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HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term Newsletter Week 16 23rd January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

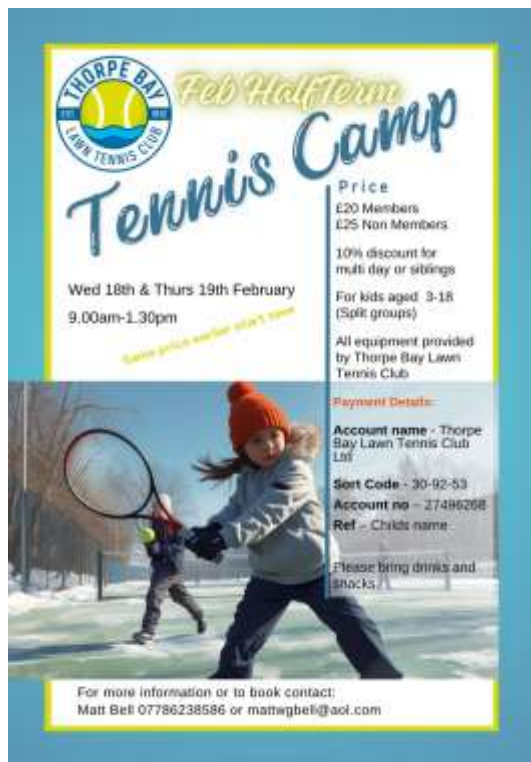
Another busy week her at Hinguar. Last Friday our Year 3 and 4 boys represented the school for football. They showed great resilience on a very child day. The week children form years 5 and 6 attended the Sportshall athletics competition achieving 5th place. Well done to all the children involved in the sporting events.

It was lovely to meet all the parents and families who attended the SEND coffee morning, thank you for coming.

I have notice quite a few toys around the school this week, could I please ask that these remain at home. It is easy for possessions to get lost or damaged at school and sharing can sometimes cause a challenge!

I hope you all have a restful weekend and we will see you next week.

Mrs Goy



Southend East Community Academy Trust

Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Turtles class we have been reading *The Gingerbread man*. The children enjoyed running like the gingerbread man outside and repeating the phrase, run, run as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread man. We had gingerbread men cutters and rolling pins on our playdough table to use. In our maths we sang five Gingerbread men in the bakers shop (like the buns.) In one tuff tray we had the characters from the story and a farm to use our imaginations. In the other tuff tray we had a selection of cereals, with bowls and spoons to role play cooking gingerbread men. We have also made our very own gingerbread men to eat and we tried to count the buttons. Hopefully they won't run away!

Next week our story is *The Hare and The Tortoise*. Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Ms Burgess



This week in Starfish class our story focus has been *Jack and the beanstalk*. In literacy we have been learning the names of different parts of a book, differentiating between words and pictures and using the pictures to help us tell a story in our own words. We have also talked about the roles of an author and illustrator. In maths we have been using mathematical and comparative language relating to height and have explored measuring using blocks. The children enjoyed exploring the 'vegetable plot' using hand eye coordination to fill containers and 'plant' vegetables, which led to lots of discussion about favourite foods and healthy eating. The children were fascinated by the time lapse video they were shown of a bean plant



growing and we talked about what a plant needs to grow. Next week our story focus will be *'Cinderella'* and our sound of the week will be m.

Well done Starfish class.

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



Seahorse

This week in Seahorse Class we have explored the book Jack and the Jellybean Stalk. As we read the story, we discussed the similarities and differences to the original story. The children particularly enjoyed how the phrase fee, fi, foo, fum was changed into fee, fi, foo, foy, I smell a juicy boy!

We watched the song 'The Candy Man' from the original Willy Wonka film. Before discussing how sweets are made from sugar, and eating too many is not good for your health or teeth! The children then tried to remember all the jellybean flavours within the story for Mrs Newman to write on jellybean templates.

We have also read Jellybeans for Giants, where George climbs a beanstalk to take jellybeans for the giant, however, on his way up the beanstalk he encounters different fairytale characters such as a troll and a pixie.

In Literacy, we have created our own version of a beanstalk story in a story map. In our story, Jack and Dad had to sell their chicken. They received a cucumber in payment which grew into a cucumber beanstalk. After climbing the cucumber beanstalk, Jack encountered a giant Lego man. Jack ate the Lego man before climbing back down the cucumber beanstalk. Jack and Dad lived happily ever, after eating cucumber soup.

The children have been working hard in phonics, learning vowel digraphs and how to write them within words.

In Maths, we have been looking at the composition of numbers 6, 7, 8. The children have used jellybeans to create number sums, using the stem sentence '? and ? all together makes ?' We have discussed how 2 parts (smaller numbers) can be added together to make a whole.

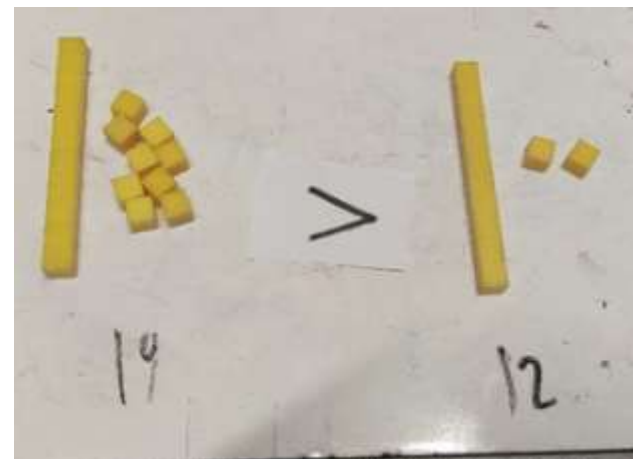
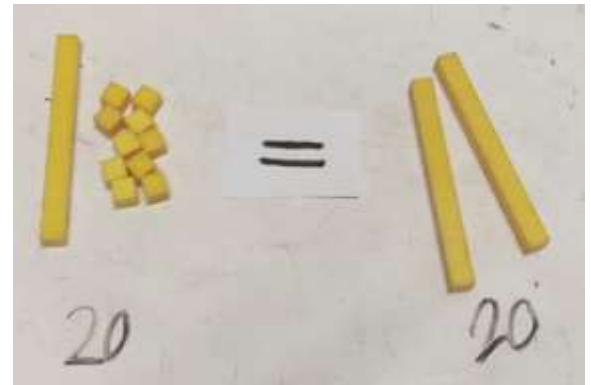
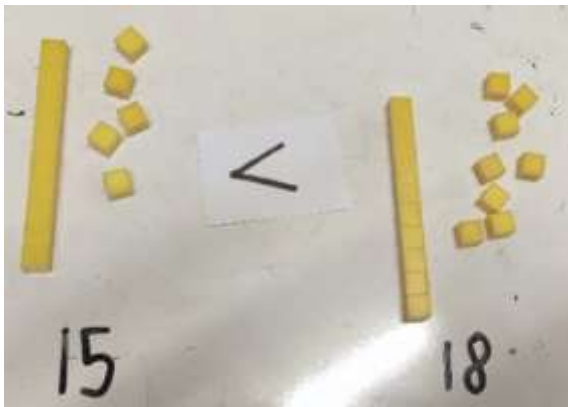
Throughout the week children have played in the sweet shop home corner, designed a variety of sweets, constructed with Mobilo, and made vehicles from the large wooden blocks on the playdeck.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class

This week in maths we have been making, comparing and ordering numbers to 20. We discussed the meaning of each digit in a 2-digit number and used base 10 equipment to represent numbers from 0 – 20. We compared numbers by looking at their positions on a number line and used the inequality and equals signs to show the comparison.



In our science lesson this week we continued looking at animal groups, our focus this week was on fish. We labelled the parts of a fish and discovered how fish use their tails and fins and how they can manage to breathe under water.

In RE this week we continued learning about Judaism, taking a closer look at Shabbat and discussing the things Jewish people may and may not do at Shabbat.

We also looked at the things Jewish people might use to mark the start of Shabbat.

Seagull Class

Another busy week in Year 2!

In English, the children have finalised their independent writing. We've loved reading their fabulous new stories, including tales about birds who were scared of heights and frogs who were scared of water.

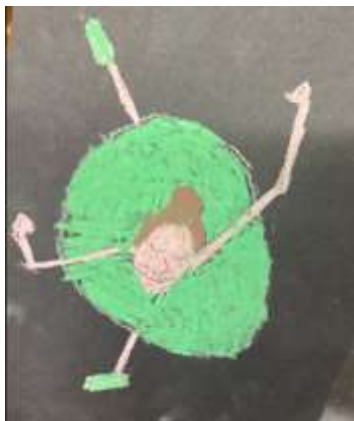
In maths, we've been getting hands-on and confident with numbers. The children explored making equal groups through grouping and sharing, practised the 2 times table, and learned how to divide by 2. Lots of practical learning and brilliant teamwork!

Our wider curriculum has been just as exciting. In science, we investigated what plants need to grow, linking nicely with our new English unit which will be all about plants. In RE this week we discussed what a mezuzah reminds Jewish people about, encouraging thoughtful conversations and curiosity. The children considered words which might be important to them and made special boxes to keep them in.

Finally, in art, we've been exploring the work of Joan Miró and Edgar Degas. The children have been inspired by their unique styles and techniques and have created some truly wonderful pictures of their own. It's been lovely to see their creativity shine as they experimented with colour, shape, and movement.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy.



Heron Class

This week, we have happily welcomed a new member to Heron class. Well done Kaden on settling in fantastically so far!

In English, we have been continuing with our sentence stacking lessons for the book 'The Magic Paintbrush'. We have been really impressed this week with their writing. Lots of children have been particularly creative with their writing and have included so much detail in each of their sentences. Well done Heron class, keep up the hard work!

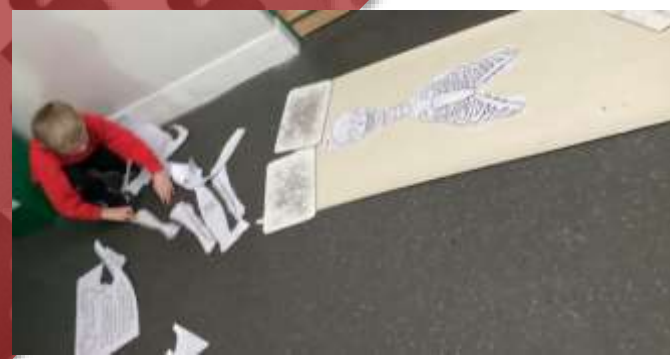
In maths this week, we have been focussing on dividing a two-digit number by a one-digit number. We have used a variety of methods and manipulatives (such as part-part-whole models and base 10) to help us with this.

In science this week, we have begun our unit on Skeletons. In Tuesday's lesson, they focussed on identifying some of the main bones within the body. They then worked in groups to create a skeleton by accurately placing the bones and correctly labelling each bone. In Wednesday's lesson, we looked at the functions of some of the main bones within the body.

In PSHE this week, we have looked at different family structures; recognising that each family structure will differ. Some examples that we have looked at include single parents, same sex parents, step-parents and blended families.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



Curlew Class

Woo hoo, halfway through the Spring first half term already! Time flies when you're having fun in Year 4!

This week, the children made their fantastic stick people 'Soundsuits' – inspired by the American artist Nick Cave, who creates 'surreally majestic objects blending fashion and sculpture'. They really enjoyed constructing these and they look fabulous.

In science, we have been considering how loud and quiet sounds are known as 'volume' and that they are measured in decibels. We learnt that the average human voice is 60 decibels. I am proud to know that I am above average in this area!

In RE, we had our second lesson about celebrations and festivals and considered why and how Hindus celebrate Diwali.

In PE, we completed our dance unit about being spies, by developing our routines using matching and mirroring techniques. To do this successfully, effective communication with a partner was needed and the confidence to perform to our peers. Well done to all pairs.

Well done, Fabulous Foursies for another successful week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Alien



Sanderling Class



Year 5 have all been feeling a little spacey this week. They have continued to prepare a narrative based on the short film 'One Small Step' in English and have begun the second unit of work on fractions in Maths. They have learned how the tilt of the Earth creates seasons; created a solar system and an advertisement with oil pastels; practiced canon and synchronisation balances in PE; learned how to treat minor allergic reactions in PSHE and learnt how to tell the time in French. They even had an interactive lesson with members of the UK Space Agency where they learned a little bit about satellites.

Have a great weekend everyone,
Mrs Emmings and Mrs Mistry



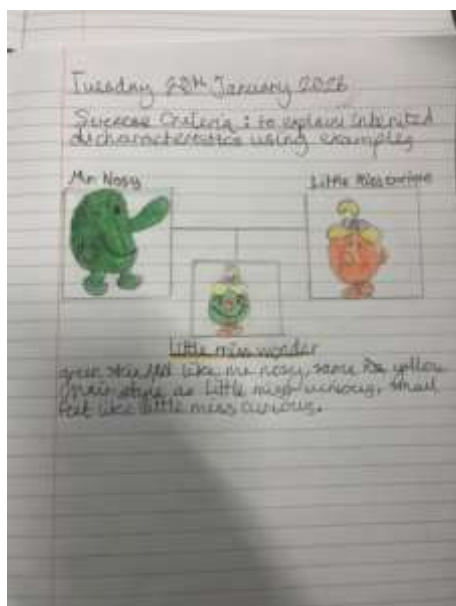
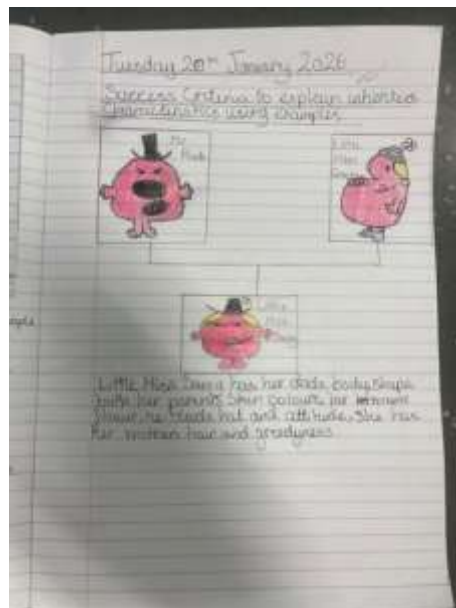
Avocet Class

This week in Year 6, we have begun to read further into our class novel *Street Child*. We have explored the key events that have happened to the main character Jim and his emotional reactions to them. In grammar, we have looked at writing in the first person to aid us with our writing task next week.

On Monday, we took part in a resilience workshop where we learnt lots of ways to support ourselves when we are not ok. Lots of useful techniques to take with us as we transition to secondary school.

In science, we explored the idea of inherited characteristics through the joining together of Mr Men and Little Miss characters. The children then created possible offspring with characteristics inherited from their parents.

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 Mehar in Oyster Class, Jesse and Alyssa in Heron Class, Melissa in Sanderling Class and Buddy in Avocet Class on achieving their Bronze Catch Me! Award.

Congratulations to Billie-Grai in Seahorse Class, Elsie and Arianna in Oyster Class, Nicky, Anastasia and Neo in Curlew Class and Amy in Sanderling Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me! Award.

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School holiday activity camp for ages 4-14

Ofsted registered
Childcare Vouchers accepted
Camps run from 9am-4pm
Extended day 7.30am-6pm

February Half Term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

SCAN QR CODE

We have lots of fun activities on offer from daily swimming and cookery to arts & crafts, inflatables, dodgeball and lots more!

book online: camp4champs.co.uk

WELCOME WEEKEND

Saturday 31st January & Sunday 1st February 2026

Ready for an Active Weekend!

Saturday 31st January	Sunday 1st February
• 07:00 – Velocity Burn Class	• 08:30 – Velocity Bootcamp Class
• 08:00 – Velocity HIIT Class	• 09:00 – 12:00 – Free Soft Play
• 09:00 – 13:00 – Free Gym Access	• 09:00 – Les Mills Master Class
• 09:00 – Les Mills Master Class	• 10:00 – Les Mills Master Class
• 10:00 – Les Mills Master Class	• 10:30 – Velocity Burn Class
• 11:00 – 13:00 – Café Power Hours	• 11:00 – 12:00 – Café Power Hour
• 12:00 – 13:00 – Free Family Dive	• 11:00 – 13:00 – Free Family Swim
• 12:30 – 16:00 – Free Soft Play	• 12:00 – 15:00 – Free Gym Access
• 12:45 – 13:45 – Free Lane Swim	• 12:00 – 13:00 – Free General Swim
• 12:45 – 13:45 – Free Family Swim	
• 13:45 – 15:45 – Free Float Fiesta	

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Awards and Notices

Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds



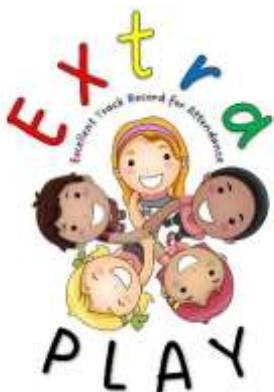
Jamie Oliver



Dress for Success



The winners for this half term are EYFS/KS1 Seahorse Class having an attendance of 96.15% and in KS2 Avocet Class with 93.45%



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 96.52% and in KS2, the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 95.00%.

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

LES MILLS



MASTER TRAINERS COMING TO SOUTHEND

SATURDAY 31ST JANUARY & SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY



Book via our App!





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
Seesma Infant Music Festival	Friday 13th March (year 2) 10.00am—11.30am
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



HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB AT GREAT WAKERING PRIMARY ACADEMY

5-PUR PACKED DAYS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

"INDIVIDUAL DAYS CAN BE BOOKED"

FOOTBALL - NETBALL - ARTS & CRAFTS - MULTI SPORTS - LEGO - BASKETBALL
GYMNASTICS - TENNIS - BADMINTON - CRICKET - ROUNDERS - HOCKEY
DODGEBALL - ATHLETICS - HANDBALL - DANCE & MUCH MORE!

MONDAY 16TH TO FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

5AM-5PM £24 PER CHILD (ANY 3 HOUR SLOT FROM 9AM-5PM)

HALF DAY BOOKINGS ARE £14.00 PER CHILD (ANY 3 HOUR SLOT FROM 9AM-5PM)

PRE-BOOKED EARLY STARTS & LATE FINISHES ARE AVAILABLE BETWEEN 8.15AM AND 4.30PM AT A RATE OF £3 PER 45 MINUTES PER CHILD- PLEASE CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION & COSTS.
Booking maximum per individual day from 10am-5pm for 2 children and £18 for 2 children

- ✓ SIGN UP TO 3PM- CONTACT US FOR THE EARLY START & LATE FINISH OPTIONS (8.15AM-4.30PM)
- ✓ SLOTS TO CHILDREN AGED 9-12 YEARS OLD. CHILDREN MUST BE DROPPED OFF BY PARENTS
- ✓ CHILDREN AGED 13+ CAN APPLY TO JOIN ONE OF OUR CLUBS EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- ✓ INDIVIDUAL DAYS CAN BE BOOKED & OUR CLUB RUNS EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY
- ✓ FULLY QUALIFIED, SAFERID, S&S CHECKED, FIRST AID TRAINED & EXPERIENCED STAFF
- ✓ SAFE, FUN & WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT BY A SACRIMED VENUE
- ✓ PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE NOT A CATERING SERVICE. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH & DRINKS.

All attendees should bring: A packed lunch with water bottle, any medication needed (asthma pump, inhaler etc. and please note we do not have any medical conditions of needs we should be aware of), waterproof jacket, track suit & trainers (Football boots are optional)

Address: Great Wakering Primary Academy, High Street, Great Wakering, Southend-on-Sea, SS3 4ED

Payment Details: Barclays - 06 X Call - 3079 77 - 40797949

Please use 'STARS' followed by the FULL NAME of the child as the payment reference and send us a proof of payment screenshot every time a payment is made please. Thank you.

Enquiries: To book places or if you have any questions or queries please contact the Star Sports team:

FACEBOOK: Star Sports & Soccer **PHONE:** 07919796139 **EMAIL:** starsports@hotmail.co.uk





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
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

