

What a profoundly emotional week it has been in the wake of the tragic events at the park last week. As we all grapple with the weight of such sorrow, it has been heartening to witness the strength, kindness, and compassion that our community has demonstrated. Parents, children, and staff have all gathered to support one another in this difficult time, providing comfort and reassurance.

Within the school, your wonderful children have been a beacon of positivity. Their resilience and bright spirits have shone light onto our week, reminding us that even in the face of adversity, there is room for joy. It has truly been a sight to behold as we have observed some exceptional learning take place across the year groups. The inquisitiveness and enthusiasm with which the children have approached their studies have served as an inspiring testament to their character.

Today was an exciting day for all as the children met their teachers for next year. They spent time getting to know them and engaged in an enjoyable lesson that left them brimming with excitement for what lies ahead. As we look towards new beginnings next year, we also want to savour the rest of this academic year with our current classes. Times of change can be nerve-wracking; however, they also present exciting challenges and opportunities for fresh starts. We couldn't be prouder of how our children have embraced this transition, taking it in their strides with enthusiasm. The palpable excitement buzzing around the school today was a wonderful reminder of the joy that transitions can bring.

I would also like to remind you that this Sunday is our annual spectacular PTA Summer Fete! I can hardly contain my excitement at the prospect of seeing all of you there. Remember, there may be a few staff members who will find themselves in the stocks (yes, even yours truly)—so please come along and support our wonderful school.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It truly makes a world of difference to our school community.

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."

SCHOOL NEWS

CHALKWELL COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

This week has seen us come together and unite in the toughest of circumstances. Our dear friends at St Michael & All Angels held an open church yesterday, where candles were lit in remembrance of Leonna Ruka, who tragically lost her life. Our thoughts are very much with her family, as well as the 6-year-old girl who remains in a critical condition.

In times like these, it's so important to lean on one another. If you're feeling overwhelmed or just need a chat, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are such a strong community, and it truly shows during these challenging moments.



A PRAYER FOR CHALKWELL

Almighty and merciful God, our refuge and strength in every time of trouble, we come before you with broken hearts and heavy spirits.

In this time of sorrow, we lift before you the life of Leonna, the dear girl who passed away so tragically, a child so dearly loved, now taken so suddenly from this world. Receive her into your loving care.

Surround her family and all who grieve with your tender compassion. Hold them in your everlasting arms. Give them strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

We pray for the young girl critically injured in hospital.
Father of mercy, bring healing to her body and restore
her to the fullness of life. Be with her family at this
difficult time.

For those who came to help and aid in this tragic accident; we give thanks for them. Bless them, strengthen them, and heal all burdens of pain and distress.

We ask for comfort in confusion, light in our darkness, and your peace which passes all understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PTA SUMMER FETE

NON-UNIFORM DONATION DAY - THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING DONATION THIS MORNING FOR THE SUMMER FETE - WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON SUNDAY FROM 12-4PM!

We are still looking for a few volunteers to make this event fantastic so if you have any time to spare (particularly to help in a stall between 2-4pm), please email ptachalkwellhall@gmail.com

DONATIONS STILL ACCEPTED!

We are kindly asking for donations for some stalls at the Summer Fete and you can bring these into school all next week! Please make sure they are clean and all pieces included!

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- thildren's books
- nes & toys

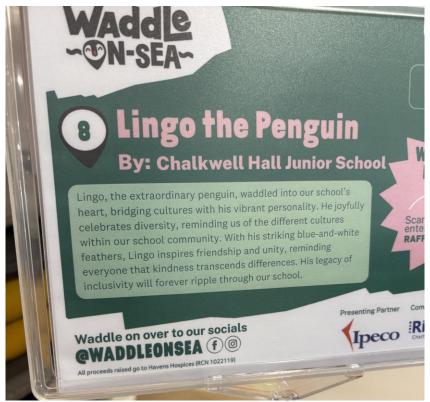


Waddle-On-Sea

Today, we had the pleasure of visiting the Waddle-on-Sea launch event at IPECO on Southend Business Park. What a treat this was! Not only did we see our very own Lingo the Penguin in its full glory, but we got to sneak a peak at the wonderful creations from across Southend What talent and creativity we have in Southend. A personal favourite was 'St Chris Waddle'! We even treated ourselves to a Penguin Chocolate bar to celebrate our afternoon. Congratulations again to Sadie, our winner of the design in school. Great to see your wonderful design come to life.

A great afternoon, look out for these around Southend - well worth a visit!







JUNIOR GOVERNORS CAMPAIGN - SUMMER OF KINDNESS!



This week is the 5th week of our Summer of Kindness led by our Junior Governors. Here's what was on the menu...

Week 5 - Kindness to School Staff

How can we show appreciation and gratitude to others in our environment?

Who in our school helps you every day, and how? Can you name the members of staff and what they do?

Activity:

Create thank-you stars or cards for teachers, cleaners, and staff.

Junior Governors will collect these in and will build a display in the staffroom to celebrate all school adults

Mindful Mondays, Chalkwell Character Curriculum & Core Value Focus:

This week's focus has been on being a great sport and the importance of resilience, especially with sports day this week. We talked with the children about how we are presented with challenges in a range of ways and that e do feel disappointment but this should not mean we give up or quit...actually giving our best will give us every opportunity to do our personal best - and that is always good enough!





How can you be mindful online?



The internet is a place where people from all around the world can interact and share, but you must be very aware about what you share and who you share it with.

Information travels so quickly, once you put it out on the internet, it's there forever.

Step 1: Think before you share

Ask yourself, is this something I'd be ok with anyone seeing, both now and in the future?

Would you be ok with your parents seeing your posts? Your teachers? Your future employer?



Step 2: Check for personal information and privacy settings.

Don't publicly share information that can be used to identify you. This could include: your name, your address or school name, your email or location. Never give out your password or account details.

If you share pictures, be sure that the pictures don't accidentally share this information too (like the logo on your uniform).

Use privacy settings as much as possible, but remember, that doesn't stop a friend from taking screenshots and sending it on.



Step 3: Check the content



Is it true? Is it kind? Is it necessary?

Are you being asked to share something that feels uncomfortable? Has somebody else shared something inappropriate?

Remember, adults are here to keep you safe - report anything that doesn't meet our online safety guidelines.



You also need to know when to challenge what you are seeing - things like AI and photo filters can be fun and when used appropriately, can be very helpful to us humans.

When they are used inappropriately or misunderstood, they can damage your mental health and lead to misinformation.

Step 1: Check where information is coming from

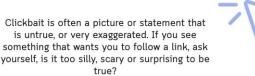
Is this a website you know and trust? A good way to judge whether the website is trustworthy is if it belongs to a real organisation (like a school or business).

Be careful with random social media profiles, blogs or videos. Anyone can make these - it doesn't mean that what they say is true.



Step 2: Look for other clues

Lots of websites engage in something called "clickbait" where they want you to click a link to watch a video or go to their website. This is because they make money from advertising.





Step 3: Know when to take a break from the online world

The online world is designed to keep you there as this helps people make money from advertising. They do this by making you feel big emotions like anger, sadness, jealousy or joy.

Too much time online can make you feel disconnected from real life and the people you love. Set yourself some healthy habits, like using a greyscale filter, a screen limit app, or a website blocker.





Rehan has a new haircut and he wants to share his new look with his friends.

How can he do this mindfully?





Yazmine has asked you for your friend's phone number.

What would a mindful sharer do in this situation?





An influencer is doing an unboxing video and talking about their recent shopping haul. Once you start looking at this type of video more and more are coming up and you envy their lifestyle.

How can you engage with the content mindfully?

This Week:

It's not too late to join in with an Online Awareness Week Challenge!

Speak to your digital leader about how you can get involved and challenge yourself to be mindfully online at the bronze, silver, gold or platinum level.



Responsibility: Online Awareness Week

Led by Mrs Hume and Miss Winders



Leigh Art Trail

This weekend there is the opportunity to view all the amazing submissions to Leigh Art Trail at the Children's Exhibition. If you submitted a piece, why not visit to see it on display? The exhibition will be held at College St. Pierre from 11am - 3pm on Saturday and 12 - 3pm on Sunday. We look forward to seeing whether we have any Chalkwell winners!



Schools' Art Exhibition & Competition



WEEKLY WAKE UP WEDNESDAY PARENT GUIDE



ONLINE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK @ CHJS!

This week has been our first Online Safety Awareness Week and what a week!

As our lives become increasingly intertwined with the digital world, it is crucial that we equip our children with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate online spaces safely.

This week, the children have engaged in a variety of activities aimed at fostering positive online habits. We have been blown away by the number of children who have taken on the challenges and look forward to these being returned on Monday. An amazing 45 children took on the Platinum Challenge and handed their devices in! These children will get a special trip to the beach on Monday! The children who took part in the other challenges will received their prizes next week! Each challenge is designed to raise their awareness of online safety so it's great to have so much interest in this!

As you know, we also had out special challenge for parents. This initiative invited you to partner with your children as they undertake their online challenges, creating an atmosphere of accountability and support. We believe that your involvement will enhance their learning experience and strengthen their understanding of how to stay safe online. Any parent that has completed the challenge over the course of the week will also be entered into a prize draw so please return your challenge card as well on Monday!

Throughout this week, we have held assemblies that have featured informative presentations and videos providing children with handy tips for online safety.

Thank you for helping us to celebrate Online Safety Awareness Week, your support is invaluable in fostering safer online behaviours among our students. Together, we can cultivate a generation of aware and responsible digital citizens.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and commitment to our school community.





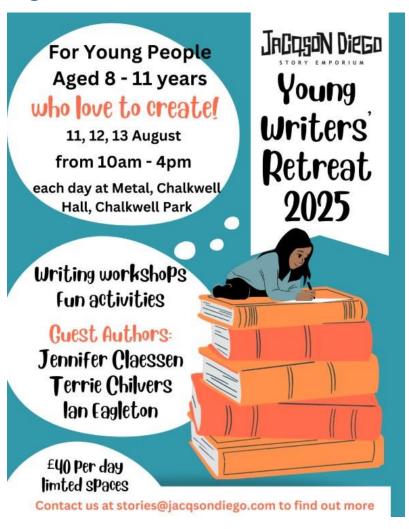
DIGITAL AMBASSADORS LEAD THE WAY!

As part of Online Safety Awareness Week, our amazing Digital Leaders also ran assemblies for both upper and lower school. They spoke to their peers about their top tips for staying safe online, through the use of emojis! They did a brilliant job and spoke so clearly in front of their classmates. Well done!



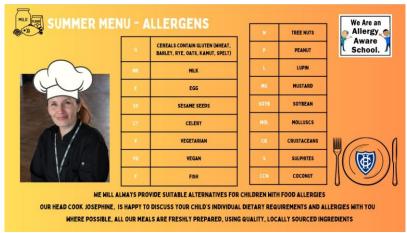


Summer Young Writers' Retreat 2025



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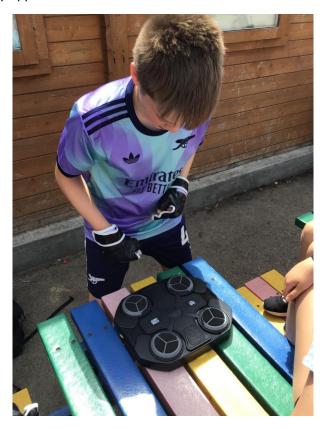
OPAL



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

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

SPORT @ CHJS

Year 6 Girls Cricket @ Essex Finals

Our spectacular girls cricket team competed in the Essex Finals on Monday against the best teams in the county. As sual our wonderful girls showed exemplary attitudes and teamwork. After playing countless games the girls won the division they were in - what an absolutely fantastic achievement. Well done girls, we are so proud of you.



Archery

This week, we took teams to compete in the SPSSA archery competition at Prince Avenue. This is an up and coming sport in Southend. The standard was so high and our children shot fantastically well. No medals this time but fantastic memories and lots of fun! Well done!



Sporting Opportunities



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 36th July, Thursday 31th July and Friday 1th August. All sessions run from 30am to 12 alogom and you are free to come to no or all of the sessions but please remember to book early as places are limited and will be granted on 1th 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 en

- 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

For further details please contact: Siobhan Wilson (Youth Admin Manager) Tel: 07913 658364 or email leighcricket@gmail.com 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) Date (Official Use Only)



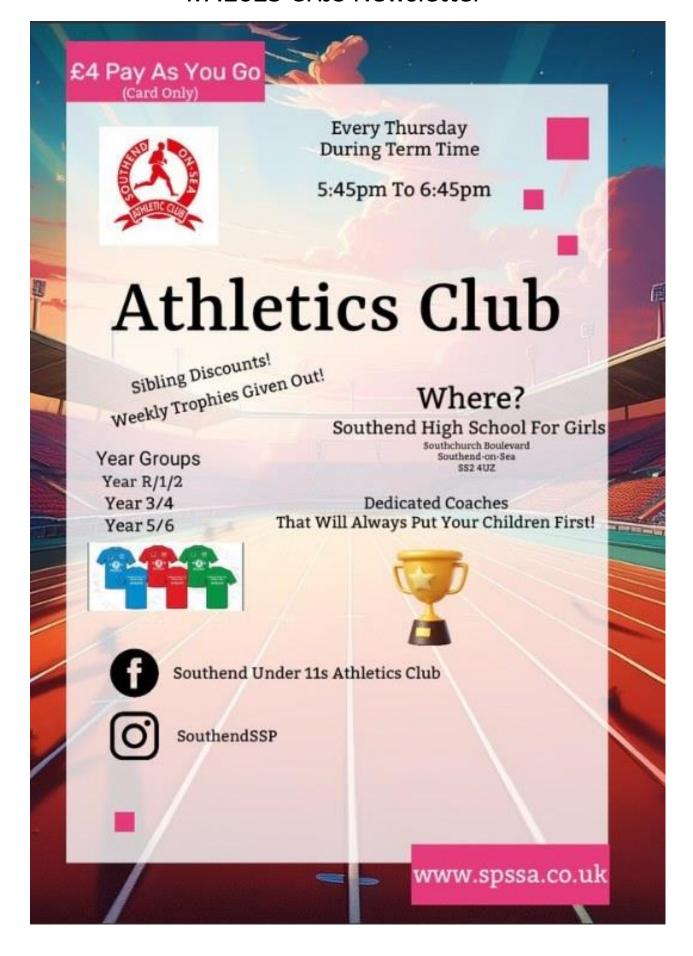




Sign up or ask a question: JSsportCIC@gmail.com







Learning this week!

Year 3

After a very busy week last week, Year 3 were back to a more normal week! We have been enjoying learning how to play rounders, practising our batting skills and thinking about how to be successful when fielding. In maths, we have revised fractions (making a whole and equivalent fractions) by playing different games and looking at fractions in different ways. In Geography, we are finishing our 'European countries' topic by researching the human and physical features of two different countries.

Lastly, in DT, we have been creating a castle made of junk, trying to create our own version of a new 'Hogwarts'.











Year 4

This week, despite the sizzling summer temperatures, year 4 have shown incredible enthusiasm and determination, making it a truly fantastic week of learning! In Maths, the children have been sharpening their skills by revisiting the concept of telling time and mastering the art of plotting coordinates on a grid. These activities challenged them to think logically and apply their knowledge in new ways, with many children showing great confidence and progress. It's wonderful to see them supporting each other and celebrating their successes together.

Our Writing lessons have been full of creativity and imagination. Inspired by our class text, How to Train Your Dragon, we have created our very own story maps as a class. This exercise has helped them to deepen their understanding of story structure and character development. We can't wait to see some of their stories come to life on the page in the coming weeks!

In Music, this half term has been a real highlight as the children have enjoyed learning a lively Viking song. They have been enthusiastically adding actions to accompany the lyrics, helping to bring the story of the Vikings to life through movement and melody. The grand finale was a class performance that everyone enjoyed - a brilliant way to combine history and music!In our History lessons, the children have embarked on an exciting research journey connected to our Vikings topic. The children have been using a range of resources to gather interesting facts, and soon they will be putting together their own PowerPoint presentations to share their findings with the class. It's inspiring to see how curious and motivated they are to explore the past and connect it with our learning.

All in all, it's been a week full of growth, fun, and discovery for everyone – well done year 4.







Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been enjoying a fantastic mix of creativity and technical skills across various subjects!

In English, we've taken on the delightful challenge of making pavlova! The joy of crafting this classic meringue dessert has allowed us to sharpen our instruction writing (and enjoy a sweet treat!). This has prepared us so well for more instructional writing next week.

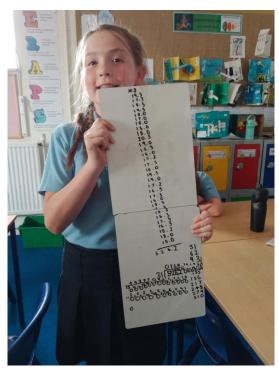
Meanwhile, in DT, we've been using **BBC Micro:bits** to programme temperature sensors. Each group has chosen different animals to monitor, allowing us to explore how varying environments affect temperature requirements.

In Science, we measured the handspan of children across different age groups. With some fascinating findings, we noticed that the average handspan really varied, even in our class; it sparked great discussions about growth, variation, and the science behind measurements. We then worked to find the average handspan (although some of these calculations took a little longer than others)





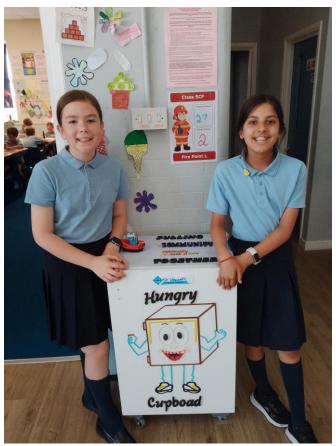




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Emily	10 yr 5	18.2 cm
Lily	9 915	19.5 cm
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Penny	9 905	17.cm
Finn	10 yr 5	18cm
Seb	10 yrs	17-2 cm
Hugo	9 9.5	18cm
Archie	10 yr5	17.3cm
Thomas	10	19.5cm
Annabiel	8 yr 3	15.3cm
Elise	8,413	16 cm
Ella	9914	19cm
Penny	11 956	17.2cm
Alice	llyr6	17.5cm
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Year 6

Anne Frank Exhibition Success

Over the past two weeks, we've had the privilege of hosting a powerful and thought-provoking Anne Frank exhibition, set up by the Anne Frank Trust. A specially selected group of Year 6 pupils received training from the Trust and took on the important role of exhibition guides.

Working in teams, they led insightful tours for all of Years 5 and 6 during the school day, and also hosted two after-school sessions for parents, carers, and members of the wider community. The children spoke with impressive clarity, confidence, and maturity, demonstrating a deep understanding of Anne Frank's story and the broader themes of tolerance, discrimination, and human rights.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work, dedication, and exceptional public speaking skills. They truly brought the exhibition to life and made a lasting impact on everyone who attended. Well done to all involved!







































Achievement Awards

There were **SO MANY** brilliant awards this week - Achievement Awards, Reading Champions, Maths Champions and Handwriting Awards. Well done to all the children who received recognition for showing our core values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Cooperation, Creativity and Enquiry. Well done to everyone who received these!





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 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.

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 - 96% (+)



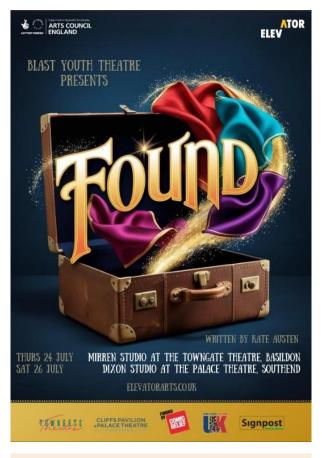
Lower School Winners = 3CH (98.7%)



Upper School Winners = 5SH (99%) AGAIN! WELL DONE!



Community News















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

Sunday 6th July - PTA SUMMER FETE 12-4pm

Monday 7th July - 9am Meet the Year 3 Team (for current Year 2 parents)

- 2:15pm Meet the Year 4 Team (for current Year 3 parents)

Tuesday 8th July - 9am Meet the Year 6 Team (for current Year 5 parents)

- 2:30pm Meet the Year 5 Team (for current Year 4 parents)

Friday 11th July - Year 6 Trip to Adventure Island

- Coffee in the Car Park

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

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