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We are thrilled to welcome everyone back for a joyful start to the new half term! Not only did the sun finally make a fantastic appearance this week, but our children have sprung into action with vibrancy, enjoyment, and enthusiasm. It has truly been a delight to witness their energy and eagerness to learn.

Across the school, our topics in each year group have immediately sparked curiosity and excitement. Our WOW days, filled with engaging activities and tasks, have been a highlight, bringing learning to life in such an enjoyable way. It has been a joy to see the children immersed in their work, collaborating with their peers, and embracing new challenges with open arms.

As we embark on this term, we are placing a strong emphasis on clear routines and exceptional behaviour. Our core rules and expectations—being ready, respectful, and safe—are at the heart of our school community. We are pleased to report that the children have responded positively this week, demonstrating their understanding of these values. Our focus on respect encompasses kindness to one another, good manners, and maintaining a clean and tidy environment. Together, we are fostering a space where everyone feels proud, safe, and ready to do their absolute best every day.

This short term, although brief, is packed with excitement and opportunities for our students. We have a variety of engaging activities planned, and we can't wait to share these experiences with you. We look forward to seeing you next week for our parent consultations, which are a wonderful opportunity to build even stronger links between home and school. We believe that a child's progress is maximised when children, home, and school are all aligned and working together. Your ongoing support is invaluable, and we appreciate your partnership in your child's education.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our school community. Together, let's make this half term a memorable one filled with learning, laughter, and growth.

Warm regards,

Andy Newnham

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

- **Parents' Consultations: Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th March**
- **World Book Day - Thursday 5th March**
- **Year 4 'Readers are Leaders' Assembly to parents - Thursday 5th & Friday 6th March
1:45pm**



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SCHOOL NEWS

CHJS rocks the O2 @ Young Voices!

What a treat to start the half term! On Monday, our amazing choir performed at the Young Voices concert at the O2. We took just under 90 children to join nearly 9,000 young performers from across the UK, creating a truly proud moment for all the parents in attendance.

It was a joyful and amazing celebration of the power of music and performance! The talent displayed by our children was simply outstanding, and the enjoyment radiating from the stage was infectious. Although the late finish of almost midnight was a challenge, it was definitely worth it!

We are so proud of all involved, especially the committed group of staff who generously gave up their days and evenings to enhance such a wonderful experience for our children. Their dedication and support made this event possible, and we are grateful for their hard work.

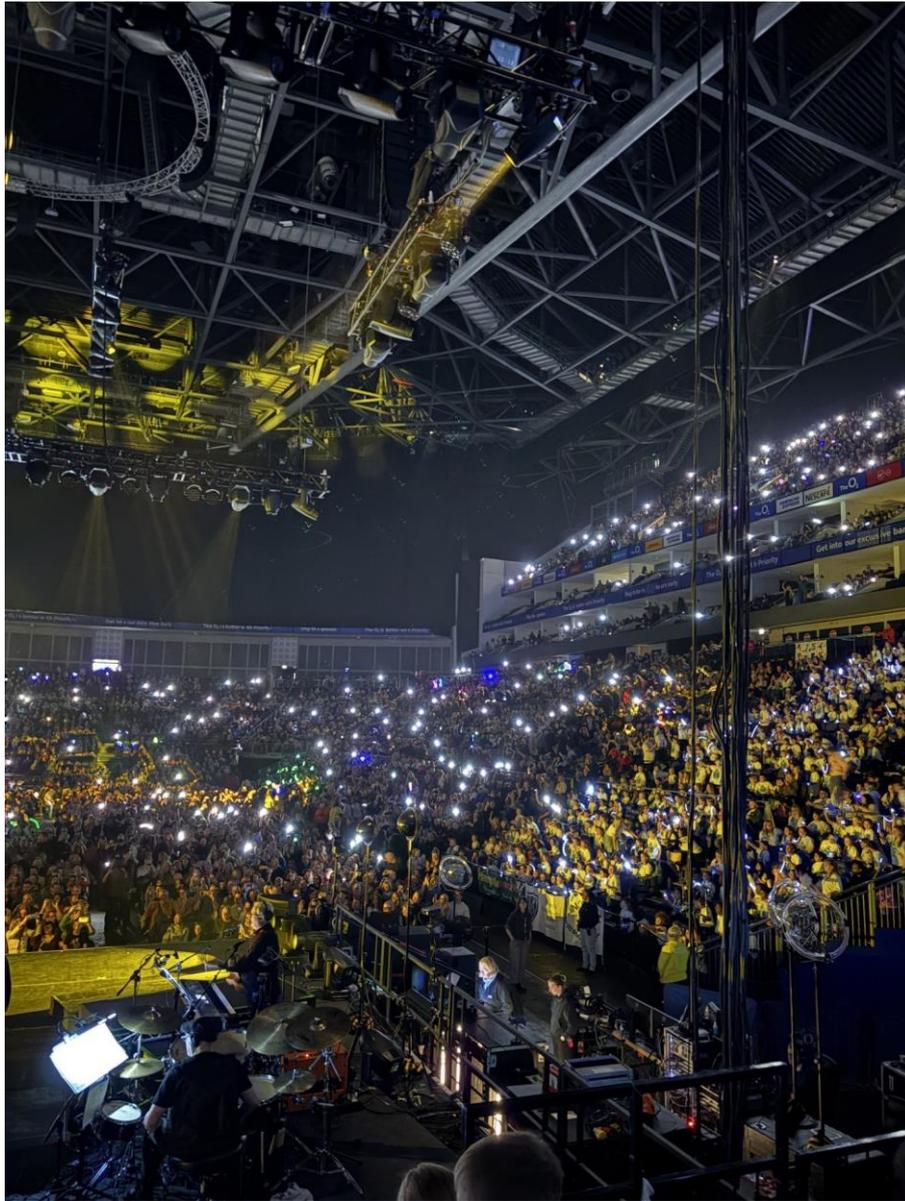
Thank you to everyone who contributed to this memorable occasion. We look forward to sharing more exciting events with you in the future!



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Spotlight of the Week: Our Fantastic Office Team

This week, the Senior Leadership Team wanted to shine a light on the incredible work of our office team. With the frantic logistics around registers and Young Voices, they show exactly why they are such an asset to our school.

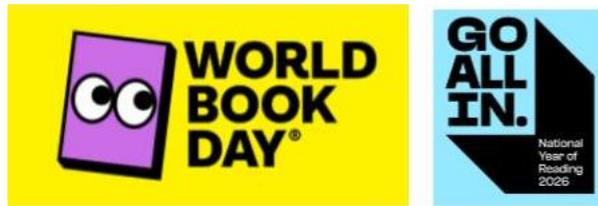
Their teamwork, calmness under pressure, and the genuinely positive rapport they maintain with staff, parents, and visitors are outstanding. As the front line of our school, they are often the first impression people have of our community—and we regularly hear how calm, professional, and welcoming they are. This sets the tone for everything that follows.

We know the role isn't always easy. There are peak times, moments of high pressure, and the occasional challenge. Please know that all of this is seen, valued, and hugely appreciated.

Thank you for everything you do Office Team. You make a difference every single day.

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WORLD BOOK DAY IS COMING!



Next week, World Book Day is being celebrated on Thursday 5th March.

We will be celebrating the day by inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character (if they wish to) or bring in their favourite book to share with their friends.

Your child will come home with a World Book Day voucher, see the back for details on how/where to spend it.

The official [website](#) is also definitely worth a glance. There are book trailers and videos to watch, competitions to enter and lots of wonderful ideas for future reads.

We are very grateful for the support that you give your children at home in helping them develop a love of reading and hope that your children enjoy World Book Day as much as we will!

SUFC Mascots Competition 'Draw her into the game'

SUFC Design Competition

Southend United Football Club has launched 'Draw Her Into the Game', inviting children across Essex to design the club's first-ever female mascot – a figure intended to represent the future of women and girls in football.

The initiative invites children to create a mascot that reflects Southend United's values of joy through football, togetherness and community, while celebrating the club's seaside identity and its growing women's programme.

The winning design will be officially revealed at Southend United Ladies' inaugural women's fixture at Roots Hall Stadium, when they face Colchester United in a special exhibition match on Saturday 16th May 2026.

We would like to maximise the rewards for Chalkwell Hall Juniors and would ask that all entries be returned to school by Friday 27th February 2026, so we can collate them for a school entry to the competition.

Children are welcome to complete their designs either at home or at a 'Pop Up Art Club', which will be running every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime in 3CH until Thursday 26th February.

Many thanks for your support.

The Art Team

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DRAW HER INTO THE GAME

HELP US CREATE SOUTHEND UNITED'S
NEW FEMALE MASCOT!

Southend United FC is on a special mission to design a brand-new female mascot, inspired by our community, our seaside home, and the bright future of women and girls in football.

Now we need your creativity to bring her to life!

HOW TO ENTER:

Grab your pens, pencils, paints, or tablet and design a mascot that could proudly represent Southend United.

When creating your mascot, think about:

- Her name
- Her personality
- What she loves about Southend United
- How she shows our values: Joy Through Football, Togetherness, Community

You can draw directly on the entry sheet or create your own. Submit your design to your teacher or email it to: mascot@southend-united.co.uk

To submit digitally, you can scan or photograph your design.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Entrants must be aged 16 or under.
2. Your mascot design must be your own original artwork.
3. By entering, you confirm that Southend United FC may display your artwork in relation to this competition.
4. One winner will have their mascot design turned into the club's new female mascot.

GDPR & PRIVACY INFORMATION

Southend United Football Club collects only the information needed to run this competition.

Information We Collect:

- Name
- Age
- School
- Your artwork

Why We Use It

To manage the competition, contact shortlisted entrants, and display selected artwork (first name, age, and school only).

How Long We Keep It

Your information will be securely stored until Tuesday, June 30, 2026 then deleted.

Who Sees It

Only authorised Southend United FC staff involved in the competition.

Your Rights

- You (or your parent/guardian) can:
- Ask to see your data
 - Correct it
 - Ask for it to be deleted
 - Withdraw permission for your artwork to be shown

Contact Us

mascot@southend-united.co.uk
Southend United Football Club
Roots Hall Stadium, Victoria Avenue,
Southend-on-Sea, S52 1RQ

WHAT YOU GET

Every school who enters will receive tickets to watch Southend United Ladies play their historic first ever match at Roots Hall on Saturday, May 16, 2026.

50 entries = 100 tickets (2 per entrant) + 5 staff tickets

75 entries = 150 tickets + 10 staff tickets

100 entries = 200 tickets + 20 staff and a tetteam player visit

Every school and entrant that enters will have recognition in our official matchday programme.

The winning entry will receive:

- 4 x VIP tickets to Southend United Ladies' fixture at Roots Hall
- 2026/27 full home kit
- 4 2026/27 season tickets
- Meet your mascot in person before anyone else
- School will receive a visit from the mascot during the 2026-27 academic year

Plus, shortlisted designers will be invited to a special event where they can meet our Ladies team in person!

SPECIAL REWARD!

Want your mascot to work as a real costume? Here are some things to think about:

- Can the performer see clearly?
- Would the costume feel too hot?
- Do the arms and legs match where a real person's would be?
- Can the mascot move easily around Roots Hall?
- Is the height sensible for doorways and tunnels?
- Is there a way to get in and out of the costume?
- Does the design fit a human body shape?

Don't worry, your idea can still be fun, bold, and imaginative. Just try to make it wearable too!

DEADLINE: Please hand in your entry by:
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

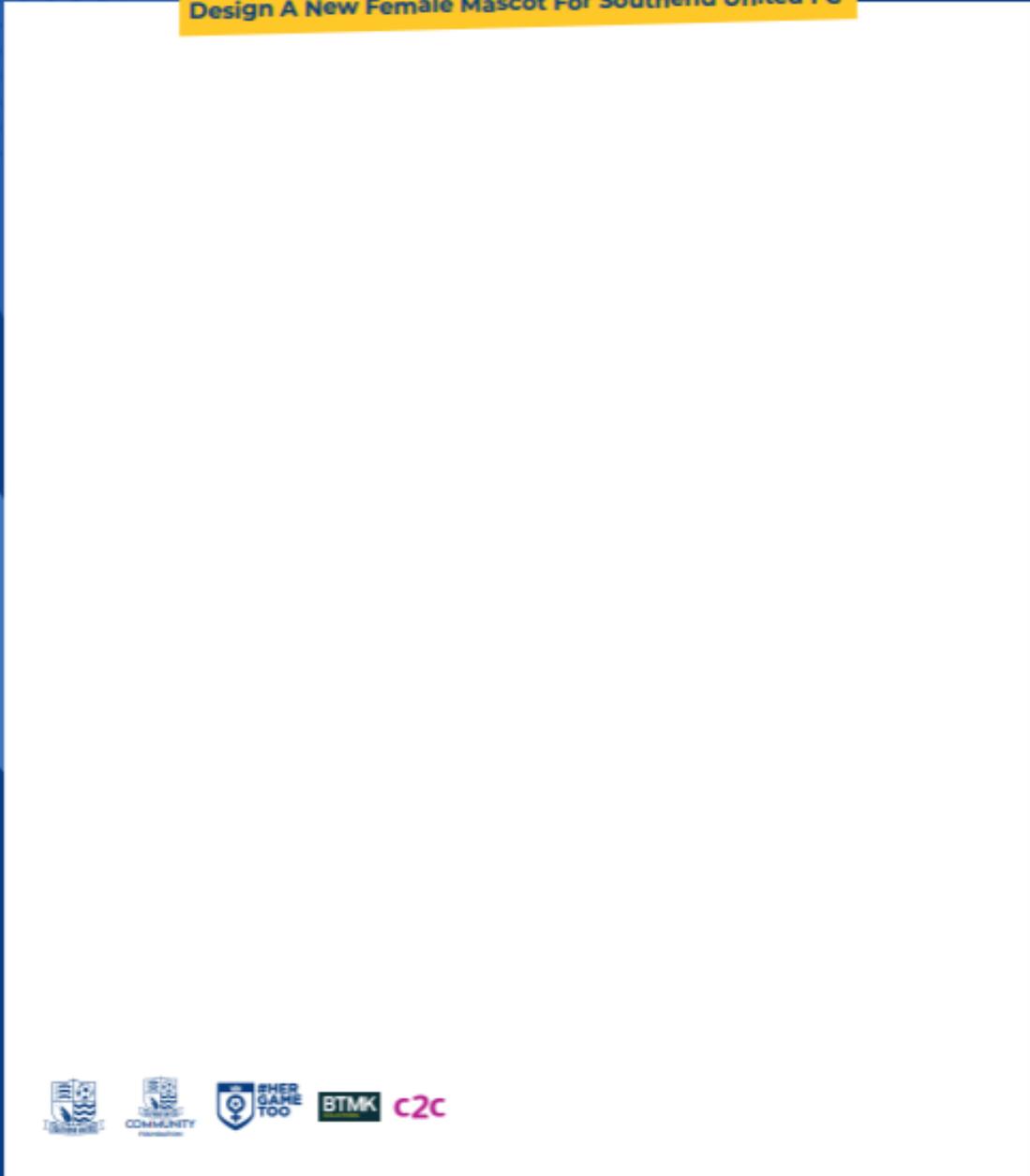
**WE CAN'T WAIT TO
SEE YOUR CREATIONS!**

Show us your imagination. Show us your passion.
Together, let's draw her into the game.

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DRAW HER INTO THE GAME

Design A New Female Mascot For Southend United FC



Name:

Age:

School:

Please hand in your entry to your teacher before Wednesday, March 4, 2026. For any questions, or to give your entry online, please email mascot@southend-united.co.uk

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Red Nose Day is coming Friday 20th March



The Junior Governors have decided to support Red Nose Day again this year. On Friday 20th March the children are invited to come to school in non-uniform. They are welcome to wear something red or any of the Red Nose Day merchandise; however, it is not compulsory and non-school uniform is enough.

If your child wishes to participate, we would suggest a donation of £1:

<https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

Thanks so much for supporting this good cause.



Lots of Socks Day - Monday 23rd March



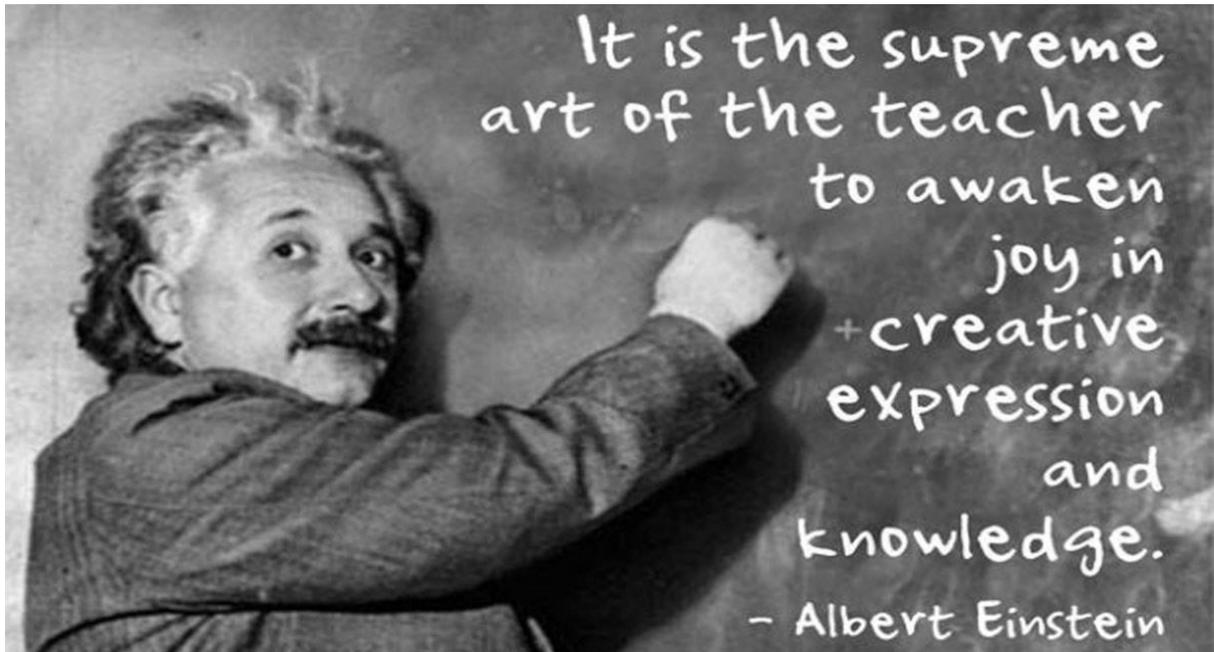
Saturday 21st March is World Down Syndrome Day. The Lots of Socks campaign is to help get people talking about Down Syndrome.

Around the world people are invited to choose some socks to wear that are going to get noticed, at CHJS we will be doing this on Monday 23rd March.

You don't need to buy anything special, just wear the brightest socks in the drawer or your most favourite non-school socks. A small gesture to get thinking about Down Syndrome and to celebrate that we are all different

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Mindful Mondays, Chalkwell Character Curriculum & Core Value
Focus:

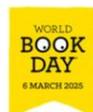


Spring 2 Week 1

Core Value: Responsibility
SMSC/FBV: Individual Liberty
Learning Behaviour: Self-Control



Creativity: World Book Day



What is World Book Day?



World Book Day is a celebration of reading for fun. Did you know....

World Book Day wants you to **find the books, comics, graphic novels and audio books that you want to read** in your free time.

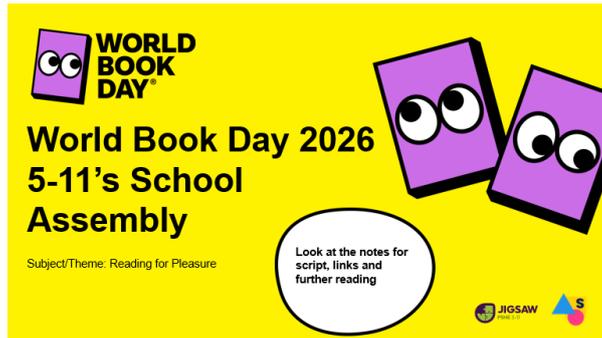
The £1/€1.50 Book Token can be swapped for free for a World Book Day book – there are **15 new books** to choose from and own each year.

Every child in the UK gets a £1/€1.50 Book Token – this means **15 million tokens** are printed!

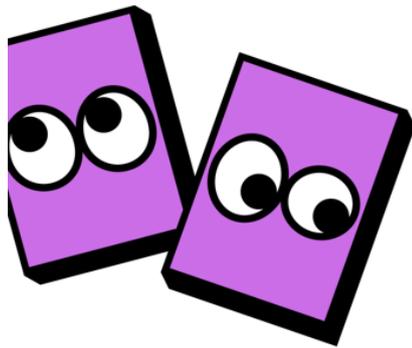
World Book Day **is a charity** that works to support children reading for fun all year round.



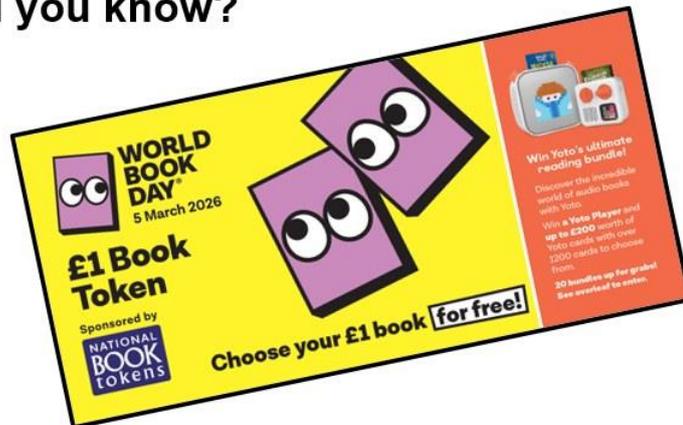
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Go All in for World Book Day!



Did you know?



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World Book Day 2026: Reading for Fun

What do we mean by
the word **FUN**?

What do you find fun?

Turn to the person
next to you.

In 30 seconds, tell
them one thing
you love doing for
fun

Why is it fun?

What is a hobby?

- You choose to do it a lot—even every day
- You do it without being told to
- You think its fun even if you aren't very good at it
- You know you will get better if you practice
 - You find out ways to get better and even that can be fun
 - It might be something that you want to do in your future
 - It might be something that helps you forget everything else

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Could reading be a hobby?



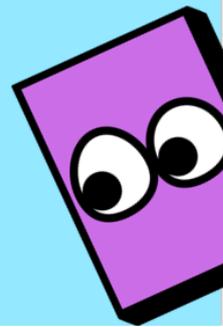
When reading is FUN (and when it isn't...)

Think-pair-share:

- Q. When is reading fun?
- Q. When can reading feel hard?

Talk for 30 seconds with your partner.

Remember: FUN doesn't always mean easy —it means it feels *worth it!*



What stops reading being fun?

Match-up these barriers to “fun” reading:

Barrier	Solution
I can't find a book I like	Ask a friend or teacher for ideas
The words are tricky	Read with someone, or try audio
I get bored	Try a different topic or shorter story
I forget to make time to read	Make a “reading time” each day

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Quick-fire Quiz!

Put your thumb up if you agree!

1. You can read *anywhere*.
2. Only novels count as 'real reading'.
3. Comics, magazines, and recipes are reading too!
4. Reading can be about your hobbies.
5. Reading can *be* a hobby!

Remember: reading looks different for everyone!
There is no right or wrong way to read. It's how
you feel.

How could you go all in?

"I could read the description of my favourite film."

"I could read a recipe for my favourite meal."

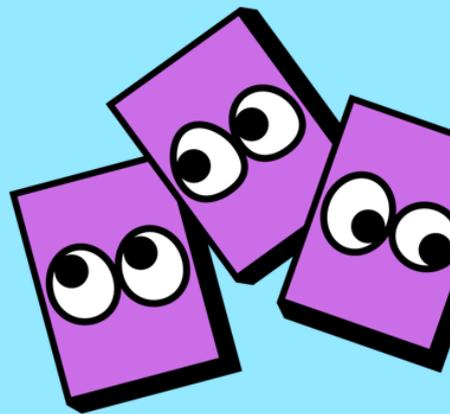
"I could read to relax just before I go to bed."

"I could read on the bus as I travel to my favourite place."

"I could read to find out more about something I'm into."

"I could read some tips for playing a tough level of my game"

Have a great
World Book Day!



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National Year of Reading: Book Swap Project



Time to spend selecting your book from the book case ready to wrap from your partner class - which one do you think should be swapped and why?

For further advice, visit www.nationalcollege.edu.au

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

Channels are an optional feature that allow users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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HUNGRY CUPBOARD!

4JDW 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.

The Hungry Cupboard has spent the week in 4JDWs who put in a fabulous effort; filling the cupboard to bursting! Well done!



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



CHALKWELL HALL SCHOOLS PTA

SPRING PLANT SALE

**PRE-ORDER BEAUTIFUL FLOWERING
PRIMROSE POT PLANTS FOR YOUR
CHILD TO BRING HOME
W/C 9TH MARCH**

£2.50 EACH

**PLEASE ORDER ONLINE AT
WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/CHALKWELLHALLPTA
OR SEND CORRECT MONEY INTO SCHOOL WITH
YOUR CHILD'S NAME, CLASS & QTY**

ORDER DEADLINE FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



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- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- Play weekly, or just play the Super Draw!
- Support our fundraising in 2026

BUY TICKETS



GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 28/02/26.

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NEW SCHOOL DINNER MENU - Next week: WEEK 2

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

WEEK 2

AVAILABLE DAILY WE HAVE:
JACKET POTATO WITH A SELECTION OF FILLINGS
TUNA (F), VEGAN CHEESE (CCN) (V) (VG), HUMMUS (SS)(VG),
CHEESE (MK), BAKED BEANS (VG), HOMEMADE COLESLAW (E) (V)
A COLD SALAD BAR
SWEETCORN, TOMATO, CUCUMBER, CARROT, LETTUCE
WATER AND MILK / A FRUIT BOWL
(ALTERNATIVE PUDDINGS ARE AVAILABLE OCCASIONALLY)

WACKY WEDGE MONDAY

HOMEMADE CHEESE AND TOMATO PIZZA / VEGE PIZZA (MK) (G) (V) (ON A MHOLEMAEL BASE AND HIDDEN VEG)
WITH
OVEN BAKED POTATO WEDGES (VG),
AND MIXED VEGETABLE MEDLEY: GREEN BEANS/SWEETCORN/CARROTS/PEAS (VG)

TWIRLY PASTA TUESDAY

TRICOLOUR PASTA (G) (VG)
WITH
HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE (WITH HIDDEN VEG) (CY)
AND GRATED CHEESE (MK),
GARLIC BREAD (G) (MAY CONTAIN MK)
AND
BROCCOLI (VG)

FINTASTIC THURSDAY

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

WEDNESDAY FAVOURITES

PORK SAUSAGE TOAD IN THE HOLE (G) (MK) (E) (S)
OR
MEAT FREE SAUSAGE TOAD IN THE HOLE (G) (MK) (E) (S) (V)
WITH OVEN ROASTED POTATOES (VG) (G)
BROCCOLI (VG),
CARROTS (VG)
AND GRAVY (VG)

FIREY FEAST FRIDAY

OVEN BAKED BREADED CHICKEN GOUJON (G) OR BREADED MEAT FREE GOUJON (G)
WITH
HOMEMADE KATSU CURRY SAUCE (CCN) (SOYB)(CY)(VG)
AND STEAMED RICE AND CARROTS (VG)

WE WILL ALWAYS PROVIDE SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WITH ALLERGIES
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SCHOOL MENU - ALLERGENS

G	CEREALS CONTAIN GLUTEN (WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE, OATS, KAMUT, SPELT)
MK	MILK
E	EGG
SS	SESAME SEEDS
CY	CELERY
V	VEGETARIAN
VG	VEGAN
F	FISH

N	TREE NUTS
P	PEANUT
L	LUPIN
MU	MUSTARD
SOYB	SOYBEAN
MOL	MOLLUSCS
CR	CRUSTACEANS
S	SULPHITES
CCN	COCONUT

WE 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

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SPORT @ CHJS

Netball Stars

A super sunny day for a thrilling tournament. 12 teams in total. Chalkwell won their group and went into super eights. We then won our group stage in super eights which meant we played runner up in the other group. We had a mighty battle against Thorpe Hall and lost in the last few moments. This meant playing for 3 place which we won by quite a margin. Such an amazing team, really passionate and considerate. I would give this team a gold medal for their belief, commitment and support throughout their competitions and training. Well done superstars!



On a bitterly cold afternoon, some of our year six girls took part in a twilight tournament. New to the game and only played a few times together after joining netball club, these girls held their own. Although not coming away with a win, they soldiered on, taking some points and getting stronger with each game. It just goes to show, if you can keep the resilience and determination, you can achieve your best! Well done girls, Mrs Flewitt and Mrs Baker are very proud of you!

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Panathlon Multi-sports Fun!

We are thrilled to share that yesterday, a heroic team of our children participated in the Panathlon Multi Skills event! They took part in a fantastic range of sports, showcasing not only their skills but also their amazing character and teamwork.

Their hard work and determination paid off as they secured an impressive 3rd place! We are so proud of each and every one of them for their effort and sportsmanship. It was a wonderful day filled with joy and camaraderie, and we couldn't have asked for a better representation of our school.

Well done, team! Keep up the great work!



Year 3&4 Girls Football

We are thrilled to share that our girls year 3&4 football team finished joint 6th in the recent tournament! The players truly shone, demonstrating fantastic teamwork and a spirit of camaraderie that was inspiring to witness. Their enthusiasm and perseverance were evident throughout the matches, and it was heartening to see them support one another on and off the field.

In an impressive turn of events, our team actually managed to beat the eventual winners, showcasing just how close they came to achieving even greater success. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing their continued growth and achievements in future competitions. Well done, everyone!

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Learning highlights this week!

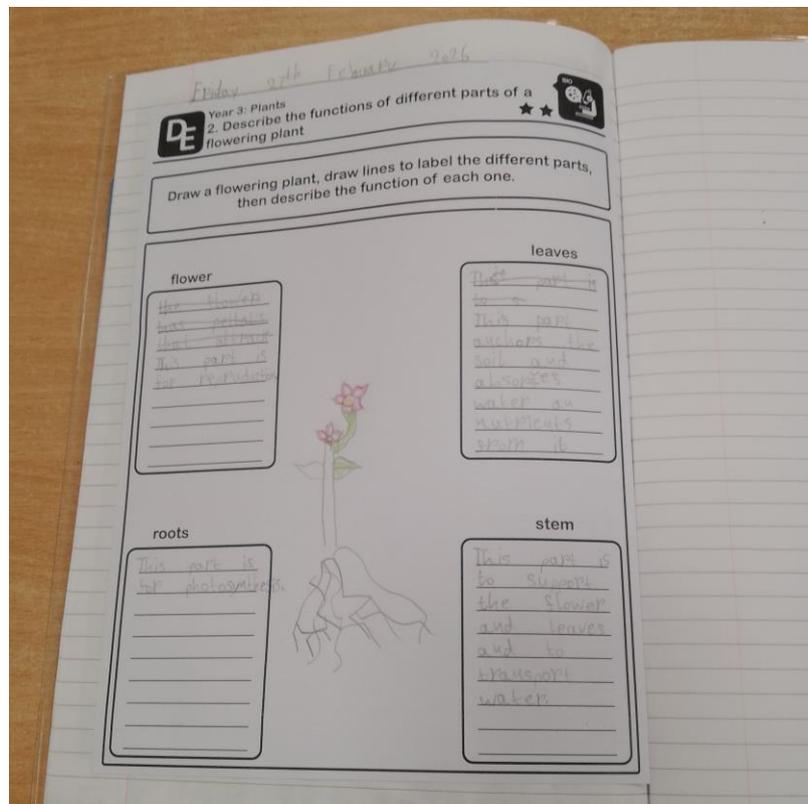
Year 3

We have had a fantastically busy and exciting week on our return to school. Those children who attended Young Voices on Monday were wonderful representatives of the year group, showing so much enthusiasm and joy during the day and demonstrating outstanding manners and behaviour - we were so proud of them!

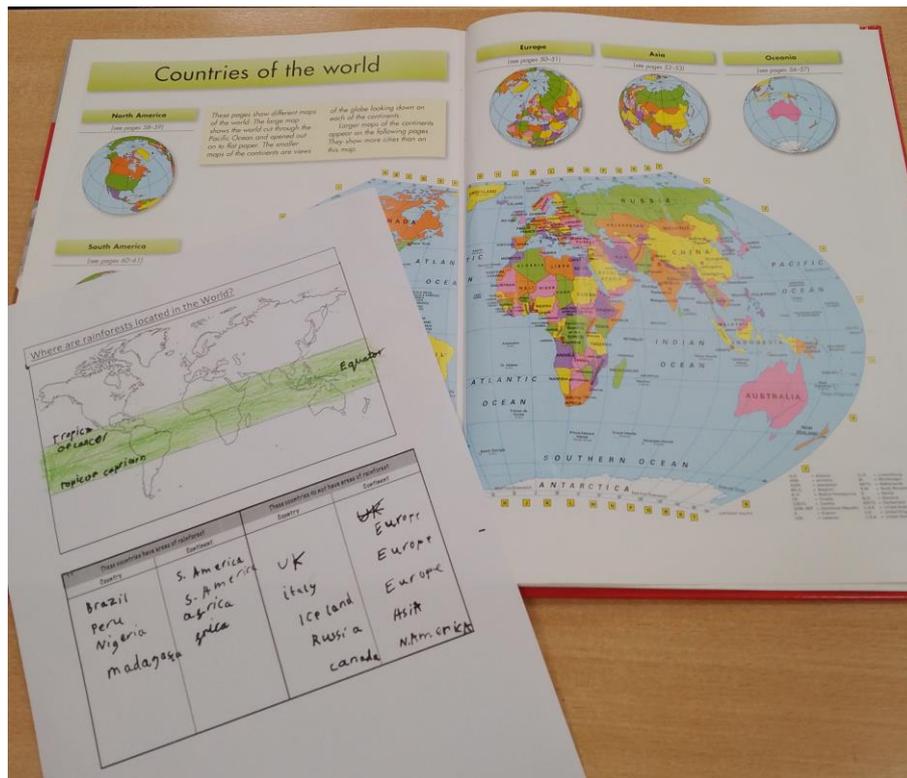
Our WOW day on Tuesday launched our new topic. We explored the different layers within a rainforest and used 'Now Press Play' to listen to an immersive story set in the rainforest. The children planted bean seeds, also linking to our Science topic about plants, and considered the elements needed for plants to successfully grow.

Within P.E, we have begun to explore the rules and skills needed to play Netball and been investigating how we can use our bodies to create shapes and movements linking to machinery in Dance.

The Creative Homework sheet should be with you today. Please ask your children for another copy from their teacher if they misplace it - we really love seeing all the projects completed at home been shared in school!



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Year 4

Year 4 has had an amazing week, beginning our new topic and practising for our fantastic 'World Book Day' performance next week. The children have shown great effort and enthusiasm while learning the songs and saying their lines slowly and loudly. They are going to be brilliant and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday or Friday for our show.

In Maths, we've been learning about decimals and how they relate to fractions. Lots of children are still winning stars and certificates in our weekly tests, while others continue to improve week by week. In our PE lessons, we have been doing some football over the park, with the rain finally stopping so we can enjoy the muddy field!

This term, our topic is all about weather and so our English lessons will be centered around 'The Tempest' which was William Shakespeare's last play. Our Geography lessons are about how weather affects our coasts and the children will be making interesting links between the two subjects - English and Geography. Our 'Wow' day was art based and the children produced some incredibly imaginative pieces of work as they explored abstract art and still life paintings.

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Year 5

What an exciting week Year 5 has had! The beginning of the week kicked off with writing and performing alliteration poetry, which was heaps of fun!

On Thursday and Friday, we enjoyed our Wow days, diving deep into the wonders of the Grand Canyon. Inspired by the vibrant works of Hundertwasser, the children created some stunning pastel drawings that truly reflect their creativity and understanding of this unique artist.

In Science, we began our Life Cycles topic, where the children faced the challenge of identifying the male and female parts of flowering plants. Their enthusiasm was palpable as they worked with precision during the plant dissections, showcasing excellent cooperation and enquiry skills. It was wonderful to see them so engaged in their learning!

Additionally, our girls had the pleasure of attending a fantastic performance of 'Made in Dagenham' by Westcliff High School for Girls, while the boys enjoyed a screening of the film 'School of Rock'.

It has been a fantastic first week back, filled with learning and fun, and we can't wait to see what the rest of the term holds!

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Year 6

Year 6 have come back from half term with fantastic energy and enthusiasm – it's been a very busy and exciting first week!

*We kicked things off this half term with our brilliant **DT Wow Day**, where the children designed and began creating cam models to showcase their very own spy gadgets. There were some incredibly imaginative ideas on display! The class demonstrated excellent creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills as they worked through challenges and supported one another with their designs. We can't wait to see the finished models.*

In Writing, the children have been exploring poetry and have started crafting their own original poems. It has been wonderful to see them experimenting with language, rhythm and powerful imagery to express their ideas.

In PE, Year 6 have been developing their tennis skills, practising control, accuracy and rallying techniques. Their focus and determination have really shone through.

In Computing, we have been learning about how to stay safe online and discussing the importance of making sensible choices in the digital world. The children have also been writing code to create their very own working Tamagotchi, which has been a fantastic way to apply their programming skills creatively. This week, they learned how to code a face for their Tamagotchi, add a timer and variables, as well as include music that plays when it wakes up!

What a brilliant start to the half term – keep up the excellent work, Year 6!



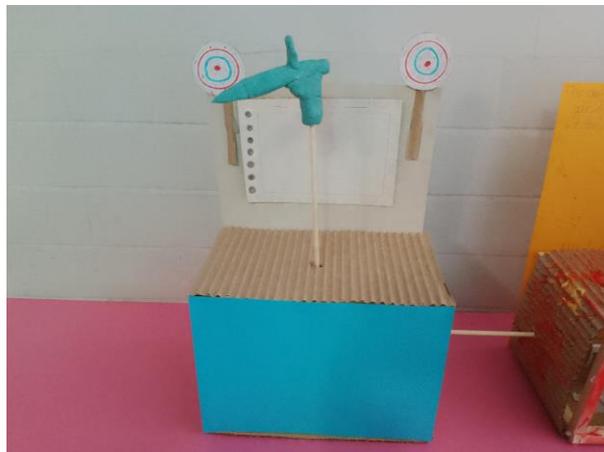
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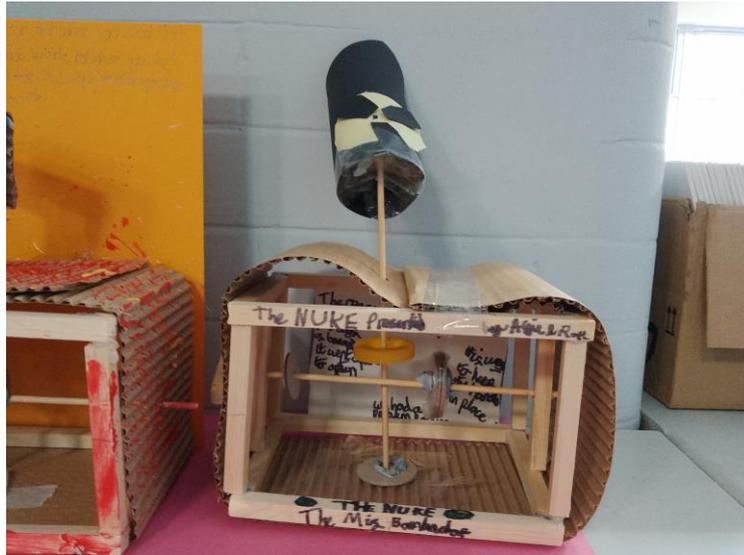
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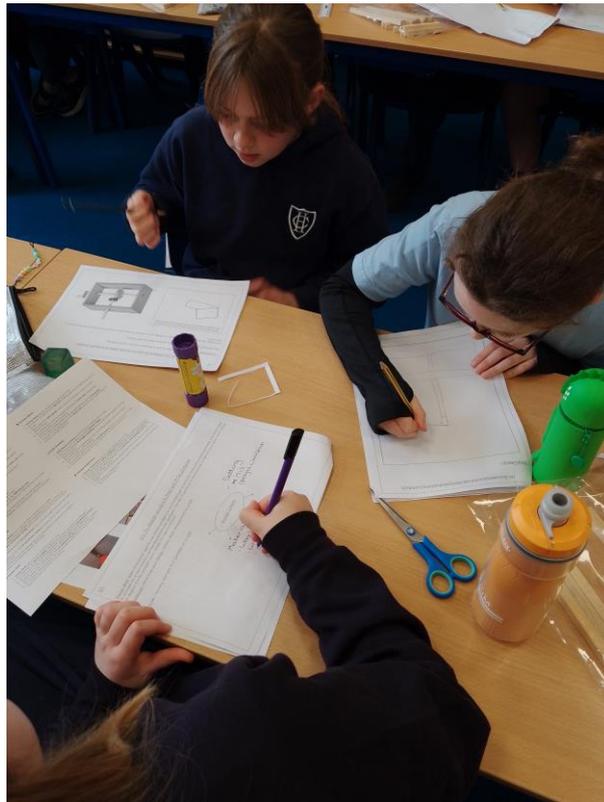
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Achievement Awards

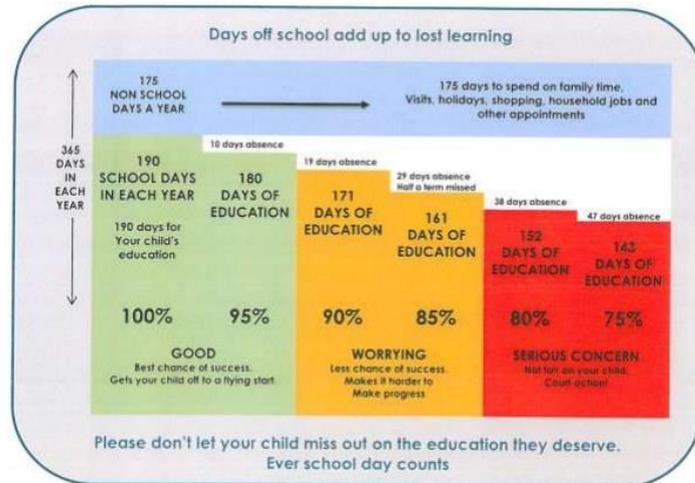


Today, it was a delight to give recognition to so many children for embodying our core values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Cooperation, Creativity, and Enquiry. A huge well done to everyone—there are so many superstars at CHJS! Your hard work and dedication truly shine, making our school community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



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.

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CURRENT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK - 95.6%

Weekly Attendance by Year Group

Year 3 = 95.1%

Year 4 = 95.5%

Year 5 = 97%

Year 6 = 94.8%

Lower School Winners = 4BR (100%)



Upper School Winners = 5RM (98.8%)



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Community News



JW Tennis Academy Hadleigh Startup Flyer



£15 for 4
lessons

We are excited to announce that we will be taking over Coaching at Hadleigh Park LTC from the 3rd March.

We are now offering the public the opportunity to purchase a block of 4 lessons for only £15 as an introduction to our tennis academy and tennis lessons more broadly. What's more, if you sign up at the end of this offer to the junior group programme a free tennis racket is included in the price!

Our academy lessons are usually priced at £7.95 and are paid on a direct debit basis.

This course will serve as a introduction to those new to tennis and an introduction to us for those new to our academy. The course will teach you the basics of tennis equipping your child with the foundation knowledge that we can then build upon!

The course for new players will cover:

- Forehands
- Backhands
- Volleys
- The basic rules of tennis

More experienced players will be pushed to improve upon their existing skills.

Our team of coaches who deliver these sessions are all highly experienced , qualified LTA coaches with a DBS check.

We are offering you this deal until the end of April but we highly recommend booking in ASAP to secure your place.

You can book on or enquire by emailing info@jwtennis.co.uk



SOUTHEND
RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

1ST MARCH 26
9.15AM
GIRLS ONLY
ANY AGE

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
GMB
GMB @WORK

COME AND GIVE IT A GO
HAVE FUN, GAIN CONFIDENCE,
SHOW THE BOYS THAT
WE CAN!!

CONTACT RUGBYGIRLSSRFC@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE DETAILS

The poster features a central shield with a white background and blue border. Inside the shield, there is a blue anchor on the left, a red trophy in the center, and a yellow grid on the right. Above the trophy are three white flowers on a blue stem, and below it is a yellow shamrock. The background of the poster is a collage of images: a rugby field with goalposts, a group of girls in blue and white uniforms, and a girl in a brown and white striped jersey running with a red and white Gilbey's rugby ball. The text is overlaid on a blue and yellow brushstroke background.



EASTER SOCCER
★ **SCHOOLS 2026** ★

SOUTHEND UNITED
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

DATES

- Week 1: 30/03/26 - 02/04/26
- Week 2: 07/04/26 - 10/04/26

VENUES

- Garon Park
- Clements Hall
- Eversley Leisure

TIMES

- ✓ 9:00am - 3:00pm (PAID)
- ✓ 10:30am - 2:30pm (HAF)
- ✓ Fun Football Games
- ✓ Skill Development
- ✓ Matches & Tournaments
- ✓ Qualified Coaches
- ✓ Prizes & Awards
- ✓ Make New Friends!

£25 PER DAY!

Scan Here To Book!

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE - BOOK EARLY!

The poster features a background of a soccer field with a silhouette of a player kicking a ball. Several soccer balls and colorful Easter eggs are scattered on the grass. A QR code is located on the right side, and a starburst graphic highlights the price of £25 per day. The Southend United Community Foundation logo is in the top right corner.

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

Monday 2nd March - National Offer Day (Y7 Secondary School places)

**Monday 2nd March - Parent Consultations*

**Wednesday 4th March - Parent Consultations*

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

Friday 13th March - Governor Day

Tuesday 17th March - Y6 Boys football

**Friday 20th March - Red Nose Day (non-uniform)*

**Monday 23rd March - Lots of Socks Day for World Down Syndrome Day (wear your brightest socks!)*

Monday 23rd March - visit by Inspire Dental - Years 3 & 4

Tuesday 24th March - visit by Inspire Dental - Years 5 & 6

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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