 3*

*Another jam-packed week – our last full one! Year 3 enjoyed visiting St. Michael's and All Angels Church on Tuesday where the children learnt about the various community groups the church hosts and supports, the ways in which the congregation worship through song and prayer, and saw first-hand the baptismal font and the chapel.*

*In English, we have been completing our Independent Writes describing Harry's journey to Hogwarts but changing the original story. We have been impressed with the imagination shown and vocabulary used.*

*In Maths, we have been continuing our Zoo Project, using our calculation skills to cost a new Zoo for Magical Creatures within budget. Next, we will be planning the layout of our sites; locating enclosures, refreshment kiosks and other attractions like log flumes! We look forward to seeing the completed designs.*

*Three days to go, Year 3! Let's finish on a high – the end of a brilliant year!*

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## Year 4

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

*In Maths, we've been addressing misconceptions outlined in our end of year tests and have encouraged the children to focus on 'Time' and 'Fractions' as these seemed to be the most tricky concepts to master. In our PE lessons, we have been improving our tennis and cricket skills. The children have thoroughly enjoyed whacking balls to each other over at Chalkwell Park while taking advantage of the wonderful weather. This term, our Science lessons have been all about electrical circuits and how to make a bulb light up using essential equipment to make complete circuits.*

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

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## Year 5

*It's been a ROARING good time for our Year 5 students! This week, we've been blending fun with learning through some exciting activities inspired by classic tales and mysteries!*

*We had a theme of the 'Lion King,' in maths when Year 5 pupils used mathematical skills to conquer the savannah! From calculating the distance Simba travels in search of his kingdom, to exploring the shapes and patterns found in the circle of life, maths has never been so much fun!*

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*As our students geared up for the end of year celebrations, they took on the Science Big Quiz! Packed with thrilling questions about the wonders of nature and beyond, our future scientists are ready to showcase their knowledge!*

## ***The Mysteries of Harris Burdick:***

*Unleashing their creativity, Year 5 dived into the mysteries of Harris Burdick, bringing to life their own comic strips! Imagination and storytelling collided as they unravelled the enigmatic tales hidden in each illustration. There was laughter and surprises as they drew and shared their masterpieces!*

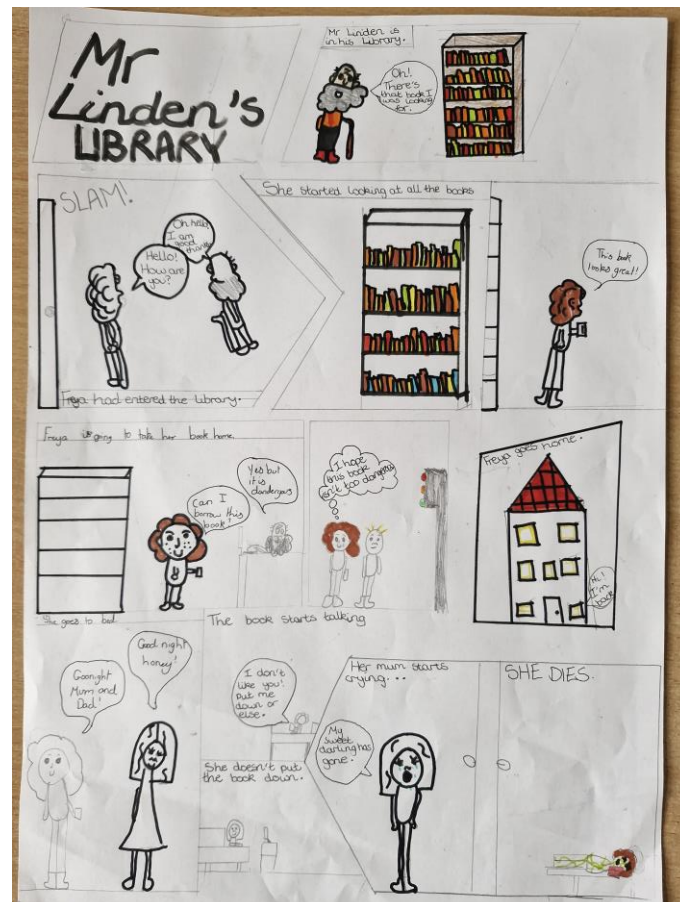
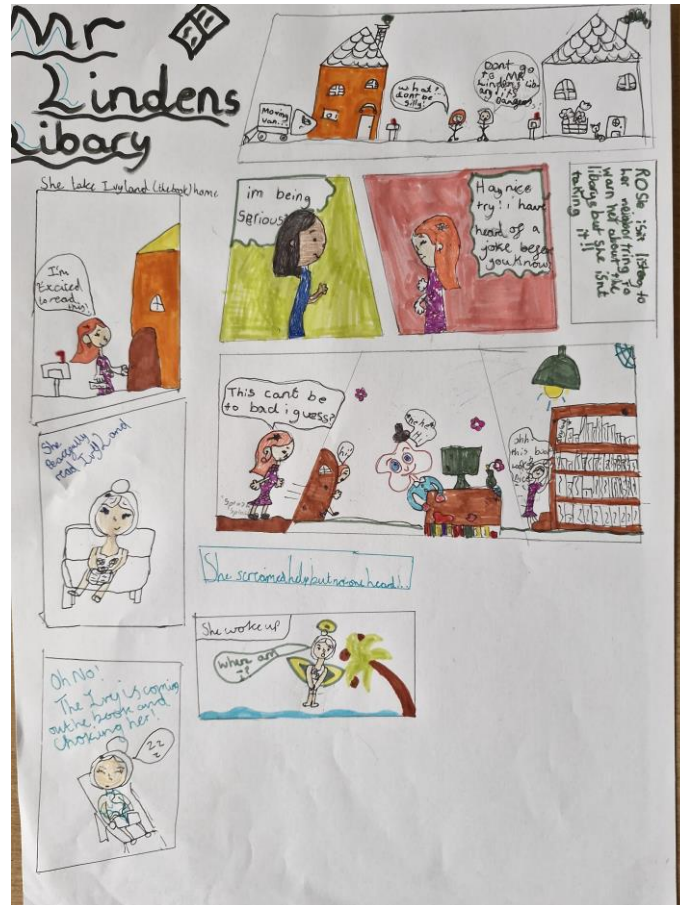
*Well done for all of your hard work this week, Year 5!*

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## Year 6

*What an incredible week it has been for our fantastic Year 6 students as they approach the finish line of primary school! 🎓 ✨ With leavers' practice in full swing, the excitement in the air is palpable! But that hasn't stopped our brilliant children from having a truly 'wow' afternoon!*

*This week, they rolled up their sleeves and got hands-on with a challenging yet fun task: designing Anderson Shelters that could withstand a staggering 1kg weight! 🛠️ 📖 Students explored the world*

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*of structures, delving into the fundamental question of what is the strongest shape? Some impressive designs emerged, showcasing creativity and engineering prowess!*

*Moreover, our budding Year 6 learners ventured into the realm of secondary education with a set of introductory lessons in Business Studies, Drama, Photography, and Media Studies. 📷 🎤 They embraced the opportunity to try their hands at something completely new, and the enthusiasm was infectious!*

*Year 6 also had the pleasure of a French lesson delivered by students from SHSG - so great to see the learning, enjoyment and collaborations with our secondary school friends!*

*We are immensely proud of how our Year 6 pupils have balanced their leavers' preparations with such gusto. Keep up the fabulous work, Year 6! We can't wait to share your amazing show with parents next week! 🌟*

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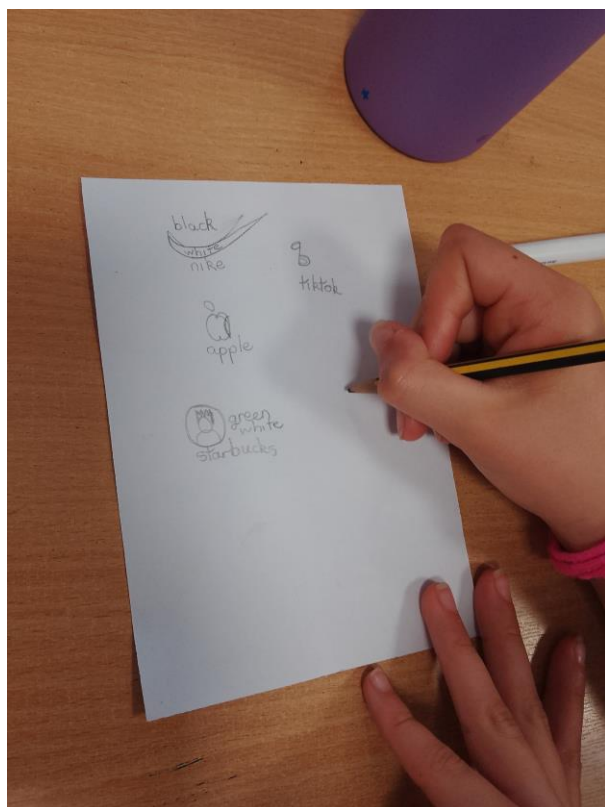




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## Achievement Awards



As we approach the end of this year, we are going to hold our final Celebration Assembly on Wednesday next week so no awards today - instead we had an extra special treat of watching the Dress Rehearsal for the Year 6 Leavers Assembly! Year 6 parents, you are in for a real treat...bring your tissues!

## 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 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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## Attendance Guide for Parents/Carers



### 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.

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.

## OUR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK - 95.2% (-)



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**Lower School Winners = 3GW (99%)**



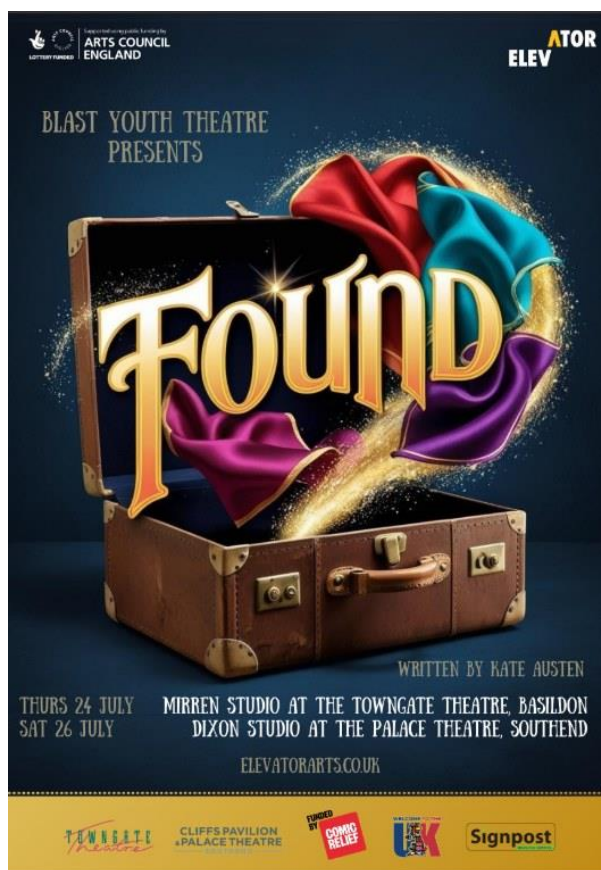
**Upper School Winners = 5GH (98.6%)**





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## Community News





### Summer Holiday '25 Kids and Teens

**Yoga Club @ Dawn Lister Therapy Centre**

60 mins' gentle movement, sound meditation and keepsake (crystal, dreamcatcher or mandala) £10.



**Kids age 7-11**  
**Tuesdays 12:15pm**  
**August 12, 19, 26**

To book go to [bookwhen.com/healing](https://bookwhen.com/healing)

**Teens age 12-16**  
**Thursdays 12:15pm**  
**August 14, 21, 28**



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# WAVES

## YOUTH CHOIR

**AGED 8-18?  
LOVE SINGING?  
JOIN OUR CHOIR!**

**Rehearses Mondays 5:15-6:15pm  
at  
Holy Family Primary School,  
South Benfleet, SS7 5PX.**

Led by Alicia Lewins & Jenny Halliday

Accompanied by Andrew Palmer

For more information and to sign up visit:  
[www.wavesmusic.uk](http://www.wavesmusic.uk)

Email: [mdwaveschoir@gmail.com](mailto:mdwaveschoir@gmail.com)

**TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST**  
*Six Singing Workshop*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00  
Dorothy, Belle, Snow White

**THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST**  
*Princess Makeover Day*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00

**WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST**  
*18th Century*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00  
Come and design your own 18th century dress and take part in our 18th century fashion catwalk!

**WORKSHOPS:**  
SNOW WHITE  
FRODO  
STITCH  
SIX  
BARBIE  
BLUEY  
MATILDA  
WICKED  
PLUS A VARIETY OF CLASSES

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**WEDNESDAY 30TH JULY & MONDAY 18TH AUGUST**  
*Stitch Workshop*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00  
Complete with a needle and great with Stitch bangles!

**FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST & TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST**  
*Pop Dance Mash Up*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00  
Come and make your own music video to your favourite pop songs!

**FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST & WEDNESDAY 27TH AUGUST**  
*Wicked Dance, Singing & Crafts Workshop*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00

**FRIDAY 25TH JULY**  
*Animal Hoop Workshop*  
10.00am - 11.00am - Ages 4-9 - £12.50  
11.00am - 1.00pm - Ages 10-13 - £22.50

**MONDAY 28TH JULY**  
*Shani White Workshop*  
10.00am - 1.00pm - Ages 4+ - £30.00  
Meet Shani on the wall who is the fastest of them all!

**MONDAY 11TH AUGUST**  
*Descendants Dance Workshop*  
10.00am - 1.00pm - Ages 7-10 - £12.50  
Sing and dance along to all the songs which will make you turn Red!

**TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST**  
*Disney & Bungee Workshop*  
10.00am - 12.00pm  
Ages 3+ - £25.00  
With a visit from Disney!

**TUESDAY 29TH JULY**  
*Frozen Dance & Crafts Workshop*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00

**MONDAY 4TH AUGUST**  
*Acro Workshops*  
10.00am - 3.00pm - Ages 4-6 - £12.50  
1.00pm - 5.00pm - Ages 7-10 - £22.50  
Everyone welcome - come and perfect your favourite acro skills!

**TUESDAY 12TH AUGUST**  
*Tap Refreshers*  
10.00am - 11.00am - Ages 4-6 - £12.50  
11.00am - 1.00pm - Ages 7-10 - £22.50  
Have you ever wanted to tap for yourself? To push your skills, come and give us a go!

**WEDNESDAY 13TH AUGUST**  
*Matilda the Musical Workshop*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00  
Remember you have to be a little bit naughty!

**TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST**  
*Six Workshop*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00  
Sing and dance along to the fabulous songs from the musical, which appear will you be?

**WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST**  
*Barbie Workshop*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00  
When Barbie will you be?

**THURSDAY 14TH AUGUST**  
*Singing Masterclass*  
10.00am - 3.00pm  
Ages 4+ - £30.00

**MONDAY 18TH AUGUST**  
*Tanning Workshop*  
10.00am - 11.00am - Ages 4-6 - £12.50  
11.00am - 1.00pm - Ages 7-10 - £22.50  
Come and bring along your friends and practice all of your favourite tricks!

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

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*Tuesday 15th July - Year 3 visiting St Michaels & All Angels*

*Wednesday 16th July - 3:15-4:15pm OPEN CLASSROOM*

*Friday 18th July - Challenge Day*

*Sunday 6th July - PTA Summer Fete*

*Monday 21st July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 1:30pm*

*Tuesday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 1:30pm*

*Tuesday 22nd July - Year 6 Leavers' Disco*

*Wednesday 23rd July - Coffee in the Car Park & Break up for Summer holidays*

*Monday 1st September - Non-Pupil day (school closed to all pupils)*

*Monday 2nd September - Non-Pupil day (school closed to all pupils)*

**WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER - FIRST DAY OF THE SCHOOL YEAR - CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**

*Friday 24th October - Last day of half term*

*Monday 3rd November - First day back after October Half Term*

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

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

*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*

*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*

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

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

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