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A very warm welcome back to all of our children, families and staff as we begin another exciting year at Chalkwell Hall Junior School.

The start of a new school year always brings a sense of anticipation and possibility. New year groups, new opportunities, new friendships and new experiences all combine to create the beginning of another wonderful chapter in each child's learning journey. We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and the many opportunities that will help every child grow, achieve and thrive.

First and foremost, our focus is on the wellbeing of every child. We want all children to feel settled, safe, valued and happy at school. When children feel secure and supported, they are ready to embrace new challenges and make the most of every opportunity. Our dedicated and talented staff team are committed to inspiring each child to reach their personal best, both academically and personally.

I have been immensely proud of the children over these first two days. They have adapted superbly to new routines, new classrooms and new teachers, showing resilience, enthusiasm and maturity. It has been wonderful to see how quickly they have settled and embraced the opportunities that a new year group brings.

This year promises to be an exciting one, full of memorable experiences, enriching opportunities and plenty of learning along the way. As always, the strongest outcomes for children come when school and home work together. Thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Your involvement plays a vital role in helping your child flourish.

Please remember that we are always here to help. By working together, supporting one another and maintaining high aspirations for all our children, we can ensure that every child enjoys a successful and rewarding year.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead. Let's aim high and achieve great things together.

Andy Newnham

Headteacher

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Next week's diary:

Tuesday 8th September - 6pm Y5 Big Camp Parent Meeting

Wednesday 9th September - 6pm Y6 PGL Parent Meeting

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SCHOOL NEWS

The 2 Johns

An evening with the 2 Johns

Do you know how to keep your child safe and show them the wonders of our digital world?
Your child is growing up within and into this digital age.



'The 2 Johns' will open your eyes to a world we, as adults, didn't grow up in.



Details

Wednesday 16th
September 2026

8pm

Online event

Additional information

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

Online link will be sent out nearer the time.

Do you know the latest risk on line and what children will do for commodities in games?

Do you know what stranger danger looks like in 2026?

Do you know how the power of influence is robbing our children of their childhood?

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

Do you know how an innocent prank can lead to serious consequences? The Johns will talk about the Essex police and EE campaign.

In 2024 there was a 103% increase in Indecent Images of children aged 7-10 years making this the largest number however there was also an increase of 1558% of indecent images of children aged 3 to 6 years in relation to Fake / AI imagery.

We are delighted that our friends, The Two Johns, will once again be joining us to work with our whole school community. Their engaging and informative sessions will help children, parents and staff develop the knowledge and skills needed to stay safe online.

As always, their focus will be on empowering children to navigate the digital world confidently, responsibly and safely—equipping them with the understanding and resilience they need to make good choices online.

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Follow Our New School Instagram Page!

We are excited to announce the launch of our new school Instagram page and warmly invite all parents and families to join our online community.

From the Autumn term, our Instagram page will offer a window into school life, with regular updates celebrating the learning, achievements and experiences taking place across CHJS. From classroom highlights and special events to exciting projects and memorable moments, you'll be able to see some of the many wonderful opportunities our children enjoy throughout the year.

We are incredibly proud of our school community and hope this new platform will help keep families connected and informed. We look forward to sharing our journey with you and celebrating all the fantastic things happening at CHJS.

Be sure to follow us and join us as we showcase the very best of school life! 📸



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Achievement Awards



Summer Achievements

Essex Yacht Club Cadet Week Endeavour Award

Over the summer, Reuben took part in Cadet Week at Essex Yacht Club, where he embraced the challenge of learning to sail. We are delighted to share that he was awarded the Endeavour Award in recognition of his outstanding attitude, perseverance and the skills he developed throughout the week. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the determination, resilience and positive mindset that helped him make the most of every opportunity.

Well done, Reuben. We are incredibly proud of you and look forward to hearing about your future sailing adventures! 🚤🏆



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Calm, Courageous and Responsible

Over the summer, we received a wonderful email from the parent of Polly and Jimi, sharing an experience that highlighted just how responsible and caring our children can be.

When their mum unexpectedly suffered an epileptic seizure at home, Polly and Jimi acted with remarkable maturity. Although understandably frightened, Polly was able to call 999 and provide the emergency services with the information they needed, while Jimi helped to make the situation safer and provided comfort until help arrived.

We are incredibly proud of both children. Their calm actions, compassion and presence of mind in a very difficult situation are truly commendable. They are wonderful ambassadors for our school and demonstrated resilience, responsibility and care beyond their years.

This story also serves as an important reminder of the value of talking to children about what to do in an emergency. Taking time to ensure that children know how to seek help, call emergency services and provide basic information could make a real difference if they ever find themselves in an unexpected situation.

Well done, Polly and Jimi. We are incredibly proud of you both. ☆ 🍌

Raising Money for Little Havens

A huge well done to Maddie and April, who organised a fantastic fundraising sale at the end of last term in support of Little Havens.

Together with their friends, they worked incredibly hard to create and sell bracelets, loom bands, fidget toys and other handmade items, raising money **an incredible £150** for a charity that provides vital care and support for children and families across our local community. Their creativity, teamwork and kindness were wonderful to see, and they should be extremely proud of what they achieved.

We are always delighted to see our pupils using their talents and initiative to help others. Well done, Maddie and April, for making a difference and showing our school values in action. 🍌 💙



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Remarkable LAMDA Success

We are delighted to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Clara, who received her results from her LAMDA Speaking of Verse and Prose examination over the summer holidays. Clara achieved an incredible 100 marks out of 100, receiving full marks in every assessment category. According to her LAMDA teacher, this is a result they have never seen before in all their years of teaching.

This is a truly exceptional accomplishment and reflects Clara's talent, dedication and hard work. To achieve such a perfect score in a nationally recognised performance examination is a wonderful achievement and one of which she should be immensely proud.

Congratulations, Clara, on this magnificent success. We are thrilled to celebrate this special achievement with you and look forward to seeing what you accomplish next. 🙌🌟

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Good attendance and punctuality are vital in helping children make the most of their learning opportunities and start each day positively. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child arrives at school on time and ready to learn.

Our school gates open at 8:20am each morning.

Year 3 and Year 4: Whistle at 8:30am. Registers close at 8:40am.

Year 5 and Year 6: Whistle at 8:40am. Registers close at 8:50am.

Please note that the school gate will close at 8:50am each day.

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Arriving promptly helps children settle calmly, take part in important morning learning activities and begin the day alongside their classmates. Thank you for your partnership in supporting excellent attendance and punctuality across the school.

2025-26 Lower School Winners - who will win our first award next week?



Upper School Winners - who will win our first award of the year?



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Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th September - 6pm Y5 Big Camp Parent Meeting

Wednesday 9th September - 6pm Y6 PGL Parent Meeting

Wednesday 16th September - 2 Johns visiting school - 8pm Online Parent Workshop

Saturday 19th September - 11+ examination

Friday 25th September - Gold Geese Day (non-uniform WEAR YELLOW)

Tuesday 29th September - Individual photos being taken

Tuesday 6th October - Y6 Height & Weight Checks

Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th October - Y5 Big Camp at The Eastwood Academy

Monday 12th to Friday 16th October - Y6 Residential & Activity Week

Thursday 15th & Friday 16th October - 2pm Y4 Harvest Showcase to Parents

Tuesday 20th October - Y3 trip to Hyde Hall

Thursday 22nd October - last day of half term

Friday 23rd October - Non-pupil day

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - HALF TERM

Friday 18th December - break up for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 4th January 2027- First day of Spring Term

Thursday 11th February - last day of half term

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Friday 12th February - Non-pupil day

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February - HALF TERM

Thursday 25th March - break-up for EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 12th April - First day of Summer Term

Thursday 27th May - last day of half term

Friday 28th May - Non-pupil day

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June - HALF TERM

Wednesday 21st July - last day of school - break up for SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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