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**Message from
Mr Rock**

This week at Claybrooke our Year 6 pupils have been hard at work undertaking their first assessments of the term, the rest of the school took part in a virtual celebration of the Jewish festival of Rosh Hashanah and have also contributed to the Trust pupil survey. All alongside their ongoing curriculum learning.

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete the Trust parent questionnaire this week. Constructive feedback is essential in continuing to develop Claybrooke to be the best school it can be for all parts of the school community.

A few key highlights noted from the survey:

89% of parents are glad their child goes to Claybrooke.

-Parents across different year groups appreciate the welcoming and supportive environment of the school, highlighting the strong sense of community and the dedication of the teachers.

-Parents value the personal attention their children receive due to the small school size, which allows for individualised support.

I am pleased that there was also feedback on how parents feel the school could improve further, these included:

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



- Further communication to parents regarding behaviour policies
- Sharing school concerns about parking around school.

These will be discussed within the school and with the Trust team moving forward. Thank you for your responses. They are very much appreciated

Please note a correction from my newsletter last week regarding Oak Classes curriculum. It should have read that they have been learning about autobiographies and electricity in class recently.

My jury service has concluded today and I look forward to returning to Claybrooke next week.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Rock
Head of School



**Congratulations to our
certificate winners this week.
Excellent Work:**
Peyton, James, Sawyer & Freddie
Values:
**Sophia, Aubrey Daisy-Mae
& Evelyn-Rose**



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Upcoming dates

Each Tuesday
:Swimming for Maple
Class.

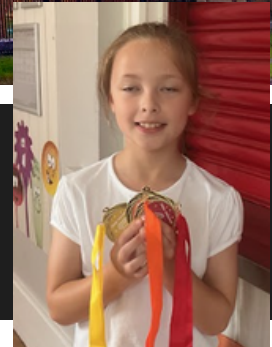
Wednesday 24th
September: Flu
Vaccinations (specific
year groups. A letter will
go out)

Wednesday 24th
September: MacMillan
non uninform day. Items
to be brought in for
tombola

Friday 26th September:
Macmillan Coffee
morning at the village
hall.

16th October: PTA agm

**Congratulations to
Evelyn-Rose for her
achievements
outside of school
recently**



Team points this week:

**Red: 74
Green: 174
Blue: 1202
Yellow: 92**

**WHOLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE
19.09.25.**

Oak: 81.6%

Maple: 78.2%

Willow: 81.2%

Whole school: 80.01%

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Introducing our new School Council for 2025-26

Oliver D: “I am looking forward to carrying on Waffle Wednesday and doing a Lego afternoon.”

Hugo: “I would like to have a parent/guardian lunch one day this year.”

Chester: “I want to bring back Show and Tell.”



Poppy: “I want to try to do a little car race with Willow's bikes.”

Isla: “I am looking forward to being able to do the shoe box appeal.”

Zac: “It would be good to have Football Friday”..

Maple Class

NEWSLETTER

Maple Class have had a busy start to the new term, starting their new learning units as well as moving classrooms.

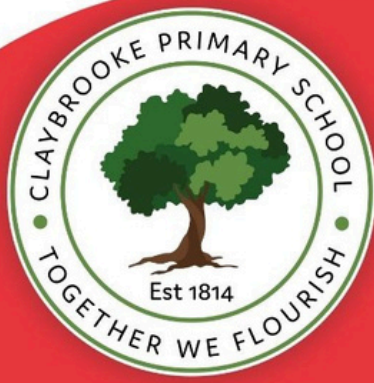
In their English work they have been learning all about poetry that explores form and have begun a unit on persuasive writing. In Reading they have begun their class book, 'The Queens Nose' which they are really enjoying.

In Science they have completed their unit on Living things and their habitats which included work on flowering and non-flowering plants. This week they have begun their new Geography unit on Rivers.

In Maths they have been recapping knowledge on place value and in computing they have been exploring 'the internet'.

The children have also really enjoyed their PE lessons with their net and wall games and going swimming so far this term, a key life skill to learn.





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2025 OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 30th September 11am-12pm

Monday 27th 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	HALF TERM
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

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

SNAP STREAK

97

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.



SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🍌 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.



SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.



SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.



ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat 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.



Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.



ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. 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.



BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.



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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Term Dates - Academic Year 2025-26

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

Teacher days:

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