

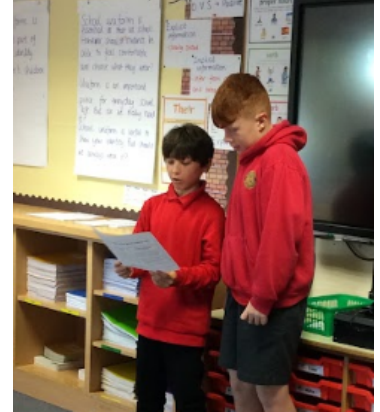
**Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 29.11.24**

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

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

**CUSP Festival of Spoken Language**

On Thursday we took part in the CUSP Festival of Spoken Language day. We know that without language, pupils cannot make sense of important concepts and communicate their thinking to the world around them. The aim of the day was to get all children talking and enjoying playing with language. During the 'festival' the children had 3 challenges to take part in, all around the theme of spoken language. The first challenge was to learn and tell a joke, the second was to perform a short poem or rhyme and the third challenge was to share an idea. It was a delight to see and hear the children working independently and in groups attempting each challenge, playing around with vocabulary and expression. Well done everyone.



**Christmas 2024.**

The children are busy preparing for our annual Christmas Carol Service which will take place at the Church on Wednesday 11th December at 2pm and 6pm. After the fantastic service last Christmas, we have decided to once again do this as a whole school event. We look forward to seeing you all there.

The PTA are hosting the annual Christmas Bazaar next Friday, 6th December at Claybrooke Village Hall between 5:-30 and 7:30. This is one of the main fundraisers for the PTA, so please come along if you are able and support all the hard work that goes into this event.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr P. Rock  
Head of School



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*Well done to those who received certificates this week:*



*Excellent Work: Elsie, Evelyn-Rose & Griffin*

*Values: Timmy-Lee, Ray & Grace*

*Hot Chocolate Superstars:*

*Taylen, Oliver, Sophia and Rex*



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*Whole school attendance  
w/e 29.11.24 89.71%*

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**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



## Latest class news: This week: Willow Class



Lots of learning has been taking place in Willow Class recently. We have been working hard in phonics lessons. And have finished writing instructions.

Maths has been all about partitioning numbers. Firstly using base ten to show our numbers in tens and ones and then looking at flexible partitioning. It has been fantastic to see children using sentence stems in their mathematics work throughout this unit. This week we are learning about 2D and 3D shapes.

In RE we are continuing to learn about Judaism and how Jewish people live. We have learnt about different important celebrations and how it compares to our knowledge on Christianity.

We have finished our Geography topic and have moved onto science where we are studying classifying animals. Computing sees us using the iPads to create drawings on an app.

Our nativity rehearsing is in full swing! Lots of line learning and song practise are taking place and it has been great to see how the children are developing their confidence performing on a stage. The PTA craft last week was super lovely and the children really enjoyed themselves.

The next few weeks are going to be an extremely busy time. There is the nativity, pantomime and christingle, not to mention all of the learning taking place! **We are in need of cardboard boxes for both our DT and Art projects coming up so any help would be appreciated.**

EYFS have been working super hard within maths, ensuring that they can all count fluently in small numbers and then write those numbers too!

The children had a lovely time studying "The Gingerbread Man" and even made their own gingerbread which went down a treat whilst listening to the story! Within literacy they have been writing initial sounds and sentences about their families and how all families are different.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

97  
DAYS

# SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION  
13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

### PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

### MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

### SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger does connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

### 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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*Latest vacancies within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust.  
(click on the links below)*

[Learning Support Assistant](#) role at Ullesthorpe Primary School

[Trust advert - Midday Supervisor roles - Trust advert](#)

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## Claybrooke calendar 2024- 25



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

### Autumn Term 2024

Date	Event
Fri 06/12	PTA Christmas Bazaar (TBC) 5:30 - 7:30pm *
Wed 11/12	School Christmas dinner
Wed 11/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 1:30pm (TBC)
Wed 11/12	Claybrooke Nativity & Christmas Carols @ St Peter's Church 6:00 pm *
Mon 16/12	Willow Class panto trip
Fri 20/12	Break up for Christmas holidays
	End of Autumn Term

### Spring Term 2025

Date	Event
Mon 06/01	School re-opens
Fri 17/01	Young Voices Concert (Only for those signed up)
Tue 11/02	Consultation evenings
Wed 12/02	Consultation evenings
w/c 17/02	Spring Half-Term Week
Mon 24/0	School re-opens
Mon 24/02	Forest school begins for Oak Class

Tue 25/02	Topic Showcase 2.30-3.00 *
w/c 03/10	Reading Festival Week
Thurs 06/03	World Book Day: Stay & Read 8.45-9.15 *
Wed 02/04	Warning Zone trip. <b>Y6 only</b>
w/c 14/04	Easter Holidays
w/c 21/04	Easter Holidays

## 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
w/c 26/05	Summer Half-Term Week
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
Wed 09/07	Summer holidays begin
Tue 26/08	School reopens for pupils

# Community Yoga & Mindfulness

10% off for  
Claybrooke  
Primary  
Community

**Mondays**  
**@ Claybrooke Primary**  
**School Hall**

6 - 7:15pm | Yoga

7:30 - 8:30pm | Mindfulness Meditation  
*Begin your week feeling calm & connected...*

**Wednesdays**  
**@ Ullesthorpe Memorial Hall**

7:15 - 8:30pm | Yoga

*Find your mid-week pause to destress & reconnect...*

**NEXT BLOCK BEGINS WEEK COMMENCING**  
**28TH OCTOBER**

**FOR MORE INFO CALL, TEXT OR VISIT:**



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