



Headteacher's Comment

In assemblies this week, pupils explored the importance of kindness and how we can show kindness to each other every day. World Kindness Day on Thursday allowed us to reflect on how the power of small actions can have such a big impact on others. This week, it was a pleasure to see pupils greeting their teachers with a "good morning," holding doors open for visitors, supporting their friends, and our older pupils helping younger pupils with sporting activities. All these little actions help to make kindness the heart of our ARK values.

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Remembrance Event

The Chase High community proudly paid their respects at our annual Remembrance Event on Tuesday. During the service, Mr Brodigan provided the commentary and Ms Reid read 'Flanders Fields', which concluded with a two-minute silence. Pupils heard a bugler perform the Last Post and Reveille, while our fantastic Chase High cadets, led by Sergeant Macdonald, marched on the field. We were also honoured to have members of the Leigh on Sea Royal British Legion join us for the service. Our guests all commented how they were overwhelmed by both the politeness and respect our pupils showed at the remembrance service.



Cenotaph

Pupils from Chase High represented the school at this year's Remembrance Day ceremony at the Southend Cenotaph on Sunday. Rehan, Whitney, Yevin, Izzy and Troy laid a wreath and took part in a two-minute silence to honour those who sacrificed their lives during the two World Wars and in conflicts since.



Apply to our Sixth Form now!

Our Sixth Form is now accepting applications for September 2026! We offer a wide range of A Level and vocational courses designed to support every student's goals and ambitions. Students also have the opportunity to join our Girls' and Boys' Chelsea Football Academy, where they can train daily while studying their chosen subjects. To apply, simply scan the QR code or click the link. We look forward to welcoming our next cohort of Sixth Form students!



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SPORTS ROUND UP!

The Borough Cross Country Championships took place at Blenheim Park on Wednesday. The standard of these championships are arguably the best in the country, with 4 schools being ranked in the top 10 in the country over the last three years. Our pupils performed well beyond expectations; we are so proud of them. We are still awaiting full result, but we believe the Sixth Form boys team finished third. This is an amazing achievement from the team, which consisted of Marshall (7th), Jake (8th), Morgan (9th), and Wahid (10th).

The Year 7 boys finished an unprecedented 3rd as a team. This is the highest a Chase boys' team has ever finished. Jenson finished a brilliant 6th place and will now be selected to represent the borough at the Essex Schools Cross Country Championships. Thomas J was 15th, Travis came in 18th, Keyan placed 21st, Thomas T came in 23rd and Arthur finished 33rd. Dexter in Year 9 ran superbly to finish 4th, the highest placed finish the school has ever had. He will likely be selected to run for the borough at the County Championships.

In the girls' competition, the Year 7 girls finished 7th as a team, with Florence achieving the highest individual result. The Year 8 girls finished 6th, with Peyton achieving the highest place. The Year 9 girls were 8th with Mia achieving the highest finish. A special mention to Vivinne, Izzy and Zuriel in the Sixth Form who finished 2nd as a team.

In fixtures over the last week the Year 9 football team played well against Belfairs with Vinny achieving Player of the Match. The Year 7 basketball team played well against a strong Southend High team with Arthur being the Player of the Match. The Year 7 Rugby team played Southend High last night with Thomas being the Player of the Match.



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Prince Charming Roadshow

On Monday, Year 8 and Sixth Form pupils attended the Prince Charming Roadshow — an interactive performance exploring toxic and abusive behaviours in relationships. The powerful forum theatre format allowed pupils to pause the play whenever they recognised unhealthy behaviour and suggest positive changes to the storyline. This engaging session encouraged pupils to think critically about respect, consent, and healthy communication, giving them the chance to become “directors” of a better outcome. It was a valuable and thought-provoking experience for everyone involved.

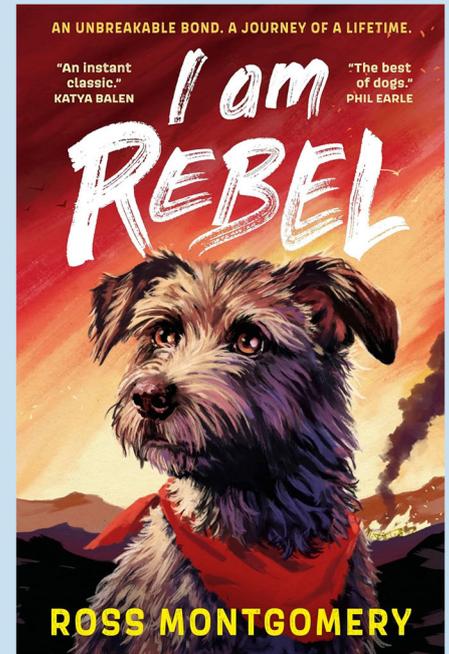


BOOK OF THE WEEK!

I am Rebel by Ross Montgomery

Age recommendation: Perfect for KS3

Short synopsis: Rebel is a good dog. He wakes up with ‘his boy’ Tom, spends the day on the farm with Tom, and curls up on Tom’s bed at night. Sometimes there are even lamb bones for dinner! What more could a dog want? But when 12-year-old Tom joins the rebel army, Rebel must find him and rescue him. Can one small dog track his friend across mountain and village, in time to save him from the King’s army?



Why choose this book: *This Waterstones Book of the Year 2024 is perfect for animal lovers and fans of Michael Morpurgo.*



Dates for your Diary:

We have lots of exciting festive events coming up over the next few weeks! Keep an eye on the News and Views for more details.

19.11.25 Lion King Trip

20.11.25 Year 10 Parents’ Evening

04.12.25 Year 11 Parents’ Evening

17.12.25 Xmas Jumper Day/Christmas Dinner

19.12.25 End of Term - 12.45 Finish for pupils

05.01.26 INSET DAY



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-GENERATED VIDEOS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AI-generated videos are increasingly difficult to spot and easy to share. From fake news clips to deepfake abuse, children and young people face new risks every day online. These videos can imitate real people, spread false narratives or even generate harmful content from scratch. Understanding these dangers is crucial for schools and families who want to protect children in a fast-evolving digital world.

DEEPFAKE ABUSE CONTENT



Shockingly, artificial intelligence is now being exploited to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These synthetic images and videos are a form of digital abuse, often generated by manipulating real children's photos, including ones shared innocently online. Worryingly, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) has identified a sharp rise in this disturbing trend. Whether real or AI-generated, this content causes lasting trauma – and its creation or possession remains a criminal offence under UK law.

BLURRED REALITY



Regular exposure to fake content can erode a child's trust in real-world evidence. If everything can be faked, they may begin to question genuine videos – including actual abuse or injustice. This is known as the 'liar's dividend', where real harm is dismissed as fake news. It can discourage victims from coming forward or speaking up.

USED FOR BULLYING



Deepfake technology is already being used by peers to create embarrassing or explicit clips of classmates. These videos can be edited to appear as though a child said or did something they never did. Once shared, they are almost impossible to delete completely. AI-generated bullying adds a new layer of harm that is deeply personal and difficult to prove.

EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION



AI-generated videos can be used to provoke strong emotions, including fear, anger or guilt. False footage of crying children, injured animals or burning buildings may be created purely for clicks, donations or political influence. Children may feel upset or powerless, unaware that what they are watching has been digitally invented to manipulate their reaction.

DISINFORMATION



AI-generated videos can spread fake news, making it harder for children to separate fact from fiction. False clips may include deepfake interviews, hoax disasters or fabricated health claims. AI is already being used to produce misleading or persuasive material that appears authentic. If they don't develop media literacy, children may accept false content as truth.

IMPERSONATION AND SCAMS



With just a few photos or voice clips, AI tools can imitate someone's appearance or speech. This makes it easier for scammers or bullies to create fake videos of children, teachers or celebrities. These impersonations can be used for fraud, harassment or humiliation – and can spread quickly through social media or group chats, due to the viral potential of video, in particular, on social media.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH HOW IT WORKS

Explain to children that videos can be faked – and show them how. Demonstrating side-by-side examples of real vs AI-generated clips helps to build awareness. Discuss how faces, voices and even movements can be copied by machines. Understanding the technology reduces fear and builds confidence in navigating digital content safely.



TALK ABOUT TRUST

Always keep lines of communication open. If a child sees something upsetting or unbelievable, they should feel safe discussing it without judgement. Create an environment where they know they will not get in trouble for asking questions. This also helps you step in quickly if harmful content has been shared; trust is vital and needs to be nurtured.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL QUESTIONS

Help children question what they watch. Who made this? Why was it made? Is it trying to persuade me? These habits encourage digital thinking, especially when videos seem too shocking or convenient. Reinforce that not everything shared by friends or influencers is true, even if it looks convincing at first, and that the initial approach should always be one of speculation.



STRENGTHEN PRIVACY SETTINGS

Advise children not to share voice notes, selfies or personal videos on public platforms. AI tools often scrape content from social media to create deepfakes. Use privacy controls to limit who can see their content and turn off facial recognition where possible. Fewer public images means fewer opportunities for misuse.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



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This is Where The Magic Begins

A Day of Festive Fun!

Saturday 15th November
10am - 5pm

What's Going On:

- **Live Music**
- **Christmas Carols**
- **Artisan Christmas Market**
- **Free Festive Activities**

PROUDLY SUPPORTING THE SOUTHEND CHRISTMAS SWITCH ON



MARKETS THIS CHRISTMAS

This festive season, Southend will sparkle with a delightful mix of Christmas markets, bringing extra charm and cheer to the city centre.

SWITCH ON MARKET

SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER / 9AM - 6.30PM

SOUTHEND HIGH STREET AND THE VICTORIA CENTRE

Enjoy the artisan market with a dazzling array of festive goodies including clothing, decorations, Christmas gifts, and more.

BIG UP SOUTHEND MARKET

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER AND 13TH DECEMBER / 11AM - 4PM

THE VICTORIA CENTRE

Head up to the first floor to browse amazing small businesses and grab something locally sourced or handmade for your gifts this year.

THE ROYAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER / 10:30AM - 3PM

THE ROYAL HOTEL

Discover festive gifts, handmade crafts, and seasonal treats from local traders in their beautiful ballroom.

HIGH STREET MARKET

13TH - 24TH DECEMBER / 9AM - 5PM

SOUTHEND HIGH STREET

Pick up essentials from the general market that will be running every day in the run up to Christmas.

Alongside these seasonal stalls, Southend city centre is brimming with shops, cafés, restaurants, and bars offering perfect gift ideas and delicious treats. Whether you're shopping for loved ones or simply soaking up the festive atmosphere, there's something for everyone in Southend.

MEET SANTA

Santa is setting aside time in his busy diary to visit Southend this Christmas. Don't miss the chance of seeing him for a cosy grotto visit, a festive photo opportunity, or a chance to share what's on your Christmas list. Be sure to check with each venue for full details to avoid disappointment.

CHRISTMAS GROTTO AT THE ROYALS SHOPPING CENTRE

WEEKENDS FROM 15TH NOVEMBER, THEN DAILY 15TH - 24TH DECEMBER

Experience the magic of Christmas with a memorable visit to see Father Christmas in his charming grotto. A truly wonderful experience that enhances the festive spirit for you and your loved ones. Tickets include a special gift. [BOOK NOW!](#)



MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE AT CADDIES

6TH & 7TH, 12TH & 13TH, 20TH - 24TH DECEMBER

Totally unique and filled with surprises that are guaranteed to entertain the entire family, here's what's included: Santa's Grotto, interactive family show, and Christmas crazy golf. [BOOK NOW!](#)



SANTA MEET AND GREET AT THE VICTORIA CENTRE

6TH & 20TH DECEMBER

Bring the family for a magical festive experience - meet Father Christmas, share your wishes, and take a special photo. Every child receives a free gift from Santa. No booking required!



The Snow Queen

A brand-new family musical adventure



SAT 13 - SUN 28 DEC 2025

Produced by The Palace Theatre and Wind Song Theatre

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THE BIG SWITCH ON

On Saturday 15th November 2025, Southend High Street will sparkle with festive magic as Christmas in the City returns! Join us for a full day of fun to kick start Christmas, brought to you by Southend City BID and proudly sponsored by Southend Theatres.

ARTISAN MARKET

From 9am, explore our market that will stretch through the High Street and The Victoria Centre. Have a go on some of the rides or pop into the shops too.

STORYTELLING BUS

Back by popular demand, visit our enchanting storytellers and enter into a world of wonder with magical tales from 1pm - 5pm.

BUSKING SPOTS

Enjoy live performances from a variety of talented local artists on the High Street from 11am - 4pm.

CRAFTING FUN

Get creative under the bridge between 1-4pm with making beautiful light up lanterns that you can take with you to the Switch On!

STAGE PERFORMANCES

Hosted by BBC Essex, the stage will come alive with performances from 1pm. Enjoy a fantastic line up of choirs, schools, community groups, and amazing local musicians.

MAGIC MOMENTS

A host of colourful characters will roam the High Street throughout the day, ready to surprise, delight and pose for festive snaps.

SWITCH ON!

Gather in Victoria Circus at 6pm for the magical moment when Southend's Christmas lights and two sparkling trees are officially switched on!

FIREWORKS FINALE

End the day with a bang! Head to the seafront for a dazzling fireworks display to close the celebration in style at 7.30pm.

DON'T MISS THE SWITCH ON AT 6PM!

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FESTIVE SUNDAYS IN SOUTHEND!

The fun continues in Southend with free family-friendly entertainment designed to fill your weekends with Christmas cheer. From 11am - 3pm on the first three Sundays of December, the city will come alive with festive music, live performances, exciting activities, and seasonal surprises! And to make your visit even merrier, enjoy free parking in council-run car parks on these Sundays*, making it even easier to join us and enjoy the celebrations!



SNOW QUEEN SUNDAY

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

Celebrating the Palace Theatre's new festive production with a day of family friendly entertainment.



MUSICAL SUNDAY

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025

Joyful, festive performances from local talents filling Southend with the sounds of the season.



FESTIVE FUN SUNDAY

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025

Roaming festive characters will bring Christmas magic to Southend in the last weekend before the big day!

*Visit the Southend-on-Sea City Council website for full details on parking.

MORE TO ENJOY THIS CHRISTMAS

Southend is full of activity this festive season, here's some more activities you don't want to miss! Check with the venues for more details.

ELF ON A SHOP SHELF TRAIL SOUTHEND CITY CENTRE

15TH NOVEMBER - 24TH DECEMBER



SANTA'S ON HIS SLEIGH! PALACE THEATRE

8TH - 24TH DECEMBER ▶



SANTA'S SECRET WORD TRAIL THE VICTORIA CENTRE

1ST - 24TH DECEMBER ▶



THE SNOW QUEEN PALACE THEATRE

13TH - 28TH DECEMBER ▶



BLUEY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT

13TH DECEMBER ▶



CINDERELLA PANTOMIME CLIFFS PAVILION

13TH DECEMBER - 4TH JANUARY ▶



ELF ON A SHOP SHELF TRAIL

From Saturday 15th November to Wednesday 24th December, Southend city centre is getting a sprinkle of festive mischief as our cheeky Elves hide in shops and cafés!

Spot them behind the tills, jot down what they're wearing, and complete the trail to be entered into a prize draw for a January treat from Indirock. It's free, fun, and perfect for the whole family!

Email [Hello@SouthendBID.com](mailto>Hello@SouthendBID.com) with each business name and what the elf is wearing by 2nd January 2026 for your chance to win. The winner will be contacted by Southend City BID by Wednesday 7th January 2026. The prize will be provided by Indirock, it holds no cash value and cannot be exchanged.



VENUES ARE:

1. The Hang Out - London Road
2. Indirock - The Victoria Centre
3. Wimpy - The Victoria Centre
4. Bike Base - Queens Road
5. Laurence Mathews - Queens Road
6. Renalls Jewellers - Clifftown Road
7. The Board Game Hut - Clarence Street
8. Hotter - High Street
9. Utopia - Heygate Avenue
10. Park Inn Hotel - Church Road

**WIN AN ADULT AND
CHILD CLIMB VOUCHER
AT INDIROCK!**

SOMETHING JUST FOR THE GROWN UPS!

BOTTOMLESS BRUNCH

FESTIVE BOTTOMLESS LUNCH PARK INN PALACE HOTEL

14TH NOVEMBER - 21ST DECEMBER ▶
FRIDAY-SUNDAY ONLY

GLITTER AND GOOD TIMES SLUG AND LETTUCE

4TH - 24TH DECEMBER ▶

ROYAL BRUNCH CLUB THE ROYAL HOTEL

13TH DECEMBER ▶

A NIGHT OF COMEDY

CHRISTMAS COMEDY THE ROYAL HOTEL

28TH NOVEMBER ▶

SATURDAY NIGHT: LIVE COMEDY! CADDIES

6TH DECEMBER ▶

IMPROV XMAS COMEDY! CADDIES

12TH DECEMBER ▶

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

CARDS AND COCKTAILS THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT

3RD DECEMBER ▶

BOB ROSS PAINTING LAURENCE MATHEWS

7TH DECEMBER ▶

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP THE VICTORIA CENTRE

13TH DECEMBER ▶

GLORIOUS CHEESE

MERRY CHEESEMAS THE TERRACE BAR AND RESTAURANT

10TH DECEMBER ▶

FOR THE GRATER GOOD THE ROYAL HOTEL

11TH DECEMBER ▶

Contact the venues to book an event or
find out more details.



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Cinderella

THE MOST MAGICAL PANTO OF THEM ALL!

**STEVE HEWLETT
NIC GREENSHIELDS
EWAN GODDARD
OONAGH COX**

**SAT 13 DEC 2025 -
SUN 4 JAN 2026**

The poster features a vibrant purple and pink background with a castle silhouette. At the top, Rylan Ross King is shown in a shimmering silver and purple outfit, holding a wand that emits a star. To his right, Steve Hewlett is depicted in a blue and white panto costume. The title 'Cinderella' is written in large, ornate, gold-outlined letters. Below the title, a purple banner contains the tagline 'THE MOST MAGICAL PANTO OF THEM ALL!'. At the bottom, four other cast members are shown in elaborate panto costumes, including a man in a purple and red outfit holding a puppet, and three women in colorful, feathered headpieces. The overall aesthetic is festive and theatrical.