



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 3 26th September 2025



CENSUS DAY
02.10.2025
ALL DAY BREAKFAST
PORK SAUSAGE/VEGAN SAUSAGE
BACON/VEGAN BACON
SCRAMBLED EGG
HASH BROWN
&
BAKED BEANS
SWEET WAFFLE
Gluten & dairy free options available
PLEASE ORDER VIA MCAS

Can you help support Lady McAdden by donating your unwanted bras?

All donations are welcome; old or new, worn or not, wired or free, big or small, any colour will do.

Bras in good condition are sold in their charity shops and the rest are recycled.

Either way they receive money from your donations.

In 2024, over 10,000 bras were donated which raised £3292.

Please bring them to the school office.



Turtles and Starfish



In Turtle class, our book of the week was *The Enormous Turnip*. We have been talking about size and also teamwork. Working together for example at tidy up time, makes everyone happy. In maths, we sang counting songs and matched items to the correct boxes, continuing to look at the number 2. In the Tuff tray we had spaghetti "hair" to add to heads as we continue our topic of Marvellous Me. We talked about hair colours and differences. Later in the week, we had little mixed vegetables in the Tuff tray to fill and empty developing our pincher grip as we picked them up. We also painted and printed with vegetables and talked about where vegetables come from and which ones we like to eat. We have all been keen to join in with the dough disco and dancing while we develop our finger strength.

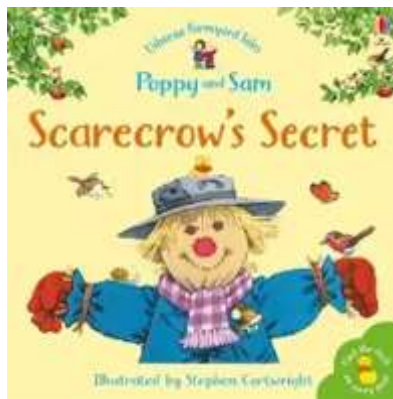
Please book a parent evening slot on the MCAS app to talk about your child's progress. Next week, our focus rhyme will be *Dingle Dangle Scarecrow*.

Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess.

In Starfish class this week, our story focus has been 'Scarecrow's Secret' and the children have enjoyed learning the words and actions to the song, 'I'm a Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'. We have been continuing with our learning about harvest and how bread is made. The children enjoyed watching a video that showed the process of harvesting the grain through to baking different types of bread. We had lots of fun using pitta bread to create our own pizza faces. The children were fantastic at sharing their knowledge about keeping themselves healthy. They spoke about why it is important to wash our hands and could identify some healthy, and not so healthy foods. In the story *The Scarecrow's Surprise*, he had a cat and her kittens safely in his coat. This leads us nicely onto next weeks' story focus which will be 'The Pets You Get'.

Well done, Starfish class on a busy and fun week of learning!

Mrs Brant, Mrs Attard, Mrs Bowser, Ms Burgess and Mrs Merton



Seahorse



This week in Seahorse Class, we listened to the story *Funny Bones*. As we read through the book, we discussed the different places the skeleton characters visited. This led to a discussion of what was in our own community. The children suggested Asda, Lidl, fire station, beach, chemist, houses and our school. We located our school using Google Earth, before 'walking' to Asda. The children were excited to see lots of places they recognised. We discussed that a map would be used for directions. As a class, we created a story map of the *Funny Bones* story. The children then created their own community maps, before going on a treasure hunt.

We then focused on the human body. As a class, the children gave different body parts for Mrs Newman to label onto a body template. They have also been drawing skeletons, houses and writing letters in flour. The children have sung and performed actions using different parts of their bodies to 'Dem Bones' and 'My Body Song'. We also watched a small animation citing amazing facts about the body. We discovered that a human has the same number of vertebrae in our necks as a giraffe!

Later in the week, we listened to the story *The Gingerbread Man*. The children used their fine motor skills to decorate a Gingerbread Man biscuit using edible pens.

In Phonics, we have been working hard recognising our phonemes. We have also started to practice oral blending and word blending. In Maths, we have been looking at repeating patterns. We have explored this concept using colours, shapes, sounds and actions. The children have made repeating patterns using different coloured bears.

On Friday, we watched the NSPCC animation *Pantosaurus*, which promotes a simple way for children to remember how to stay safe from inappropriate touch and how to speak up if something worries them.

Throughout the week, the children have built tunnels from the car ramps, brushed teeth in the Tuff tray, constructed with wooden blocks and built with the foam bricks.

We are happy for the children to bring in their own snacks, however, they need to be healthy. Fruit, vegetables, rice cakes or a suitable healthy alternative are appropriate.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class



This week in PE, we were developing our sending and receiving skills.

The children discussed ways to pass a ball to a partner by rolling.

We talked about positioning our body correctly and planning where we wanted the ball to reach. The children took turns being the sender and the receiver.

Then we played a game of dragon fire ball, where the children became dragon sending balls of fire to try to catch their friends.



In science this week, we have started learning about the senses. We thought about which part of the body helps us to see. We explored what happens if one or both eyes is closed. We also thought about how the amount of light around us can impact on what we see of our surroundings.

In maths, we have been developing our ability to count forwards and backwards, finding 1 more and 1 less than numbers up to 10.

Mrs Oakley, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Lovelace-Court, Mrs Merton and Mrs Merry

Seagull Class



This week in Year 2, we've been busy mathematicians, counting in groups of 10 and spotting missing numbers on number lines. Keep up the practice at home, especially counting in 2s and 5s! In English, we've wrapped up our poetry unit and are now moving on to non-chronological reports, with a special focus on diary entries.

In Geography, the children have been exploring London's famous landmarks and learning where our capital city sits in the UK and Europe.

Well done, Year 2, you've worked so hard! Wishing you all a fabulous weekend!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy



Heron Class



We have had a fantastic week, this week! On Tuesday, Heron class took part in a Stone Age workshop as part of our current topic. We learnt more about what life was like in the Stone Age and took part in many different activities throughout the day. We looked at different cave paintings, technology during the time, how food was prepared, and much more! The class worked in teams to build Stone Henge and also had the opportunity to look at many different artefacts from the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. It was very interesting to learn more about how these artefacts were used during the time. Overall, it was a fantastic day and Heron class were brilliant!



Have a fantastic weekend!



Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



Heron Class



Curlew Class



Another busy week and another successful one in Year 4.

The highlight of the week was definitely our 'experience day' in English on Thursday. In the book we are working from ('Float' by Daniel Miyares), the main character is feeling cold, wet and depressed after losing his paper boat during a heavy storm. Once home, his parents ensure he is warm, dry and comfortable. To experience this, the children all had the opportunity to drink hot chocolate with squirty cream and marshmallows, snack on cakes and popcorn, and to snuggle up in blankets whilst completing relaxing mindful colouring activities or sharing books with each other. Everyone felt very snugly and relaxed by the end of the session!

In science, we planned an experiment which we will be doing next week to investigate how ice cubes melt under various conditions. The children each made predictions and then used the key word 'variables' to consider what would be kept the same, what would change and what would be measured, to ensure a fair test.

Well done, Fabulous Foursies for being absolutely fantastic as always.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford
and Mrs Allen



Curlew Class

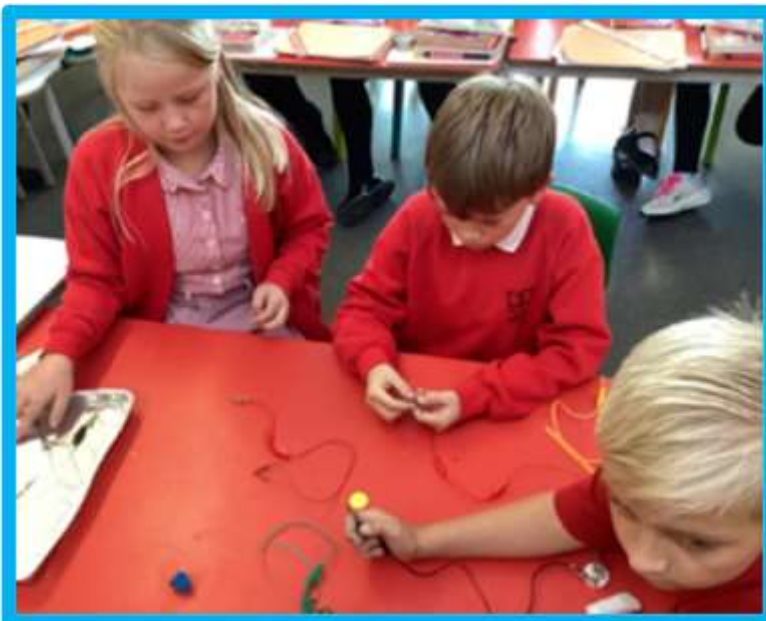


Sanderling Class



This week, the sensational Sanderlings have been very busy. They finished their poems in English and started their Maths unit on addition and subtraction. In History/ Music, we sang a song about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings and in Computing, we continued with coding. In Science, we experimented to discover if materials were electrical conductors or insulators.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Mrs Emmings and Mrs Mistry



Avocet Class



This week in English, we have begun a new unit on diary writing. After exploring the features, we looked more closely at using contractions, pronouns and emotive language. In History, we explored evacuation during World War 2 and linked this with our English by reading diaries written by evacuated children.

In Art, we explored the work of the artist Jeff Koons and in particular his balloon dog sculptures. The children created an initial design using paper and split pins, which they then sculpted from clay.

Have a good weekend,

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford



Awards and Notices

Catch Me! Awards

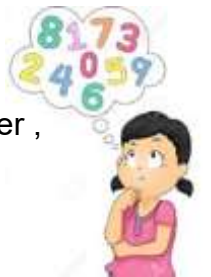
This is a system that rewards the children for doing the right thing all the time, whether it be being polite, helpful, ready to learn etc and any adult in the school can award the Catch Me! signatures to the children.



Well done to Rachel and George in Heron Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me!

Times Tables

Congratulations to Flynn, Mason, Olivia M, Leo and Albie in Oyster Class and Hunter, Alisha, Ayva D, Lily, Charlotte, Max, Ava P and Nicky in Curlew Class on achieving their Bronze Times Tables.



Give Kids A Smile!

Has your child been unable to access dental care? We are offering a chance for a free dental appointment to help your child achieve a healthy and bright smile! Please call the practice below and quote Give Kids A Smile.

Contact this practice

Contact name
Community Dental Services

Practice location/address
27th Floor
Southend
S11 3TF

Phone number
0333 207 9563 (Option 1 followed by Option 5)

Email
cids_essexreferrals@nhs.net

Event date
Wednesday 29th October 2025 (Under 10's only)



HEALTHY TEETH TIPS?
SCAN QR CODE HERE




SOUTHEND PARKS TENNIS OPEN DAY EVENT





FAMILY TIME & COACHING TASTER SESSIONS FOR MINIS + ADULTS

CHALKWELL PARK **SATURDAY**
27th September 13.30 - 16.30

OPEN FOR ALL ABILITIES - NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

BOOK HERE: clubspark.lta.org.uk/southendparkstennis



Awards and Notices

Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds

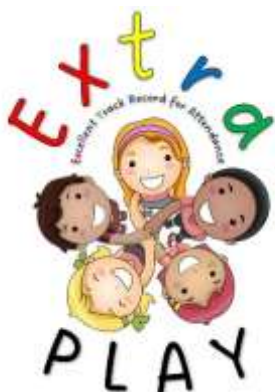


Jamie Oliver



Dress for Success

In the lead this half term are
EYFS/KS1 Seahorse Class having an attendance of 99.57%
and in KS2 Heron Class with 96.37%



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 awarded to Seahorse Class with an attendance of 99.12% and in KS2, the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 95.42%.

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

School Uniform

Could we please remind parents/carers that, unless the children are taking part in PE lessons, black shoes/plain black trainers should be worn. We have noticed that some children have returned in multi-coloured trainers or other types of footwear, which are not part of our school uniform.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Playground equipment and garden area

At the end of the school day, the playground equipment and garden area are not to be played on for the children's safety. Also, staff do have meetings or run clubs after school, therefore we need to close the gates as quickly as possible after the last classes leave at 3.20pm.



Term Dates for Your Diary

Autumn Term Diary Dates

FOH Back to School Blast	Friday 26th September 3.30pm—6.00pm
Cauliflower Card designs sent home	Friday 3rd October
Cauliflower Card orders returned	Monday 6th October
Parent Consultation Evenings	Monday 6th and Wednesday 8th October 3.30pm—6.30pm
Yrs 5 & 6 Road Safety Training	Tuesday 14th October
Y5 Residential	Wednesday 15th to Friday 17th October
Show Racism the Red Card non-uniform day	Friday 17th October (more information to follow)
Y4 Egyptian Workshop	Tuesday 11th November
Reception Parent Meeting for Sept 2026 intake	Wednesday 12th November 9.30am and Thursday 13th November 3.45pm
Assessment Week	w/b Monday 17th November—Friday 21st November
FOH Christmas Market	Friday 21st November 7.00pm—9.00pm
Pupil Advocate Meeting	Friday 28th November 1.30pm—2.15pm
KS1 Christmas Performance	Monday 8th December 9.30am
Flu Immunisations	Wednesday 3rd December and Tuesday 9th December—pm
Nursery Christmas Decorations afternoon	Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December 2.00pm—3.00pm
Nursery Nativity	Wednesday 10th December 9.30am
Reception Christmas Decorations afternoon	Thursday 11th December 2.00pm— 3.00pm
Reception Nativity	Thursday 11th December 3.45pm
FOH Christmas Discos	Friday 12th December
Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	Tuesday 16th December
EYFS Storyteller	Wednesday 17th December
KS1 & KS2 Pantomime	Wednesday 17th December
End of Term	Friday 19th December—school closes at 1.00pm



Term Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term Diary Dates

Pupil Advocate Meeting

Assessment Week

Young Voices O2

EYFS Mother's Day Pamper

Parent Consultation Evenings

Y6 Assessment Week

Pupil Advocate Meeting

End of term

Friday 30th January 1.30pm—2.15pm

w/b February 23rd—February 27th

Tuesday 24th February

Friday 13th March 2.00pm—3.00pm

Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March 3.30pm—6.30pm

w/b Monday 9th March—Friday 13th March

Friday 27th March 1.30pm—2.15pm

Friday 27th March—school closes at normal time

Summer Term Diary Dates

Y6 Bikeability

Y6 SATs Week

Y6 Residential

Pupil Advocate Meeting

EYFS FUDGE

Assessment Week (Reception—Y5)

Sports Day

Transition Day

Reserve Sports Day

Pupil Advocate Meeting

Open Evening

Nursery Leavers' Assembly

Hinguar's Got Talent

Volunteer Afternoon Tea

Y6 Graduation

Y6 Leavers' Disco

End of Term (non-uniform day)

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th April

w/b Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May

w/b Monday 18th—Friday 22nd May

Friday 22nd May 1.30pm—2.15pm

Friday 19th June 2.00pm—3.00pm

w/b Monday 22nd June—Friday 26th June

Thursday 2nd July

Friday 3rd July

Thursday 9th July

Friday 10th July 1.30pm—2.15pm

Thursday 16th July 3.30pm—4.30pm

Friday 17th July 3.30pm—4.30pm

Monday 20th July - am

Tuesday 21st July 2.15pm

Wednesday 22nd July 2.00pm

Wednesday 22nd July 6.00pm—7.30pm

Thursday 23rd July—school closes at 1.00pm

Term and Holiday dates for SECAT Schools 2025-26

Autumn Term: 1 September 2025—19 December 2025

Half term 20—31 October

Spring Term: 5 January 2026—27 March 2026

Half Term 16 February—20 February

Summer Term: 13 April 2026—23 July 2026

Half Term 25—29 May

INSET DAYS 1st & 2nd September 2025 , 23rd February 2026

