

An Exceptional Start for Our Reception Stars!



It was a joy to welcome our newest Chapel Hill children as they took their very first steps into 'Big School'! Looking incredibly smart in their crisp new uniforms, our Reception stars have made a fantastic start to the new school year.



There were, of course, a few first-day nerves, but these were quickly replaced by smiles, laughter and plenty of excitement. New friendships are already beginning to blossom, and the children are settling beautifully into their new school routines.

We are so excited to watch them grow, learn and flourish over the next seven years, and look forward to celebrating every milestone and achievement along the way. Well-done, Reception - what a fantastic start!



Could Your Child be Eligible for Pupil Premium?



Some children in our school may be eligible for Pupil Premium funding, which provides additional financial support to help us ensure that all our pupils have the very best opportunities to learn, achieve and thrive.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, the school receives £1,550 per eligible primary-aged pupil. This funding is used to support pupils' learning, progress, wellbeing and access to opportunities.



From September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit are eligible for free school meals, regardless of household income.

However, not every child who is newly eligible for free school meals will attract Pupil Premium funding. Pupil Premium continues to be based on the targeted free school meal criteria, including children whose families receive Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.



If you think your child may be eligible, please speak to a member of our school office team. We will be very happy to help you complete the quick online application on your behalf - it takes less than five minutes.

Registering your child could provide valuable additional funding for our school, helping us to provide even greater support and opportunities for our pupils.

If you are unsure whether you qualify, please speak to us - we are very happy to help.



Headteacher's Newsletter 11th September 2026



Monday 14th September
Schools Team Ministry Assembly

Tuesday 15th September
Class 12's Visit to Basildon Library
(book character dress-up day for **Class 12** only)



Thursday 17th September
Class 11's Visit to Basildon Library
(book character dress-up day for **Class 11** only)
3:00 - 5:00 **Woodland Room** Rising 4's
Parents' Evening



Friday 18th September
Class 9's Visit to Basildon Library
(book character dress-up day for **Class 9** only)
Fancy Dress Sponsored Fun Walks
2:20 **Classes 1 & 2** 2:25 **Classes 3 & 4**
& 2:30 **Class 5 & 6**

3:00 - 5:30 **Forest Room** Rising 3's
Parents' Evening

Tuesday 22nd September
Class 7's Visit to Basildon Library
(book character dress-up day for **Class 7** only)
3:00 - 5:30 **Orchard Room** Rising 4's
Parents' Evening



Wednesday 23rd September
3:00 - 6:30 **Little Acorns**
Day Care Parents' Evening



Thursday 24th September
Class 8's Visit to Basildon Library
(book character dress-up for **Class 8** only)
3:00 - 6:30 **Might Oaks** Day Care
Parents' evening



Friday 25th September
Year 2 Design Technology Afternoon

Monday 28th September
Assessment Week



Wednesday 1st October
Black History Month
Class 6's visit to Basildon Library
(book character dress-up day for **Class 6** only)



Thursday 2nd October
Class 5's visit to Basildon Library
(book character dress-up day for **Class 5** only)

Year 6 Discover Wartime Britain



Year 6 have made a fantastic start to the year! They enjoyed an exciting visit to Lee Chapel, immersing themselves in a range of engaging World War II activities. The children learnt about evacuation, wartime routines and punishments, bringing their history learning to life in a fun and memorable way.

Chapel Hill's Extra-Curricular & Childcare Provision



At Chapel Hill, we are proud to offer an extensive range of free extra-curricular clubs, giving our children fantastic opportunities beyond the classroom. A huge thank-you to the teachers and support staff who give their time and enthusiasm to make these clubs possible.

Our Breakfast Club is a much-loved start to the day, with toast, conversation and a warm welcome from 7:30 a.m.

Our Tea-Time Club continues to be a great success, providing high-quality, affordable wrap-around care delivered by our caring school team BUT due to high demand needs to be booked in advance.

To help the clubs run smoothly, please ensure children are collected promptly at their agreed pick-up time. If you are delayed, please have a 'Plan B' in place so your child can be collected on time.

Year 4's Memorable Roman Day



Year 4 stepped back in time for an exciting Roman Day! They explored life in Ancient Rome, created colourful mosaics and designed their own Roman shields and helmets. A fantastic day of creativity, teamwork and immersive learning that sparked great excitement for their new History topic! Thank you to Chapel Hill's wonderful parents for kindly supporting this dress-up day event.

Star of the Week

Friday 11th September 2026

Class 3

Jack Joy & Reiss Dove

Class 4

Lillie-Ann Chamberlain & Leo Rushton

Class 5

Kikiola Akikwe & Eva Doncila

Class 6

Maira Aktar & Avyukt Pachauri

Class 7

Hana Bilal

Class 8

Oscar Crispin

Class 9

Ada Saglam

Class 10

Louie Johnson

Class 11

Lionel Danso

Class 12

Niya Joseph

Class 14

Zachary Latos & Madya Abdi Hassan

Last Friday's (4th) 'Stars of the Week':



Swimming



For Health and Safety reasons the children should not be wearing jewellery in the swimming pool.

It is preferable for children not to wear their watches or earrings on swimming lesson days but if they do, they will be asked to remove these items themselves.

Children with long hair must wear a hat, but it is preferable for all children to wear one and they will receive adult help to put these on - Thank you.

Infant Stars

1st Class 5 & 6: 99.5%

2nd Class 2: 97.1%

3rd Class 3: 97%



Attendance Stars

Week Ending 4th September 2026

Average attendance: 97.1%



Juniors Stars

1st Class 8, 10 & 11: 100%

2nd Class 12: 98.8%

3rd Class 9: 97.5%