

21.11.2025 CHJS Newsletter



We are delighted to share that week 3 of this half term is now complete, and it has been filled with opportunities and achievements across the curriculum. Our children have been engaging in a variety of activities that not only challenge their academic skills but also nurture their personal growth.

This week, our focus on the character curriculum has centred around the importance of making mistakes. We believe that making mistakes is a natural part of the learning process, and it is essential for our children to understand how to react when they encounter difficulties. We all make mistakes from time to time, and while these moments can be challenging, they also provide invaluable learning opportunities. We have discussed the power of turning these mistakes into stepping stones for growth, encouraging our learners to embrace their errors as a vital part of their educational journey.

As a school, we acknowledge that we do not always get everything right, but we are committed to continuous learning and improvement. We strive to challenge ourselves and find the best ways to make a positive difference in the lives of our young learners. Your support in this journey is invaluable, and together we can foster an environment where our children feel safe to explore, learn, and grow.

You may have noticed a minibus in the school playground or car park. To clarify, this is not a new addition but a minibus we have been fortunate enough to borrow from a wonderfully supportive local charity. We are incredibly grateful to Mr Moltino and his daughter for their generosity in making this happen. As you may recall, our school minibus was stolen last summer, and we are still awaiting the insurance process to be fully completed. Once this is resolved, we will be able to make a decision regarding the possibility of acquiring a new one.

Looking ahead, next week promises to be another jam-packed week, culminating in our Governor Day. This special occasion will see our governing body spending time in school to observe how we are developing and to support us in furthering our efforts for our wonderful children. We will keep you updated with more information about this event next week.

Wishing you all a safe and warm weekend. Thank you for your continued support.



SCHOOL NEWS

National Champion at Chalkwell!

We are thrilled to share some exciting news from Chalkwell! Last weekend, our very own Arthur from Lower School competed in the National Championships held in Luton. We are overjoyed to announce that he was crowned the National Champion in the Under 10 years category!

Arthur showcased his incredible talent by competing in five events, demonstrating remarkable dedication and determination throughout his training. His hard work truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of his achievement.

Well done, Arthur! Your success is an inspiration to us all, and we look forward to seeing what you accomplish next. Keep shining bright!



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.

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>)



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Studybugs 

Mindful Mondays, Chalkwell Character Curriculum & Core Value Focus:

Resilience, Respect & Tolerance: Managing Disappointment



What if I make a mistake?

Today, we'll talk about how to handle disappointment and what to do if this feeling is getting in your way.

Why is it important to handle mistakes well?



How do you do it?

At the beginning of the year, we talked about the power of "yet" and last week we talked about falling into thought traps. Dealing with disappointment makes use of lots of the strategies we've already talked about in those sessions - how would you deal with disappointment?



Step 1: Ask yourself, "What went wrong?"

Remember to be kind to yourself - avoid those negative thought traps!

Look at the problem **objectively** - what went wrong?

Maybe you miscalculated, maybe you made a bad choice, maybe it just wasn't your day!



Step 2: Tell yourself "I can learn from this."



The only way we can get better at things is to make mistakes and learn from them.

When you've identified the mistake, decide what you could do differently next time.

Step 3: Use a calming tool if you need to regulate.

This might be taking deep breaths, counting to 10 or asking for a break in a calming space.

It's important to regulate because if you try the tricky thing before your brain is in the right mindset, it can be make the challenge feel even harder.



Amira practiced her piano piece for weeks for the talent show. During her performance she forgets part of the song and has to stop.

What would you say to Amira?

This Week:

Approach mistakes or disappointment as a learning tool - this is part of having a growth mindset. Demonstrate your disappointment handling skills, and support others to do the same.

Adults in school will be watching to reward this resilience with house points.



Resilience: Maths Week

When I think of maths, I think of...



Think,
Pair,
Share

We probably have lots of different feelings about maths. For some of us it will be our favourite subject, others will dread these lessons and many won't feel strongly one way or the other.



In our Maths No Problem learning, we cover all kinds of different maths skills - the four operations, time, statistics, shape and fractions. But maths isn't just in a text book or in school lesson time...

What evidence can you think of that maths exists in music?



Or baking?



Or sport?



What is the point of Maths?

Mr Maskell always says that maths is fun when you can feel successful, but the being successful bit needs us to put in the effort to practice first.



What are **you** doing to make maths fun? How are **you** working on getting more successful?

Reflection

Maths isn't just something we do in lessons or jot down in our exercise books. It's a skill we use every single day: when we measure ingredients for a recipe, work out how long until breaktime, build a Lego model, or even decide the quickest route to a friend's house.

Maths helps us solve problems, make good decisions, and understand the world around us. It teaches us to be curious, to look for patterns, and to keep trying even when something feels tricky. Every time we practise, we grow a little more confident and a little more capable.

This week, let's remember that maths isn't just about getting answers right—it's about learning how to think, how to notice, and how to persevere. And those are skills that will help us in everything we choose to do.



What qualities does London's eight-year-old maths champion have?

Qualities of a Maths Champ

Resilience: What skill do you want to get really good at?

The best way to get good at something...

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](#).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- STALKING AND HARASSMENT**
Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 37 percent between 2018 and 2023.
- INVASION OF PRIVACY**
These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.
- TOOLS FOR BULLYING**
Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.
- FALSE ACCUSATIONS**
Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, point a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.
- DIFFICULT TO DETECT**
Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS**
If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or linked at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.
- USE DETECTION APPS**
Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'Airtaguard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.
- CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS**
Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.
- HAVE THE CONVERSATION**
Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to stalk, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert
Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechCrunch, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.

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Return of the HUNGRY CUPBOARD!

5SH 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 5SH who put in a fantastic effort to fill the Hungry Cupboard to bursting! Well done, everyone!

Next week, the initiative moves on to another class. 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

PTA EVENTS

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Don't forget to pre-order your wreath kit (ready for collection from 28th November at school) available at www.pta-events.co.uk/chalkwellhallpta

CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO CHALKWELL!! Event planning is now underway and we are so excited to spread some Christmas cheer! To make the events a success we need your help and every little really does make a huge difference in lightening the load! So if you can help with any of the following, please contact your class rep via WhatsApp, email ptachalkwellhall@gmail.com or sign up on our website under the volunteer tab.

🎄 Christmas Fayre volunteers - Saturday 29th November - set up from 8.30am, running a stall anytime between 11.30 & 3pm, clearing away from 3pm

🎪 Bazaar set up - Tuesday 2nd December from 1.15pm

🧑‍🎄 Junior bazaar stall help - Wednesday 3rd December 9-12 & 1.15-3pm

🧑‍🎄 Infant/nursery grotto - Wednesday 3rd December 9-12 & 1.15-3pm - elves needed!

💖 Infant bazaar stall help - Thursday 4th December 9-12 & 1.15-3pm

🧑‍🎄 Junior grotto - Thursday 4th December 9-12 & 1.15-3pm - elves needed!

🧹 Bazaar clear up - Thursday 4th December from 3pm - children welcome to wait together.





CHRISTMAS IS COMING TO CHALKWELL

DONATIONS NEEDED

WRAPPING PAPER NEEDED

Please donate any unisex Christmas wrapping paper, so we can wrap the grotto gifts.
Please drop wrap at the gate on Friday 17th October or Monday 20th October at drop off

RAFFLE PRIZES NEEDED

If you, or anyone you know, is able to kindly donate a prize please get in touch. It can be a voucher, prize, service, cash or more!

SOFT TOYS GAMES & TOYS CHILDREN'S BOOKS CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

Good condition, clean and complete donations only!
Please hand in to either school office

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT
YOUR CLASS REP OR EMAIL
PTACHALKWELLHALL@GMAIL.COM



Create your own Christmas Wreath

£35

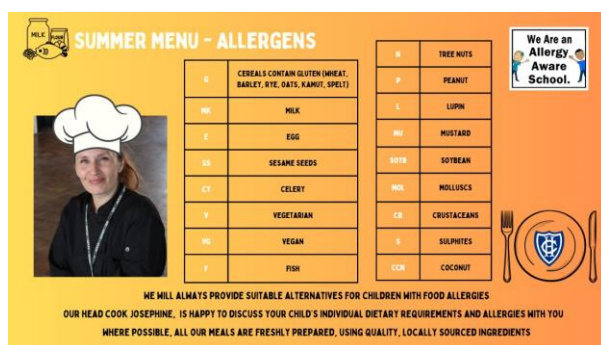
includes 12" pine wreath,
rosemary, eucalyptus, bay
leaf, berries, pine cones, dried
fruit, cinnamon sticks & ribbon

Put the Christmas tunes on, pour
yourself a glass of bubbles and create
your own beautiful wreath in the
comfort of your own home!

Order online at
[www.pta-
events.co.uk/chalkwel
lhallpta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/chalkwellhallpta)



SCHOOL DINNER MENU - Next week: WEEK 2



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

SPORT @ CHJS

Determined Dodgeballers!

On Wednesday, Mr Smale took two teams to a Dodgeball Competition at Garons. Both teams were very excited and there were a total of 20 schools at both the morning and afternoon session, which shows just how popular Dodgeball has become.

Both teams performed admirably and there were some outstanding moments in most games from each individual who played: catches, dodges, throws. Both the morning and afternoon teams matched each others results by winning five out of nine games - a very impressive display from both teams.

I am so proud of everyone who participated. There are plenty more children in Year 6 who would love to represent Chalkwell in Dodgeball so Mr Smale will do his best to try and arrange some more fixtures in the future. Well done everyone!

FANTASTIC FOOTBALLERS

Fixtures vs West Leigh

Last night, our football squad took part in matches against our close neighbours, West Leigh. Both teams performed admirably, showcasing so much heart, resilience, skill, and teamwork. It was truly a joy to watch!

Although the results did not go our way, we are incredibly proud of the boys for their excellent attitude and application throughout the games. What a wonderful group they are! Their commitment to supporting one another and giving their best effort is commendable.

Well done, team! We look forward to seeing your continued growth and success in future matches.

SPSSA Tournament

Today at Garons, our Year 6 footballers showcased their skills at the latest SPSSA tournament. Although they didn't quite reach the latter stages, we witnessed some fantastic goals, brilliant defending, and unwavering commitment from every player.

It's always inspiring to see our students give their all, and today was no exception. Well done to each and every boy – we are incredibly proud of you! Your hard work and teamwork truly shone through, and we look forward to seeing you continue to develop your talents in future matches. Keep up the great spirit, everyone!



Sporting Opportunities



A festive poster for HAF Christmas Soccer Schools. The top features Santa Claus in a sleigh pulled by reindeer, two potted plants, and the Southend United Community Foundation logo. The main title 'HAF CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOLS' is in large red letters, with the time '10:30AM - 2:30PM' below it. A circular photo of a soccer game is framed by a holly wreath on the left, and a circular photo of a group of children in Santa hats is on the right. The 'ACTIVE' logo is on the right. The dates and locations are listed: Monday 22nd December at Clements Hall Eversley Leisure, and Tuesday 23rd December at Roots Hall Stadium. It specifies 'ALL ABILITIES' and 'AGES 5 - 13'. A QR code is on the left, and social media icons and contact information are at the bottom.

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

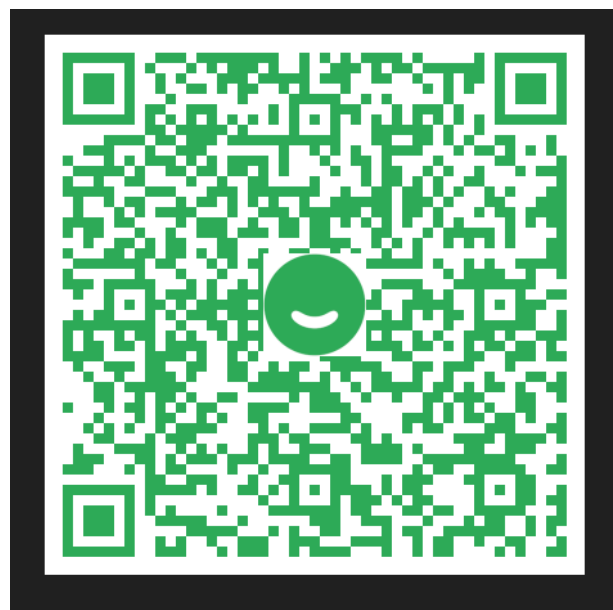
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CLEMENTS HALL
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ROOTS HALL
STADIUM

ALL ABILITIES
AGES 5 - 13

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE EMAIL:
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Thorpe Bay LTC

Christmas Tennis Camp

*New
Tuesdays*

Tuesday 23rd & Wed 24th December

Tuesday 30th & Wed 31st 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!

Year 3

Another action-packed week in Year 3!

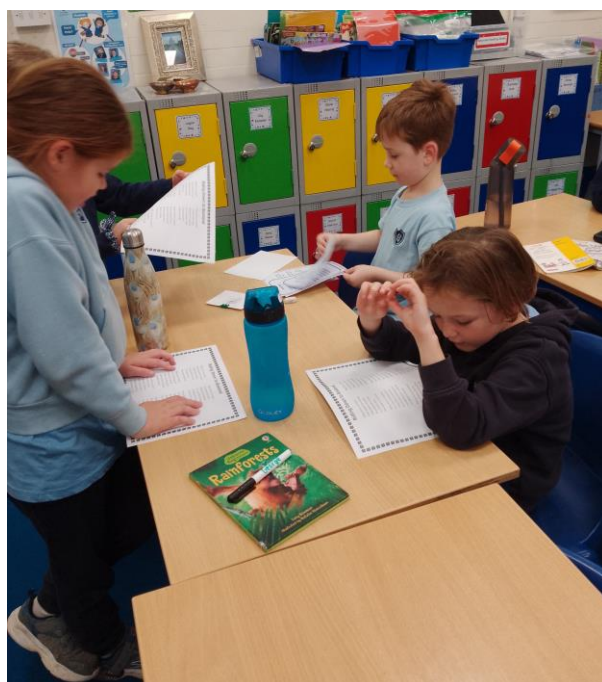
In Maths, we have been solving word problems involving multiplication and division, identifying the important information and recognising the calculation we need to solve to obtain the final answer. We can already see the improvement in the children's recall of their times tables so keep up the great work on TTRS!

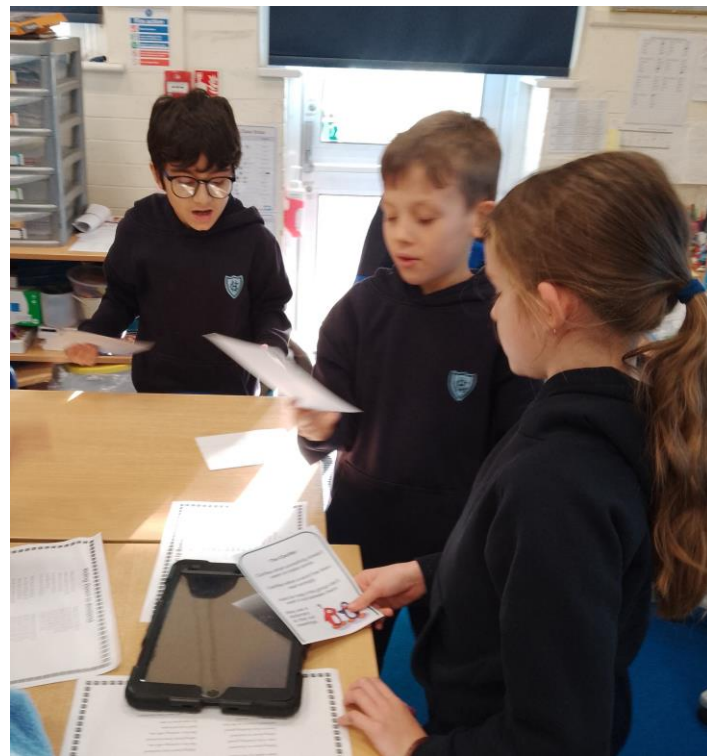
In our writing, we have been focusing on including adjective strings, adverbs and fronted adverbials when retelling parts of 'The Jungle Book'. Using word wheels and thesauruses have helped us to up-level our vocabulary to ensure that we are varying our word choices for effect.

Our focus author this half-term is Michael Rosen and we have enjoyed reading more of his poems in Reciprocal Reading; practising our skills of summarising, questioning, clarifying and predicting.

As part of our topic "Is Jungle Book the real India?", we have been locating India in atlases and finding out the many features of the country including the climate, mountains and rivers.

Enjoy the weekend, Year 3 – recharge those batteries ready for plenty more learning next week!

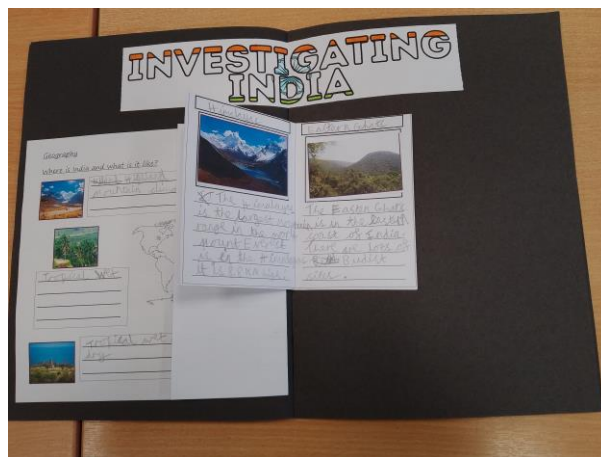
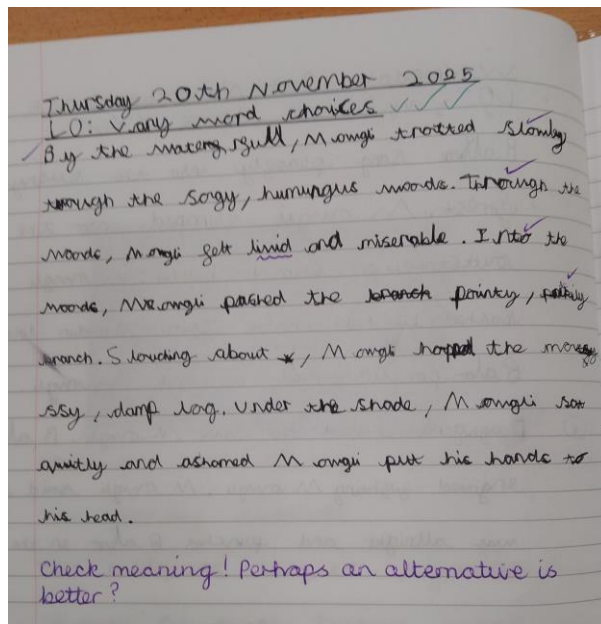




Thursday 20th November 2025 ✓✓

L.O. Vary word choices

Mowgli was grumpy and stro^{stro...ed}ded carefully through the deep damp woods. Mowgli picked up an old X pebble and threw it. Then aft^{er} he heard an slithering sound deeper into the forest, and Mowgli go^{to}ttow followed the sound. When he walked far enough he ~~saw a~~ saw a tree and sat on it and took a rest calmly.



Year 4

Year 4 have had a great week. In English, they have started to storymap 'Around the World in 80 days.'

In maths, the children have been continuing to practise their skills of multiplication and division and they have been particularly focusing on division with remainders.

In DT, the children have been making their prototype cars and testing how effective they are. In geography, year 4 have been continuing to develop their knowledge of different continents and countries, using atlases to help them.

Well done year 4! Keep up the good work.







Year 5

✿ This week in Year 5 has been a whirlwind of creativity and progress! ✿

In Tag Rugby, our students have been honing their passing and tagging skills, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. 🏈 During Yoga sessions, they've been exploring new positions to build strength and focus.

👤📝 In shared writing, the children have collaborated to craft compelling discussion pieces on whether valleys and villages should be flooded to create more reservoirs. Their critical thinking skills are truly impressive! 💡

📖 Additionally, their reading and comprehension skills are developing wonderfully, and the two-page presentations in their topic books are bursting with creativity and visual flair! 🎨

✨ All in all, it's been a fantastic week filled with super creativity and progress across the year group!

Keep up the amazing work, Year 5!





Year 6

Year 6 have had a busy and productive week, diving deeper into a wide range of subjects with great enthusiasm. In maths, the children have been exploring decimals, developing their confidence in comparing, ordering, and calculating with them. They have shown excellent focus as they built on their understanding through both practical tasks and problem-solving activities.

In English, pupils have been studying biographies, learning how to identify key features and structure a life story effectively. They have started planning and drafting their own biographies, choosing inspiring individuals and thinking carefully about how to present their achievements.

Science has been full of bright ideas—literally—as the class continued their work on electricity and circuits. The children have enjoyed experimenting with components, testing what makes a successful circuit, and making predictions about changes.

Our history lessons have been particularly thoughtful and reflective as we continued our topic on the Windrush Generation. The children have explored personal stories, discussed the significance of the Windrush's arrival, and considered the lasting impact on society. This theme has also continued into computing, where pupils have been creating their own websites to present information about the Windrush, thinking carefully about layout, design, and user experience.

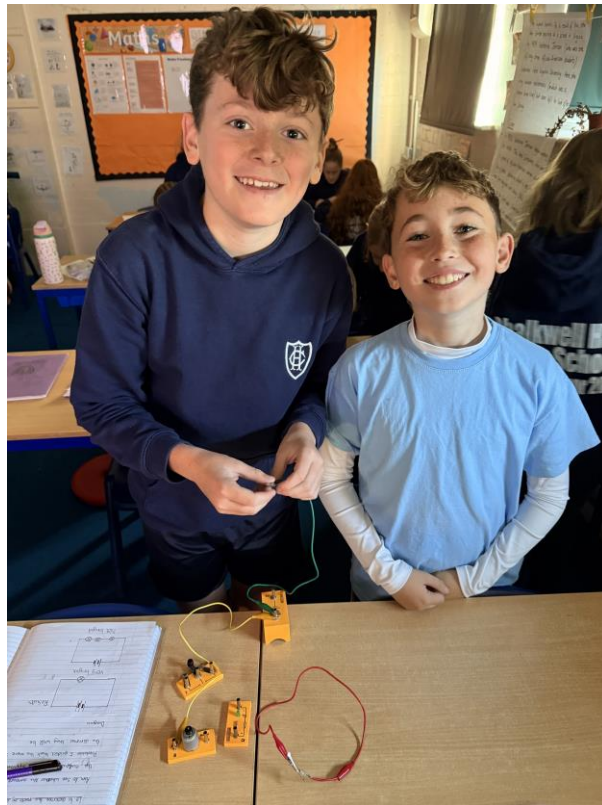
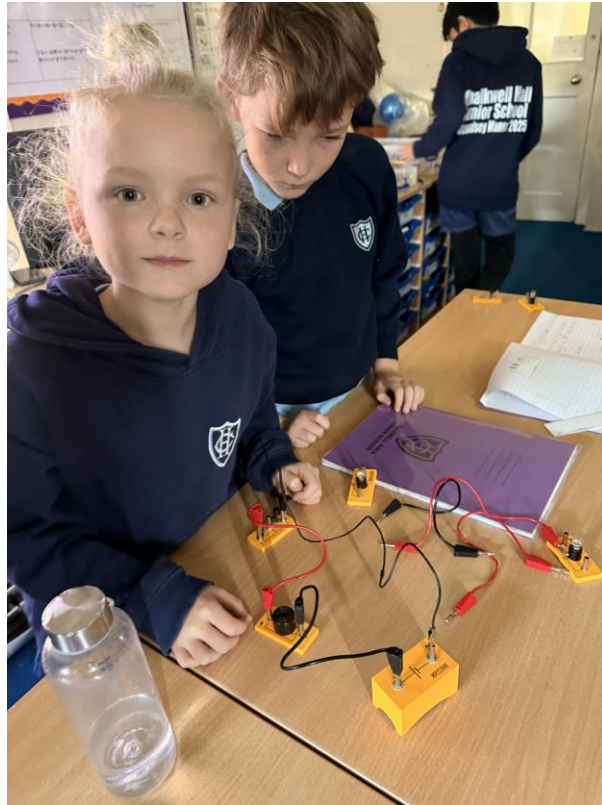
In P.E., Year 6 have been active and energetic as always. Outdoors, they have been honing their basketball skills, focusing on passing, movement, and teamwork. Indoors, things have been a bit more competitive with some intense dodgeball games that have tested their agility and reactions!

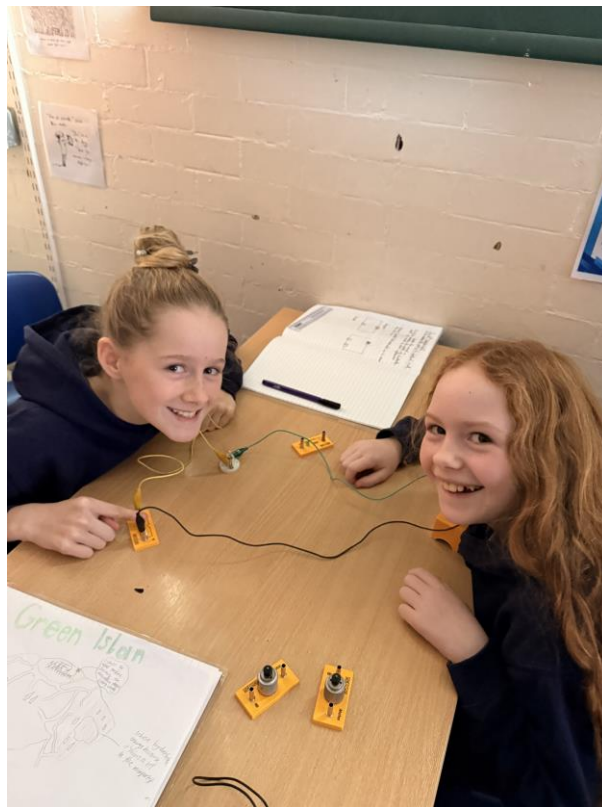
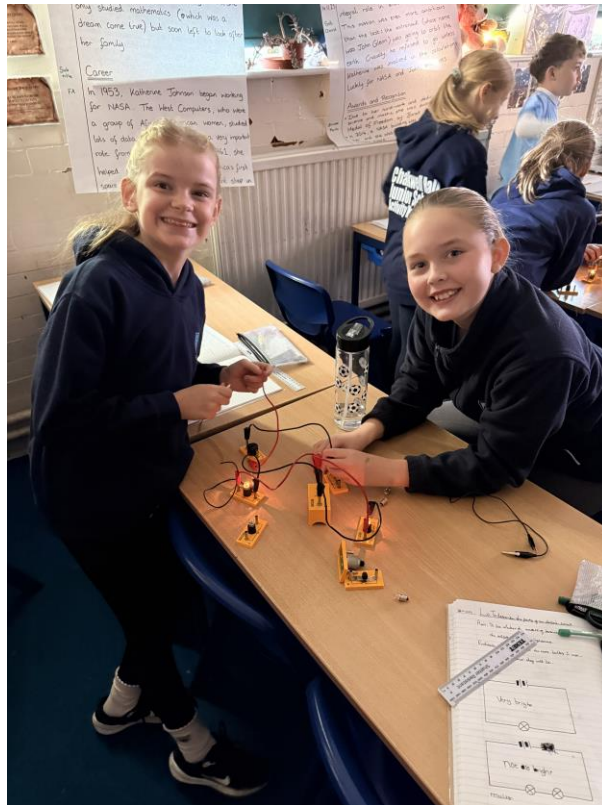
Well done, Year 6, for another fantastic week of hard work, curiosity, and commitment.



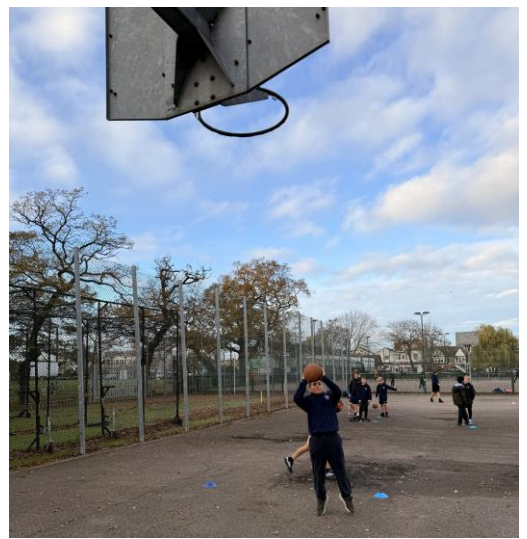
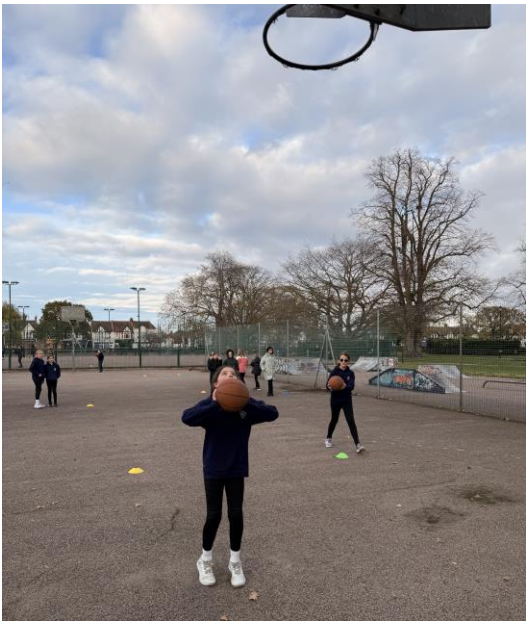
























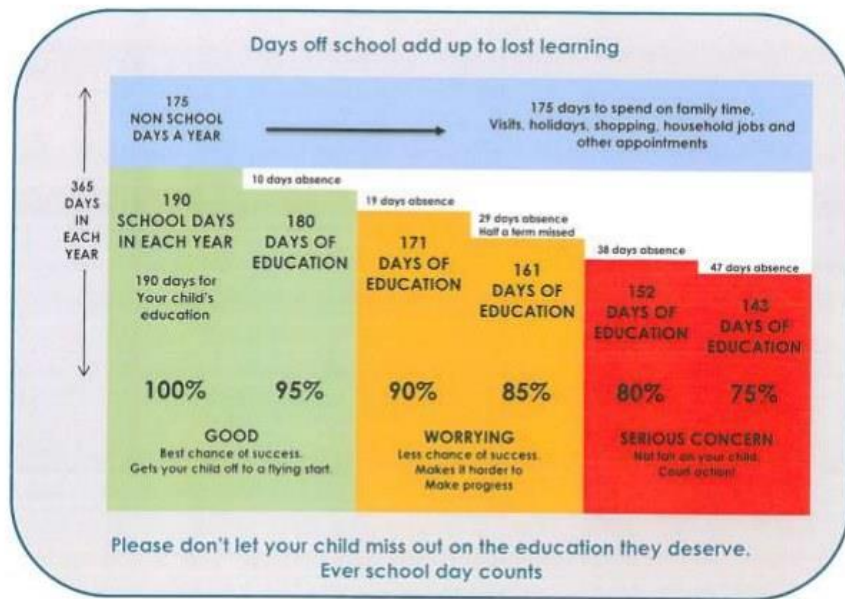
Achievement Awards



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!



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.

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.

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 - 97.2%



GRANDPROFILE.COM

Weekly Attendance by Year Group

Year 3 = 96.7%

Year 4 = 98.4%



Year 5 = 94.9%

Year 6 = 97.3%

Lower School Winners = 4SR (99%)



Upper School Winners = 5GH (99.3%)



Community News



THE VICTORIA CENTRE SOUTHEND

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 SOUTHEND CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON

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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
SOUTHEND 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 SOUTHEND 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
SOUTHEND 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 15TH - 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
6TH & 7TH, 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 crazy golf. [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 SOUTHEND
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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 to kick start Christmas, brought to you by Southend City BID and proudly sponsored by Southend Theatres.

ARTISAN MARKET From 11am, explore our market that will stretch through the High Street and The Victoria Centre. Have a go on some of the rides or pop into the shops too.	STORYTELLING BUS Back by popular demand, visit our enchanting storytimes and enter into a world of wonder with magic tales from 11am - 5pm.	BUSKING SPOTS Enjoy live performances from a variety of talented local artists on the High Street from 11am - 6pm.	CRAFTING FUN Get creative under the bridge between 1-5pm with making beautiful light up lanterns that you can take with you to the Switch On!
STAGE PERFORMANCES Hosted by BBC Essex, the stage will come alive with performances from Spm. Enjoy a fantastic line up of shows, schools, community groups and amazing local musicians.	MAGIC MOMENTS A host of colourful characters will roam the High Street throughout the day, ready to surprise, delight and pose for festive snaps.	SWITCH ON! Gather in Victoria Circus at 6pm for the magical moment when Southend's Christmas lights and two sparkling trees are officially switched on!	FIREWORKS FINALE End the day with a bang! Head to the esplanade for a dazzling fireworks display to close the celebration in style at 7.30pm.

DON'T MISS THE SWITCH ON AT 6PM!

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CLIFFS PAVILION PALACE THEATRE

FESTIVE SUNDAYS IN SOUTHEND!

The fun continues in Southend with free family-friendly entertainment designed to fill your weekends with Christmas cheer. From 11am - 3pm on the first three Sundays of December, the city will come alive with festive music, live performances, exciting activities, and seasonal surprises! And to make your visit even merrier, enjoy free parking in council-run car parks on these Sundays*, making it even easier to join us and enjoy the celebrations!

SNOW QUEEN SUNDAY SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025 Celebrating the Palace Theatre's new festive production with a day of family friendly entertainment.	MUSICAL SUNDAY SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025 Joyful, festive performances from local talents filling Southend with the sounds of the season.	FESTIVE FUN SUNDAY SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025 Roaming festive characters will bring Christmas magic to Southend in the last weekend before the big day!
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*Visit the Southend on Sea City Council website for full details on parking.

MORE TO ENJOY THIS CHRISTMAS

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

ELF ON A SHOP SHELF TRAIL SOUTHEAST CITY CENTRE 15TH NOVEMBER - 10TH DECEMBER	SANTA'S ON HIS ELEGANT PALACE THEATRE 15TH NOVEMBER - 10TH DECEMBER
SANTA'S SECRET WORD TRAIL THE VICTORIA CENTRE 15TH NOVEMBER - 10TH DECEMBER	THE SNOW QUEEN PALACE THEATRE 15TH NOVEMBER - 10TH DECEMBER
BLUEY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT 15TH NOVEMBER	CINDERELLA PANTOMIME CLIFFS PAVILION 15TH NOVEMBER - 10TH DECEMBER

ELF ON A SHOP SHELF TRAIL

From Saturday 15th November to Wednesday 14th December, Southend city centre is getting a sprinkle of festive magic as our cheeky elves hide in shops and cafes!

Spot them behind the tills, just down what they're wearing, and complete the trail to be entered into a prize draw for a January treat from Indrock. It's free, fun, and perfect for the whole family!

Email Hello@SouthendBID.com with each business name and what the elf is wearing by 2nd January 2026 for your chance to win. The winner will be contacted by Southend City BID by Wednesday 7th January 2026. The prize will be provided by Indrock, it holds no cash value and cannot be exchanged.

VENUES ARE:

1. The Hang Out - London Road
2. Indrock - The Victoria Centre
3. Wimpy - The Victoria Centre
4. Blue Bear - Queens Road
5. Laurence Mathews - Queens Road
6. Renalls Jewellers - Cliffons Road
7. The Board Game Hut - Clarence Street
8. Hoster - High Street
9. Unipia - Margate Avenue
10. Park Inn Hotel - Church Road

WIN AN ADULT AND CHILD CLIMB VOUCHER AT INDROCK!

SOMETHING JUST FOR THE GROWN UPS!

BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH FESTIVE BOTTOMLESS LUNCH PARK INN PALACE HOTEL 15TH NOVEMBER - 21ST DECEMBER FROM 11AM ONLY GLITTER AND GOOD TIMES SLUG AND LETTUCE 15TH NOVEMBER - 21ST DECEMBER ROYAL BRUNCH CLUB THE ROYAL HOTEL 15TH NOVEMBER - 21ST DECEMBER	A NIGHT OF COMEDY CHRISTMAS COMEDY THE ROYAL HOTEL 26TH NOVEMBER SATURDAY NIGHT: LIVE COMEDY! CADDIES 6TH DECEMBER IMPROV XMAS COMEDY! CADDIES 13TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS CRAFTING CARDS AND COCKTAILS THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT 20TH DECEMBER BOB ROSS PAINTING LAURENCE MATHEWS 21ST DECEMBER WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP THE VICTORIA CENTRE 15TH DECEMBER	GLORIOUS CHEESE MERRY CHEESEMAS THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT 20TH DECEMBER FOR THE GRATER GOOD THE ROYAL HOTEL 15TH DECEMBER <small>Contact the venue to book or enquire and see more details.</small>

RYLAN ROSS KING

Cinderella
 THE MOST MUSICAL PANTO OF THEM ALL

STEVE HEWLETT
NIC GREENSHIELDS
EWAN GODDARD
ONAH COX

SAT 13 DEC 2025
SUN 4 JAN 2026

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



ChatHealth



@SouthendSN

Young People scan this QR Code to find support



Parents scan this QR Code to find support



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

Friday 28th November - Non-uniform day (in exchange for Wine & Chocolate for Tombola for Christmas Fayre!)

Friday 28th November - Governor Day

Saturday 29th November - 12-3pm Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 3rd December - Junior Bazaar

Thursday 4th December - Santa's Grotto visit - Juniors

Friday 5th December- Boccia & Curling Competition

**Thursday 11th December - pm Year 3 Warm Winter Wishes - Assembly to parents*

**Friday 12th December - pm Year 3 Warm Winter Wishes - Assembly to parents*

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

Friday 19th December - SANTA FUN RUN!

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

**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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