



HINGUAR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE

Spring Term Newsletter Week 22 13th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 2 children sang at the infant music festival - well done to all involved! We also welcomed families to our EYFS pamper afternoon. I hope you all had a lovely time and continue to be spoilt at the weekend.

I wanted to take a moment to address swimming. This year we have decided to swim at Shoebury pool rather than use the pop-up; there are not any current plans to reinstate the permanent pool. Shoebury pool offers us a really good facility for effective swimming teaching which we are fortunate to be able to access. I have decided years 5 and 6 will be swimming, as we will be walking. A letter will be going to those parents with all the details.

We look forward to welcoming you to our parent consultation evenings next week to have a conversation with your child's class teacher about their learning. I will be here on both evenings and look forward to speaking with more of you.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Goy

Due to parent consultations taking place there will be no choir club next Tuesday 17th March.

Drop Zone Easter Draw

All children who book into breakfast or afterschool club from Monday 16th March - Thursday 26th will be entered into a draw to win a giant kinder Easter egg.



The winner will be drawn and announced at breakfast club on Friday 27th March.

For a chance to win, please book your child on through MCAS.





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SECAT **ClubsComplete** 4-11 years
Action-packed clubs that previous parents love to attend

We are working in partnership with SECAT trust

EGG HUNTS

COOKING & SCIENCE

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

EASTER CRAFTS

SPORTS

CHALLENGES

Early Bird 10% Discount if you book before 13th March with code: SECAT10

Week 1: Eggstravaganza 30th, 31st March, 1st, 2nd April
Week 2: Challenge Your Limits 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th April

Any child from any school can join our easter clubs!
Half days available for 4 year olds

TIMES	PRICES
8.30am-4.30pm	£37.50
9am-3.30pm	£34
8.30am-6pm	£43
Half Days	£17

Hinguar Primary School & Nursery
New Garrison Rd, Shoeburyness, Southend, Essex, S63 9FE

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 01530412750, 07821268712
BOOK ONLINE: admin@clubscomplete.co.uk, www.clubscomplete.co.uk

Drop Zone

WRAPAROUND CARE

Available for children Reception - Year 6

BEFORE SCHOOL

Children will be offered a nutritious breakfast (including dairy alternatives) and taken to their classes ready for their school day.

Monday - Friday
7:30am - 8:40am
£6.00 per Child, per day

AFTER SCHOOL

Children are escorted by their teachers at the end of the school day to a safe supervised space, providing enrichment, where they can build friendships. During the session, children will be offered a nutritious snack, for example a toastie or a pizza. There are plenty of activities to keep everyone occupied, including crafting, puzzles, board games, small world playsets, quiet zones for homework and outdoor play.

Monday - Friday
3:10pm - 4pm
£12.50 per Child, per day

INFORMATION

The club is there to help working parents and offer social interaction and varied experiences beyond the curriculum, focusing on fun and development.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parents eligible for Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit Childcare will be able to use the support to help pay for wraparound care.

Session can be booked on MCS5 parents can also email - dropzone@hinguar.secat.co.uk or call 01759720107 (During session times only)

Childcare Choices HM Government

We are offering a free session FREE for all our children to the club, subject to space available on your chosen day. Please help support our children to be successful. The club can be used for other sessions when available, we will do our best to be flexible as possible.

Pride in Shoeburyness

As you might have heard, Shoeburyness has been chosen for the government’s “Pride in Place,” programme. This scheme will allocate £20 million to Shoeburyness over the next 10 years.

This isn’t like any other funding programme. It’s a new way of doing government: the money will be allocated by a “neighbourhood board,” of people who live or work or have demonstrative interest in Shoebury. The community board will not act alone; they will have to consult local people when they make their decisions. Our schools, parents, and teachers, **will play a key role.**

Parents who live or work in Shoebury could even apply to be on the Neighbourhood board:
<https://bayoalaba.com/application-pride-in-place-board-member/>





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Big Walk and Wheel



Walk Wheel Cycle Trust Headline sponsor SCHWALBE

We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 16 - 27 March.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes

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Southend East Community Academy Trust



Turtle and Starfish Class



This week in Turtles class we have been singing One Potato. Two Potato and doing the actions. The children enjoyed hunting for hidden potatoes around the room and learnt positional language as we talked about where the potato was hiding. In the tuff tray we had mixed vegetables for filing and emptying while developing motor control and talking about healthy eating. The children enjoyed using their fine motor control to place parts into the Mr Potato characters. In maths the children matched potatoes one to one to holes in a box and tried to count how many there were. Later in the week we had some cooked potatoes to squash with potato mashers, this taught us cause and effect whilst developing our motor control. Next week our book will be Hey Duggee, The Tooth Brushing Badge and we will be learning about oral hygiene.

We wish you a Happy Mothers Day. Mrs Cochrane, Mrs Loe and Mrs Burgess.



Book of the week



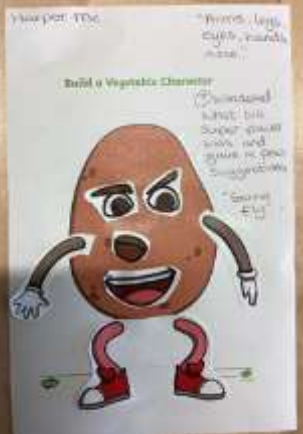
In Starfish class this week our story focus has been 'Supertato'. We talked about the story characters and where the story was set.

The children have enjoyed discussing their likes and dislikes about vegetables. We watched a video of how potatoes, tomatoes and peppers grow. We then made ourselves really small, like a seed and then used our body movements to grow bigger and bigger, holding our arms and hands out like stems and leaves.

The children have created some fantastic veggie superheroes whilst talking about which superpower they would have. We then danced along to the superhero action song, 'Kapow'. In maths we have been recognising numerals to seven and exploring more and fewer than comparing groups of objects. It was lovely to welcome some of our grown-ups into Early years on Friday as part of our Mother's Day celebrations. We hope you enjoyed spending time playing and learning with your children and felt pampered!

Next week our story focus will be 'The tiger who came to tea' and our sound of the week will be 'k'.

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



Seahorse



This week in Seahorse Class we have looked at the festival of Mothering Sunday. We began by listening to the story *Monkey Puzzle*, where a monkey is looking for his Mummy. A butterfly helps the baby monkey try and find his Mummy but does not realise that the Mummy and baby monkeys look the same. The children realised that is because a butterfly starts its life as a caterpillar.

We discovered that Mother's Day began around 400 years ago when people would visit the nearest big church known as the Mother Church. At the service the church would give flowers to the children to give to their mothers as a thank you.



We have looked at how different countries celebrate Mother's Day. We found out that many countries do not celebrate until later in the year and that it is not on a Sunday. However, the celebrations did include giving flowers, making crafts, and having a meal together.

We have also read 'I love Mummy' and 'Superhero Mum' after which the children gave reasons why they loved their Mummy and what their Mummy was good at. Many said baking cakes, giving sweets, having cuddles and going to places together.



In Literacy, the children have been writing the inserts for their Mother's Day cards.

In Maths we have looked at number bonds to 10. We have used 'part, part, whole' which explains how a number (the whole) is made up of smaller numbers (the parts). The children have been using the number sum "? and ? altogether makes ?" before identifying which of the numbers were a part and which was a whole. The children used bears in a 'part, part, whole' tray to create different number bonds to 10.

Throughout the week the children have been building obstacle courses, chalking on the playdeck, building with Duplo, making car ramps and writing and colouring on the mark-making table.



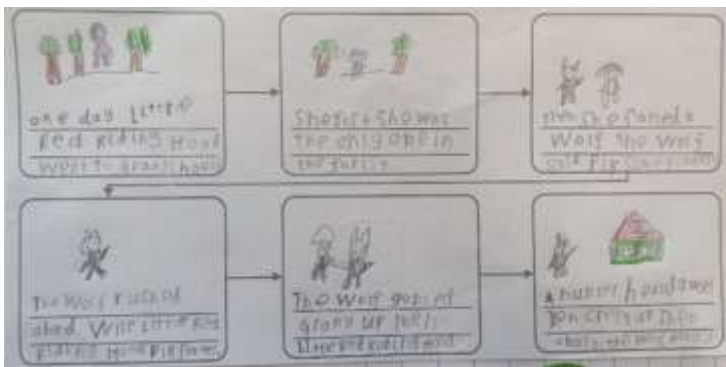
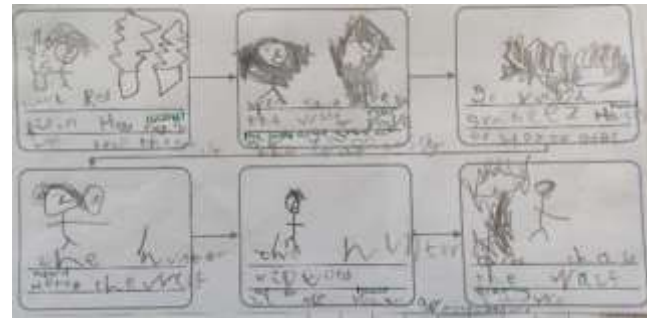
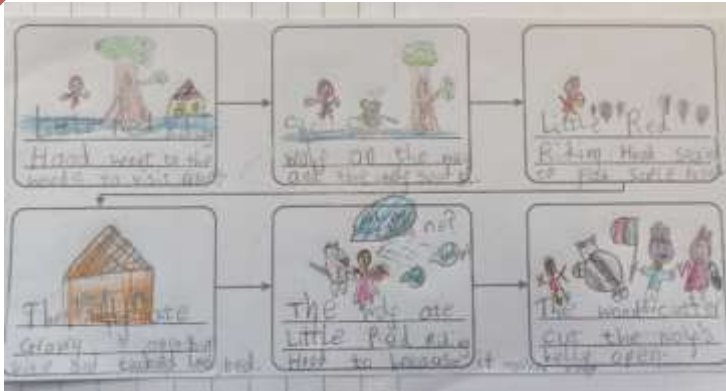
It was lovely to see so many Mums, Nans and aunties at the Mother's Day Pamper session. We hope you enjoyed being made special. Have a lovely Mothering Sunday.

Mrs Newman, Mrs Bowser and Mrs Penny



Oyster Class

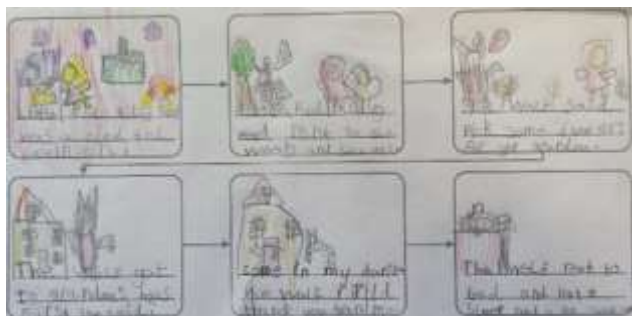
This week in Year 1 we have reached the end of our unit looking at the story of Little Red Riding Hood. The children have really enjoyed learning about the story and writing their own variations of the traditional story. They especially enjoyed creating picture stories and worked extremely hard on them.



In our Maths this week we have continued exploring numbers to 50. We have focused on using number lines and number tracks to help us to order and compare numbers and we have been finding 1 more and 1 less than a number and representing them in numbers, words or pictures.



In our RE lesson this week we have considered the feelings of the people in the story of The Prodigal Son. We thought about how it feels to be sorry and how it feels to be forgiven or to forgive others. We also discussed why this is an important story for Christians and what they believe the story tells them about God.



A wonderful week. Well Done Year 1!

Seagull Class

This week, we were very busy in class. We finalised our non-chronological reports about habitats, and the children worked incredibly hard researching their chosen habitat and writing all about it. It has also been British Science Week, and the children thoroughly enjoyed investigating the question, "How do boats float?" We designed and made our own boats, which the children then tested to see how many multilink cubes each one could hold before sinking.

To round off the week, we attended the Infant Music Festival. I was so proud of how beautifully the children behaved, and their singing was absolutely fabulous. We hope that those of you who were able to attend enjoyed it as much as we did.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Mota and Miss Calvy



Heron Class



In English this week, we have been finishing off our sentence stacking lessons on pangolins. We will now be moving on to planning for our non-chronological reports.

In maths this week, we have been focussing on perimeter. We have looked at what a perimeter is and different shapes that have/ do not have a perimeter. We have also moved on to measuring perimeter.

In R.E this week, we completed a lesson focussing on the Christian Creation Story. Our lesson focus was on the term 'good' and Heron class evaluated what it means to be good and examples of things that are good. We also considered where the term 'good' appears within The Creation Story.



We have also been continuing to practise for our Spring production. This week, we have been practising with no scripts! We cannot wait for the final performance at the end of the Spring term.

Last week, we also celebrated World Book Day! We completed a brilliant live quiz and designed our own book covers. Heron class thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Have a wonderful weekend.
Miss Venables and Mrs Merton



Curlew Class

The fabulous foursies have had another successful week.

In art on Monday, the children looked at pictures by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. They then created their own surreal portraits copying his style.

In PE, the class enjoyed their second basketball lesson. They practiced dribbling a ball, throwing and catching correctly and outwitting a defender.

Show rehearsals have been in full swing. The children are now not using their scripts when we practice. Next week each child will bring home 2 tickets for the evening performance and 2 tickets for the following morning.

The children have worked hard to put a lot of love and consideration into their Mothers' Day cards. I hope all mums get thoroughly spoilt this weekend and have a fabulous day.

Miss Eakins, Miss Brailsford and Mrs Allen

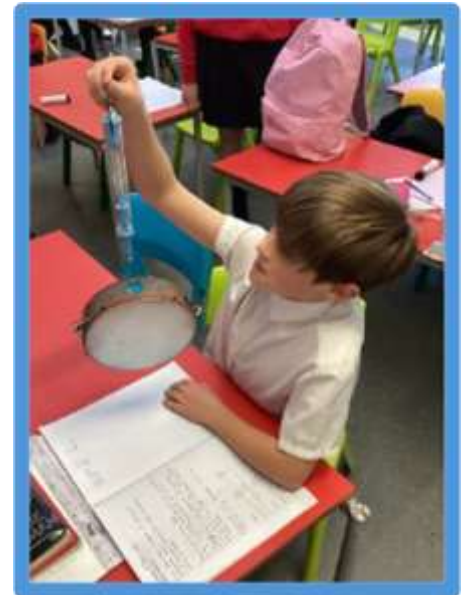
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Sanderling Class



Our Sanderlings have been working hard again this week!

In English, they have been planning their biographies on Katherine Johnson and in Maths they have been learning about Area and Perimeter. In Science they learned about Sir Isaac Newton and gravity and did an experiment to explore the links between mass and weight, whilst in History they learned about the hidden figures of NASA and the obstacles that black, female scientists faced in the mid-20th century. In Art, they completed their beautiful willow pattern plates and in PE they cracked on with their basketball skills.

Have a restful weekend and we'll see you all next week!

Mrs Emmings, Mrs Mistry
and Miss Walpole



Avocet Class

This week Year 6 have completed their second Mock SATs week of the year. They have all tried really hard and conducted themselves in a mature way. A huge well done to you all. Results will be shared at parents evening next week.

In PE we continued our Basketball unit. So far we have focused on the skills of dribbling, throwing, attacking and defending. At the end of each lesson our new skills are put to the test in some mini games.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Calvy, Ms Hardy and Miss Brailsford



Special Achievements

Community Orchard Planting at East Beach

One Saturday morning last month, the Southend council Parks Team joined forces with the East Beach Residents Association (EBRA) to plant 16 locally sourced apple trees, creating a brand new community orchard at East Beach as part of the Big Sparks project. Among the volunteers was our very own **Halle**, who gave up her weekend to help plant the trees and support this fantastic community initiative.

Despite the damp weather, everyone worked with great enthusiasm to improve the local landscape. A native hedge will also be planted around the orchard, providing valuable habitat for wildlife and a beautiful green space for the community.

This orchard will take root over the next two years, and once established, residents will be invited to learn pruning and management skills to help it flourish. We look forward to watching it grow and, one day, seeing its apples turned into delicious crumbles.



Halle had a fantastic weekend of competition!

Representing Southend Diving Club, she stepped up to compete in the next age group at the National Qualifier Skills Diving Competition. Halle rose to the challenge brilliantly, securing 3rd place and bringing home a bronze medal.

Her strong performance also earned her a place in the National Finals later this year.

A huge congratulations to Halle on this outstanding achievement. We're all incredibly proud of her dedication and success.

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 Freya, Oliver, Parker and Saviah in Seahorse Class, Amelia, Arya and Sidney in Oyster Class, Macsen in Seagull Class, Oliver G and Sophia in Heron Class and Mikaela in Curlew Class on achieving their Silver Catch Me! Award.

Congratulations to James in Seagull Class and Nicky in Curlew Class on achieving their Gold Catch Me! Award .

Children who have achieved their Gold Catch Me! Award will be treated to afternoon tea with Mrs Goy at the end of term.



Reading Champions

Well done to Parker in Seahorse 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.

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Awards and Notices

Ashley Banjo



Mo Farah



Ellie Simmonds



Jamie Oliver



Dress for Success

In the lead so far this half term are EYFS/KS1 Seahorse Class having an attendance of 96.08% and in KS2 Avocet Class with 95.26%

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 95.69% and in KS2, the attendance cup was awarded to Avocet Class with 97.97%.

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





Term Dates for Your Diary

Spring Term Diary Dates

Parent Consultation Evenings

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

Year 3 & 4 Performance
(Spring Chicken the Musical)

Wednesday 25th March 6.30pm

Year 3 & 4 Performance
(Spring Chicken the Musical)

Thursday 26th March 9.30am

Pupil Advocate Meeting
End of term
Book Fair (All Week)

Friday 27th March 1.30pm—2.15pm
Friday 27th March—school closes at normal time
Week commencing Monday 23rd March



Get Summer Term ready
Preloved School Uniform Sale

Tuesday 17th March
& Thursday 19th March 2026

3:30 to 6:00pm

Location: School lobby

Prices from 50p

Cash or card payments accepted

Thank you so much for your support!

ReCycle, ReUse, ReLove

Need help with the cost of uniform? Friends of Hinguar are here for you!
Simply email friendsofhinguar@outlook.com

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





Term Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term Diary Dates

Year 5 Swimming

Y6 Bikeability

Dance Festival (pupils only)

Final Year 6 Residential Meeting

Y6 SATs Week

Y6 Residential

Pupil Advocate Meeting

Year 6 Swimming

EYFS FUDGE

Class Photos

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)

Every Tuesday from 14th April—19th May

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th April

Thursday 30th April 12.15pm—3.00 pm

Thursday 30th April 3.30pm

w/b Monday 11th May—Thursday 14th May

w/b Monday 18th—Friday 22nd May

Friday 22nd May 1.30pm—2.15pm

Every Tuesday from 2nd June - 14th July

Friday 19th June 2.00pm—3.00pm

Monday 22nd 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

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

