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PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## Message from Mr Rock

It has been another busy week at Claybrooke Primary School. Each classroom has been a hub of learning with children working hard on their writing and maths skills, discovering new class texts, developing their phonics knowledge and continuing to work together to showcase our school expectations.

In our most recent pupil survey, responses were the most positive across the Trust, with pupils telling us they are happy at school, feel safe, enjoy their learning, and value their friendships. This is something we are extremely proud of.

The school council will shortly meet to discuss the pupil survey from last week's newsletter. They will have the opportunity to celebrate all the positive comments from the survey but also to begin to explore the next steps suggested.

### Parking

I recognise that parking at drop-off and collection times is a concern for some families. While the school regularly takes action to encourage safe and considerate parking—including staff presence at the gate, reminders, and direct requests for vehicles to move on—we do not have enforcement powers in this regard. From time to time, I have spoken with members of our school community about poor parking choices and will continue to do so. Please see a copy of the parking fliers that have been sent home with pupils today further down the newsletter.

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



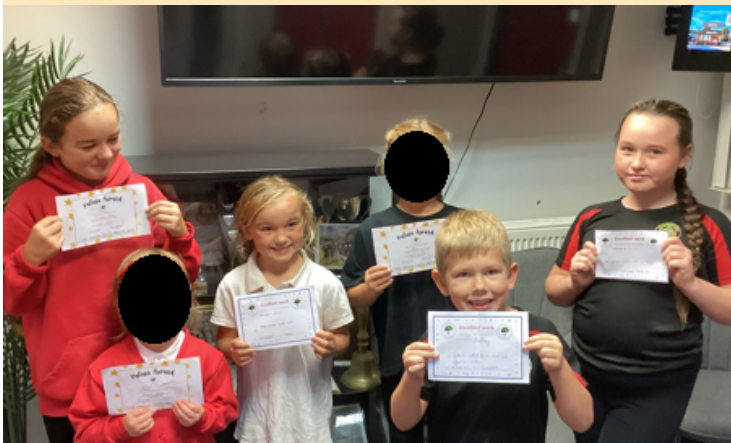
Thank you to the Open The Book team who visited school this week to tell another Bible story to the children. The story focus this month was how to learn from our mistakes.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Harvest Festival next Wednesday at St Peter's Church at 2pm. If you would like to donate any items, please see the list further down the newsletter.

The South Leicestershire School Sports Partnership has developed a series of monthly newsletter inserts for parents and carers for the upcoming academic year. These inserts aim to give families a clear introduction to health and well-being, with links to useful websites, helplines, and further sources of support. These have been sent out to you via Arbor today.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Rock  
Head of School



**Congratulations to our  
certificate winners this week.**  
**Excellent Work:**  
Bridie, Bradley & Elise  
**Values:**  
Maisie, Lily & Lillie



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# Go above and beyond!

## Upcoming dates

Each Tuesday  
:Swimming for Maple  
Class.

8th October: Harvest  
Festival 2pm

16th October: PTA agm

17th October. INSET Day.  
School closed to pupils

27th October. Individual  
photos.

27<sup>th</sup> October. Open Day  
for new starters 2026

Well done to those who  
have brought in awards  
from outside school this  
week.



## Team points this week:

Red: 170  
Green: 135  
Blue: 122  
Yellow: 125

*WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE*  
03.10.25.

Oak: 83.35%

Maple: 79.3%

Willow: 80.08%

**Whole school: 80.62%**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

# Willow Class

# NEWSLETTER

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## Reception

Our delightful reception children have been reading the story 'Owl babies'. We have been drawing story maps and retelling the story using story maps and puppets. The children have loved learning about nocturnal animals and making nests using feathers, sticks and leaves.

They have been sharing texts such as 'You choose' and 'The dot'. The children have been taking part in letter formation practice and orally blending words. During Maths, we have been learning about numbers to 5 and making comparisons between quantities. We have been building cubes to compare towers.

The children have been taking part in developing their throwing and catching skills during PE and look forward to their 'Big Moves' sessions with Sam.

In music, the children have been learning about pulse and learning harvest songs.



Our fantastic key stage 1 children have been very busy focusing on the stories 'Grandad's Island' and 'The Goose who laid the golden eggs'. We have been focusing on retrieving information from the illustrations as well as the text. We have been challenging our comprehension skills by answering sequencing and retrieving questions.

In our Geography sessions, we have been conducting fieldwork to observe human and physical features around the school grounds. The children have been learning how to observe features in their locality. We have also been recording our findings.

In PSHE, we have explored feelings and how we can be kind to others and introduced them to the term bullying and what it means. The children have been developing their ball drilling skills during PE.

We have started our addition and subtraction module in maths. We have started off by focusing on number bonds to 10 and then 20. The children have been using different resources to find all the bonds such as numicon, ten frames and the rekenrek.

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# HARVEST FESTIVAL

## Donations needed

### Most needed items:

- Fruit Juice
- Jam
- Tinned Pulses
- Savoury crackers
- Tinned Meat
- Shampoo
- Unisex Deodorant
- Instant Custard Powder
- Laundry and Cleaning items/supplies
- Instant Mash
- Cereal bars
- UHT Milk ( Whole, Semi)
- Vegetarian Tinned meals
- Hot Chocolate
- ~~Sponge puddings~~
- Tinned Fruit
- Tissues
- Coffee

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**Please drop any donations into the school office by  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you**



**NO PARKING**



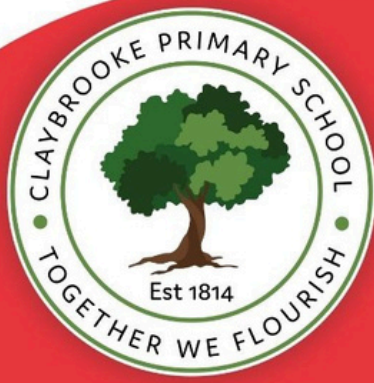
**THANK YOU**

Please park considerably outside school at the start and the end of the day.

Your support in this matter helps to keep everyone in our school community safe.

Thank you





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Academy Trust**  
*Inspiring all to flourish and succeed*

# 2025 OPEN DAYS

**Tuesday 30th September 11am-12pm**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 1.30-2.30pm**

For a personal tour and for admissions for 2025/26 and 2026/27, please contact the school office.

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We are an inclusive, small village school with a large playing field, woodland area and a warm family feeling. Find us located close to the A5 at Burbage and M1 at Lutterworth.

***'The curriculum is ambitious and well designed to meet the needs of the pupils in the school'***  
**'OFSTED'**

***'Pupils have a positive attitude to those who are different. These attitudes contribute to the harmonious ethos of the school.'*** **'OFSTED'**




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# Autumn Term 2024

Date	Event
Tue 02/09	Meet the teacher / Curriculum information 3:30 - 4:00 (In each classroom) Oak class parents: Residential trip meeting will follow at 4pm
Wed 24/09	Macmillan Coffee non uniform day. (Bring in items for tombola)
Fri 26/09	Macmillan Coffee Morning @ Claybrooke Village Hall
Wed 08/10	Harvest Festival 2pm TBC
Thurs 16/10	PTA AGM 3:30pm in the school hall.
Thurs 16/10	School closes for half term
Fri 17/10	School INSET DAY. School closed to pupils
w/c 21/10	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Mon 27/10	School re-opens
Wed 29/10	Topic Showcase 2.50-3:10 *
Wed 30/10	School individual photographs
Thurs 30/10	PTA Spooky Discos (Willow 3pm - 4pm Maple and Oak 4:10 - 5:10pm)
w/c 24/11	Parent consultation week (dates to be confirmed) 
Thurs 04/12	PTA Christmas Craft 9 - 11:30am
Fri 28/11	'PTA 'Wear what you want' day. Bring items for Christmas Bazaar.
Fri 05/12	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
Tue 16/12	School Christmas dinner
Wed 17/12	Willow Class panto trip
Fri 20/12	Break up for Christmas holidays
	End of Autumn Term

All dates subject to change

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

### VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

### SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

### LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

### MONITOR VOICE CHAT

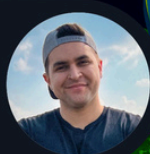
As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

### BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven 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. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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## Term Dates - Academic Year 2025-26

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

### Teacher days:

- Thursday 21st August 2025
- Friday 22nd August 2025
- Friday 17th October 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Friday 10th July 2026