



# CLAYBROOKE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Message from Mr Rock

Welcome to the latest school newsletter.

Welcome back the second half of the Spring term. I hope you all managed to have a lovely half term whatever you were up to.

There is a lot packed into this half term, so please take the time to read each newsletter and check your Arbor messages to keep up to date.

### Willow Class:

This week we said goodbye to Mrs Wagg who has been teaching in Willow Class for the last seven weeks. On behalf of the staff and children, I would like to express a huge 'Thank you' for all of her hard work during this time and hope to have the opportunity to welcome her back to Claybrooke in the future.

Miss Poynor returns to Claybrooke next week and we are all looking forward to welcoming her back.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Rock  
Head of School

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



### Move it March.

The challenge will run from Saturday 1st March to Monday 31st March. Children will be given an Activity Tracker where they can colour an icon to show each 15 minutes of activity completed. Activities may be walking, running or virtual workouts

### Dodgeball team.

Claybrooke are... back to back dodgeball champions! The Year 5/6 team have now won the trophy two years in a row and will progress onto the finals!



Well done to all those that took part.



## Congratulations to our recent certificate winners

Excellent Work: Quinn, Oliver & Indianna  
Values: Rex, babes & Joe



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# Go above and beyond!

## Upcoming events.

### Spring Topic Showcase.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the Spring term Topic Showcase next **Tuesday ,4th March at 2:30pm.**

**Reading Festival and World Book Day.** Come dressed up as your favourite book character on Thursday 6th March.

See flyer further down the newsletter for more details on our annual reading festival

### Friday 14th March.

Hanna Shaw: Author visit.

### Y4 Parent Multiplication meeting.

A reminder that this is taking place at 3:30 this coming Tuesday, 4th March. This is an opportunity for you to find out about the upcoming multiplication tests for Year 4 pupils.

“Remember to try your hardest to complete your activity tracker as part of Move it March. Best of luck everyone!” The Sports Ambassadors

### Team points this week:

Red: 63  
Blue: 70  
Yellow: 93.  
Green: 92

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**  
w/e 28.02.25

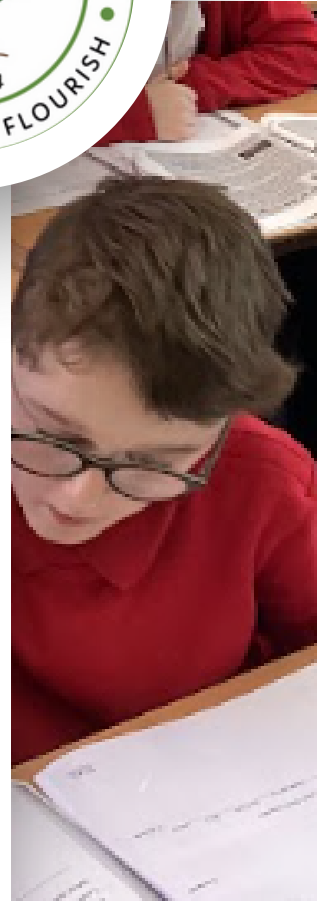
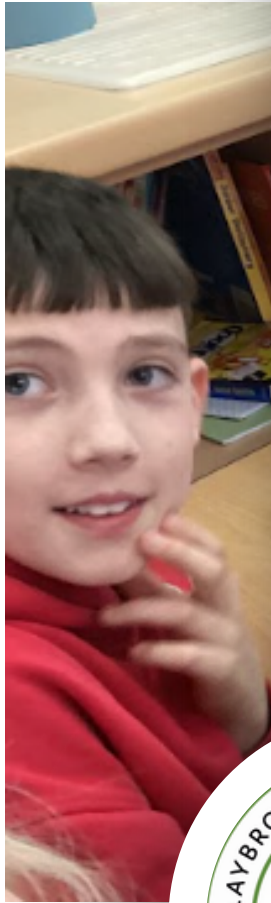
Oak: 89%

Maple: 90.9%

Willow: 88.6%

**Whole school: 89%**

**MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.**





# Claybrooke calendar 2024- 25



Please see provisional dates for the upcoming academic year. (All dates are subject to change.)

\* = Parents invited

## Spring Term 2025

Date	Event
Mon 06/01	School re-opens
Fri 17/01	Young Voices Concert (Only for those signed up)
Sun 26/01	PTA Wellbeing event in hall*
Wed 29/01	HYCY Bus visit at lunchtime
Fri 31/01	Daniel Powell Judo Visit
Thur 06/02	Wellbeing Ambassadors out for training
Thurs 06/02	Y6 SATS meeting for parents (In Oak Class) *
Tue 11/02	Consultation evenings *
Tue 11/02	Poet visit to school
Wed 12/02	Consultation evenings *
Fri 14/02	Sports Ambassadors out
<b>W/C 17/02</b>	<b>Half term</b>
Mon 24/02	Forest School begins for Oak Class
Wed 26/02	'Catch up swimming' sessions begin. (By invitation)
W/C 03/03	Claybrooke Reading Festival
W/C 03/03	Move it March begins
Tue 04/03	Topic Showcase afternoon. 2:30 - 3. *
Wed 05/03	Stay & Read 8.45-9.15 * <span style="float: right;">▼</span>
Thurs 06/03	World Book Day: Stay & Read 8.45-9.15 *
Thurs 06/03	NHS Height and Weight check for EYFS / Y6
Mon 10/03	Swimming Gala (Invitation only)
Fri 14/03	Author Visit
Wed 02/04	Warning Zone trip. <b>Y6 only</b>
Thurs 03/04	KS1 Twycross Zoo trip (tbc)
Fri 11/04	Maple Class visit to Leicester Cathedral and Gura Nanak Gurdwara (tbc)
<b>w/c 14/04</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>w/c 21/04</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>

## Summer Term 2025

Date	Event
Mon 28/04	School re-opens
Mon 28/04	Forest school begins for Willow Class
w/c 12/05	Y6 SATs week
Date tbc	Saffron Lane Athletics
<b>w/c 26/05</b>	<b>Summer Half-Term Week</b>
Mon 02/06	Start of Summer 2nd
Mon 02/06	Forest school begins for Maple Class
Wed 11/06	School Sports Day
Wed 18/06	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 02/07	Oak Class Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 *
Tue 08/07	Leavers' Assembly 9.30-10.30 *
Tue 08/07	Last Day of School Year
<b>Wed 09/07</b>	<b>Summer holidays begin</b>
Tue 26/08	School reopens for pupils

# Claybrooke Reading Festival 2025

## Author visit: Tuesday 11th February

We welcome back Andy Tooze: The Poet from the Peaks, back to Claybrooke for an afternoon of poetry

## Topic Showcase: 2:30pm -3pm: Tuesday 4th March

Come along and find out all about your child's recent learning in school.

## Stay and read sessions.

Wednesday 4th & Thursday 5th March. (8:45—9:05)

Come into school and stay for a while to read with your child/other children. (or bring in your favourite book as a child and read to a small group.)

## World Book Day: Thursday 6th March.

Activities taking place in school to celebrate World Book Day. Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character.

## Family reading week challenge.

Get yourself settled down and share your love of reading with us. Where is your favorite place to read with your child? When does your family read together? What is your favorite book to read aloud? Share your reading with us!

Send a photo of your favourite place to read with your favourite book together. Email your pictures to [claybrooke@ipat.uk](mailto:claybrooke@ipat.uk)

## Author Visit: Friday 14th March.

We welcome author Hanna Shaw to Claybrooke to share her fantastic books with the children as well as some exciting class workshops.

## What else is happening during our reading festival?

Paired reading sessions. (Older children reading to the younger children)

Live streaming lessons and activities throughout the week.

Whole class reading.

## Find out more at: <https://www.worldbookday.com>

The [World Book Day website](https://www.worldbookday.com) is a great place to discover more about the importance of reading for pleasure, and has a huge range of resources for families to enjoy

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



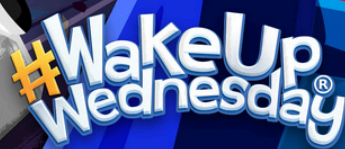
### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

## EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

## FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

## CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

## VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

## VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

### DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

### THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/whatsapp-2025>

After school clubs for next half term.  
Please follow the links below to book.



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are committed to keeping your children fit, active and healthy!

## Claybrooke Primary School

### Monday

🌟 Lego Construction Club | All Years

£38.50 for 7 sessions

### Thursday

🌟 Discovery Club | All Years

3:15PM - 4:15PM

Starting from  
24<sup>th</sup> Feb - 10<sup>th</sup> Apr



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To book:

Visit [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk)

Go to "Book Now" & select your club!

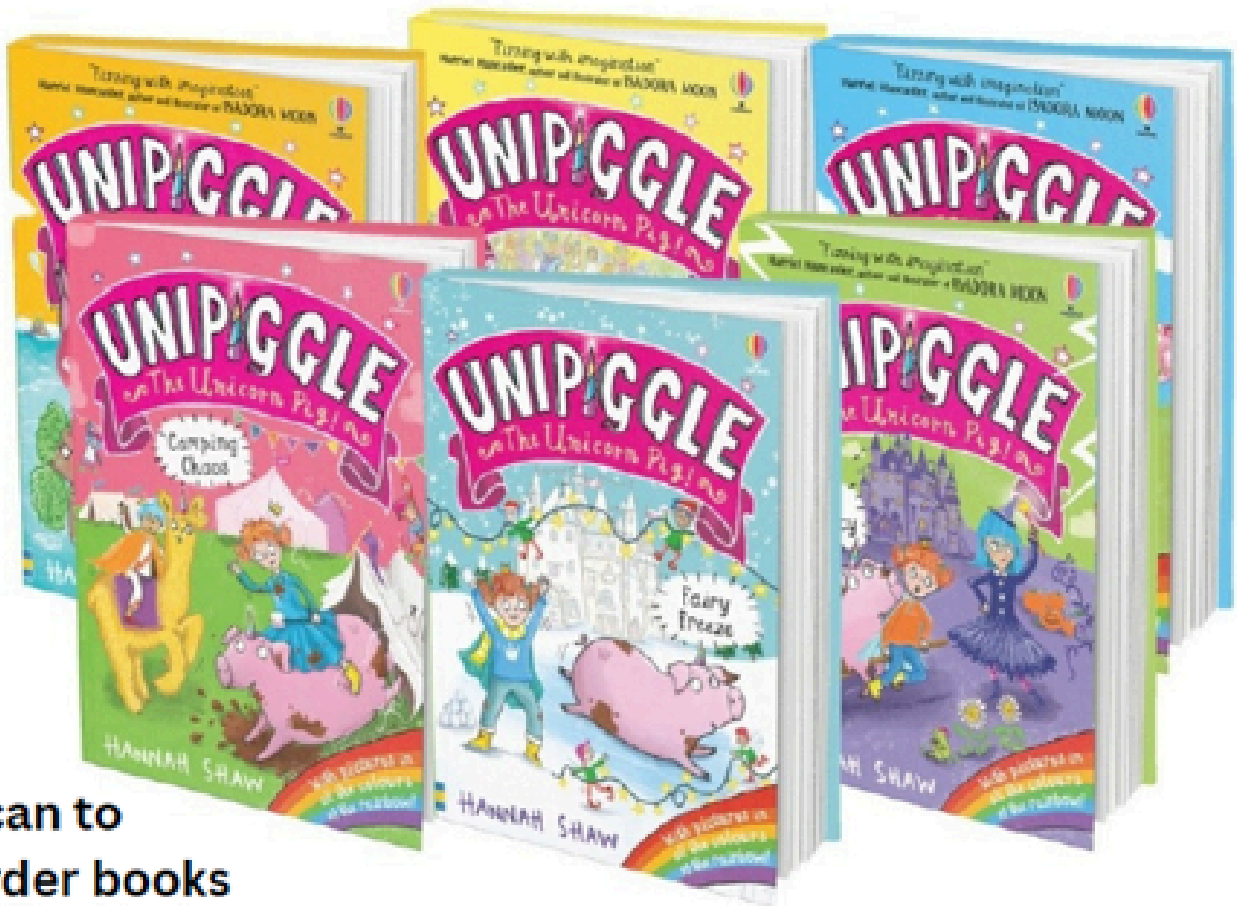




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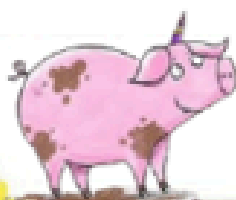
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When: Friday 14th  
March 2025





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**Eat them to Defeat them.**

**Starting 10th March**

Now in its seventh year, we are looking forward to be joining forces with the 'Eat them to Defeat them' team to encourage children to eat more healthy.

You can find out more about the programme by clicking [here](#).

