

Chalk Ridge Primary School Newsletter

14th November 2025



Chalk Ridge Primary School

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Please leave a message on our answering machine between the hours of

12.00 PM - 1.15 PM (Lunchtime)

4.00 PM and 9.00 AM (Out of school hours)

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Website: www.chalkridgepri.hants.sch.uk

School Term Dates

Nov 2025

18th Nov - Parents Evening

20th Nov- Parents Evening

21st Nov - Rugby Workshop for Y3, Y4 & Y5

21st Nov – PTA non-uniform day in return for a donation to the tombola

24th Nov - **Inset day**

26th Nov – NHS Flu Immunisation

27th Nov – 1H Parents Evening

28th Nov - Cakes donations for the fayre can be brought in

29th Nov - PTA Christmas Fayre

Dec 2025

2nd Dec – 1H Parents Evening

5th Dec - Reading raffle for November assembly

10th Dec - Y1 and Y2 performance – details to follow

11th Dec - Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner – **new date**

12th Dec - YR performance – details to follow

15th Dec – Rocksteady Concert

19th Dec – Last day of term, 2.30pm Christmas carols with parents – **new date**

Inset Days for 2025 – 2026

Monday 24th November 2026

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Friday 19th June 2026

A yellow poster with orange circular patterns in the corners. The text is centered and reads: 'SEND SUPPORT MORNING' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it asks if you are a parent/carer of a child with special educational needs or disabilities, and if you are unsure of what support is available or just want to spend time with others in similar situations. It then invites you to join them on Wednesday 19th November from 10am to 12pm at Chalk Ridge Primary School, Sullivan Road, Basingstoke, RG22 4ER. It also mentions finding them on Facebook as Basingstoke SEND Support and provides the email address BASINGSTOKESSEND@GMAIL.COM.

**SEND
SUPPORT MORNING**

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UNSURE OF WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?
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SIMILAR SITUATIONS TO YOU?

THEN JOIN US

Wednesday 19th November
10am–12pm

CHALK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SULLIVAN ROAD
BASINGSTOKE
RG22 4ER

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Year 6

We are thrilled to share the highlights from our recent school residential trip to Calshot. The children had an incredible time engaging in a variety of activities, including **skiing, climbing, archery, air rifle shooting, and problem-solving challenges**. Many faced their fears and demonstrated remarkable resilience, which was truly inspiring to witness. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and many instructors complimented the children's behaviour.

For those who remained at school, we organised an exciting programme of **forest school** activities. The children enjoyed building fires and cooking their own meals, fostering both teamwork and independence. They also had the exciting opportunity of helping Mrs Taylor build a poppy meadow ready for Remembrance Day on Tuesday.

Now that we are back, the children have caught up on their sleep and have settled back into school life. We have begun a new topic in maths: **fractions**! Our primary focus this week has been representing fractions pictorially, making the concepts more accessible. The children have also begun looking at comparing fractions by using their knowledge of equivalents.

In English, we have started our new learning journey with 'The Whale' by Ethan and Vita Murrow. A stimulating debate on animal wellbeing in zoos kicked off our discussions, sparking lots of insightful conversations. The children have generated tier 2 vocabulary in preparation for writing a **setting description**.

On Remembrance Day, the children enjoyed listening to diary entry from a WW1 soldier. The children were extremely reflective and were able to discuss appropriately what it must have been like for families at that time.

We look forward to continuing our hard work this school year, especially as we prepare for SATs.

The Year 6 team

Odd Sock Day

This week, our school took part in **Odd Sock Day** to launch **Anti-Bullying Week**, and we are delighted to share some wonderful photos from the day!

Odd Sock Day is a fun and meaningful way to remind everyone that it's great to be different and that our uniqueness should be celebrated. By wearing odd socks, the children showed that being yourself is something to be proud of — no matter how "odd" or unique you might feel!

Throughout the week, pupils took part in discussions and activities exploring important themes such as:

- **Kindness and empathy** – understanding how our words and actions affect others.
- **Respect and inclusion** – celebrating diversity and welcoming everyone's individuality.
- **Confidence and self-expression** – learning to be proud of who we are.
- **Teamwork and friendship** – supporting one another and creating a positive, caring school community.

We were so impressed by the thoughtful conversations and creative contributions the children made.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote kindness, respect, and inclusion at our school.

Warm regards,

Miss Rachel Shell

Year 5 Teacher and PSHE lead



House Points

Each house works towards achieving 500 house points to be able to have a non-uniform day in school.

Children earn house points for demonstrating our school values of:

Respect, Inclusion, Resilience, Aspiration and Independence.

When each house achieves 500 points they will then continue to add to their points to work towards their next multiple of 500 to earn their next non-uniform day.



Thrive

CHALK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
THRIVE COFFEE MORNINGS

Future dates:

- Tuesday 9th September 2025 • Resilience
- Tuesday 11th November 2025 • Gratitude
- Tuesday 13th January 2026 • Emotional awareness
- Tuesday 3rd March 2026 • Routines
- Tuesday 21st April 2026 • Calming
- Tuesday 9th June 2026 • Transition

 **All parents, carers and guardians welcome**
8.45am - 9.30am

thrive
Removing barriers to learning

Chalk Ridge
Primary School

It was lovely to see some familiar and also new faces at the Coffee Morning held on Tuesday. Whilst our focus this time was on '**Gratitude**', we enjoyed talking to parents and carers about many subjects and as always, whilst we do have a focus, we are very

open to having a general chat and catch up. It is also an opportunity to pop in for a coffee and a biscuit, sometimes much needed after a busy school run! Please do feel free to come along next time (**Tuesday 13th January**), even if just for 5 minutes.

Attendance

All guidance and documents relating to attendance can be found on the attendance page of our website.

[Click here to be redirected to the attendance page of our school website](#)

If you have any questions regarding your child's attendance, please contact our Attendance Champion, Deputy Headteacher Mrs Baskerville, or our Attendance Officer, Mrs Sianie Woolford.

Chalk Ridge Primary School Parent Teacher Association

Upcoming Events

Fri 21st Nov: non-uniform day in return for a donation to the tombola

Tue 25th Nov: deadline for return of prize draw stubs and monies or unsold tickets

Fri 28th Nov: cake donations for the fayre

Sat 29th Nov: Christmas Fayre, 1-4pm

Tombola donations - on Friday 21st there's a non-uniform day in return for donations to the Christmas Fayre tombola. We kindly ask for donations of new, or like-new, condition toys, games and books, unopened toiletries, chocolates, biscuits, alcohol, etc. for the children's and adults' tombolas. Please check that any food/drink items donated will still be in date by the fayre. Please can any alcohol donations be handed from a parent/carer to a member of the PTA or staff.

At the fayre there'll be lot of fun to have so please come along and support us: visit Santa in our grotto, try to win prizes on our games, get creative with our craft activities, try your luck on the tombola and bottle roulette, get your face painted, DJ Mark keeping us entertained with festive tunes and merriment, fill your tummy with delicious cakes, hot and cold drinks and hot dogs, hear the school choir sing, start Christmas shopping with the visiting stallholders, visit the Thrive room, Forest School and Sustainability Council stalls to find out about their activities and help them raise funds for resources, and to end it all keep your fingers-crossed you win a prize in our Grand Prize Draw!

Please consider how you may be able to help... there might be ways you can help that you don't realise:

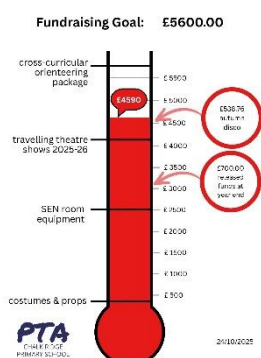
Matched funding - lots of companies, e.g. Asda, will support your fundraising by matching an amount you raise for charity. Ask your employer if they have a scheme, help us at the fayre and apply for the donation.

Prizes - Perhaps you're lucky enough to have a holiday caravan or an AirBnB, could you donate a short stay as a prize? Could you donate your professional skills as a prize, e.g. lawn care, plumbing, hairdressing, beauty, cleaning, mechanic, personal trainer, etc., and get free marketing to the school community at the same time? There aren't many limits on what people like a chance to win! Perhaps you have friends or family that could donate a prize, or maybe there's somewhere you visit regularly that you could ask?

Yourself - If all you have to give is your time or your ideas, they're just as valuable. Any help you can give us at the fayre would be greatly appreciated.

[Sign up here to help at the 2025 Christmas Fayre](#)

Craft sellers are welcome, please [email us](#) if interested.



Donations to school 2025/26

All donations of PTA funds are made in line with our Constitution and therefore must enhance the education or experience of our pupils.

- Treasure Island theatre production for KS2 in Oct25, £750
- Sleeping Beauty theatre production for KS1 in Jan26, £899

Don't forget

we have the textile recycling bank and uniform donations bin in the bin store area off Tallis Gardens.

[Nominate us for a donation from Movement for Good 2025](#)

Email us p.pta@chalkridgepri.hants.sch.uk

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CHALK RIDGE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHALK RIDGE PTA

registered charity no. 1106657

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

ENTRY 50P
£1.50
FAMILIES

SAT 29 NOVEMBER, 1 - 4 PM

WIN £100 IN OUR PRIZE DRAW
CRAFT STALLS - CAKES - MUSIC - GAMES

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Our community



THE BIG GIVE!

15TH & 16TH NOVEMBER

Please help this upcoming weekend and donate new and unwrapped toys for this year's Christmas Toy Appeal.

Saturday 15th Nov 10:00-16:00 Upstairs by Hans Buffet	Sunday 16th Nov 11:00-16:00 Outside Santander
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COME JOIN US FOR...
entertainment from local choirs and dance schools throughout both days!

festivalplace.co.uk/christmas

Instagram, Facebook, Twitter icons



FESTIVE FRIDAY

Friday 14 November from 5pm to 8pm
**Top of the Town,
Basingstoke town centre**

Jingle, mingle and make memories as we spread Christmas cheer. The perfect way to start the festive season!

Christmas market
Festive games and walkabouts
Children's arts and crafts | Music and more

FREE

 #Love Basingstoke

 TOP of the TOWN Basingstoke

 Basingstoke and Deane