

Chadwell St Mary Primary School

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Primary School

*Self-responsibility

*Safety

*Perseverance

*Equality

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Dear parents and carers,
Happy New Year to you all!

So, here we go again, I wonder what 2024 will have in store for us all.....

I do know that we have many exciting events already planned for this year, please do check the calendar dates towards the end of this newsletter as new school trips and visits to the school have been added. We have further added to the capacity of the school with our new staff members, Mrs McCann (pastoral lead), Mrs Peak (behaviour support TA), Mrs Hughes (Office admin), Mr Gray (Site Manager) and Mrs Beels (Year 5 TA). They all bring experience and a desire to work at CSM, so please join me in welcoming them to the team.

Finally, please may I ask that all pupils have jumpers, coats and other cold weather clothes in school every day, this includes a tracksuit for PE. It is quite chilly outside, but children do need fresh air and a chance to burn off energy - however they need the appropriate clothing. Thank you. Miss M 😊

Chadwell St Mary Primary School Eco-Warriors Sensory Garden Project

We are delighted to let you know that we have been successful in our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from Mid January 2024 until the end of March 2024.

The project with the highest number of votes across your region will receive £1,500 the second placed project £1,000 and the third placed project £500. To re-iterate, if we are first in the vote, you will receive £1,500.

What happens next? Please see below the Stores taking part and where you and your family can vote

on your project. Feel free to share this list of stores amongst your supporters and within your community. The more token votes we get the bigger our donation will be.

- Chafford Hundred Exp RM16 6YA
- Lakeside Extra RM20 1TX
- Armada Chafford Exp RM16 6PS
- Grays Express RM16 2BD
- Chadwell St Mary RM16 4JD
- South Ockendon Expres RM15 6QA
- Tilbury Express RM18 7QW
- Derwent Sth Ocken Exp RM15 5GN
- Southend Rd Grays Exp RM17 5NJ

PE Kits – Cold Weather Clothing

It is absolutely necessary to ensure that your child's PE kit contains joggers or leggings and a sweatshirt. Please also send in gloves to wear.

We really do not mind about the colour at all.

We do PE all year round outside if it is dry and not icy. Children are able to wear coats too if needed.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Their PE kits should remain in school until the end of a term and then go home to be washed - not each week.

Every child must also wear a jumper and a coat every day for school. Layered clothing is best in school, as this can be removed while the children are working in doors.

Individual Music Lessons

If your child has signed up for the individual keyboard lessons this term, they will be starting on Tuesday next week. Please make sure your child has everything they need with them for the lessons on Tuesdays.

Night Owls Visit

We look forward to welcoming the night owls in to our school on Wednesday 17th April. The children will get to see the owls and have their photograph taken with them. There is no charge for



this visit. Photos will be available for parents to purchase for a small charge.

Gemma's Farm



We have booked our annual visit from Gemmas Farm, they will be visiting us on Tuesday 12th March. This is a great day for all the children, where they are able to experience different animals and also get to interact with them throughout the day.

There will be a small charge for each child.

Thurrock Council Childcare Reforms and Parent Entitlement Survey We need your help!

Help us to meet your childcare needs! By completing the parent survey we will be able to work towards ensuring you have the childcare you need!

[Parents survey for the new childcare entitlement | Have my say | Thurrock Council](#)

If you are a working parent and looking for childcare, the 30 hours funded childcare is expanding! Working parents of all children over the age of nine months will also be entitled to funded 30 hours of childcare.

For all primary aged children from reception to year six, from September 2024, you can expect to see an increase in the number of wraparound childcare places available across Thurrock. Wraparound care is before and after school (8am-6pm) childcare for primary school aged children in England during term time. With your help by completing the survey, we expect all parents who need it to have access to wraparound care. Either from their school or from another provider in your local area, by September 2026. By accessing funded childcare for 9 months to 4 years and the funded Tax Free Childcare you will be able to get help with childcare costs.

Please click on the below QR Codes for more information



Head boy and girl message

Hello,
We all hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year. Furthermore, Chadwell will warmly welcome all pupils back to school. The new 'Sunrise' room has a new member of staff Mrs McCann that said she feels privileged and moved that she is able to use the room to help others.
Riley & Adela

NSPCC – Number Day



Last year, we raised a fantastic £90 on numbers day towards to NSPCC.

This year we will be marking this special day by holding a 'Dress up as a Rock Star Day'

Number Day is on **Friday 2nd February 2024**

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom for NSPCC Number Day.

Children in all year groups are invited to dress up as rockstars for the day. We have included the above images to inspire you.

Children in year 2 to 6 will take part in the NSPCC competition online. All year groups will experience a rock and roll golden time. Our maths lessons on this day will involve the NSPCC number day challenges too.

NSPCC are a charity which aim to prevent cruelty to children in all its forms. Therefore, we are going to be raising money for this charity on this day. Please, only donate what you can afford to.

Big Treat Day Menu – Thursday 11th January



Find a Library

From January to March 2024, parents and carers with children up to 5 years-old are welcome to join in BookTrust story time for families.

Each week until 29 March 2024 – many local libraries are offering residents a free hot drink in a safe and supportive warm space.

We are aware of a problem affecting the My Library App, used by residents of more than 20 local authorities. If you cannot use the app, please use the library catalogue website.



PSHE – This term in PSHE all year groups will be looking at their dreams and goals. The PSHE lessons will be discussion based and children will have the opportunity to write about their goals in life. Our school core value this term is 'Perseverance'. All pupils will learn what it means to persevere and there be an assembly focusing on this value.

Phonics – The children are back into routine and adjusting well to their new groups. Thank you to all the parents/carers who showed their children the phonics videos over the half term. They really do support the learning thats happening in class.

Music – We need a new 2024 playlist!

If you have any suggestions for happy, morning songs (with appropriate lyrics) please ask you child(ren) to

let me know, or catch me on the gate on Wednesday mornings!

Reading - This week children are starting their new Talk 4 Reading books and have shared their initial thoughts on the books. They have been able to express their opinions about the stories so far and give reasons for their opinions and even quoted parts of the story to support what they say. When discussing anything, it helps develop vocabulary when children are encouraged to give examples and reasons to support what they say. Try doing this at home when talking to your child about their reading book.

RE Last half term, Year 6 were learning about the importance of churches in the community. This week Year 6 had a wonderful trip to Chadwell St Mary Church where the children had a workshop with Rev'd Kate about how the church supports the local community and internationally.

This half term Year 6 will be learning about the importance of the Qu'ran in the Islamic faith.

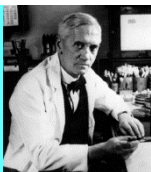
Geography - This half term Year 1 will be learning about the continents. They will begin this topic by focussing on Europe and the country France. They will look at where France is on the map, what the country is famous for and some significant landmarks.

Talk 4 writing - For the first two weeks the whole school is focusing on narrative writing. In Reception, they are reading the story called 'Handa's Surprise' where the children will look at the pictures in the story and write at least one sentence about what in happening in the picture remembering to use a capital letter and a full stop.

Maths - This week, all year groups have learnt about the importance of place value. Place value is a fundamental concept in mathematics that refers to the value of each digit in a number based on its position. It was great to see year 5 confidently ordering 6-digit numbers and applying their knowledge to problem solving tasks too!

Computing – This week in computing each class have focused on Internet Safety. They have discussed ways they can stay safe and who they can speak to if they feel worried.

Science – Famous scientist facts! Sir Alexander Fleming was a Scottish microbiologist and physician who is best known for developing penicillin, the world's first broadly effective antibiotic.



Art & D & T - We have an art masterclass next Wednesday, which Miss Moorcraft will be leading. Some pupils from across our three primaries will be working collaboratively on creating a one-point perspective picture in the style of LS Lowry. I have a feeling they are going to be rather impressive!

Important Dates for your diary...

New dates in **BOLD**

~~Deleted dates in RED~~



JANUARY 24

8 th	Children return to school	
10 th	Yr 6 visit to church	PM
12 th	Reception Tour Sept 23 intake	9.30am
19 th	Year 5 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
26 th	Year 4 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
31 st	Year's 4 & 5 visit imperial war museum	

19th February – 23rd February HALF TERM

FEBRUARY 24

2 nd	Year 2 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
2 nd	NSPCC numbers Day	
6 th	Internet Safety Day	
9 th	Year 3 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
16 th	NON-PUPIL DAY	
26 th	Pupils Return To School	

MARCH 23

TBC	Yr 2 visit – Tower of London	
7 th	World Book Day	
8 th	Year 1 Sharing Assembly	9.00am
12 th	Gemmas Farm visit	
12 th	Parents Evening	
14 th	Parents Evening	
15 th	Comic Relief – Red Nose Day	
15 th	Reception Sharing Assembly	9.00am
19 th	Yr 6 parent SATs information event	2.30pm

29th March – 12th April EASTER HOLIDAY

APRIL 24

15 th	Pupils Return to School
17 th	Night Owls visit
24 th	Year 1 trip to Hever Castle

6th May BANK HOLIDAY

MAY 24

TBC	Yr 3 visit - Thameside Nature Park
1 st	Year 3 visit to Barleylands
13 th -	Year 6 SATs Week
16 th	

JUNE 24

5 th –	Year 6 Residential
7 th	
11 th	Yr 4 visit to Wat Tyler Park
26 th –	Book Fair
1 st July	

27th May – 31st May HALF TERM

JULY 24

TBC	Infant Music Festival	
TBC	Reception visit-sea life centre	
2 nd	Year 4 Bikeability	9am
4 th	Open Evening for parents to see work	
11 th	Sports Day	TBC
17 th	Year 6 lunch	12pm
18 th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents	AM
19 th	Reports go home	
19 th	Last Day of Term	

All dates and times are subject to change.

FREE School Uniform

free for everyone,
no referral needed!

Events

Fridays
3 - 4.30pm

Saturdays
10 - 11.30am

19th January
16th February
15th March
19th April
17th May
21st June

20th January
17th February
16th March
20th April
18th May
22nd June

Community Church Chadwell St Mary
Defoe Parade (enter from Brentwood Road)
RM16 4QR

Save the planet 🌍, and your pennies 💰 !

Hundreds of items in stock:

- Polo shirts
- Jumpers & cardigans
- Shirts & blouses
- Blazers & ties
- Skirts
- PE kit incl football socks
- Trousers
- Plimsolls
- Socks
- Black shoes
- Pinafore dresses
- Coats

Clean, good condition school uniform donations accepted when space allows. Please check our facebook page to see if we are currently collecting. Search facebook for "The 180 Project"

An event run by The 180 Project, part of Community Church
Registered charity no. 1062301. Tel: 01375 484 101



The BIG BIKE we are cycling UK
Revival

Encouraging people to cycle through fixing bikes, teaching skills and leading bike rides

Where	Date	Time
Tilbury Cycle Hub Calcutta Road RM18 7QT	20 Jan	10am 12pm/12 - 2pm
Beacon Centre Chafford Hundred RM16 6RW	3 Feb	10am - 12pm/ 12 - 2pm
Grangewaters Activity Centre RM15 6RS	15 Feb	12 - 2pm
Church Hall Grays RM17 6LN	21st Feb	12 - 2pm

■ Bike safety check ■ Change wheels and inner tubes ■ Index gears ■ Configure brakes
■ Change brake and gear cables ■ Advanced bike mechanics to suit group

cyclehub@thurrock.gov.uk to book stating your preferred date, time and venue.

Delivered locally by:

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