

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



What a wonderful week we've had! Christmas is well and truly upon us, and the festive spirit is alive and thriving in our school community. Our Christmas Bazaar held in the Lower Hall was nothing short of spectacular. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, joy, and the delightful sounds of children enjoying themselves.

A special highlight was Santa's Grotto, which was truly magical. The children's faces lit up with excitement as they met Santa and shared their Christmas wishes. It was heartwarming to see the joy and wonder in their eyes, reminding us all of the magic of this season.

We owe a huge, huge thanks to our wonderful PTA, who are all volunteers that generously gave up their time this week to spread such magic and make our children so wonderfully happy and excited about Christmas. We are incredibly lucky to have this fantastic community, and we are all so grateful to every member of the PTA who dedicated their time this week. You've made our children and adults very happy at this special time of year—thank you!

With just two weeks to go until the end of term, we still have so many fun and exciting things lined up. Next Thursday is Christmas Jumper Day, and we can't wait to see all the creative and festive jumpers the children will wear. Additionally, we will start to see the children's Christmas performances in drama and music, which we are all very excited about. These events are a wonderful opportunity for our children to showcase their talents and spread festive cheer.

On a different note, I would like to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of considerate parking and behaviour around our community. Our wish is for the streets in our area to remain safe, peaceful, and harmonious, especially for our children. Please be mindful not to park over driveways or in places that could cause hazards. I am sure you all agree that we do not want to see any accidents, particularly at this busy time of year. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing weekend!



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Fete, Bazaar & Santa's Grotto

Wow, how we have been treated in the past week! If you weren't in the Christmas spirit, you certainly should be now! Last weekend saw our famous and magnificent Winter PTA Fete, and it certainly did not disappoint. We had a huge turnout, with everyone revelling in the lovely atmosphere and a plethora of stalls, games, and vendors to choose from. My favourite was the toy horse riding in the dining hall!

This week, the children have been so fortunate to enjoy the Christmas Bazaar and Santa's Grotto. These events have been truly magical, providing such lovely experiences for our students.

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTA whose unending efforts are astonishing. I say this a lot, but we are so lucky to have them—THANK YOU! Your hard work and dedication make our school community vibrant and joyful, especially during this festive season. Let's continue to celebrate and support one another as we approach the holidays!



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



Choir spreading Christmas Cheer around Our Community!

Yesterday and Wednesday this week, our wonderfully talented children in the choir have had the opportunity to showcase their talents and make a positive impact on our local community. Yesterday afternoon, a small group of singers performed at the Women's Institute Christmas Carol Concert held at Kings Road United Reformed Church. To a full house, the children performed beautifully and received a tremendous response from all who were watching.

Today was no different, as a larger group from our choir visited Catherine Miller Care Home and Chalkwell Grange Care Home, spreading joy and magic among the residents. Their performances brought smiles and warmth, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Dubouchet for her inspirational leadership of music at Chalkwell. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff guiding our children in their musical journeys. Let's continue to support our talented singers as they bring joy to our community!

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

ANGEL TREE & TOY DRIVE

This week, we launched our Angel Tree and Toy Drive – we are so thrilled to see that many of our Angel Tree tags have been chosen and that the secret gifters have been out to start selecting presents for their chosen recipients. We've also started to see gifts trickle in for the Toy Drive but hope to add even more to our collection for the Southend-led initiative so please keep them coming! The deadline for new, unwrapped, donations is Thursday 11th December.

Christmas Appeal

Christmas is a time for giving and Chalkwell Hall Junior School wants to brighten Christmas for vulnerable children in our local community, who may otherwise receive very little.

To help make this happen, you can donate small gifts, which will be passed on to those who will benefit the most.

You will just need to bring in your unwrapped present by Thursday 11th December and we will deliver them to Southend Toy Drive.

Since the Toy Drive began, over 40,000 toys have been donated to local children through local charities and programmes

What you can donate

You can donate any gift suitable for a child from new-born up to the age of 17. If the gift needs batteries, please include these too.

Unfortunately, you cannot donate second-hand presents and all donations must be unwrapped.

Example of things you can donate:

- Construction toys
- Arts and crafts
- Books
- Board games
- Jigsaw puzzles
- Playdoh
- Toy cars, trains and aeroplanes
- Dinosaurs and dolls
- Teddies
- Vouchers for toys or days out
- Toiletry sets

Things to remember:

- **Donate any gift suitable for a child from new-born up to the age of 17. If batteries are need, please include these too.**
- **You can not donate second-hand toys.**
- **The presents need to be unwrapped.**
- **Presents need to be in by Thursday 12th December.**

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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.

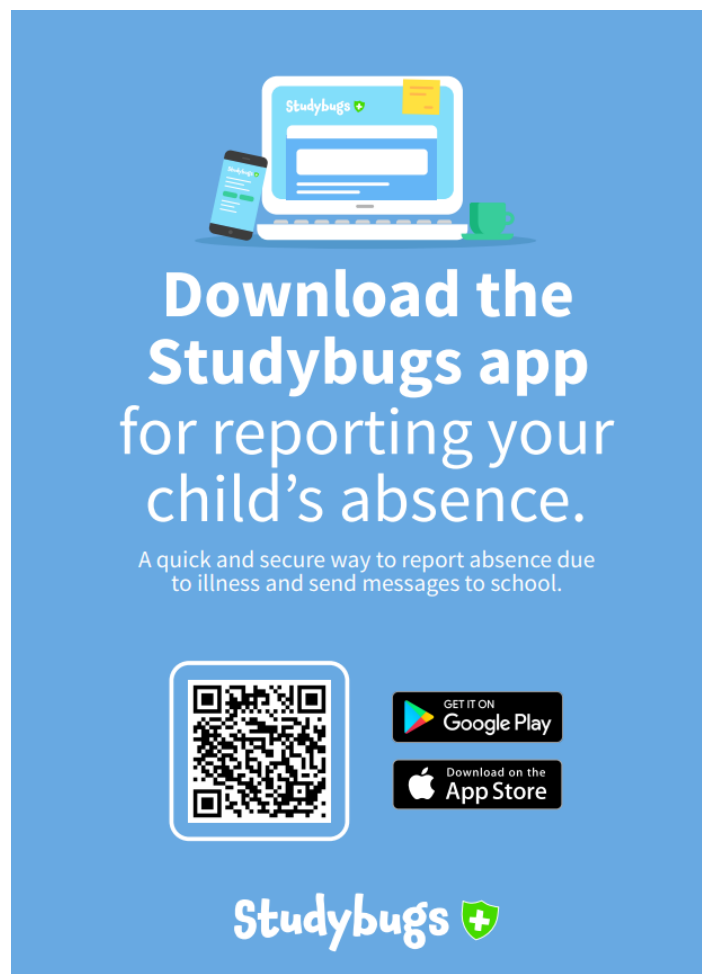
If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

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>)





The graphic is a blue rectangular box. At the top, there is an illustration of a laptop, a smartphone, and a green mug. The laptop screen shows the Studybugs app interface. Below the illustration, the text 'Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.' is written in large, white, bold font. Underneath this, in a smaller white font, it says 'A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.' At the bottom left, there is a QR code. To the right of the QR code are two black buttons: 'GET IT ON Google Play' and 'Download on the App Store'. At the very bottom, the 'Studybugs' logo is displayed in white, followed by a green shield icon with a white plus sign.


Download the Studybugs app
for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



 GET IT ON
Google Play

 Download on the
App Store

Studybugs 

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Mindful Mondays, Chalkwell Character Curriculum & Core Value Focus:

Autumn 2 Week 5

Core Value: Respect
SMSC/FBV: Individual Liberty
Learning Behaviour: Gratitude

Chalkwell Character Curriculum: When should I say 'Thank you'?



When should I say “Thank you”?

Today, we'll learn why and how to show gratitude. We show gratitude when we tell people we're thankful for something.

Why is it important?

- You can show others they're appreciated by being polite.
- It helps build good connections and relationships with others.
- Thinking about the things you are grateful for can make you feel good.

How do you do it?

Imagine a family member has taken you out for the day to one of your favourite places, even though they are very busy.

What should you do?

What about if somebody holds open the door for you here at school?

Do you show gratitude in the same way?



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Step 1: Look at the person, smile and say thank you.

It's that simple!

For most situations, just saying the words **genuinely** is enough: if somebody holds open the door for you, if somebody passes you something you need, if somebody gives you a compliment.

Can you think of any other times you should say thank you?



Optional Step 2: Sometimes actions speak louder than words.

If somebody did something especially thoughtful or helpful for you, you may want to do something extra to show your appreciation like writing a note telling them how their kind actions made you feel or giving a small gift like a picture you have drawn or coloured in. You may also want to do something to help them in return.

What kind of situation might you want to go the extra mile?



Optional Step 3: Keep a gratitude journal.

Writing down the things that you are grateful for can have a positive affect on your mental health.

Try listing 3 things that you are thankful for - this could be at any time throughout the day and could be written down on paper, something you say out loud to yourself or just a thought process.



On the next few slides, decide if you think it is a simple thank you needed, a note or picture, or something you could add to a gratitude journal.



Your Turn!

Think of 3 things that you are grateful for. You can share them with your class or partner if you like.

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

This Week:

Around Christmas time there are even more things than usual that we may be grateful for - at the weekend was the Christmas Fayre and this week we have the bazaar and grotto and no doubt you will be doing lots of lovely things in class in the next few weeks.

House points will be awarded to children who are showing and practising gratitude: that means being polite, considerate and kind.



Respect: Gratitude

Respect: Gratitude

What do you think is inside? What would you like to be inside?



Friends



Lunch



Sunshine



It can be really easy around Christmas time to think of all the things we would like, forgetting all the things that we already have.

How often do we take a moment to appreciate our friends, to be thankful that they are in our lives? When we are eating, how often are we grateful that we have good food? Are we thankful that we are getting the food we need to grow and be strong? When we are doing anything at all in the daytime, do we take the time to notice and appreciate the sunlight? The beauty and warmth that it gives us? Are we thankful that we have sunlight to help us see and keep us alive?

Being thankful means appreciating the things in our lives that are good - no matter how small or ordinary they may seem!

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



What are some of the little things you can be grateful for today?
Are there any big things?

Mr Thankful!

Reflection

The idea of waking up to gifts for a celebration can make us really excited and happy, but these occasions don't come around very often. However, being thankful and appreciating these seemingly small things in our lives can add up to quite a lot. Being thankful and appreciating what we have has the potential to make us happier every single day. It is a wellknown fact that being thankful and appreciating what we have makes us much happier people. So, as you look forward to the bazaar and the grotto this week, remember all the little things we can be thankful for too.



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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

- CHECK FOR OVERHEATING**

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.
- INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES**

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.
- AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS**

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.
- POWER BANKS: SAFE USE**

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.
- REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS**

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear: frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.
- UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE**

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.
- USE GENUINE CHARGERS**

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.
- WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX**

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.
- KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED**

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.
- SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN**

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

See full reference list on our website

@wake_up_weds
 /www.thenationalcollege
 @wake.up.wednesday
 @wake.up.weds

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 03.12.2025

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

HUNGRY CUPBOARD!

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

Next week, the initiative moves on to 6DS. Let's continue to show our support and demonstrate the strength of our community spirit!



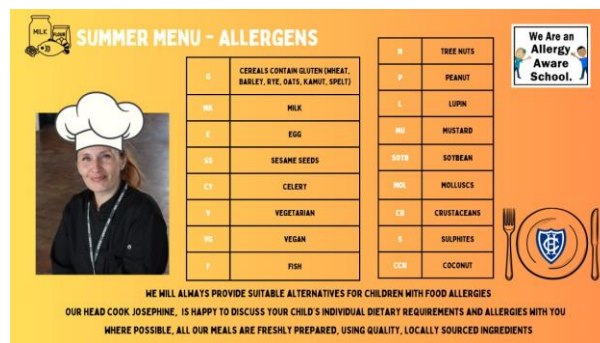
Food Bank Items of Need

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

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

PTA EVENTS

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

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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

Brilliant Basketballers!

We are thrilled to announce that our basketball team has secured an impressive second place in the Southend tournament! Our team showed outstanding passing, dribbling and shooting skills throughout. The standard was exceedingly high so to have come away with this result shows the commitment our pupils have to basketball. This fantastic achievement has qualified us for the Essex Finals next week! Watch this space!



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Boccia & New Age Curling

Today saw two teams take part in the Boccia and New Age Kurling events held at Garons today. Both events had 20 schools take part and we were put into two groups. We won a few and drew a few. However, the children kept their spirits high and showed lots of support and resilience even though we didn't make the finals. The children have been excited to learn and experience a new sport. Well done Team Chalky 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌💙

Sporting Opportunities




HAF CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOLS

10:30AM - 2:30PM




**MONDAY 22ND
DECEMBER**

**CLEMENTS HALL
EVERSLEY LEISURE**

**TUESDAY 23RD
DECEMBER**

**ROOTS HALL
STADIUM**

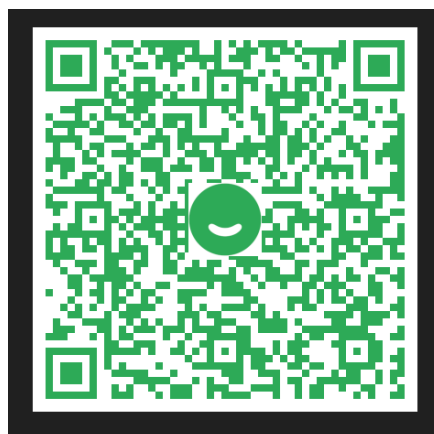
ALL ABILITIES

AGES 5 - 13



FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE EMAIL:
D.KING@SOUTHENDUNITED-CET.CO.UK





5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



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

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Learning this week!

Year 3

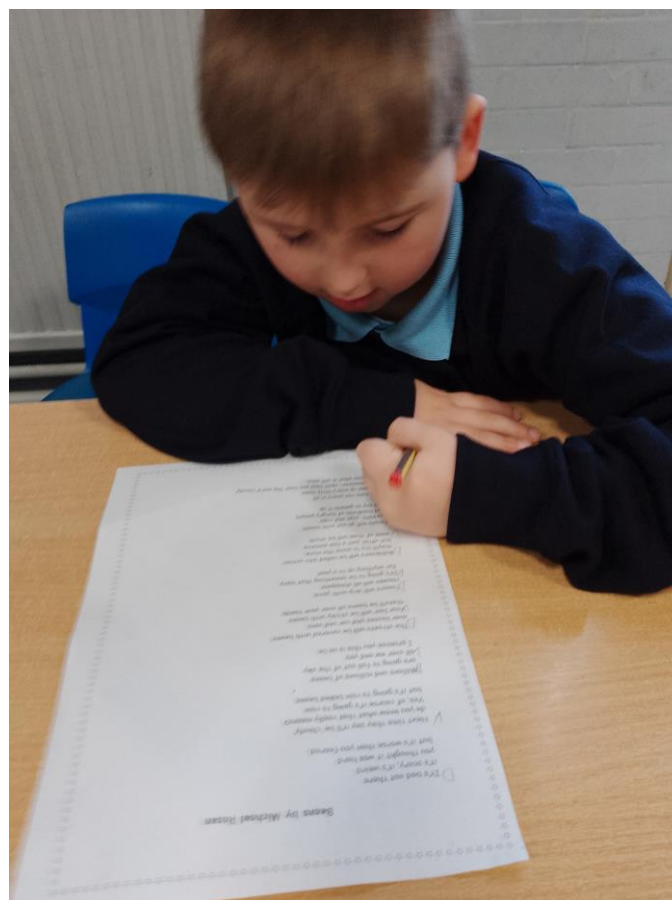
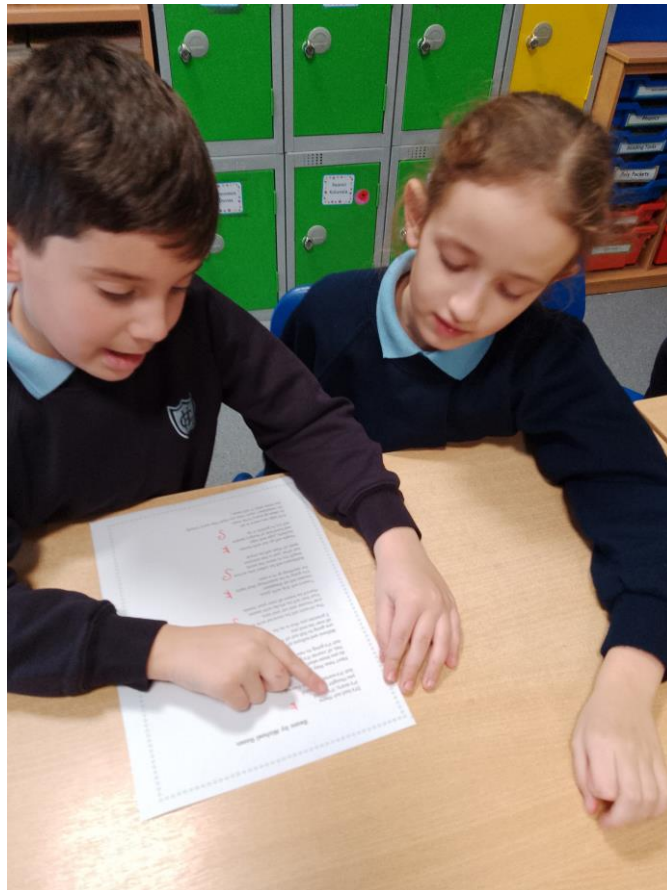
Christmas is on its way! The excitement of Warm Winter Wishes rehearsals, spending spree at the Christmas Bazaar and visits to Father Christmas has definitely seen Christmas excitement bubbling through the children this week. Despite all this, we have managed to squeeze in some lessons along the way!

In Maths, we have had a focus week on times tables and multiplication. We have been exploring many methods to solve written calculations and have been working hard at reinforcing our times table knowledge through a variety of partner games.

In Guided Reading we have looking at poetry by Michael Rosen and worked on intonation, speed and fluency with partners after sharing the poem 'Beans'. It has been wonderful to see how many children have become so confident with their reading and so keen to read aloud to the peers.



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Year 4

***HO! HO! HO!** – What an incredible festive week we've had to start December! From the excitement of Saturday's Christmas Fayre to the Grotto and Bazaar, the children are certainly in full festive swing, enjoying all the joys that December brings.*

With our feet firmly on the ground, we have continued to travel the world as intrepid explorers. The children have been applying their atlas skills to deepen their understanding of the world's continents, as well as the physical and human features of different countries. They have also been using an atlas to accurately locate capital cities, which linked beautifully with our Art learning. Building on the skills from our WOW Day, the children extended their artistic flair by creating watercolour cityscapes. Can you identify any cities from our photos?

As readers, we have enjoyed sharing book choices and discovering new and exciting authors, stories, and non-fiction texts. It has been wonderful to see the children dive into the creativity and imagination found in books recommended by their friends. Our Reading Ambassadors and Deputies have also enjoyed gathering views and feedback from the classes as we continue developing our new reading space.

This week, we taught our penultimate JIGSAW PSHE lesson, exploring our unique qualities. The children have been incredible learners throughout our Celebrating Difference unit, which focuses on respecting similarities and differences, anti-bullying, and embracing individuality. As always, we are so proud of their engagement and enthusiasm.

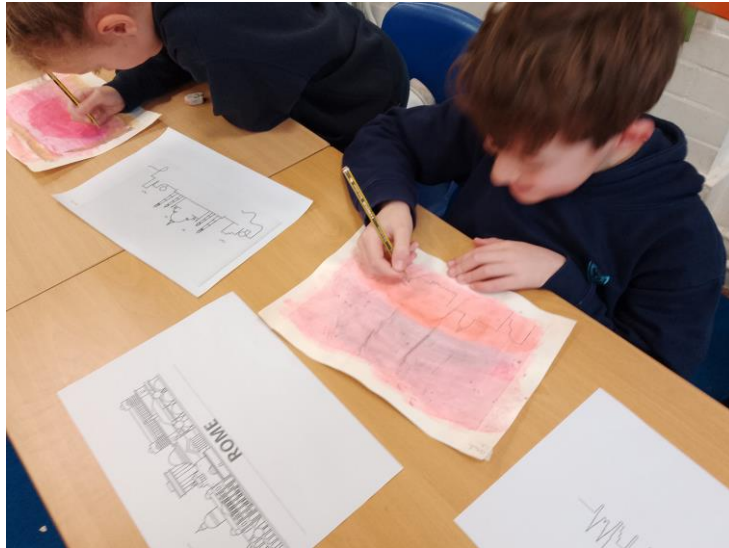
We wish you all a fantastic and festive weekend!



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



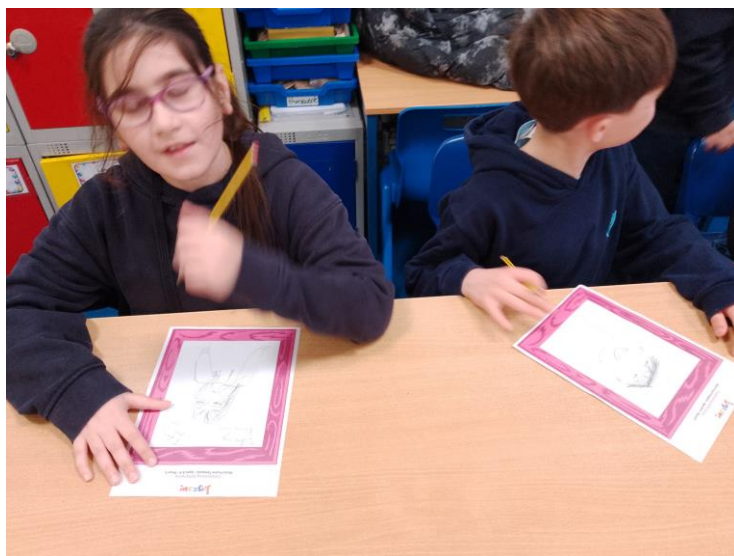
5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



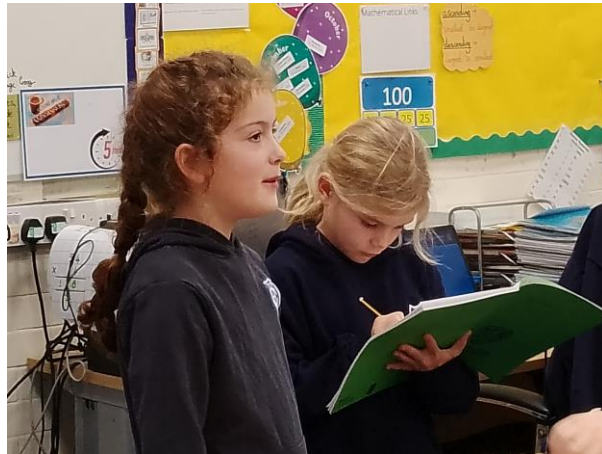
5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



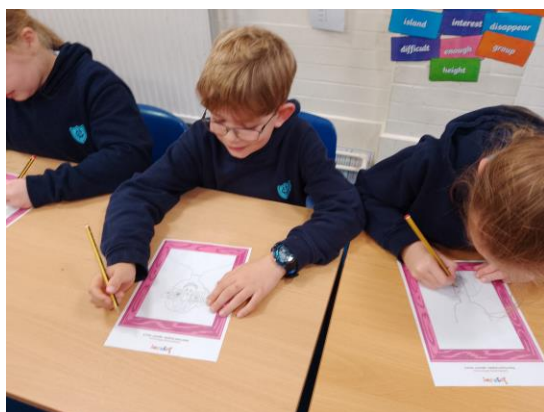
5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



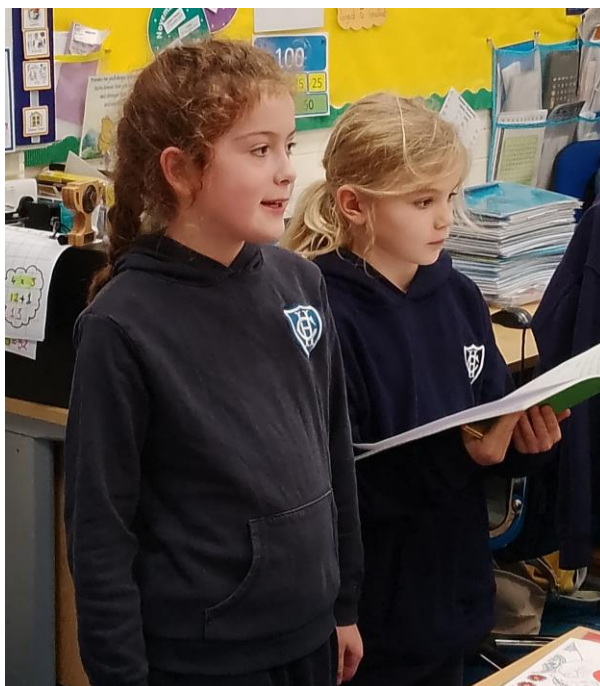
5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been embracing the festive spirit as we count down to Christmas! Amidst the excitement, the children have been working hard and staying focused on their learning.

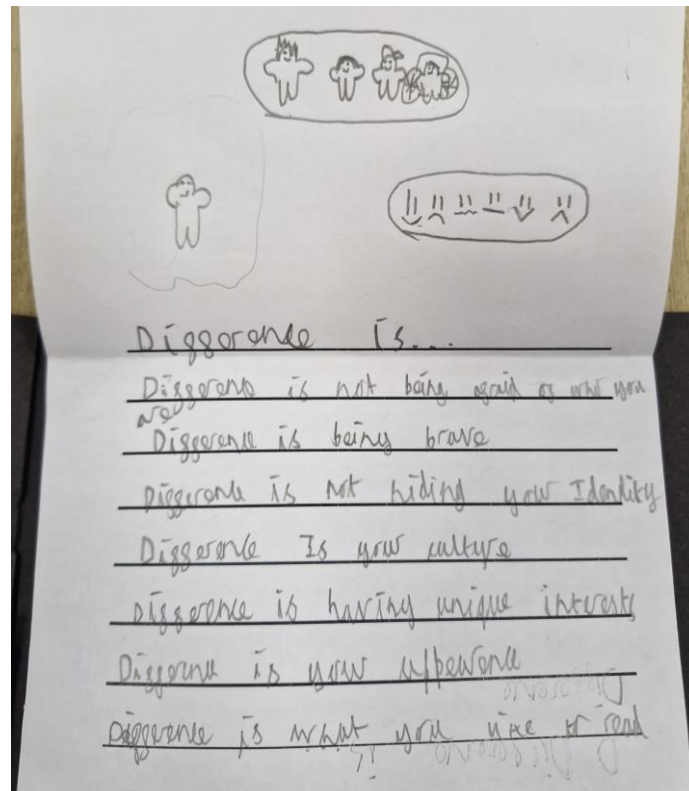
In our PE rugby sessions, we've been honing our skills by practising the pass-back rule, which is essential for enhancing our pass and move techniques. This rule took a bit of getting used to, but with hard work and focus, we could celebrate lots of success!

During our rivers topic, we've delved into the various ways we can protect our rivers and the types of pollution we can prevent. It's heartening to see so many of our students showing compassion for nature and understanding the importance of caring for our environment.

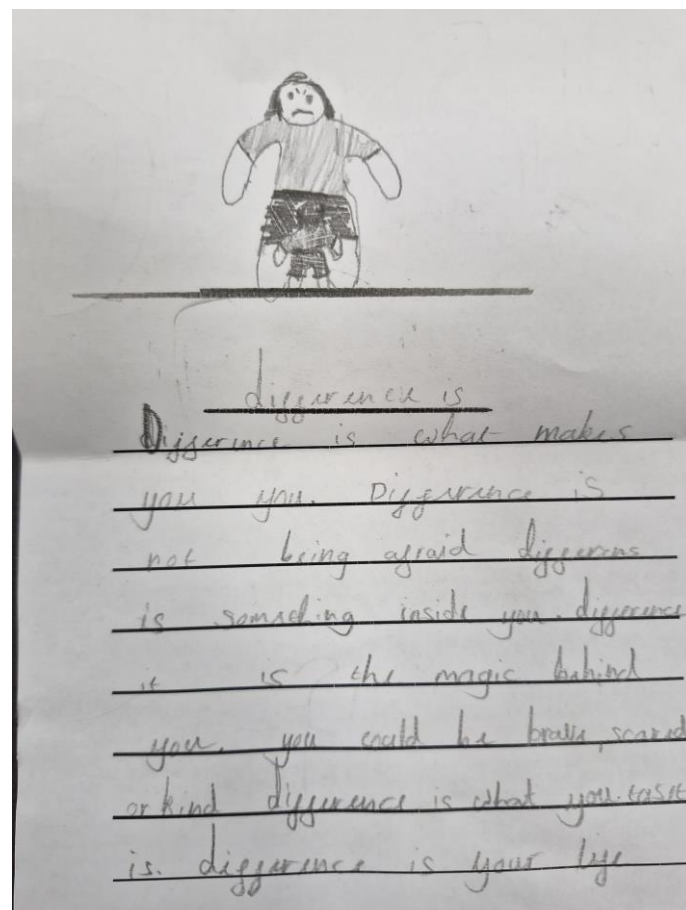
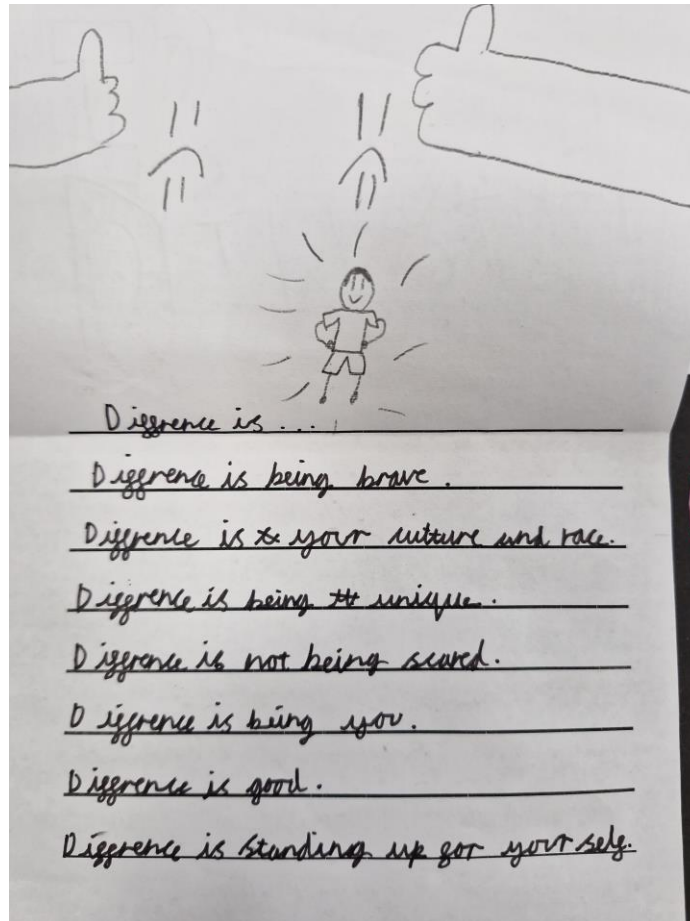
In PSHE, we've been exploring tolerance and discussing the nature of discriminatory and bullying behaviour. The children expressed their thoughts beautifully through some fantastic poems about differences, showcasing their creativity and empathy.

The databases in computing were also certainly a highlight. The children have been developing their proficiency with Microsoft word and Excel to collect and present data. The children enjoyed asking each other about their favourite movies, skateboard logos, football teams and even 'Brainrot' characters!

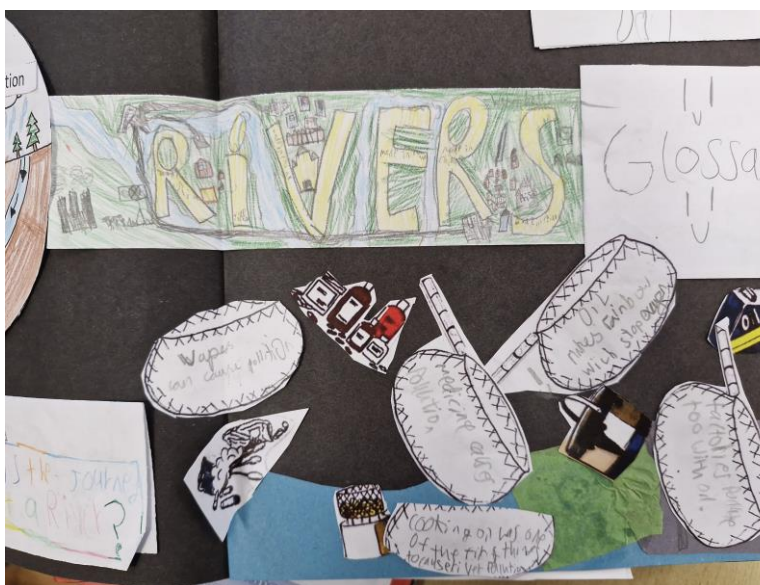
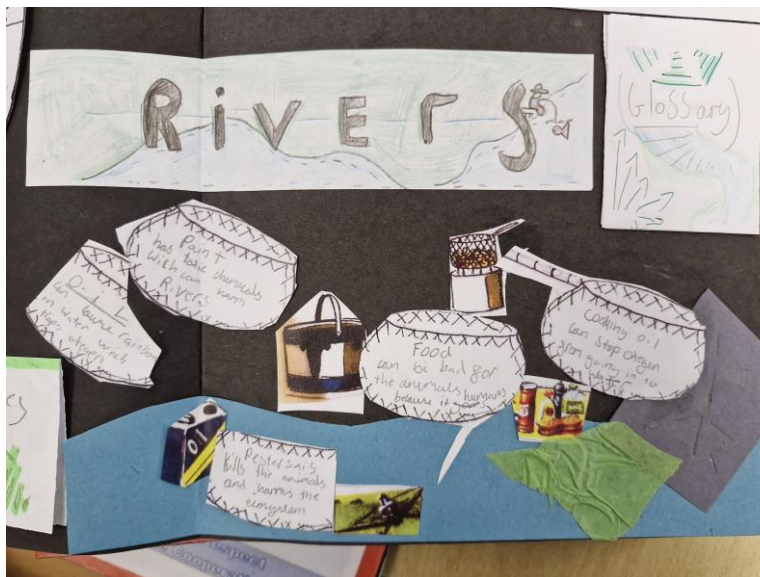
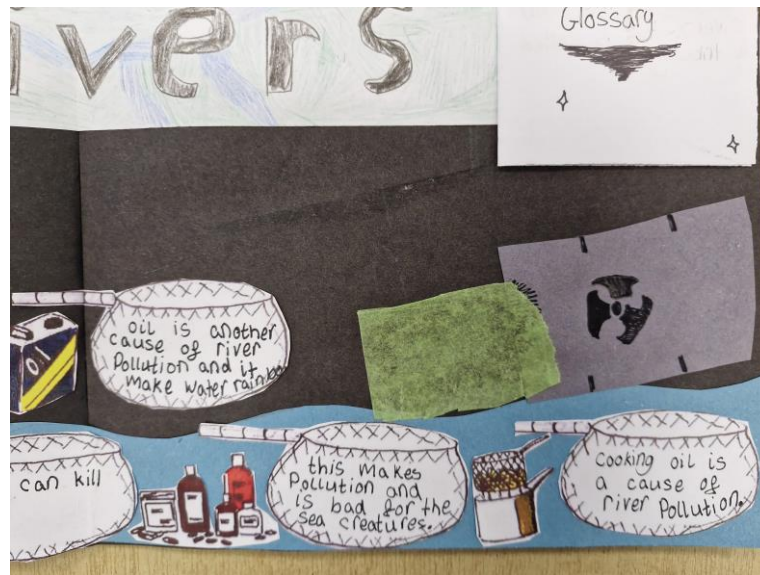
Well done, Year 5! Keep up the great work as we continue to learn and grow together.



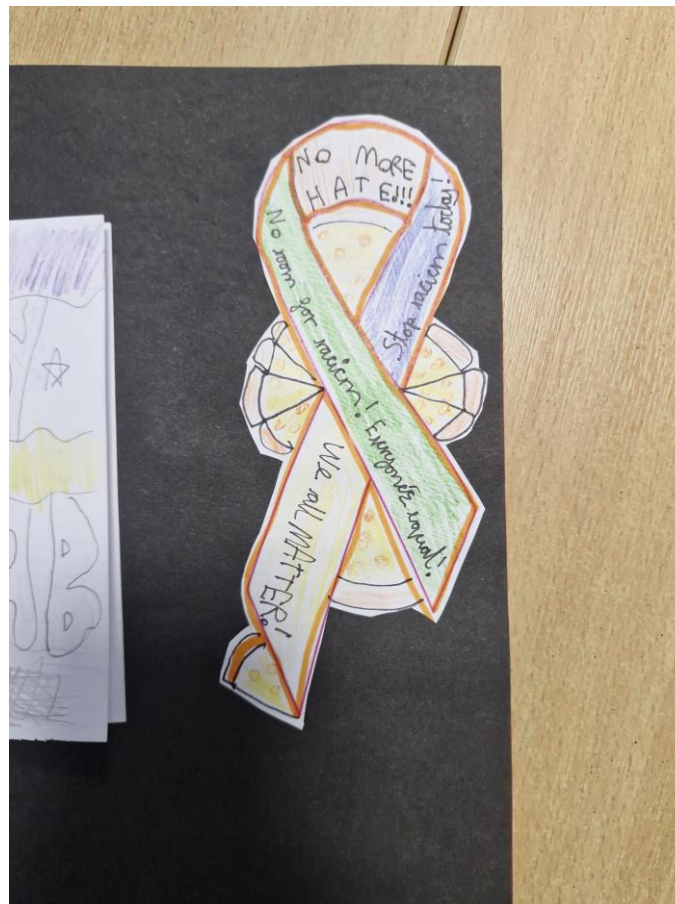
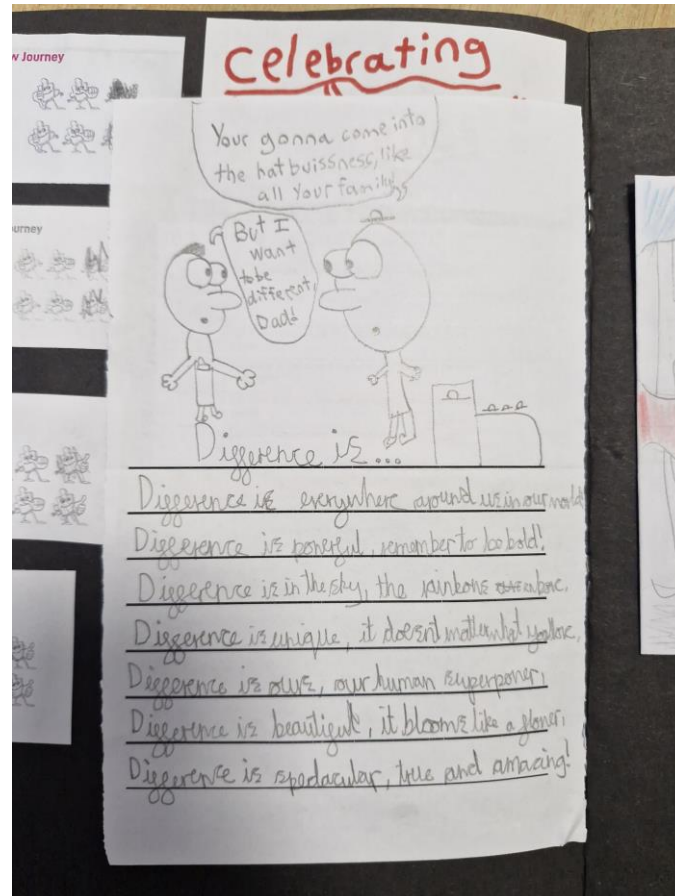
5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



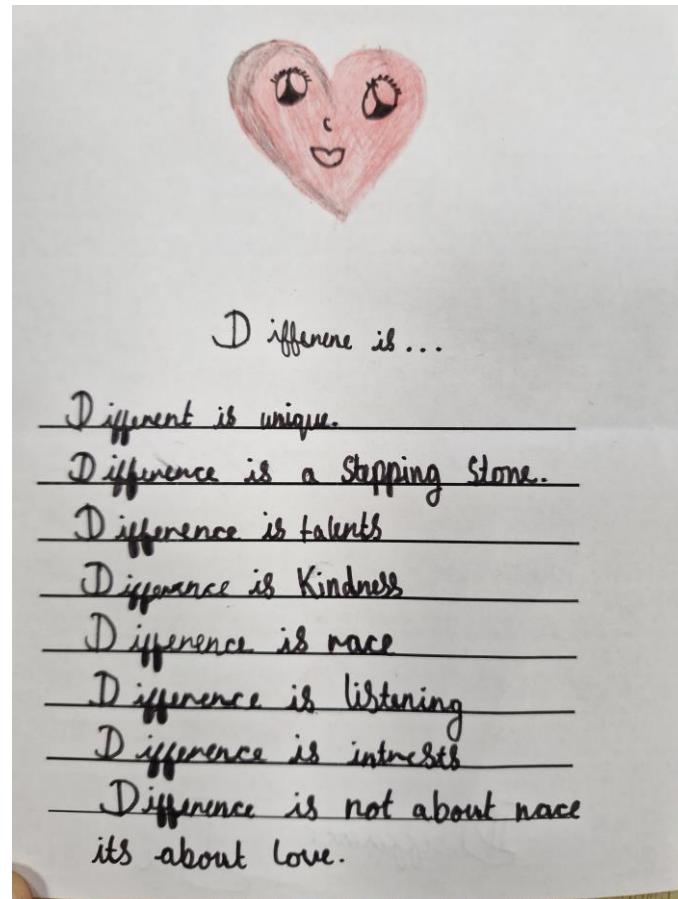
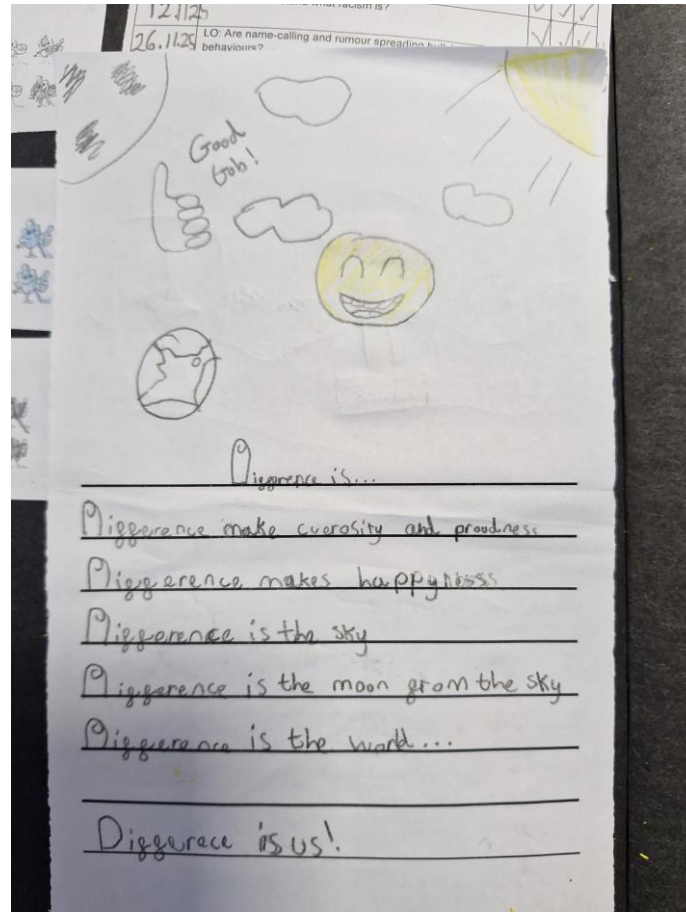
5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



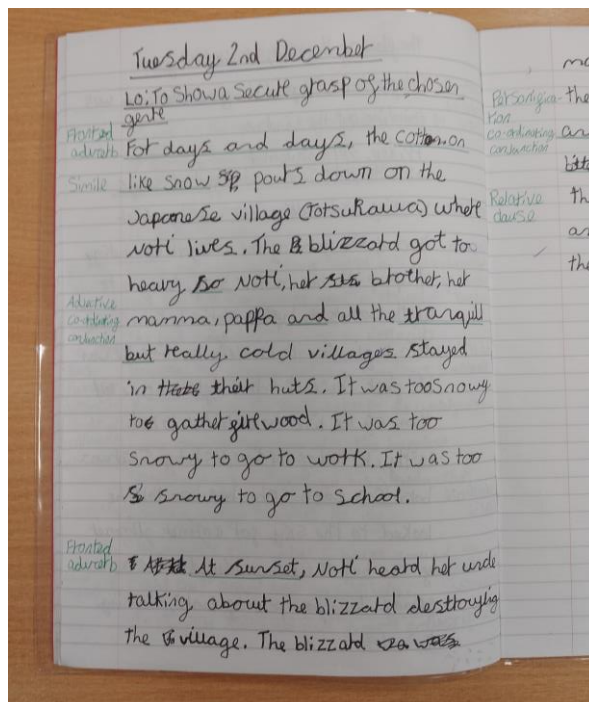
5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Year 6

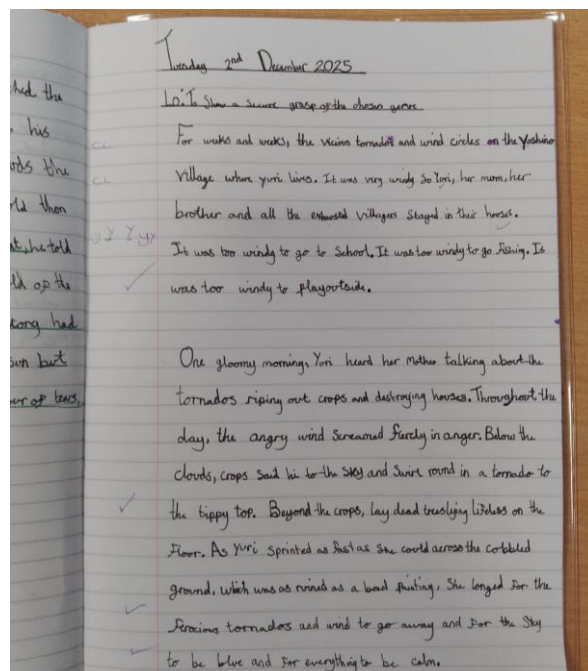
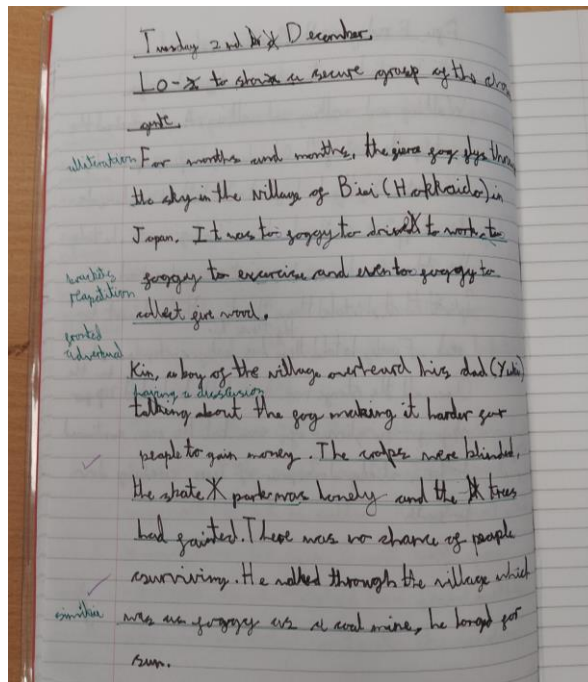
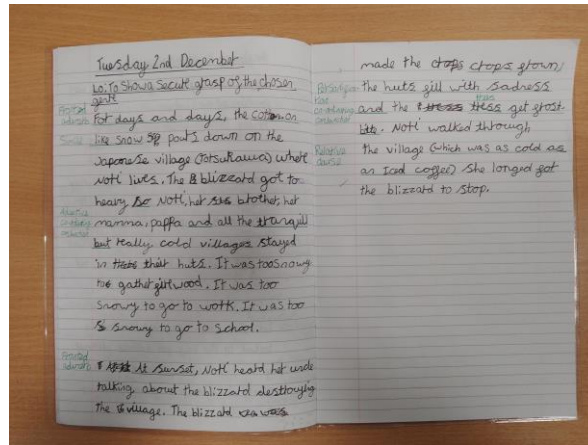
This week in Year 6, the children have continued to work exceptionally hard. In English, they have been exploring stories from either A Night in London—a story told through the perspective of someone moving to the UK during the Windrush Generation—or Lila and the Rain, which offers a rich narrative from another culture. Using ideas from these texts, the children wrote their own stories, shifting the original viewpoint to create fresh and imaginative perspectives. They have produced some truly fantastic writing.

In History, the children discussed the question: “Why was the Windrush Generation important?” This led to thoughtful and engaging conversations, which the children then used to create informative booklets celebrating the many contributions the Windrush Generation has made to Britain.

Our music lessons are also well under way, with the children learning how to play chords and apply them to a song—an exciting step in their musical journey.



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Achievement Awards

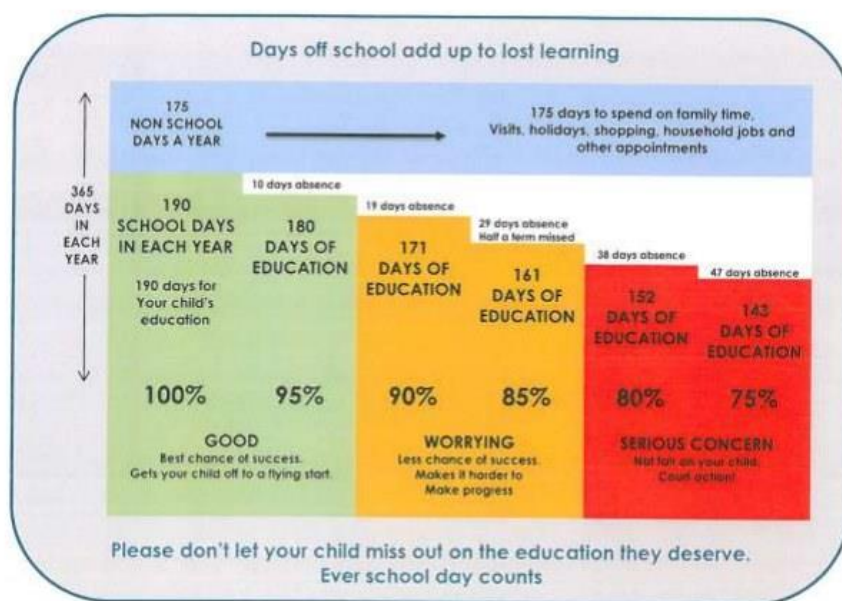


Today in Celebration Assembly it was a delight to give recognition to so many children for showing our core values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Cooperation, Creativity and Enquiry. Well done everyone, so many superstars at CHJS!



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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.

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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.

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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 - 94.9%

Weekly Attendance by Year Group

Year 3 = 94.5%

Year 4 = 95.7%

Year 5 = 97.1%



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Year 6 = 92.1%

Lower School Winners = 3CH (97.9%)



Upper School Winners = 5CF (98.3%)



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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

@victoria_southend @victoriasouthend
thevictoriasc www.victoriasc.co.uk

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 - 4.30PM
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 cozy 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 10TH - 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 surprise 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
palacetheatresouthend.co.uk

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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 amazing storytellers and enter into a world of wonder with magical 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 1pm. 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!

VISITSOUTHEND.CO.UK

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, crafting 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 in 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!

*High 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

From Saturday 15th November to Wednesday 24th December, Southend city centre is getting a sprinkling of festive mischief 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 31st 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. Wingly - The Victoria Centre
4. Bike Base - Queens Road
5. Laurence Mathews - Queens Road
6. Revells Jewellers - Cliffway Road
7. The Board Game Hut - Clarence Street
8. Hatter - High Street
9. Utopia - Hyege Avenue
10. Park Inn Hotel - Church Road

WIN AN ADULT AND CHILD CLIMB VOUCHER AT INDROCK!

ELF ON A SHOP SHELF TRAIL SOUTHEAST CITY CENTRE

15TH NOVEMBER - 24TH DECEMBER

SANTA'S ON HIS SLEIGH! PALACE THEATRE

20TH DECEMBER

SANTA'S SECRET WORD TRAIL THE VICTORIA CENTRE

1ST - 24TH DECEMBER

THE SNOW QUEEN PALACE THEATRE

10TH DECEMBER

BLUEY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT

1ST DECEMBER

CINDERELLA PANTIMIME CLIFFS PAVILION

15TH DECEMBER - 27TH JANUARY

SOMETHING JUST FOR THE GROWN UPS!

BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH

FESTIVE BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH PARK INN PALACE HOTEL
15TH NOVEMBER - 22ND DECEMBER
FRIDAY SUNDAY ONLY

GLITTER AND GOOD TIMES SLUG AND LETTUCE
15TH - 17TH DECEMBER

ROYAL BRUNCH CLUB THE ROYAL HOTEL
15TH DECEMBER

A NIGHT OF COMEDY

CHRISTMAS COMEDY THE ROYAL HOTEL
20TH DECEMBER

SATURDAY NIGHT: LIVE COMEDY! CADDIES
25TH DECEMBER

IMPROV XMAS COMEDY! CADDIES
26TH 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
21ST DECEMBER

GLORIOUS CHEESE

MERRY CHEESEMAS THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT
20TH DECEMBER

FOR THE GRATER GOOD THE ROYAL HOTEL
21ST DECEMBER

RYLAN ROSS KING

Cinderella

THE MOST MAGICAL PANTO OF THEM ALL!

**STEVE HEWLETT
NIC GREENSHIELDS
EWAN GODDARD
OONAGH COX**

**SAT 13 DEC 2025
SUN 4 JAN 2026**

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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



5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

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

**Monday 8th December - Lunchtime - Choir performing in Cliffs Pavillion Foyer - '12 Days of Christmas'*

**Monday 8th December - 4:30pm Drama Club Performance to parents*

Wednesday 10th December - Year 5 trip to the beach & Enrichment Day

Wednesday 10th December - Handball Tournament at Garons

Thursday 11th December- Christmas Jumper Day

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)

5.12.2025 CHJS Newsletter

Contact us:

Chalkwell Hall Junior School

London Road

Leigh-On-Sea

Essex

SS9 3NL

01702 478570

office@chalkwellhall-jun.southend.sch.uk

Visit us on the web at:

<https://chalkwellhall.co.uk/>