



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Autumn Term Newsletter Week 14 9th January 2026

Turtle Class



Welcome back to Turtle class and a warm welcome to our 5 new children who are starting to settle in. This week we have been reciting Humpty Dumpty and learning the actions to match. In the tuff tray we had a little Humpty Dumpty and built him some walls to sit on, and we talked about keeping safe. When we ride bikes and scooters, helmets protect our heads and when we cross the road we always hold a grown-up's hand. We each chose a book to share with a grown-up and talked about the pictures to help develop our growing vocabularies. Outside during the cold weather, we have been exploring the ice we found and learning that it is hard, wet and cold. We also explored the frost on the slide and noticed it was slippery. In our maths, following the children's interest in dinosaurs, we have been singing 10 little dinosaurs go roar and acting out Five speckled frogs. Next week our book is Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess.

Starfish Class



In Starfish class this week we have welcomed some new children and their families. Our story focus has been 'The three little pigs'. In the garden the children have enjoyed playing 'what's the time Mr Wolf', taking turns to be the wolf and using number names and language relating to time in their play. In maths we have been comparing numbers 1 to 3 and using vocabulary such as 'more than' and 'fewer'. The children had great fun using the blocks to create their own houses and structures and have enjoyed using books and stories in their role play. We have been acting out the number and counting rhyme 'three little pigs jumping on the bed'. We used our finger

numbers to represent the number of pigs that were left as we counted them. In literacy we have been discussing the story, characters, and events. The children have been exploring mark making using Lego blocks and paint to create a house made of bricks. Next week our story focus will be 'The three billy goats gruff' and our sound of the week will be i

Well done Starfish class!

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



Seahorse

This week in Seahorse Class our theme has been 'Litter and Recycling'.

We began the week by listening to the story Litterbug Doug, a character who thought it was cool to create litter and hoard it. As we listened to the story, we discussed the meaning of the following words: goodwill, descended, retorted and pristine.

We discussed what was meant by recycling, the children understood they had to put rubbish in different coloured bin bags to recycle. We discovered that recycling is depicted as objects that can be reused or changed into something else. We have looked at and sorted different materials which can and cannot be recycled.

We then listened to Michael Recycle, a story about a superhero who travels the world to help people to recycle their rubbish. After the story we discussed why we shouldn't leave rubbish on the floor. The children recognised that this could be harmful for both animals and the environment.

On Wednesday, we received a letter from Litterbug Doug, who is now a member of the Litter Police. He challenged the children to design a Litter Police badge and litter picking machine.

In Literacy, the children wrote the sentence 'in the bin' or 'put it in the bin'. The children went on a word hunt looking for a variety of words which meant rubbish.

In Maths, we have explored capacity and mass. We explored how we could use different objects to fill a variety of sized containers. We then discussed that the number of objects inside the container showed us the capacity. Later, we looked at how the mass of an object tells you how heavy something is.

We explored the concept using weighing scales. The children recognised that when an object was light the scale moved up towards the sky and when an object was heavy the scale would move towards the ground.

Throughout the week, the children have explored the ice, looked at different parts of a rubbish truck, taken part in dough gym, brushed our teeth, made a cinema, and made rubbish trucks from Duplo.

This week your child will have brought home a phonics sheet in their bags. This sheet contains the digraphs we will be learning this term. Please ask a member of staff if you have not received one.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class



Welcome back to another new term. This week the children have been very excited to talk about their Christmas holidays and all the wonderful things they have been doing.

We have started our new topic, 'The Great Outdoors' and we have been discussing the things we will be learning about over the coming weeks. The children have enjoyed looking at our new knowledge organisers and thinking about the things we already know as well as the things we are yet to discover.

In our English lessons this week we have been sharing the story of Grandad's Island. The children have been using drama to think about how they would feel if they were to travel on Grandad's sailing boat with him. They have also been using positive and negative language to describe the objects in Grandad's magic attic. We realised that although many of the things in the attic are old and damaged, they are all precious to Grandad!



In our PE lesson this week we have started a unit of gymnastics. We looked at different ways to travel, changing our pathways, height, speed and type of movement. The children moved in the style of a variety of animals and their partners tried to recognise the animal they were trying to replicate.

Seagull Class



Happy New Year and welcome back! We've loved seeing all our families again and hope you had a fabulous festive break.

It's been a wonderful start to the term in class. In English, we kicked off the week with some exciting owl research to launch our new narrative unit of learning.

In maths, we've been busy exploring grouping into equal groups, with lots of great teamwork and thinking on display.

In RE, it was especially lovely to hear about the objects that are precious to the children and the meaningful stories behind them.

A big well done to all the children for such a positive start to the year.

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy



Heron Class

Firstly, it has been lovely to welcome Heron class back for the new term!

We have certainly had a jam-packed week, this week!

In English this week, we have been focussing on planning and completing the independent write for our unit on Skara Brae.

In maths this week, we have started our second unit on multiplication and division. In our lessons, we have been particularly focussing on reasoning about multiplication.

In geography this week, we have started a new unit on counties and cities. We discussed what countries are part of the UK and Great Britain, followed by finding out about key facts for each country. Heron class then used atlases to locate the key cities across the UK.

In art this week, Heron class have looked at some of Picasso's art. Specifically, they have focussed on cubism. During the lesson this week, they have been designing a stamp and print.



Have a restful weekend.

Miss Venables and
Mrs Merton



Curlew Class



Welcome back fantastic foursies. I hope you all had a fabulous Christmas break and are ready to continue being the best versions of yourselves in 2026.

We have happily welcomed a new member into our class this week. Stanley has settled in seamlessly and we are all happy that he has joined us. ❤️

This week, we have started our new English unit, based around the book 'The Iron Man'. This will be our class text for the term (once we have finally finished 'Secrets of a Sun King'). The children have drawn some fantastic interpretations of what they think the Iron Man looks like – as pastel pictures in art, on whiteboards, and large scale on the playground. They have also worked in groups to dissect the start of the story which describes the Iron Man.

Our new science topic is 'sound'. This week, we discovered that sound is caused by vibrations that travel from the source to our ears for our brain

to decode. We visualised sound waves by placing glitter on a drum to observe how it moved when the drum was struck lightly or heavily to cause a quiet or loud sound. Glitter might (or might not!) have been randomly sprinkled on everyone's heads to make them all sparkly! ★★ ★

We have also started new topics in geography, PE and RE. We started our 'All Around the World' unit in geography and recapped key vocabulary to divide up our world into hemispheres, continents and countries. We began our dance unit in PE and started learning why festivals are considered important in various religions.



As you can see, we have hit the ground running and have made an impressive start to the spring term.

Have a fantastic weekend my fabulous foursies.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Allen



Curlew Class



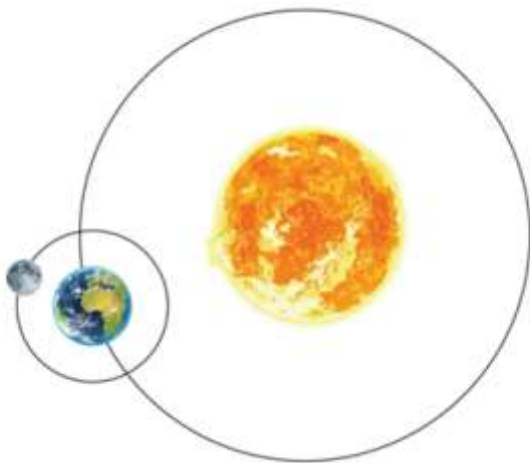
Sanderling Class

This week Year 5 have jumped straight back into work with aplomb. They have started a new unit of writing in English based on the short film 'One Small Step' and in maths, they have been attacking short division.

In RE they discussed places of worship and in science, they started their new topic 'Up, Up and Away' and wrote about the spherical bodies we refer to as the Sun, the Moon and the Earth. They started their gymnastics unit in PE and began learning how to play the ukelele in music.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Emmings and Mrs Mistry



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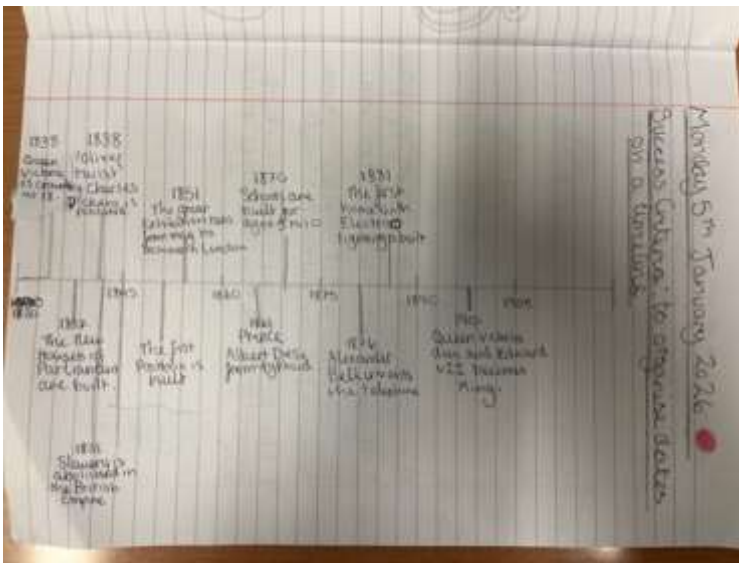
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Avocet Class

Welcome back and Happy New Year. Year 6 have settled in well after the holidays. Our topic for the Spring Term is Crowns and Coronets which is based on learning around the Victoria Era. In maths, we have begun our unit on decimals and have explored rounding, adding, subtracting and multiplying. In English, we have begun our new unit exploring biographies of famous people. We have been busy identifying the features and language used, in order for us to begin writing our own next week. In history, we have drawn our own timelines to show various key events that occurred during the Victorian Era.

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.



Congratulations to Ronnie and Willow in Heron Class and Louie, Stanley and Kayden in Sanderling Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Award.

Congratulations to Joey in Seahorse Class and Olive in Sanderling Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me! Award.

Reading Champions

Well done to Eden-Grace in Seagull Class who is this week's Reading Champion.

If you would like to be awarded a Reading Champion badge, you must read a selection of challenging books from a variety of genres and then write a short review of ONE book that you have read. We have plenty more badges waiting to be handed out so let's see who will be next! We thank all families for their continued support in enabling our children to be Reading Champions and in fostering a love of reading.

'Together We Achieve.'



We will once again be collecting empty chocolate tubs throughout January for Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year, they collected over 240,000 tubs which raised £10,916 for this great cause.

The tubs are taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they are shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of ne plastic. Please save your tubs and bring them into the office or Year 6.

**Thank you,
Mrs Calvy**





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Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds



Jamie Oliver



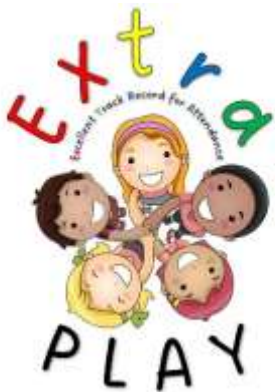
Dress for Success

The winners for this half term are EYFS/KS1 Oyster Class having an attendance of 95.05% and in KS2 Heron Class with 95.48%

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 97.83% and in KS2, the attendance cup was awarded to Heron Class with 98.33%. The classes will be rewarded with an extra turn on the play equipment.



School Nursing Service 2026
Community health clinics for children aged 5–11 who are being educated in Southend.

Venue	Time
Civic Centre	Tues 3 rd Feb 09.00-11.00
Blenheim Family Centre	Tues 10 th Feb 09.00-11.00
Hamstel Family Centre	Weds 11 th Feb 13.30-15.30

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

No appointment needed.
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ChatHealth Parentline: 07507 331884

www.southend.gov.uk/healthcare
southend-on-sea.gov.uk

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAYCAMPS
Monday 16th - Tuesday 17th February

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Term Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term Diary Dates

Pupil Advocate Meeting	Friday 30th January 1.30pm—2.15pm
Southend Makes Music (yr1)	Tuesday 10th Feb
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—6.30p
Pupil Advocate Meeting	Friday 27th March 1.30pm—2.15pm
End of term	Friday 27th March—school closes at normal time

Term and Holiday dates for SECAT Schools 2025-26

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— Monday 23rd February 2026





Term Dates for Your Diary

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) June	w/b Monday 22nd June—Friday 26th
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) 1.00pm	Thursday 23rd July—school closes at

SECAT Term and Holiday Dates 2026-27

Autumn Term : 1 September—18 December 2026

Half Term 19-30 October 2026

Spring Term: 4 January—25 March 2027

Half Term 15 - 19 February 2027

Summer Term: 12 April—23 July 2027

Half Term 31 May—4 June 2027

INSET DAYS: 1st and 2nd September 2026

