

## Claybrooke Primary School Newsletter 11.10.24

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

Welcome to the latest weekly newsletter.

#### **Energy Sparks visit.**

This week we welcomed James from Energy Sparks into school. James ran a whole school assembly explaining all about how we can all help to reduce our energy usage to fight climate change. Following this, James spent time in both KS2 classes doing a series of workshops with the children. A fantastic and informative morning. Details coming soon about our new pupil eco-council and school council opportunities.



#### **Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day.**

On Thursday, the whole school took part in the Young Minds 'wear yellow' to support World Mental Health Awareness Day. As part of the day the children took part in wellbeing assemblies, discussing the importance of taking care of our own mental health, doing mental health bingo, wearing yellow and donating money to the Young Minds charity.

Thank you so much for all of your donations. You helped raise a grand total of £59.05. Well done everyone.



#### **Parent Consultations. 15th & 16th October.**

We look forward to seeing many of you in school next week for our Autumn term consultations. If you haven't yet made an appointment, please log into your Arbor account to book a slot. Thank you.



#### **Small Schools Football Tournament.**

Some of the children from Oak class participated in the small schools football tournament this week. They played two games - won one and drew one! Well done to all those that participated

## The Harborough Monster Trail.

The South Leicestershire School Sport Partnership, with the support of the Harborough District Council and Active Together Harborough, have created the 'Harborough Monster Trail'. The aim of the trail is to encourage children and families to be active during half term, Halloween and the autumn. Children throughout Harborough were invited to design a monster that links with their local area. I'm delighted to announce that Nancy from Willow Class won the design for the Claybrooke monster. Well done Nancy.



Why not see if you can find Nancy's monster, Clay-Brookey, when the monster trail begins on October 21st. To find out more, please click this [link](#).

## Staffing news.

I'm delighted to share the news that Miss Jones welcomed a baby girl into her family earlier this week. Both Mum and baby are doing well. We are looking forward to seeing Miss Jones back visiting Claybrooke soon and we send all our congratulations to her and the rest of her family.



Finally this week, as you are aware, for the last 17 months my role at Claybrooke Primary School has been that of 'Acting Head of School'. Throughout this time I have had the support of the staff team, the children as well as the Claybrooke school community as we have gone through an intensive period of school improvement including an exciting curriculum redesign, behaviour culture changes and a positive OFSTED inspection.

I'm delighted to inform you that, following a Trust process, my role of Head of School has now been made substantive. I look forward to continuing to lead in this role and work alongside our entire Claybrooke family as we continue to make Claybrooke Primary School a dynamic and inclusive learning environment where all can flourish.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr P. Rock  
Head of School



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Together we flourish | Est 1814

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

### Excellent Work



Theo

Charlie-Girl

Bridie



### Values

Zach

Seren

Arya



*Hot Chocolate Superstars:.*

*Lillie - Mae, Evelyn-Rose, Natalia Valentina*

# Whole school attendance

w/e 11.10.24 89.3 %

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



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*Latest class news:  
This week: Maple Class*



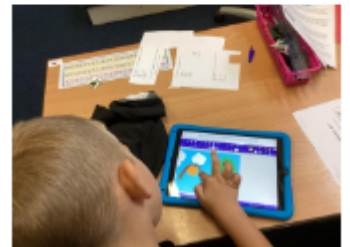
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Over the last few weeks Maple Class have continued their Autumn term learning journey. In English they have been finding out all about the features of Non-Chronological reports. As part of this they have linked into their work around 'Rocks' from their Science lessons and have researched, planned and written their own detailed Non- Chronological reports.

In their maths lessons the children have been developing their understanding of addition and subtraction. They have been exploring adding 10's, 100's and 1000s across a boundary as well as adding up to 2, 4 digit numbers with and without exchanges.

In Computing, Maple Class have been exploring all about connections, focussing on connections between computers and networks. They have explored what a network is, how computers communicate between them as well as learning about WiFi and Servers. The children also have had an opportunity to develop their art skills using a tablet based art package.

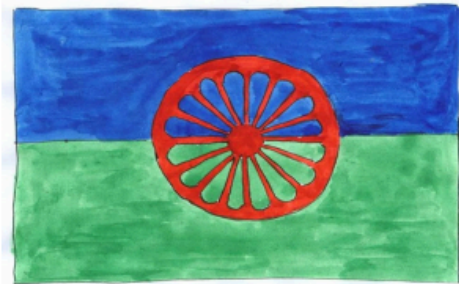
In History, the children have been learning all about the Stone Age. This has included learning all about nomadic tribes, focussing on specific periods within the Stone Age, hunter/gatherers, the migration to the UK, the extinction of Woolly Mammoths, the effect of the Ice Age on Doggerland and how, through excavation and finding artefacts, we have been able to learn all about this period.  
Such an interesting unit, packed with some fascinating learning.





Harborough District Children and Young People's Charity alongside  
residents of Mere Farm presents:

# Traveller's Tea



Tuesday 19th November 2024

3.30pm - 5pm at Claybrooke Primary School  
**Free** event and all welcome

**Join us for some Traditional  
Gypsy food, games & activities**

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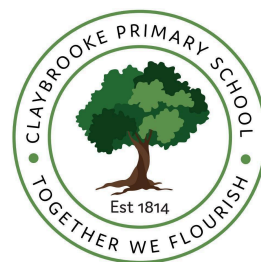
*Latest vacancies within Inspiring Primaries Academy Trust.  
(click on the links below)*

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

[Sharnford Midday Supervisor role](#)



# Claybrooke calendar 2024- 25



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

## Autumn Term 2024

Date	Event
Tue 15/10	Consultation evening (Invites have been sent out via Arbor)
Wed 16/10	African Dance workshops in school
Wed 16/10	Consultation evening (Invites have been sent out via Arbor)
w/c 21/10	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 28/10	School re-opens
Tue 29/10	Open morning for new starters 2025-26
Tue 29/10	Topic Showcase 2.30-3.00 *
Wed 30/10	School individual photographs
Thurs 31/10	PTA Spooky Discos (Willow 3pm - 4pm Maple and Oak 4:10 - 5:10pm)
Wed 06/11	Oak Class trip to Parliament
Tue 19/11	Travellers Tea event in the school hall. 3:30 - 5pm. All welcome. *
Thurs 21/11	PTA Christmas Craft 9 - 11:30am
Fri 29/11	'PTA 'Wear what you want' day. Bring items for Christmas.
Fri 06/12	PTA Christmas Bazaar (TBC) 5:30 - 7:30pm *
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	<b>Spring Half-Term Week</b>
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

# THE HARBOROUGH MONSTER TRAIL

#MONSTERTRAIL24

## THE MONSTERS ARE COMING! 21ST OCTOBER - 29TH NOVEMBER

There are 20 monsters hidden across parks and green spaces in Lutterworth, Harborough, Kibworth & Smeeton and Broughton Astley for families to find this Autumn!

### HOW TO PLAY!

Find the monster, scan the QR and collect the code!

To meet our monsters and to download the maps to play,

scan here!



### MONSTER REWARDS



There are certificates and fuzzy monsters to collect. PLUS! A medal for those that find all 20 monsters!

The Harborough Monster Trail kicks off on Monday 21st October, so get active this half term and join the hunt!

### WILL YOU FIND THEM ALL?



Wellbeing | School Sport | PE | Physical Activity



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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

## 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

## 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

## 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

## 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

## 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

## 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

## 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

## 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

## 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

## 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

## Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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# Community Yoga & Mindfulness

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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**

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