

# Chadwell St Mary Primary School

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Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back, I truly hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

We are waiting for the summer weather to arrive, in the meantime please ensure children bring coats to school, as it is still rather chilly.

Our year 6 pupils are working incredibly hard at the moment, revising for the upcoming SATs assessments.

May I please remind parents and carers that SATs week is from 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May and that all pupils are expected to be in school during SATs week.

Last week we had a wonderful visit from Nite Owls. Pupils had the opportunity to have their photo taken with one of the owls called "Dotty" and we hope to send the proofs out this week, should you wish to purchase a copy.

Year 2 visited the Tower of London last Thursday; I would like to thank Mrs Dennis and the year 2 team and all the parent helpers for making the trip highly successful and enjoyable.

Class trips require an enormous amount of organisation behind the scenes. I would therefore like to thank our office colleagues, class teachers and support staff for ensuring they run smoothly, and pupils have the best time!

Miss Moorcraft 😊

#### Summer Lunchtime Menu

Our new and exciting summer menu started last week and the children are really enjoying all the changes. You can view the new menu via our website.

<https://chadwellstmary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Spring-Summer-Menu-2024-Chadwell-St-Marys-003.pdf>

#### Night Owls – Photographs

We hope you all liked your child's owl photographs that were sent home this week. If you would like to purchase any of the photos please return your order by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The money for your order must be enclosed.



#### Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Terry who got married during the Easter break. She will now be known as Mrs Bedford-Bain.



#### Watch Grays Athletic Play on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024.



All SWE CET primary school children and their families have been invited by Grays Athletic

Football Club to watch the final league game of the season against Ipswich Wanderers on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The kick off is at 3pm at the EMR Stadium, Saint Chads Road, Tilbury, RM18 8NL.

All SWE CET primary children will be able to watch completely free of charge. Pupils will just need to say which school they attend. Parents and carers will be admitted at the half price rate of £5.

We urge you to support Grays Athletic and take up their incredibly kind and generous offer.

We are hoping the day will be a fun end to the season and that lots of families will come along for a game of local, semi-professional football.

**See you there!**

#### Parenting Workshop

**NEW AND EXCITING.** At Chadwell Primary we pride ourselves on looking after the emotional health and wellbeing of our students. This year we are pleased to announce that we will be running some workshops for parents to understand the emotional health of children. Subjects that we are looking at are, anxiety in children, managing strong emotions, empowering children's self-esteem, helping children to regulate when angry and emotional coaching to name but a few. The first workshop is planned for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will be about anxiety in children. This will run from 2.00pm. More details to follow. Please let us know if you would be interested in attending.

### Year 5 Trailblazer trip- The Great Stink!

Year 5 were lucky enough to visit the Civic Hall, to watch an opera performance of The Great Stink! The play was based in 1858 when London's sewer systems could not cope with the amount of waste the population was producing. We enjoyed watching the actors tell this story and took part in a singing workshop at the start. We learnt how to project our voices. We thought the singers were AMAZING. Year 5 behaved so well throughout the whole performance; I was very proud of them! Mrs Vinten



### Year 2 trip to the Tower of London

Year two had a successful trip to London to visit the Tower of London. The children learnt about key features of the Great Fire of London through rhyme and role-play. We compared and contrasted life today with life in the 1600's. We discovered more about some of the people who witnessed the fire. The children spotted Tower Bridge and the River Thames on our journey to the tower. The pupils saw the crown jewels. Did you know that the imperial state crown is made of gold and set with 2,868 diamonds, 17 sapphires, 11 emeralds, 269 pearls, and 4 rubies! It was a great day, and the children were a credit to the school.



### Year 1 Trip to Hever Castle

Year 1 have had a fantastic day at Hever Castle on Wednesday. The children got to explore the castle, travel through a maze and have great fun at the play area. They represented the school brilliantly. They had a personal tour guide who told them lots of information about the history of the castle and what it looked like in the past.



### Year 4 Art Project

The Year 4 art project this term is 'Recycled Art' and the children have designed sculptures which they will make from recycled materials. We will be making the models on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April and will need plenty of materials to use.

Please could you send in the following items: small cardboard boxes (cereal boxes etc), egg boxes, plastic bottles and lids, plastic food packaging, milk containers, yoghurt pots, and wool or similar. Please ensure these are clean with labels removed. Please send them in to school by Monday.



### Head boy's and Head girl's message

We hope everyone had a splendid Easter break and are ready to get back to their learning.

This half term is one of the most important for our Year 6 and Year 1's; Year 6 are getting ready to do their SATs and Year 1 are practicing phonics. It is important for them to stay focused.

Keep going – you've got this!

On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Night Owls company brought some owls into our whole school assembly and gave an interesting talk about the owls. All pupils were able to have their photograph taken with an owl sat on their shoulder.

Our school bought new play equipment. This is so the children can have more fun around the school. We now have Frisbees, tag rugby and jenga. Last but not least, Year 6 were given revision packs in preparation for SATs. In return, they received a really cool prize comprising a tuck shop voucher, a pack of sweets, and a book and crayons.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer term!



**Phonics!** - Miss. Crow has praised her phonic group this week for their efforts when learning their new sounds! They are following the signals we use and using their Fred talk skills to decode unfamiliar words.

**Music** – As part of the Charanga scheme of work followed in school, pupils learn some key vocabulary. See how many words your child knows already from the following:

Pitch – how high or low the sound is.

Duration – the length of the note/music.

Dynamics – the volume - loud or quiet (they should all know this one!)

Timbre – the type of sound created by the instrument, for example, an electric guitar has a different type of sound to an acoustic guitar.

Tempo – the speed of the music.

**Reading** - Reading: The children in years 2 to 5 have been reading their new Talk 4 Reading texts for 2 weeks. They have had an opportunity in class to discuss what they like or dislike about the story so far as well as make links with other stories they are familiar with. Encourage your child to share their opinions about the books they are reading and ask them to explain why they feel that way. Perhaps they can give examples about how a character behaves or how an author has created effects in order to support their view.

**Maths** - We have updated our school times table hunt with new related facts on each classroom door. A related fact uses the inverse operation. The inverse to multiplication is division. An example would be  $10 \times 10 = 100$   $100 \div 10 = 10$   
If you would like to complete some times tables revision then check out our times tables songs, videos and quizzes on this

link. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z97rdnb>

**RE** In Year 4, they have been learning about Buddhist festivals. After sharing the story of Siddhartha Gautama and the Ascetics, pupils were able to explain when Siddhartha became the Buddha as well as how and why Buddha shared his story to his followers. Pupils were able to choose the four most important statements from the story.

Year 5 are learning about stories from the Bible. This week they explored the story of Ruth and Naomi and the importance to Christians. Pupils looked through a variety of messages and had to decide if the message was relevant to the story or not.

**History** - Year 1 visited Heaver castle this week. They had the best time exploring the castle and looking at the different parts of it. They had a personal tour guide who told them lots of information about the history of the castle and what it looked like in the past.

**Talk 4 writing** - Our reception children are making great progress with their writing skills. They have been learning to use conjunctions to extend their writing while making sure they use finger spaces.  
Year 1 are writing a narrative about cops and robbers. Last week, during their drama lesson, they interviewed the police officer from the story 'Officer Pugh'. This week Year 1 have started to write their own stories, which have been captivating.

**Computing** - Year 1 have been working hard in computing. Their new topic is Animated Story Books and they have begun creating their own story using Purple Mash. The children have chosen their own

main character and title. We can't wait to see them develop their own stories this half term.

**Science** - CSM have been celebrating Earth Day this week. We have been researching ways in which we can help to protect the planet. Find out more here. <https://www.bbcearth.com/earth-day>

**Art/DT** - Here is a link to a simple drawing activity which can be done at home.

<https://www.accessart.org.uk/drawingsmall/>

If you have a go, do come and show me! (Miss Moorcraft)

## Important Dates for your diary...

### New dates in BOLD

### Deleted dates in RED



APRIL 24		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils Return to School	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Night Owls visit	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2 visit – Tower of London	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 trip to Hever Castle	
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 2 Sharing Assembly</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
	<b>6<sup>th</sup> May BANK HOLIDAY</b>	
MAY 24		
TBC	<del>Yr 3 visit – Thameside Nature Park</del>	cancelled
1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 visit to Barleylands	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Special Pizza Menu</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 1 Sharing Assembly</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 6 Residential meeting for parents</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Week	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Class Photographs</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Parent meeting-Anxiety</b>	<b>Library 2pm</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 3 Sharing Assembly</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	
June 24		
5 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential	
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 4 trip to Wat Tyler</b>	
<del>11<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Sports Day</del>	<del>11<sup>th</sup> July</del>
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Year 5 Sharing Assembly</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>T100 Activity Day</b>	Selected yr 4 children
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Parent meeting-Emotional Regulation</b>	<b>Library 2pm</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Year 4 Sharing Assembly</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Build-A-Burger Day</b>	
28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Reception Sharing Assembly</b>	<b>9.00am</b>
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair	
July 24		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Infant Music Festival</b>	<b>AM</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 4 Bikeability	9am

4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Evening for parents to see work	
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sports Day</b>	<b>AM</b>
<del>11<sup>th</sup></del>	<del>Sports Day</del>	<del>TBC</del>
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Junior Music Festival Rehearsal</b>	<b>AM Civic Hall</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception trip to Cammas Hall Farm	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 lunch	12pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents	AM
19 <sup>th</sup>	Reports go home	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term	
<b>End of Term</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Summer Break</b>	
<b>Sept 24</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Non-Pupil Day	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Non-Pupil Day	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school	
<b>Oct 24</b>		
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 21st October 2024 – Friday 1st November 2024</b>	
<b>Dec 24</b>		
<b>Christmas Break</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	
<b>Jan 25</b>		
<b>Non Pupil Day</b>	<b>Monday 6th January 2025 – STAFF TRAINING</b>	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school	

All dates and times are subject to change.



## Special Pizza Thursday

On Thursday 2nd May there will be a special pizza lunch. If your child has a lunch on this date, they can choose from the fabulous special menu below.



## Special Pizza Menu

BBQ Chicken Pizza  
Cheese & Tomato Pizza  
Jacket Potato

Served with smiley faces baked beans & sweetcorn  
Dessert will be Jam Doughnut.



## Growing Communities

### Are you interested in growing food?

Join us at **Chadwell Library Community Garden** on the dates and times listed below to undertake real time training through a full growing season, providing all the skills and experience needed to grow fruit and vegetables.

Training will be delivered by Dan Perry an experience food grower in a relaxed and friendly environment. All places are fully funded.

Please sign up by contacting:  
Residentengagement@thurrock.gov.uk  
or call Lydia on: 07935012686

TRAINING SESSIONS AND DATES

10AM-12PM AT CHADWELL LIBRARY, BRENTWOOD ROAD, CHADWELL ST MARY, GRAYS, RM16 4JP

18TH MAY- SEED SOWING

- SEEDING DIRECTLY INTO THE GROUND, IN A GREENHOUSE AND MODULAR TRAYS, PLANTING OUT.
- SUCCESSION PLANTING AND QUICK CROPS

1ST JUNE - CROP PROTECTION AND EXTENDING THE SEASON

- HOW TO MAKE A CLOCHE TO PROTECT CROPS FROM FROST
- HOW TO MAKE CLIMBING SUPPORTS
- PESTS AND DISEASES, FLOATING FLEECES AND PROTECTION
- GREENHOUSES AND POLYTUNNELS

22TH JUNE - CARING FOR CROPS AND HARVESTING

- WEEDING, WATERING AND FEEDING
- HARVESTING
- SOFT FRUITS

14TH SEPTEMBER - SEASONAL PLANNING AND PLANTING

- PLANNING FOR 2024/25
- SOWING/PLANTING AUTUMN/SPRING CROPS

12TH OCTOBER - KNOW YOUR SOIL

- SOIL CULTIVATION
- PH TESTING
- COMPOSTS AND WORMERIES
- FRUIT CUTTINGS
- TOOLS




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