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Message from Mr Rock

Welcome to the last weekly newsletter of this academic year.

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to express my thanks to everyone associated with our Claybrooke family. Our staff, pupils, parents, PTA, Governors and wider community. Thank you to each and every one of you for all your hard work and support this year.

Oak Class put on a fantastic end of term production last week; 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean'. The show was packed full of fantastic group and solo singing as well as brilliant acting and costumes. Well done to all of Oak Class and the Oak Class staff team. An amazing production.

Thank you to the Open The Book team who visited school to put on their final assembly of the year. They presented the Y6 pupils with a bible in remembrance of their time at Claybrooke.

We also celebrate our end of Year SATs results today. 90.9% of our children reached the expected standard in Maths, 81.8 achieved the expected standard in Reading and 90.9% achieved the expected standard in Grammar.

Fantastic results! Well done to our Year 6 children and all the staff who have supported them.



**Be safe,
Be ready,
Be respectful.**



We say a sad farewell to Mrs Haycock and Mrs Poynor today and thank them for their hard work and dedication as part of our Claybrooke family.



Today we say goodbye to our Year 6 children as they leave Claybrooke and begin their new journey into secondary school, Esme, Millie, Griffin, Jodie, Nixon, Chloe, Arya, Taylen, Joe, Indianna and Grace, you have been a credit to Claybrooke. We will miss you all and hope that you visit us to let us know how well you are doing. Best of luck as you move up to secondary school.

On behalf of all that staff, thank you for your kind words, cards and gifts. They are very much appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 26th August.

I hope you have a wonderful summer holiday.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Rock

**Congratulations to our
certificate winners this week.**

Excellent Work:
Nancy, Frank & Year 6
Values:
Elise, Seren & Year 5



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ROUTE TO RESILIENCE





Spirit of Claybrooke Award 2025

The Spirit of Claybrooke Award celebrates the achievements of pupils who make Claybrooke a better place. They are awe-inspiring and a lesson to us all.

On behalf of the school community we would like to thank this year's recipient for being The Spirit of Claybrooke.

The recipient of the award for this year is Chloe Fradley.

Well done Chloe



Thank you to our PTA for another fantastic year supporting Claybrooke. You are all amazing!

The PTA is YOUR PTA. Please speak to a member of the PTA team if you can support them.

**Disco's
Christmas
Fair**



**Paying
for trip
coaches**



**Ice Lollies for
sports day** **Christmas
craft**
**Wellbeing
event** **Funding for
each class**

**Christmas Cards
& Tea towels**

Author visit

OAK CLASS PRODUCTION

PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Miss Blower. She was nominated for the 'Outstanding Contribution to School Sport award at the South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership awards ceremony which was held last week.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Blower won the award which was presented by Dan Powel, Paralympic Silver medal winner and current World Judo champion. A well deserved achievement and testament to her hard work leading sport at Claybrooke.

Well done Miss Blower.





Go above and beyond!

Upcoming events.

Tuesday 8th July.
School closes for the summer holidays

w/c 14th July. Holiday Club week 1.
(See flier further down newsletter)

w/c 21st July. Holiday Club week 2

w/c 28th July. Holiday Club week 3

w/c 4th Aug Holiday Club week 4

Tuesday 26th August,
School reopens to pupils

Congratulations to Yellow team. Overall team point winners this half term.

Team points
this term:

Red: 101
Green: 191
Blue: 246
Yellow: 332

*WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE*
08.07.25

Oak: 87.8%

Maple: 87.6%

Willow: 86.8%

Whole school: 87.4%

**MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Willow Class

NEWSLETTER



Wow, EYFS have completed their first year at school. The time has honestly flown by. But as the saying goes “time flies when you’re having fun” and that’s exactly what we’ve done from the day they walked into Claybrooke as tiny new starters.

Each and every child has blossomed in many ways, socially, emotionally and of course academically too.

Over the last week we have been looking at a book called “It’s a no money day” this book is based on a family that have to work hard to cover the basics and it generated some extremely respectful and caring conversations between the children. They had control of the weeks money and worked together to figure out which pot was the most important. Home, bills, treats, food. It was lovely to see them explaining to each other that treats are great but they actually need somewhere to live to be safe and comfortable. They then created pictures of their “maybe one day, dreams”

Ms Burbage drew a huge house with a pool next to the ocean. “Maybe one day Ms Burbage will live there”

As we come to the end of EYFS, we cannot wait to see what Year 1 adventures are in store for them all!

It's Back Again

MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

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Claybrooke Primary School: HAF Camp

WEEK 1	Mon 14th to Thurs 17th July, 10 am - 3 pm
WEEK 2	Mon 21st to Thurs 24th July, 10 am - 3 pm
WEEK 3	Mon 28th to Thurs 31st July, 10 am - 3 pm
WEEK 4	Mon 4th to Thurs 7th August, 10 am - 3 pm

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Term Dates - Academic Year 2025-26

AUTUMN TERM
Tuesday 26th August 2025 - Thursday 16th October 2025 <small>(Bank Holiday Monday 25th August 2025)</small>
HALF TERM
Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
SPRING TERM
Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026
HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026
EASTER HOLIDAYS
SUMMER TERM
Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026 <small>(Closed for Bank Holiday Monday 4th May)</small>
HALF TERM
Monday 1st June 2026 - Thursday 9th July 2026
SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- Friday 22nd August 2025
- Friday 17th October 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 10th July 2026

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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