



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 1 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been fantastic to welcome the children back into school this week and they all look so smart in their uniforms. They have all settled in quickly and are keen to get on with their learning.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to all the staff in school for ensuring that the children have settled quickly back into routine and for their hard work during the holiday in preparing the classrooms for their return.

This week, it has been lovely to welcome our new families in both Reception and Nursery, in particular those who have started in our new 2-year-old room. The Nursery looks lovely with all the new equipment which the children are having fun exploring. We are also looking forward to the children in Reception starting full-time later next week. I am sure that they will be very happy at Hinguar. I would like to thank the EYFS staff for ensuring that the Nursery and Reception classrooms were ready for our new children.

Our attendance for the school as a whole has been 95% this week. Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school every day on time so that they are ready to learn, particularly with the new timings beginning this week. They clearly enjoy coming to school and experiencing the exciting activities their teachers plan for them, as well as seeing their friends. Attendance and punctuality will continue to be monitored very closely each week, and we will continue to meet with families where attendance triggers our benchmark of 4+ days absence within the first 4 weeks of school or where persistent absence is identified as a barrier to learning. This is so that we can support families in preventing attendance issues becoming embedded. Promoting good attendance is everyone's responsibility and ensures that pupils are successful.

To reward good attendance, we will be continuing with our weekly attendance awards but our half termly attendance award will be changing. We will now be rewarding the class with the best attendance for the half term with our special award 'Dress for Success!'. This is where the children in the class with the best attendance across the half term will be allowed to come into school the following Monday in appropriate non-uniform to celebrate their achievement.

We are continuing with our reward system for every child in school called 'Catch Me!'. This is a system that rewards the children for doing the right thing all the time, whether it be being polite, helpful, ready to learn etc and any adult in the school can award the Catch Me! signatures to the children. All the children will begin again, working towards their Bronze award, as they are in a new school year with new expectations.

We continue to strengthen the learning experiences for the children, and we are planning trips in support of this, including more local ones across the year. Alongside this, the introduction of Forest Schools has really inspired the children this week and they have been talking lots about their experiences within the lessons. It has been lovely to see them so engaged and excited.



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Forest Schools lessons are as follows:

Reception – Thursday

Years 1 and 2 – Monday

Years 3 and 4 - Tuesday

Years 5 and 6 – Wednesday

Just a reminder that the children will continue to come into school on PE days in their kits so that they have maximum time in lessons. The PE timetable is as follows:

Reception – Tuesday

Years 1 and 2 – Wednesday

Years 3 and 4 - Friday

Years 5 and 6 – Thursday

Also, sports clubs will commence week beginning September 11th, 2023. There are still some spaces for some of the clubs, so please don't forget to book your child in via MCAS.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your continued support. Please remember that our Pastoral Team are here to support all our families. Please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Wilson or Mrs White via the school office should you need their help/assistance at any time, and they will get back to you.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards

Mrs Waite

Headteacher

Starfish / Turtle Class

This week we opened our nursery, which has now expanded to include two-year-olds. Our nursery consists of Starfish Class -3-4 year olds and Turtles – 2 year olds.

This week was the children's first week. We feel the children have settled in really well and are getting used to leaving their parents. For some of the children this is the very first time they have left their mums and dads.

The children have enjoyed playing in the water, playing with cars, building towers and playing with the musical instruments.

Next week, we are planning more activities based around the children's interests and continuing to get to know each other and making new friends.

Oyster Class



Year 1 have had lots of fun settling back into their school routine!

We have been sharing many stories and getting to know one another through circle times. The children have written sentences all about their summer holidays too.

We have a new addition to Year 1; his name is Patch the Panda. Patch is always looking out for those children who have excellent learning and will be keeping an eye on our reading too.

We are looking forward to another great week of learning!

Miss Bradley and Mrs Tarling

Seagull Class

It has been lovely to welcome the children into Year 2 this week. They came in looking very smart and showing they are excited to learn.

We have been thinking a lot about feelings this week, reflecting on how we feel and thinking about how our feelings make a difference to the people around us. We discussed the different adults in school who can help us and make us feel safe.



In our English lessons this week, we have been looking at the story of The Owl Who was Afraid of the Dark. We started thinking about why Plop was scared and how he began to overcome his fears.

Also, this week, we have started our Fire of London topic. The children are already showing great interest in the events of the fire. They have been comparing London in 1666 and modern-day London.



The children have enjoyed meeting Barney our class book bear. Barney loves reading, he especially enjoys it when people read to him. The children have had fun sharing books with Barney this week. On Friday each week, a child who has read to an adult at home and had their reading record signed five times will bring Barney home for the weekend.

A wonderful start to Year 2!

Mrs Oakley and Mrs Merton

Curlew Class

Welcome back to school
fabulous Curlews and welcome to
Year 4!

The children have settled into class so
well and I am so proud of them all. They have
bonded with our class mascots – rabbits Pebble and
Peanut and have been a total delight to welcome.

On Tuesday, they successfully worked in small groups to
solve maths problems. They all participated well, and each
proved to be fantastic members of a team.

They all designed fantastic personal desert islands and
used these as inspiration for their baseline writing
assessments.

I am so very glad to have the next year with these
gorgeous children and anticipate many fabulous weeks
ahead.

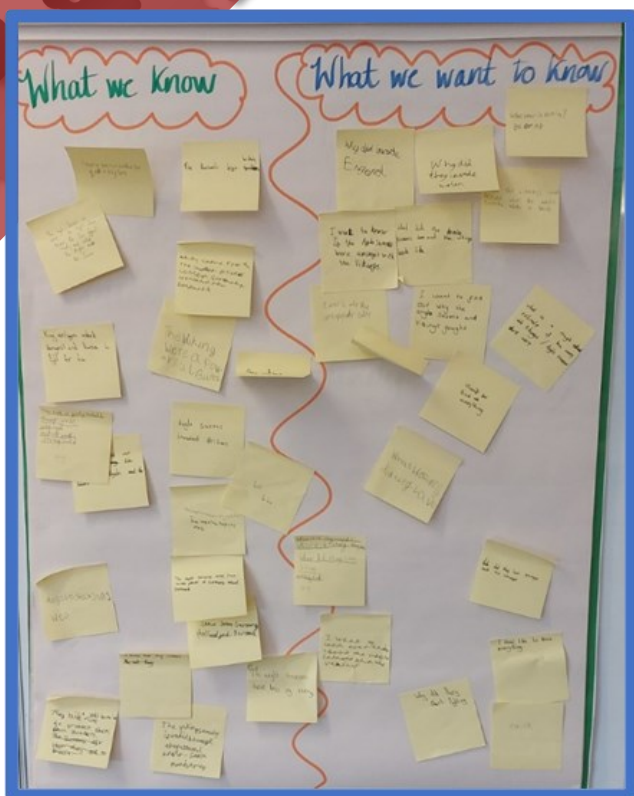
Well done, Year 4. You are all awesome.

Miss Eakins and Miss Brailsford

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Sanderling Class



This week, those Sensational Sanderling have started the term with an amazing week. They tucked straight into some work on Roman Numerals and have been showing off their Place Value skills all week in Maths. In English, they have been attacking some new grammar objectives and have learned about adverbs of possibility and modal verbs. In RE, they talked about our big question for the term (What would Jesus do?); in Spanish they revised how to greet each other and ask your name and in geography they talked about the reasons people choose different places to settle. They started their new topic Invaders and Settlers by learning about what happened after the Romans left and created a chart of what they know about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings and what they want to find out. For Science, they talked a little about the properties of materials and will be doing experiments next week to test what they discussed. An amazing week! This is going to be a great year!

Have a fabulous weekend,
Mrs Emmings and Mrs Allen

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Use Roman numerals

VI ✓
XI ✓
95 ✓

Complete the tables.

10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
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What year is shown at the end of the film?

2012

Write the numbers of Roman numerals to complete the diagrams.

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Wednesday 20th September 2023

Adverbs of possibility

The Sky seemed white and low and it was obviously going to go poor down.
As she was nervous about tomorrow, perhaps she could think it through.
As they had such a big lead in the race, surely they would win it.
I can't come this time but I will definitely come next time.
The father feels like my mum has been out for a long time, maybe she got delayed.
The yearner will probably be nice when I go on holiday in August.
Unfortunately, she has my room so I can't stay here.
If you haven't tried the new songs, then you certainly should.

Thursday 7th September 2023

Modal verbs

Hawkbill turtles are critically endangered and will become extinct if a hunting makes it to the shore in a noisy place that it could not ignore.
Buildings will be built above the water level.
If you become a female turtle on a beach you should be careful when you walk.
Reading about turtles will make you more appreciative of their magnificent reptiles.

Challenge 2

Starting with the following two sentences, follow the six write instructions below, and write about your own experience of seeing some hawkbill turtle hatchlings.

1. I climbed out of bed, got dressed and headed into town.
The only thing on my mind was that I had to save the hawkbill turtle hatchlings.

2. This sentence must include a modal verb and a modal adverb.

3. This sentence must include two descriptive words from the Word Bank.

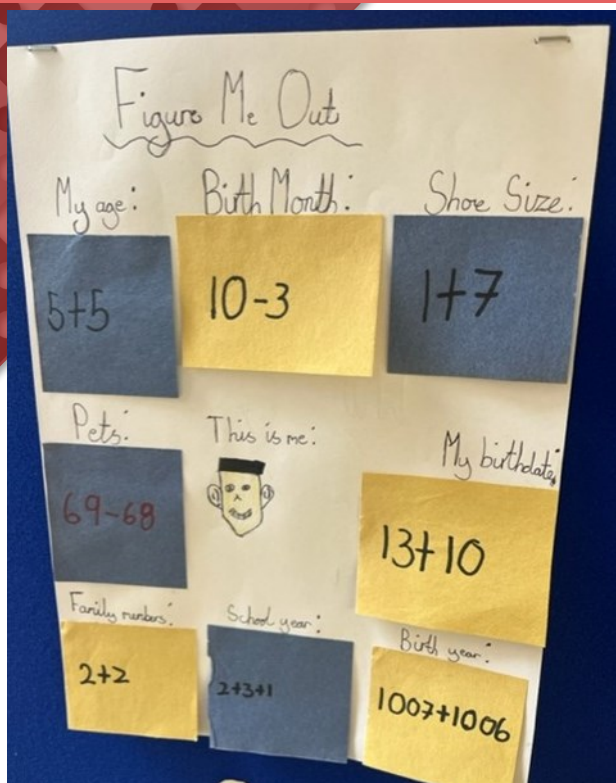
4. This sentence must include either a fronted adverbial or an adverb of possibility.

5. This sentence must be a rhetorical question that starts with a modal verb.

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I climbed out of bed, got dressed and headed into town.
The only thing on my mind was that I had to save the hawkbill turtle hatchlings.
I will definitely help the hawkbill turtles.
The hatchling will be born and then it will head towards the artificial light.
The morning people go looking for turtles to take back to the ocean.
We will try to save the hawkbill turtles.

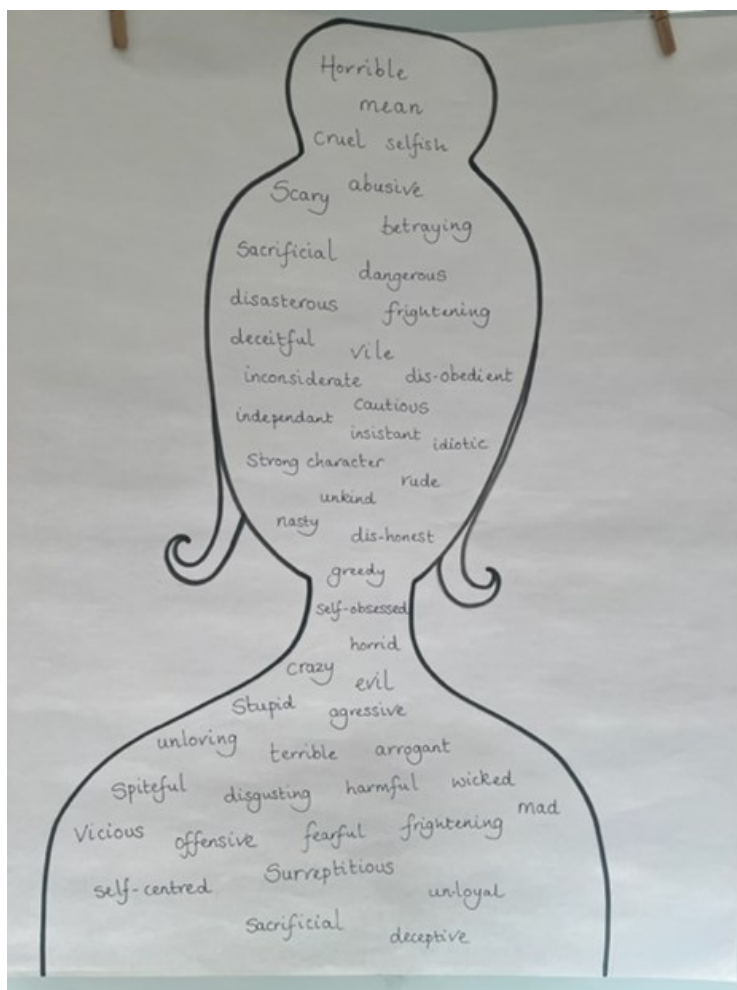
Avocet Class



A huge welcome back to Year 6 and what a great start you have made this week. In English, we have begun reading our first class novel – Goodnight Mr Tom, which links with our class topic of World War 2. We have also begun our first writing unit which links to the story of Hansel and Gretel. In our first lesson, we collected a word bank of descriptive language to describe the mother. In Maths, we created an 'All About Me' poster enabling us to share some key mathematical facts about ourselves. In History, we had an introduction to how, why and when war was declared and organised key dates on a timeline.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Calvy, Mrs Attard and Ms Hardy





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School Menu

Week commencing: 11/09, 02/10, 30/10, 20/11, 11/12					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 2	Meat Cheese & tomato pizza with sweetcorn 	Battered chicken chunks with rice & peas 	Roast turkey, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, yorkshire pudding and gravy (H) 	Spaghetti bolognese with carrots (H) 	All day breakfast
	Vegetarian / Vegan Tomato pasta bake with sweetcorn 	Vegetable nuggets with rice & peas 	Roast vegan Quorn fillet, roast potatoes, mixed vegetables, yorkshire pudding and gravy 	Quorn spaghetti bolognese with carrots 	Vegetarian all day breakfast
	Jacket potato Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo 	Jacket potato with 2 toppings: cheese, ham, beans, tuna mayo
	Dessert Frozen smoothie 	Shortbread 	Jelly 	Cherry sponge with custard 	Frozen mousse

School lunch costs

I am sure you will be well aware of surging food costs and the difficult inflation situation we are all living with at the moment. This has meant uncertainty and massive price variability for our catering team as we continue to try to deliver the best possible school meals for the children at our schools. Schools up and down the country are having to significantly increase meal costs and this is impacting on families already struggling with the cost of living crisis.

With this in mind we are very pleased to advise you that we will not be increasing the cost of school lunches and this will remain for the school year 23/24. This is part of our support to you as families. We have been able to get to this point by working together as a Trust to make the most of our collective buying power and in house provision of catering. We hope this is a rare bit of good news in a world where prices seem to be rising almost daily.

The Dinners option and the Clubs & Trips option is accessible via the menu in the MCAS app and via a web browser.

If you do not have access to MCAS, please contact the school office who will be able to send you an *invitation code* and *link* to activate your personal account.



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Essex Wildlife Trust and c2c unveil new mural at Thorpe Bay station



- Site map and mural promote Essex Wildlife Trust's 'Butterfly Seekers' campaign
- 80% of the UK's butterfly species have declined since the 1970s

Rail firm c2c proud to sponsor local research project

Conservation charity, Essex Wildlife Trust and rail operator c2c have joined forces to turn the waiting room at Thorpe Bay station into a gateway to nature, inspiring the local community to visit one of the trust's many sites on the train line.

The project celebrates the close link between the nature spots and the railway, with c2c the greenest way for visitors to discover the charity's work and the local habitats.

The new map has taken over the waiting room at Thorpe Bay station to help the charity attract more visitors to its numerous conservation reserves, many of which are found on the c2c network, including Two Tree Island Nature Reserve near Leigh-on-Sea, Gunners Park and Shoebury Ranges Nature Reserve near Shoeburyness and Chafford Gorges Nature Discovery Park near Chafford Hundred.

The installation has been unveiled during Essex Wildlife Trust's '[Butterfly Seekers](#)' campaign, running until 30 September, encouraging members of the public to record their butterfly sightings to help the organisation bring butterflies back from the brink; 80% of the UK's butterfly species have declined in abundance and/or distribution since the 1970s.*

The data will help the Trust understand which butterfly species are located where in Essex, enabling them to target conservation actions to help them thrive and recover. The [live Project Page](#) shows a snapshot of the recent sightings recorded across the county.

The new Thorpe Bay station map is surrounded by 3D-effect butterflies hand-painted by artist Dave 'Gnasher' Nash of Gnasher Murals, featuring some of the many butterfly species found in Essex, and includes a handy QR code to help visitors plan their days [out on the website](#), with the c2c route the perfect partner to get visitors to the Trust's sites.

Watch the video of the installation here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKHB8SrdnqM>



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RNLI OPEN DAY



Southend Lifeboat Station Open Day

Southend Pier Head, Southend on Sea
Sun 24th Sept 2023
12:00 'til 16:00

Southend RNLI are welcoming you to their Open Day at the Offshore Lifeboat Station! View the lifeboats, meet the crew, visit the shop, say hello to Stormy Stan and learn all about one of the busiest coastal stations in the UK, Southend RNLI!

Lifeboat demonstrations at 14:15 and 16:15 (subject to operations)

Find out more at facebook.com/southendlifeboat

*** Find us at the end of Southend Pier^ ***

^Entry to the Southend RNLI Open Day is free however a valid ticket to Southend Pier will be required.



The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution, is charitably registered in England and Wales (2046038), Scotland (SC035774), the Republic of Ireland (20470678 and 260215502), the Bailiwicks of Jersey (314), the Isle of Man (17633 and 1083379), the Bailiwick of Guernsey and Bailiwick of Alderney (Guernsey Road, Poole, Guernsey, GY9 5LQ)



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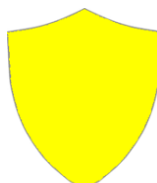
Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds



Jamie Oliver



Student of the Week

Award Board

Avocet Class—

Jessica

Sanderling Class—

George

Curlew Class—

Emily

Heron Class—

Henry

Seagull Class—

Maya

Oyster Class –

Sienna

Dress for Success

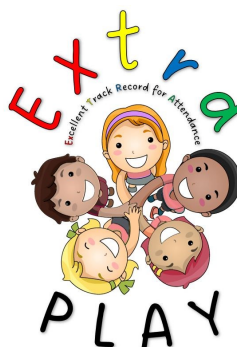
The winners so far this term are,
KS1 Oyster Class having attendance of 100%
and in KS2 Heron Class on 97.41%.

100% Attendance and Punctuality Prize

Each week, during our celebration assembly, we congratulate good attendance as a whole class.

This week in KS1, Alice the Bunny was won by Oyster Class with 100% and KS2 the attendance cup was awarded to Heron Class with 97.41%.

The classes will be rewarded with an extra turn on the play equipment.





Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Please note that school, including Nursery, will close to pupils at 1:00pm on Wednesday 20th December 2023 and Friday 19th July 2024.

There will be revised lunchtimes on these days.

Breakfast club will run as normal on these dates, but there will be no after school club.

Autumn term 2023 dates (updates in red)

KS2 Curriculum Evening (change of date to a clash with Shoebury High Open Evening for Y6 pupils).	14th September 2023 5.00pm—6.00pm
EYFS & KS1 Curriculum Evening	28th September 2023 5.00pm —6.00pm (change of date)
Pupil Advocate Meeting	29th September 2023
Y5 Residential (Gilwell Park)	18th—20th October 2023
Individual Photos	2nd November 2023
New Reception Parent Meeting September 24/25 Intake	9th November @ 3.30pm or 16th November @ 9.30am
Parent Consultations	14th & 16th November 2023 3.30pm— 6.30pm
Whole School Assessment Week	w/b 27th November 2023
KS1 Christmas Production	6th December 2023 @ 9.30am
Reception Nativity	12th December 2023 @ 3.30pm
Christmas Lunch	13th December 2023
Nursery Nativity	14th December 2023 @ 9.30am

Spring Term 2024 dates (updates in red)

Choir at the O2	30th January 2024
Whole School Assessment Week	w/b 12th February 2024
Parent Consultations	5th & 7th March 2024 3.30pm—6.30pm
Aspirations Week	w/b 11th March 2024



Term Dates / Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term Dates 2024 (updates in red)

Y6 SATs Week	w/b 13th May 2024
Y6 to Chigwell	20th—24th May 2024
Yr—Y5 School Assessment Week	w/b 24th June 2024
Sports Day & Picnic	1st July 2024
Y6 Transition Day	5th July 2024
Yrs R-5 Transition Morning	5th July 2024
Reserve Sports Day	8th July 2024
Whole School Open Evening	11th July 3.30pm—5.30pm
Hinguar's Got Talent	15th July 2024
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	16th July 2.15pm
Y6 Graduation	18th July 2024 2.00pm
Y6 Leavers' Disco	18th July 6.30pm—8.00pm

Term Dates for Academic Year 2023-2024

Autumn Term: Friday 1st September 2023—Wednesday 20th December 2023
 Half Term: 23rd October –27th October
 Spring Term: Thursday 4th January 2024—Thursday 28th March 2024
 Half Term 19th February –23rd February
 Summer Term: Monday 15th April 2024—Monday 22nd July 2024
 Half term 27th May –31 May, and May Bank Holiday 6th May

Inset Days 2023/24

Friday 1st September 2023
 Monday 30th October 2023
 Friday 16th February 2024
 Friday 28th June 2024
 Monday 22nd July 2024