

Class 4's 'Explorers' Library Visit



Class 4 had a fantastic time on their recent visit to the library! They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an exciting explorers-themed craft activity and exploring a range of books linked to our curriculum. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about reading and learning beyond the classroom.



Creative Writing Club

KS2 Creative Writing Club have had a busy half term. We have sent off our entries for the Young Writer 'A World of Wonder' competition where the winners will have their work published in a book and we have just begun our BBC 500 Words writing competition journey, joining a live lesson that helped us to think about how to plan and start writing our stories. Anyone between the ages of 5 and 11 can enter, just head to www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words for all the rules, inspiration and how to enter.



Chapel Hill Primary School

Headteacher's Newsletter 16th October 2026



Monday 19th October

9:00 Woodland & Orchard Room's Design & Technology Morning

Tuesday 20th October

3:15 - 6:00 Pupil Progress Target Setting Meetings for all Classes

Wednesday 21st October

1:30 Year 3 Design & Technology Afternoon

Thursday 22nd October

Year 4 Design & Technology Afternoon

Friday 23rd October

Nursery Fancy Dress Day

3:00 - 4:30 'Frite Nite'

Disco's for Years R - Six



Half Term Break

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026 (inclusive)

Tuesday 3rd November

9:00 - 10:00 Open Morning Sessions for Prospective Parents of 2027

Reception Children

Class 2's Visit to Basildon

Library (book character dress-up day for Class 2 only)

1:30 Y6, C14 DT Afternoon



Friday 6th November

Whole School Diwali

Celebration Assembly

3:00 - 5:00 Junior

Movie Night



Thursday 12th November

Class 1's Visit to Basildon Library (book character dress-up day for Class 1 only)

1:45 & 6:30 Year 3 & 4 Performance to Parents

Friday 13th November

3:00 - 5:00 Foundation Stage and Year 1 Movie Night

Tuesday 17th November

9:00 - 10:00

'Open Morning' Sessions for Prospective Parents for 2027 Reception Children

Thursday 19th November

Year 4 Visit to

Colchester Castle

1:45pm & 6:30pm

Yr 5 & 6 Performance



Harry Potter Book Day

The whole school explored the wonderful imagery in the Harry Potter Books and had a wonderful day. Year Five celebrated Harry Potter with an extra fun Science experiment. Using ingredients such as 'Basilisk venom' (vinegar) and 'Dragon's breath crystals' (bicarbonate soda), we observed how different substances react to each other, creating a reaction to form a solution from a liquid and a solid as well as producing gas. We then compared it to our previous science experiments to compare reversible and irreversible changes. This was also a perfect opportunity to improve our predicting, observing and comparison skills.



Infant Stars
1st Classes 2, 4 & 6: 100%
2nd Class 3: 99.2%
3rd Class 1: 98%



Attendance Stars

Week Ending 2nd October 2026
Average attendance: 98%



Juniors Stars
1st Class 10: 98.1%
2nd Class 12: 97.9%
3rd Class 11: 97.6%