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What a wonderful four-day week it has been. The summer term is flying by, and it has been a real pleasure to see how hard the children are working and the progress they continue to make across the curriculum.

As this final term in their current year groups moves so quickly, we are very conscious as staff of taking time to pause and enjoy these special learning moments. The children are clearly proud of their achievements, and it is a joy to see their confidence growing each day.

We have already begun carefully planning our transition arrangements for September. My skilled teaching team and I are committed to making these transitions as smooth and supportive as possible, ensuring that every child is thoughtfully planned for and that all the right information is shared to help them move confidently into the next stage of their education.

Next week is SATs week for our wonderful Year 6 cohort. We are incredibly proud of the hard work they have put in and, most importantly, of the tremendous young people they are growing into. Do your best, Year 6 – that is all you ever need to do. We are already so proud of you.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

Andy Newnham

Headteacher

 **Dates for Your Diary**

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- **Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs week**
 - **Thursday 21st May - Class Photos**
 - **Friday 22nd May - INSET day - non-pupil day**
 - **Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th June - Y4 PGL / Activity Week**
 - **Wednesday 10th June - pm Borough Sports**
 - **Friday 12th June - SPORTS DAY (am Lower School/pm Upper School)**
 - **w/c Monday 15th June - Swimming start (4 weeks)**
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SCHOOL NEWS

Message to our wonderful Year 6 children before SATs Week

Dear Year 6,

As you head into your SATs next week, I wanted to wish each and every one of you the very best of luck. I hope you know that all we ever ask is that you do your best – and that is always enough. We are already incredibly proud of you and of the kind, compassionate and smart humans that you are.

It's important to remember that these tests do not always assess all of what it is that makes each of you special and unique. The people who create these tests and score them do not know each of you – the way your teachers do, the way I do, and certainly not the way your families do.

They do not know that many of you speak two languages. They do not know that you can play a musical instrument, dance, or paint a picture. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them, or that your laughter can brighten even the dreariest day.

They do not know that you write poetry or songs, take part in sports, wonder about the future, or that sometimes you take care of a little brother or sister after school. They do not know that you have travelled to a really special place, that you can tell a great story, or that you love spending time with special family members and friends.

And they do not know that you are trustworthy, kind and thoughtful, and that you try, every single day, to be your very best. The scores you get may tell you something, but they will never tell you everything about who you are.

So enjoy your weekend, be very proud of all the hard work you have put in and the wonderful person you are – and remember, there are many ways of being smart.

I look forward to seeing you on Monday, when we'll share a piece of toast before school!

Very best wishes,

Mr Newnham

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Thursday 11th June - NON UNIFORM DAY in exchange for Summer Fete Raffle prizes!

*Please note we have our annual non-uniform day to support of our PTA Summer Fete. **All we ask in return for your child wearing non-uniform that they bring in a donation for the ever popular raffle.***

*Chocolates and bottles are most welcome as raffle prizes! Remember all proceeds from this fantastic day goes back into enhancing the experiences of your child at CHJS! *this is not on Friday, due to it being our Sports Day!*

HUNGRY CUPBOARD!

🌟 Well Done 6DS – Hungry Cupboard Heroes!

*We would like to say a **huge well done to class 6DS** for their fantastic efforts in supporting the **Hungry Cupboard** initiative.*

*Thanks to their enthusiasm, teamwork and commitment, a wonderful collection of donations has been gathered, all of which will be delivered to the **SVP Foodbank** to support families in need. The class have shown great responsibility, kindness and compassion, living out our school values in a very meaningful way.*

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We are incredibly proud of 6DS for leading this initiative and would also like to thank all families who supported the project through their generous donations.

An excellent example of pupils making a real difference to their community – well done, 6DS! 🙌👏



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

Summer Term means just 1 thing for the PTA ... full steam ahead with Summer Fete planning & prepping and we need your help!! As Tesco say, 'every little helps' and it really does, so if you can spare an hour or 2 please volunteer via your class rep or email ptachalkwellhall@gmail.com.

This year we are planning a jam-packed afternoon of fun for everyone with more attractions than ever before!

Games - there will be a few new additions to the games stalls, including some World Cup themed ideas, as well as all the favourites. Games token cards are now available to pre-order online at <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/chalkwellhallpta> for £3 each (10 x 30p games).

Inflatables - there will be a giant slide & large castle for the children to enjoy at £2 per turn. Alternatively, you can buy a wristband for unlimited fun for £5 now available online at <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/chalkwellhallpta>

Animal Encounters - limited spaces to get up close with interactive hands-on shows hosted by Party Pets. Animals will include lizards, snakes, geckos, tarantulas and more! Pre-book your space at one of the 5 shows online at <http://www.pta-events.co.uk/chalkwellhallpta> (only children require a ticket, but must be supervised by an adult at all times.) An extra show for SEN children is available and emails will be sent out via the schools.

Pony Cycles - back by popular demand following the success at the Christmas Fayre!

Crazy Sand Craft Stall - children choose a bottle and fill it with colourful layers of sand creating their own sand art to take home.

Raffle - we have some amazing prizes this year and letter and tickets will be coming home in a couple of weeks!

Money Tree - the children's favourite stall!!! Choose an envelope and win the contents! Envelopes will be sent home with every child in a couple of weeks - please return them to school filled, so as many children as possible can enjoy this stall this year!

Choir Performances: 12.30pm - Junior Choir 1pm - Infant Choir

Also available: BBQ, bar serving Pimms, G&T, prosecco & beer, soft drinks, candy floss, sweets, crisps, strawberry cups, tombolas, pre-loved uniform, pre-loved books and games, ice cream van, face painting & local stall holders.

NON-UNIFORM DONATION DAY - THURSDAY 11TH JUNE

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In exchange for wearing non-uniform, we kindly ask, if you can, to donate wine or chocolates for our very popular tombolas at the Summer Fete.



 **CHALKWELL HALL INFANT & JUNIOR
SCHOOLS PTA** 

SUMMER FETE

**SUNDAY 14TH JUNE
12 - 4PM**

(OPEN FROM 11.30AM FOR OUR SEN FAMILIES ONLY)

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS *(PRE-BOOK ONLINE IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT)*
PONY CYCLES *(COURTESY OF LITTLE RIDERS)*
INFLATABLES *(COURTESY OF ELLIS LEISURE)*
RAFFLE
FACE PAINTING
PIMMS TENT & BAR
BBQ
WINE & CHOCOLATE TOMBOLAS
GAMES STALLS
GIFT STALLS
ICE CREAM VAN
... AND LOTS MORE!!!

EVERYONE WELCOME!

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SCHOOL DINNER MENU - Next week: WEEK 2

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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
HOMEMADE CHEESE AND TOMATO PIZZA / VEGETABLE PIZZA (MK) (G) (V) (ON A WHOLEMEAL 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 VEGETABLE 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
THIS MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

SCHOOL MENU - ALLERGENS

G	CEREALS CONTAIN GLUTEN (WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE, OATS, KAMUT, SPELT)	N	TREE NUTS
MK	MILK	P	PEANUT
E	EGG	L	LUPIN
SS	SESAME SEEDS	MU	MUSTARD
CY	CELERY	SOYB	SOYBEAN
V	VEGETARIAN	MOL	MOLLUSCS
VG	VEGAN	CR	CRUSTACEANS
F	FISH	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

We Are an Allergy Aware School.

SPORT @ CHJS

Year 3& 4 Quad Kids Competition

What an incredible day for our school at the Quad Kids Athletics Competition! Our talented team showcased superb resilience and a competitive spirit, finishing an impressive 8th out of 22 schools! A special shout-out to our individual athlete who brought home a bronze medal! Everyone's hard work and dedication has truly paid off, and we could not be prouder of how they represented CHJS!

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Learning highlights this week!

Year 3

A shortened week this week, but lots of fantastic work has been completed in Year 3!

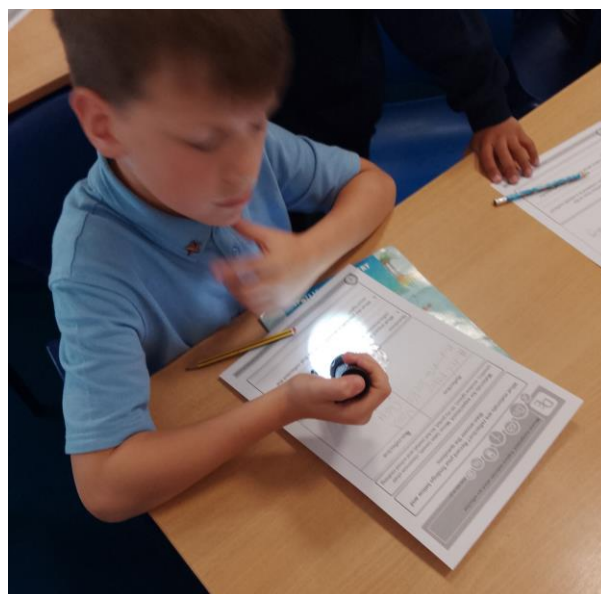
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In Maths, we have continued our fractions work by doing some active maths learning about equivalent fractions using a fraction wall and fractions of amounts.

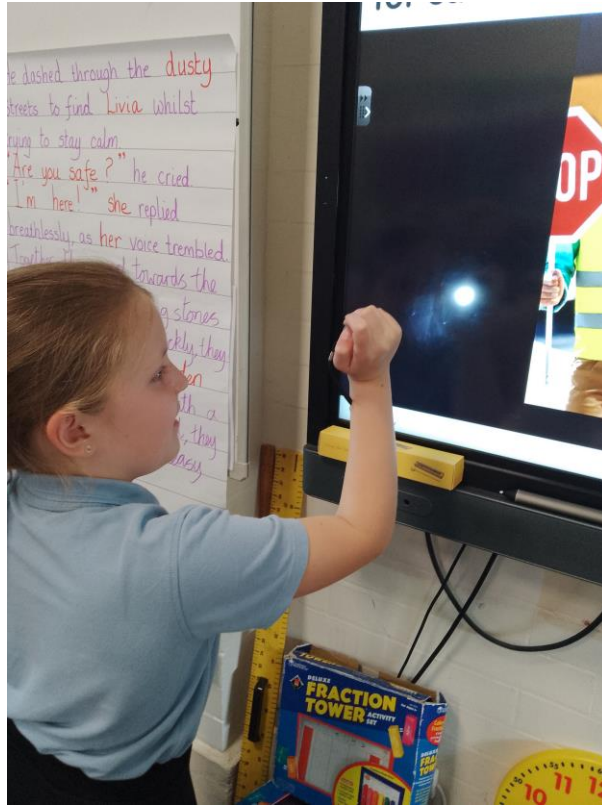
In English, we are writing a 'shared write' of our own version of Escape from Pompeii. In Music, we continued learning about motifs and creating our own motifs using graphic scoring and the different musical notes.

In Science, we are enjoying our 'light' topic and this week looked at testing different materials and whether they reflected light and why some do and some don't.

Well done Year 3, keep up the great work!



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Year 4

Year 4 has had an amazing term, learning about Volcanoes and their incredible visual beauty and devastating eruptions. We've investigated different types of volcanoes and learnt the technical terms used to describe the different parts.

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In Maths, we've been learning about shapes, their properties, angles and whether or not they are symmetrical. Children are continuing to win stars and certificates in our weekly tests, while others are still improving week by week.

In our PE lessons, we have been doing Athletics - learning how to run, throw and jump. They have improved their technique week upon week, trying to get their own PBs! We've also played mini games of Rounders over the park, thankfully due to the lack of rain we usually get this time of year!

This term, our Science lessons have been all about animal classification and their habitats while in computing the children have enjoyed making their own amusing animations on Purple Mash.



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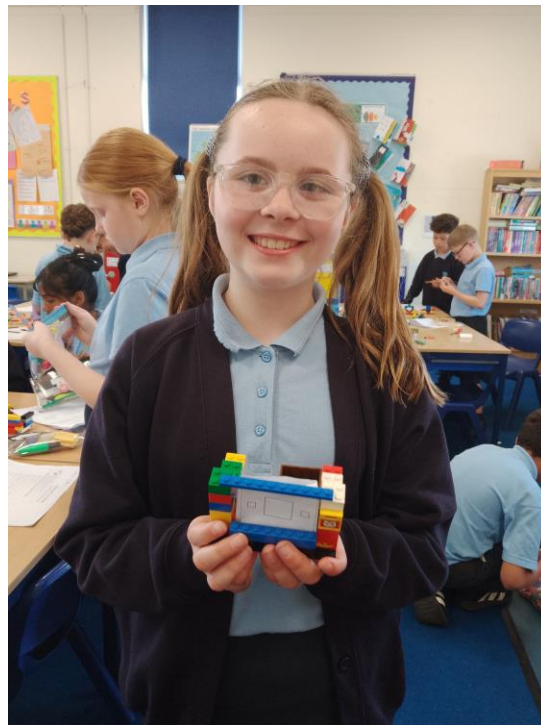
Year 5

We are thrilled to celebrate the incredible creativity and innovation of our Year 5 children!

This week, they have been hard at work designing and building Lego housings for a microbit, which will help create a pet temperature sensor.

Their teamwork and problem-solving skills have truly shone through as they combined technology and engineering to make a difference. We can't wait to see how their projects will help keep our furry friends safe and comfortable!

Well done, Year 5! Keep up the fantastic work!



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Year 6

With just one week to go until the Year 6 SATs, we have had a focused and productive week of learning across the curriculum. The children have worked incredibly hard revising a range of topics in Maths and Grammar, showing determination and maturity as they prepare for next week. We are very proud of the effort and resilience they continue to demonstrate.

In Writing, we have continued our study of 'The Black Book of Secrets' and have begun planning some detailed character descriptions, using rich vocabulary and thoughtful ideas inspired by the text.

On Wednesday, we enjoyed a lovely walk around Leigh and Old Leigh, learning more about the history of the beautiful place in which we live. The trip helped bring our Geography learning to life, allowing us to visualise the maps we have studied so far and understand why fishing played such an important role in the development of the old town. We also spoke about some of the heroes of Dunkirk that came from Leigh. In case you weren't aware, there's a moving memorial in St. Clement's graveyard to the sailors who lost their lives during the vital evacuation. In the graveyard of St. Clement's, you can also find the tomb of Mary Ellis: a woman who lived to the astonishing age of 119 years old and lived throughout the entire reign of all the Tudor Monarchs (how cool is that)!

In RE, the children created some thoughtful acrostic poems based around the themes of 'Grace and Forgiveness', producing some reflective and creative pieces of work.

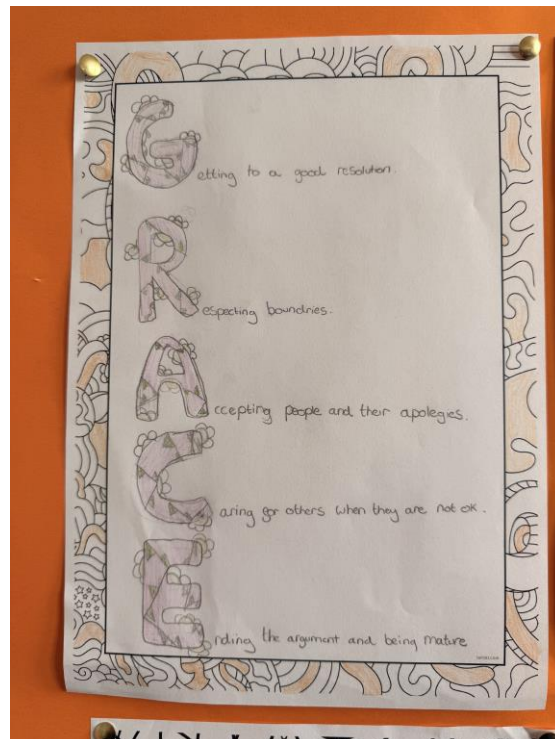
All in all, it has been a fantastic week of learning. Rest well over the weekend and come in next week ready to give your very best and smash your SATs — we know you can do it!



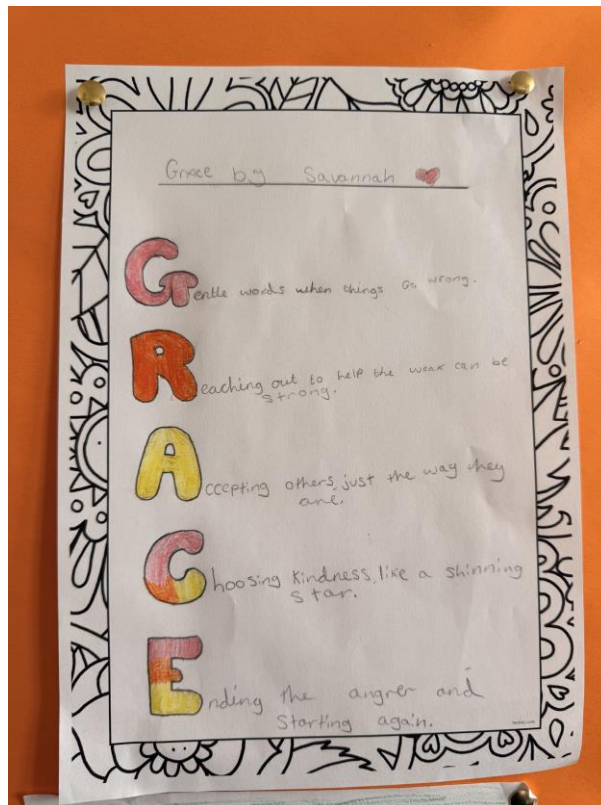
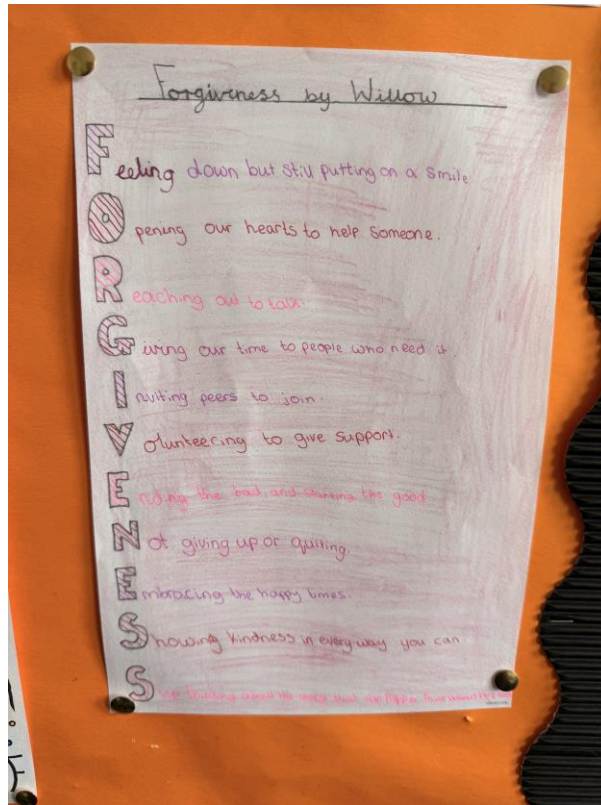
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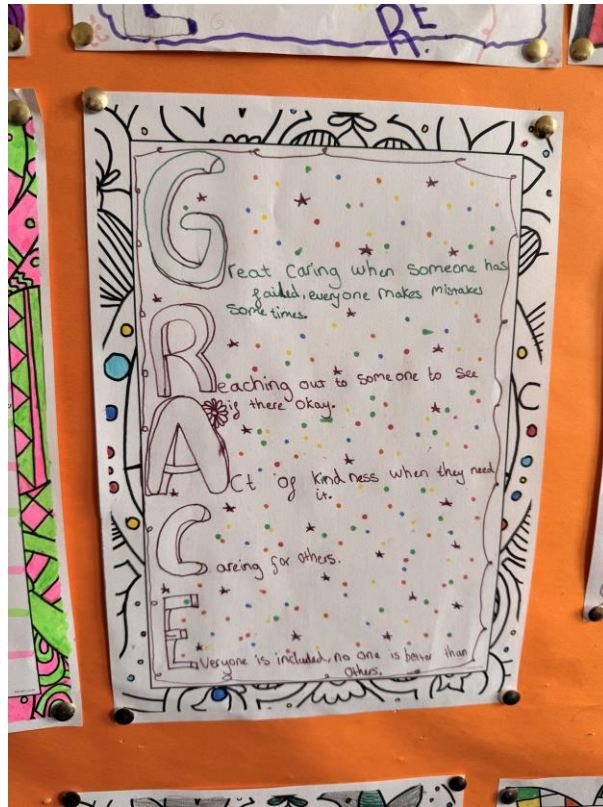
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Achievement Awards

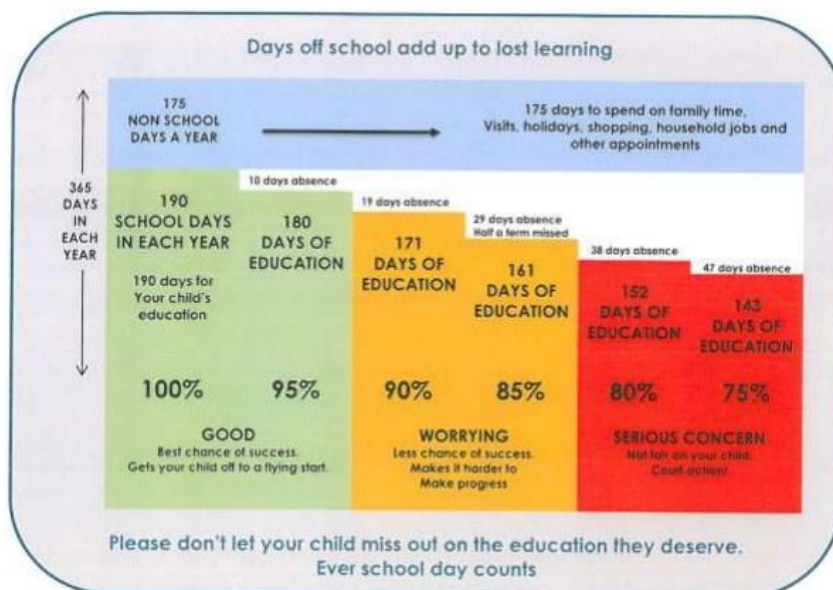


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Today, it was a delight to give recognition to so many children for embodying our core values of Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Cooperation, Creativity, and Enquiry. A huge well done to everyone—there are so many superstars at CHJS! Your hard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



Attendance & Punctuality



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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK - 97.0% (+0.3%)

Weekly Attendance by Year Group

Year 3 = 98.9% (+2)

Year 4 = 97.6% (+0.2)

Year 5 = 96.1% (+0.8)

Year 6 = 96% (-1.2)

Lower School Winners = 4SR (100%)



Upper School Winners = 6DS (98.8%)



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Community News



JUNIOR TENNIS CAMP

Chalkwell Park

25 - 29 May 2026
9:00 - 11:30am
5-10 / 11-16 years

Action packed holiday camps with team challenges, tennis skills, games and prizes.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
BOOK OR CLICK ON THE
LINK BELOW

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The LTA Youth logo, featuring the letters "LTA" in a stylized font above the word "YOUTH" in a bold, sans-serif font, all contained within a green circular graphic.



May Half Term Tennis Camp

Same price earlier start time

Wed 27th & Thurs 28th May
9:00 am - 1:30 pm

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

Act no - 27496268

Ref - Childs name

Please bring drinks
and snacks



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15th August 2026
1pm to 10pm
@WESTCLIFF RUGBY CLUB

Tash Fest
IN MEMORY OF NATASHA

General admission
£12.50
+ small booking fee

3 and under FREE

In aid of
Lady McAdden
Before, During and After Breast Cancer

Supported by
WESTCLIFF RUGBY CLUB

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Hot food and Drinks available to purchase
(No alcohol from outside, but feel free to bring a snack or picnic if desired)

Bring your picnic blankets and chairs, we want you to be comfortable.

Enjoy a fantastic selection of acts on the main stage
Singers, Live bands and DJ's

Bouncy castles and fun activities for the kids

- ♥ Local crafts and arts to purchase
- ♥ Delicious ice cream van and other sweet treats
- ♥ Relax in the Wellbeing Tent

MEGA RAFFLE!
Lots more to be confirmed!

Follow Lady McAdden on social media for updates and announcements

All proceeds going to Lady McAdden

Tash Fest

Full Line-Up Revealed
DON'T MISS OUT - TICKETS SELLING FAST

The AllBeats Band
DJ Mike Payne - Mouse in the House
Jackie Wilson Says
DJ Tone

LODS presenting **We Will Rock You**
Tash's Bangers = DJ Slim & 6-7
Bella & Sam
THE SHOW CHOIR
The Tashettes

hosted by: **DJ Ian Reading - Zero Radio**

scan to buy your tickets  Line-up subject to change without notice

Dates for your diary:

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATs Week

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Monday 18th May - Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle

Thursday 21st May - Class Photos

- 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

Monday 8th to Wednesday 10th June - Y4 trip to Windmill Hill / Activity Days

Wednesday 10th June - pm Borough Sports

Thursday 11th June - Non-uniform day in return for PTA Summer Fete donations for the raffle!

Friday 12th June - Sports Day - am Y3&4 / pm Y5&6

Sunday 14th June - PTA Summer Fete 12-3pm

w/c 15th June - Junior swimming starts (4 weeks)

Friday 26th June - Governor Day

Friday 3rd July - Y6 Transition Day / Meet new teacher day

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July - Leigh Art Trail

Wednesday 8th July - Open classroom 3:15-4:15pm

Thursday 9th July - End of year reports home

Friday 10th July - Y6 trip to Adventure Island

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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