



# CLAYBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Message from Mr Rock

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

This is a very short half term with lots taking place within school. Please take the time to read the weekly newsletters to ensure you are up to date with all the upcoming dates and our plans for the next academic year. (2025-26)

Congratulations to Yellow team for winning with the most house points last half term. They celebrated with a non-uniform day today.

The children in Years 3-5 have been working incredibly hard this week completing their final assessments of this academic year. Well done to all the children for showing resilience and trying their hardest to show how much they have learnt recently.

Weather dependant, we look forward to welcoming lots of you to our annual Sports Day which is taking place next Wednesday afternoon at 1pm. Parents are welcome to come on-site from 12:30. Please ensure that children are wearing full PE kit and bring in a packed lunch.

I am excited to announce that we will be hosting a summer camp on site at Claybrooke Primary School during the summer holidays. This was extremely popular during Easter, so I hope many of you take up the opportunity again. There are free places eligible to parents receiving HAF vouchers.

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



Congratulations to the Y5&6 children who attended the Cricket Festival at Countesthorpe Cricket Club this week. They were awarded 'Spirit of the Games' for their teamwork and attitude. Well done.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Rock  
Head of School



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

**Excellent Work:**  
Chloe, Hope & Eliza  
**Values:**  
Abel, Zion & James



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# Go above and beyond!

## Upcoming events.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day  
1pm (Weather dependent)

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Forest School for  
Maple Class

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June: Bikeability begins  
for Y6

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Y5 experience  
day at Lutterworth High School

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June: Claybrooke  
Village Fete

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Oak Class  
Production performances (details  
for tickets will be sent out shortly)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. PTA Summer  
Disco

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Year 6 transition  
day

Congratulations to Yellow team. Team  
point winners for last half term.

### Team points this week:

Red: 30  
Blue: 74  
Yellow: 67  
Green: 60



**WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
w/e 06.05.25**

**Oak: 88.2%**

**Maple: 89.1%**

**Willow: 86.4%**

**Whole school: 87.8 %**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER.  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

*It's Back Again*

# MULTI SPORTS SUMMER CAMPS

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## Claybrooke Primary School: HAF Camp

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

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## Term Dates - Academic Year 2025-26

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

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

# Upcoming dates.

| <b>Summer Term 2025</b> |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Date                    | Event  |
| Mon 28/04               | School re-opens  |
| Mon 28/04               | Forest school begins for Willow Class                      |
| Wed 30/04               | EYFS Farm trip. (with All Saints, Sharnford & Ullesthorpe) |
| Wed 30/04               | Maple and Oak Dance festival begins.                       |
| w/c 12/05               | Y6 SATs week   |
|                         |  |
| Mon 19/05               | Saffron Lane Athletics (invitation only)                   |
| w/c 26/05               | <b>Summer Half-Term Week</b>                               |
| Mon 02/06               | Start of Summer 2nd  |
| Mon 02/06               | Forest school begins for Oak Class                         |
| Wed 11/06               | School Sports Day  |
| Wed 18/06               | Reserve Sports Day   |
| Mon 23/06               | Forest school begins for Maple Class                       |
| Wed 25/06               | Y6 Bikeability begins                                      |
| Thur 26/06              | Year 5 experience day at Lutterworth High School           |
| Sun 29/06               | Claybrooke Summer Fete @ St Peter's Church                 |
| Wed 02/07               | Oak Class Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 *               |
| Tue 08/07               | Leavers' Assembly 9.30-10.30 *                             |
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| Tue 08/07               | Last day of term   |
| Wed 09/07               | <b>Summer holidays begin</b>                               |
| Tue 26/08               | School reopens for pupils                                  |

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍃 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET – The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

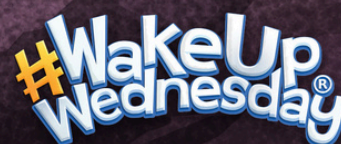
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| 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around | 🙏 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'                       |
| 😬 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless       | 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold  |
| 😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement | 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)                               |
| 😐 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered              | 👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference                       |
| 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great        | 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour |

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

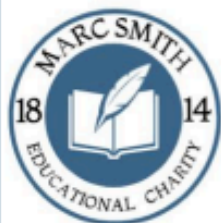
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| 🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms) | 🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness      |
| ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine            | 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'                     |
| 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use                          | 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm        |
| 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis          | ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil        |
| 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse               | 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles) |

### Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org), the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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# THE MARC SMITH EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

## Clothing Grants 2025

Do you have a child in Year 6 at Claybrooke, Ullesthorpe or another primary school, who will transfer to a secondary school in September 2025?

If so, the Marc Smith Charity will consider applications from parents for clothing grants at their meeting in June 2025.

Grants are only available to pupils living in Ullesthorpe, Claybrooke Magna, Claybrooke Parva and Wibtoft.

Applications will need to contain full details (name, age, address, school attended and the school they are being transferred to) so that the Trustees are able to confirm that applicants are eligible for grants.

All applications should be sent to the Clerk, by email to [marcsmith1814@gmail.com](mailto:marcsmith1814@gmail.com).

**For applications to be considered  
they must be received by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

The decision of the Marc Smith Charity Trustees in all cases is final.

# Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month - June

Since 2008 people have celebrated GRT History month throughout June. Through education, raising awareness and activities and celebrations within schools we can help to tackle prejudice and challenge myths and stereotyping around the Travelling community as well as making families feel included.

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