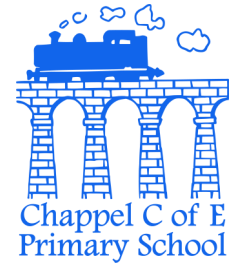


Newsletter date:

17th April 2026



“On track for success”

Dear parents and children,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter. It has been a very busy first week back for everyone at school.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us at Rev Em’s lambing barn this morning for the beautiful celebration of Life service. It was so wonderful to see so many of you there and get to see the new lambs.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in creating our new sandpit. The children couldn’t wait to play in it yesterday.

We have been busy with a film crew today who came to capture all aspects of school life for a new promo video for our website. We look forward to sharing that with



you very soon.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sarah Griffiths'.



### It's Spring

Thank you, Lord, for pretty flowers blooming in the spring.  
Thank you, Lord, for sunny days, and tiny birds that sing.

The animals are waking up—  
the earth is fresh and new.  
And everything that you have made  
is giving praise to you.

Song of Solomon 2:11–12

### TERM DATES:

**Summer Term Monday**  
13th April to Friday 17th July

### Diary Dates

- 5th May—Class Photos
- W/C 11th May—SATS week for Year 6
- 3rd-5th June—Mersea Residential Class 4
- 8th June—Year 6 Crucial Crew
- 11th June—Year 6 Careers Fair
- 15th June—EYFS Taster session 1
- 16th June—Class 1 and 2 Zoo visit
- 17th June—EYFS Taster session 2
- 19th June—Break the Rules Day
- 24th June—Sports Day
- 25th June—EYFS Session 3 and lunch
- 2nd July—Cricket Club Presentation
- 9th July—Year 6 Church Retreat
- 14th July—Year 6 Leavers Lunch
- 16th July—End of Year Service
- 17th July—Yr 6 Leavers Assembly

**CLASS 3 HAD A VERY BEAUTIFUL VISITOR THIS WEEK.  
BRENNA HELPED IT BACK TO WHERE IT SHOULD BE.  
AT CHAPPEL WE LOVE AND RESPECT OUR WILDLIFE.**



## FOCS DATES

Spring Bingo for families 13th—16th April

23rd April—Freyja and Annabelle's Wonderstall lunchtime and breaktime

21st May –Skyla and Imogen's Pretty Things sale for FOCS breaktime and lunchtime

22nd May –Penny Race Game 9.00 am

3rd July Colour Run—straight after school



The England Cricket Board (ECB) organise two initiatives, to encourage young people to try cricket. They are called All Stars & Dynamos, age range from 5 to 11 years old. If anyone is interested in their children trying cricket, please go to the ECB website and search All Stars & Dynamos. This should take you to their web page, which will explain about the initiatives in more detail and how to book onto a course.

Bill Maytham

ECB Schools cricket coach.

# OPAL

Our new sandpit!

Our new sandpit opened on Thursday and what an amazing addition it is to our lunchtime!

We would like to say a huge thank you to:

Mrs Goodchild - who gave up her free time in the school holidays and has worked relentlessly all week to ensure that the sandpit would be ready this week for the children.

Mr and Mrs Bradshaw and their children, Evelyn and Jake, who gave up their free time in the holidays to dig out the sandpit.

Mr Chapman and his daughter, Etta, who gave up his free time on Wednesday afternoon to move sand and fill tyres so that the sandpit could be ready in time.

Mr Rampley for organising the donation and delivery of the tyres.

The FOCs team, especially Mrs Britton, for sourcing and paying for all the new sand pit play equipment and additional OPAL requests.

Pupils of Chappel School who volunteered to help rake the sand during their lunchtime.

The Manifold family – all of whom have been at Chappel in the holidays to help prepare for OPAL.

This huge project was only made possible by the kindness and generosity of these people. For a tiny school there is a big heart!

Please think of us before you throw anything away. We are always grateful for any donations to enhance the children's lunchtime play.

If you would like to be involved in any future projects and would be happy for us to contact you, please contact Mrs Manifold, Mrs Goodchild, Mrs Britton or Mrs Bull.

# THE JOURNEY OF OUR SANDPIT .....





Soft washed sand suitable for Primary schools as per Opal guidance.