



# HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 6 17th October 2025



Southend-on-Sea City Council

We have new school menus for when we return in November.

You will find these attached.

Please remember to book these in advance before we return on 3rd

November.

Thank you



**If you have a child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 apply now to start school September 2026**

## Records Updates

Parents are able to update information and contact details on their MCAS app. Please check your child's information and update any incorrect data.

Thank you

**A big thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers for your generous donations to Southend Foodbank for Harvest. Your kindness and support will make a real difference to families in our community.**



Southend East Community Academy Trust

## Turtles and Seahorses

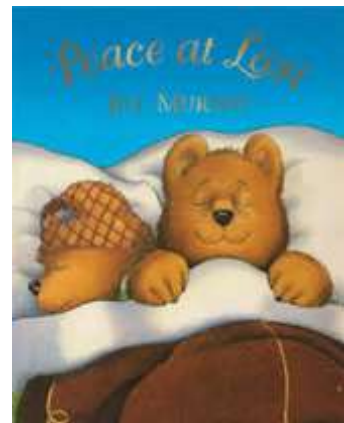


This week in Turtles class, we have been reading Owl Babies. To help improve our speech we have been learning to use verbs while pretending to be owls, pecking, eating, flying, cleaning, jumping etc. We talked about how the owls felt in the story and that owls come out at night. In the tuff tray, we had pumpkins to explore and feel the slippery seeds. In another tuff tray, we had little owls to make nests using sticks and leaves. We went outside and searched for the 3 owls up in the tree and spotted them with our binoculars. On the play deck, we had spiders, leaves, pinecones and pumpkins in the water tray for exploring, filling and emptying. In our maths, we have been singing the five currant buns song and matching buns to people one to one as well as counting how many are left each time.



Have a lovely half term. When we return to Nursery in two weeks, our book will be Sparks In the Sky, which is about fireworks.

Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess.



This week in Starfish class, our story focus has been 'Peace At Last'. This has led onto some fantastic discussions about our own families, houses and homes. In literacy, the children enjoyed learning about the different parts of a book and how both pictures and words can help us to tell a story. We all joined in with the main character's repeating phrase of, 'Oh no. I can't stand THIS!' as he heard different noises around the house and garden that stopped him from sleeping. The children joined in with our own listening game as we tried to identify sounds and match them to the pictures. Our favourite sound was the sizzling sausages being cooked on the barbeque.

In maths, we have been looking closely at matching colours and noticing if something is the same or different. The children used their fine motor skills to thread coloured beads onto a lace to match one that was already made. This also led us to look more closely at different colours as we discovered that there were two different shades of blue, a dark blue and light blue.

We have continued to explore Autumn and the children had great fun using natural objects such as leaves, twigs, pine cones, carrots and pumpkins in their play and investigation. We looked closely at the inside of the pumpkin and talked about the seeds and the different textures.

After half term, our story focus will be Sparks in the Sky and Dipal's Diwali

Well Done, Starfish class. Have a happy half term break!

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



# Seahorse

This week in Seahorse Class, we explored the season of Autumn and Harvest Festival. We began the week by discussing the names of the 4 seasons of the year. The children knew we had just come out of Summer and that at Christmas time it was Winter. Some of the children knew we had entered Autumn.

We discovered that in Autumn there is less light during the daytime. We discussed changes in the weather, as it was getting colder and wetter. The children also noticed that the leaves on the trees were turning orange, red, brown and yellow.

We used our sense of hearing to listen to autumnal sounds, before guessing what we thought we had heard. We have watched the CBeebies animation JoJo and GranGran – its time for Autumn leaves.

Later in the week, we explored the celebration of Harvest Festival. We discovered that harvesting is when the farmers collect their crops. We learnt that foods are donated to others who need help during the Harvest Festival. We looked at how farmers in the past and present harvested. The children were fascinated with how a tractor harvests crops, which led us to watching a combine harvester in action.

In Literacy, the children orally blended and then wrote a 'Silly Soup' recipe.

In Maths, we have explored positional language. The children were tasked with moving a teddy into certain positions and using the correct vocabulary to describe the teddy's location.

Throughout the week, the children have moulded with playdough, chalked on the play deck, constructed tractors from the large wooden blocks, created autumnal pictures and built with Lego.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny.



## Oyster Class

This week in our PSHE lesson, we talked about the different parts of the body, linking to our science. We discussed the pants rule and why it is important to keep our privates private. The children were able to say that if anyone made them feel uncomfortable in any way then they should say no and tell an adult they trust. The children went on to design their own special pair of pants to help them remember our discussion.



In our music lesson this week, the children have been listening to rap music and sharing their thoughts about the style. They also had a dance as they really enjoyed the beat!



In our DT lesson this week, the children have continued learning about moving pictures. This week, they shared the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and created lever pictures to help Jack to climb up the beanstalk.

Have a wonderful half term break.  
We look forward to seeing you next half term.

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



## Seagull Class

Wow, what an amazing end to the first term!  
Year 2 have been absolute superstars.

In Maths, we've been adding three one-digit numbers and jumping to the next ten – everyone has been fabulous at using their number bonds to help them!

In History, we explored sources to find out how the Great Fire of London changed the city, the children did some brilliant detective work!

In RE, we looked at Islamic artefacts like prayer mats, beads and a compass. The children were incredibly respectful and curious, great work everyone!

Well done, Year 2 . You've worked your socks off this term!  
Have an amazing half-term break, you deserve it!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy



## Heron Class

We have had another busy week in Heron class, this week!

In English, we have finished our sentence stacking for the poem 'Autumn Is Here' and have moved on to planning our own poems ready for the independent write. Our poems will focus on the winter season.

In maths, we have been practising column addition and subtraction for two- and three-digit numbers.

In RE this week, we have been focussing on the Jewish holiday of Pesach. We looked closely at the Story of the Exodus and why this story is important during Pesach. The class participated in a 'conscience alley' activity. This involved discussing different points for their side of the debate. Heron class came up with some brilliant ideas!

In computing this week, we focussed on typing skills. We looked at finger placement on the home row of the keyboard, and the children had a go at practising their typing skills on a Purple Mash activity.

Well done, Heron class for a successful half term! We hope you have a wonderful and relaxing break.

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



## Curlew Class



I can't believe it's already the end of the first half term. The children have settled into Year 4 so well and have adapted well to the expectations and challenges that a new school year brings.

The class have been learning about the American artist Burton Morris. In art on Monday, they finished their Pop Art 2D/3D pictures inspired by his work.



In PE, we concluded our tag rugby unit. Many thanks to George this half term, who has been my fabulous teaching assistant. He has shared his tag rugby knowledge every lesson, helped with equipment and shown fabulous leadership skills and teamwork.

Next half term, we will be going history crazy! We introduced our topic about the Ancient Egyptians, identified where Egypt is on a world map and placed key events of the time period on a timeline. We are all looking forward to our Ancient Egyptian workshop on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.



Well done, Fabulous Foursies for a fantastic half term.

Have an awesome (and extra long!) half term break and be ready and refreshed for more fabulousness in November.



Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Allen



## Avocet Class

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a visit from a member of the road safety team. We took part in an in class information session where we recapped the Green Cross Code, learnt about identifying safe places to cross and identified the different types of crossings. This was followed by an outside practical session where we could put our knowledge into practice.

In Art, we have used a variety of pastel blending and paper craft to create silhouette scenes of the London skyline during the Blitz. This links in with our research during our History lessons to inform our non-chronological reports in English.

Have a lovely half term break,  
Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford





Together we achieve

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# Notices and Information

**GREAT WAKERING COLTS YFC**

*your local*  
**FOOTBALL CLUB**

**SHOEBURNESS HIGH SCHOOL 3G PITCH** | **AGES 7-10** | **SATURDAY 10 A.M.**  
YEAR TWO TO YEAR FIVE

**GWC OPEN AGE SESSIONS**  
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KIDS DAY ACTIVITY CAMPS

**OCTOBER CAMP 2025**  
AT ALL LOCATIONS - CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES

**FENCING** | **FANCY DRESS** | **KIDS FAVOURITE** | **ANIMAL WORKSHOP** | **INFLATABLE FOOT DARTS**

DIFFERENT MEGA ACTIVITIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS AVAILABLE EACH DAY

**MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT ESSEX, KENT & SURREY THIS OCTOBER**  
CHECK WEBSITE FOR LOCATIONS & DATES

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# Thanks to Our Volunteers!

## Parent Volunteers

**All volunteers must hold a current DBS with the school.**

**If you have some spare time and think that you would like to become a parent volunteer, to help out on school trips and sporting events, please speak to the office about completing a volunteer application pack .**

## School Nursing Service

Community health clinics for children aged 5-11 who are being educated in Southend.

Venue	Date	Time
Civic Centre	Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	09.30-11.30
Blenheim Family Centre	Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	09.00-11.00
Hamstel Family Centre	Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	13.00-15.00

Emotional health and wellbeing advice • Growth and development • Healthy lifestyles • Bedwetting support • Hearing and vision • Sleep support • Puberty

No appointment needed. Call or text us for further information.

01702 534843

ChatHealth Parentline: 07507 331884

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[schoolnurses@southend.gov.uk](mailto:schoolnurses@southend.gov.uk)

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## 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 Ellie and Ariana in Seahorse Class, Ava, James, Louis and Eden-Grace in Seagull Class, Mia in Heron Class and Ayva D and Willow in Curlew Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me!



### Spooky Smiles Stroll & Frightening Fang Fest

– Free event for children and young people, with games and fun dental-care related activities on the afternoon of Halloween! **Thursday 31 October (3:30–6:30 pm)** at the **Cart & Wagon Shed** (in the Shoebury Garrison opposite the toddler park). **No need to book**, just come along to join the walk, for the games, free goodies, or a get a free professional spooky portrait! All ages welcome! Young people are welcome to come with friends or family, and little ones can be accompanied.



**FREE EVENT**

# SHOEBURY

## SPOOKY SMILES STROLL & FRIGHTENING FANG FEST

**FREE DRINKS** **31 OCTOBER 2025**

**3:00 PM – HALLOWEEN TRAIL**  
TAKE THE SPOOKY SMILES STROLL • FREE GOODY BAGS WITH TOOTHBRUSHES & DENTAL SUPPLIES!!

**3:45–6:30 PM – INDOOR FUN**  
CRAFTS • TATTOOS • ORIGAMI • “PIN THE SMILE ON THE CELEBRITY”  
FREE PORTRAITS!!

**PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME**

**NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST COME ALONG!**

**CART & WAGON SHED**  
(SS3 9PZ - ON THE GARRISON, OPPOSITE THE TODDLER PARK)

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, FAMILIES AND THOSE WHO ARE YOUNG AT HEART!

**Big Sparks** Southend-on-Sea City Council **SAVS**





## Awards and Notices

**Ashley Banjo**



**Mo Farah**



**Ellie Simmonds**



**Jamie Oliver**



### Dress for Success

The winners for this half term are

EYFS/KS1 Seahorse Class having an attendance of 98.99%

and in KS2 Heron Class with 95.78%

**The winners can wear appropriate non-uniform and footwear on the first day back on Monday 3rd November.**



### 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 98.60% and in KS2, the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 96.33%.

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

### Head Pupils

Following a rigorous application and interview process, we are pleased to announce the names of our Head and Deputy Head pupils. It was a very difficult decision to make, as all the applicants were extremely well-prepared and spoke so eloquently. Well done to everyone who was interviewed. Team Hinguar at its very best!

**Head pupils**—Marvin and Sofia

**Deputy Head pupils**—Megan A, Oscar, Florence and Buddy.

The remaining applicants were successful in becoming Prefects.

House Captains will be awarded after half term.

Mrs Waite, Mrs Attard and Mrs Goy



# Term Dates for Your Diary

## Autumn Term Diary Dates

Y2 visit to the fire station	Tuesday 4th November
Y6 visit to Duxford	Thursday 6th November
Yrs 5 & 6 Boys' Football Competition	Friday 7th November
Y4 Egyptian Workshop	Tuesday 11th November
Y6 Height and Weight checks	Wednesday 12th 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 cember—pm	Wednesday 3rd December and Tuesday 9th De-
Enzo the Elf	Friday 5th December
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

### Term and Holiday dates for SECAT Schools 2025-26

<b>Autumn Term:</b> 1 September 2025—19 December 2025	<i>Half term</i> 20—31 October
<b>Spring Term:</b> 5 January 2026—27 March 2026	<i>Half Term</i> 16 February—20 February
<b>Summer Term:</b> 13 April 2026—23 July 2026	<i>Half Term</i> 25—29 May

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





# Term Dates for Your Diary

## Spring Term Diary Dates

<b>Pupil Advocate Meeting</b>	<b>Friday 30th January 1.30pm—2.15pm</b>
Assessment Week	w/b February 23rd—February 27th
Young Voices O2	Tuesday 24th February
EYFS Mother's Day Pamper	Friday 13th March 2.00pm—3.00pm
Parent Consultation Evenings	Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March 3.30pm—6.30pm
Y6 Assessment Week	w/b Monday 9th March—Friday 13th March
Pupil Advocate Meeting	Friday 27th March 1.30pm—2.15pm
End of term	Friday 27th March—school closes at normal time

## Summer Term Diary Dates

Y6 Bikeability	Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th April
Y6 SATs Week	w/b Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May
Y6 Residential	w/b Monday 18th—Friday 22nd May
Pupil Advocate Meeting	Friday 22nd May 1.30pm—2.15pm
EYFS FUDGE	Friday 19th June 2.00pm—3.00pm
Assessment Week (Reception—Y5)	w/b Monday 22nd June—Friday 26th June
Sports Day	Thursday 2nd July
Transition Day	Friday 3rd July
Reserve Sports Day	Thursday 9th July
Pupil Advocate Meeting	Friday 10th July 1.30pm—2.15pm
Open Evening	Thursday 16th July 3.30pm—4.30pm
Nursery Leavers' Assembly	Friday 17th July 3.30pm—4.30pm
Hinguar's Got Talent	Monday 20th July - am
Volunteer Afternoon Tea	Tuesday 21st July 2.15pm
Y6 Graduation	Wednesday 22nd July 2.00pm
Y6 Leavers' Disco	Wednesday 22nd July 6.00pm—7.30pm
End of Term (non-uniform day)	Thursday 23rd July—school closes at 1.00pm