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**Message from
Mr Rock**

Welcome back to a brand new school year here at Claybrooke Primary School. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday.

It has been lovely to see everyone back this week, both new and old pupils. I've been really impressed with the way everyone has come in and settled into the new year. Well done everyone.

During the summer we have had a large proportion of the school site redecorated. We have had the school hall, Willow Class, Maple Class, the main corridor and the entrance hall/offices all re-painted. I'm really pleased with the final outcome and the fresh new look around the site.

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Jones who returns from her maternity leave. I'm sure you will all be looking forward to seeing her again. We are currently still in the process of recruiting for a new LSA following Mrs Haycock's retirement in July.

We had a surprise visit from Steve, our local PCSO this morning. The children asked lots of questions and Steve explained how police are around to make sure that we all stay safe

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



I hope to see many of you at our 'Meet the teacher' meeting taking place next Tuesday, September 3rd between 3:30 - 4:00 pm in your child's classroom. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher as well as finding out about the curriculum for this academic year.

I am looking forward to another fantastic year working with you all, building on the success of last year and continuing to make Claybrooke a fantastic learning environment to grow and nurture your children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Rock
Head of School



**Congratulations to our
certificate winners this week.**

Excellent Work:
Abel, Parker, Poppy W

Values:
Freddie, Nancy, Theo



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Go above and beyond!

PE Days for the autumn term.

Willow: Monday (Double PE)

Maple: Tuesday and Friday: (Maple start swimming from 9th September)

Oak: Wednesday and Friday.

Please support us with our behaviour expectations.

FIRST TIME

-  FIRST TIME
-  EVERY TIME
-  EVERYWHERE
-  EVERYONE


BE A STAR

-  SIT UP
-  TRACK THE SPEAKER
-  ANSWER QUESTIONS
-  RESPECT OTHERS

FANTASTIC WALKING

-  FACING FORWARDS
-  ON THE LEFT
-  HANDS BY SIDE
-  STEADY PACE
-  NOT TALKING

STEP

-  SPEAK POLITELY
-  THANK YOU
-  EXCUSE ME
-  PLEASE

Congratulations to Blue team. Team point winners this week.

Team points this week:

- Red: 19**
- Green: 18**
- Blue: 27**
- Yellow: 24**

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
08.07.25

Oak: 85.5%

Maple: 74.1%

Willow: 70.3%

Whole school: 77.8%

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Returning to school after the summer holidays can be both exciting and daunting for children of all ages. Different routines, classes, schools, and academic pressures can cause anxiety or uncertainty. Parents play a vital role in easing this transition. This guide will help you support your child emotionally, mentally, and practically as they return to school.

1 RE-ESTABLISH ROUTINES



Gradually shift back to school-time routines a week or two before term starts. Regular bedtimes, wake-up times, and mealtimes can help children feel more secure and reduce the shock of change when school begins. Having a routine creates predictability and stability, helping to reduce anxiety while improving sleep and concentration.

2 TALK ABOUT FEELINGS



Encourage open conversations with children about their feelings. Ask them how they feel about returning to school, such as what they're looking forward to and anything they might be feeling unsure or worried about. Validating their emotions can help reduce anxiety and show them it's okay to talk about their emotional wellbeing.

3 SUPPORT WITH SLEEP



Children need adequate sleep for concentration, brain function, memory, and emotional regulation. Establish a wind-down routine without screens at least an hour before bed, and encourage relaxing activities like reading or listening to calming music.

4 LOOK OUT FOR SIGNS



Some children hide their anxiety. Watch for changes in their behaviour, such as withdrawal, stomach aches, and irritability. If worries persist, speak with their teacher or the pastoral team early to ensure your child receives support.

5 REFRESH SOCIAL CONNECTIONS



Help children reconnect with school friends by arranging playdates or video chats in the week before school starts. Familiar faces and social interactions help the transition and provide emotional comfort on that first day back.

6 CREATE A CALM MORNING



Mornings set the tone for the day. Plan ahead with a consistent morning routine that allows time for breakfast, getting dressed, and talking calmly about the day. Avoid last-minute rushing to reduce stress for everyone.

7 FOCUS ON POSITIVES



Talk about the fun and interesting parts of school - seeing friends, favourite subjects, or exciting activities. One simple but powerful change parents can make is swapping "How's your day been?" for "What's been good about your day?" This invites more of a positive, open response. Focusing on positives can help shift children's anxious thoughts and reframe school as a safe and engaging place.

8 VISIT OR VISUALISE SCHOOL



If possible, encourage visits to the school grounds before the first day, especially if it's a new school. Walking the route or even looking at photos of classrooms and teachers can make the environment feel familiar. The school website is always a great go-to place for this. This is particularly helpful for younger children or those with additional needs.

9 PLAN AHEAD TOGETHER



Involve children in preparing for school - buying supplies, packing their bag, or choosing lunch options. This gives them a sense of control and builds excitement. Use checklists or calendars to prepare together, helping reduce last-minute stress.

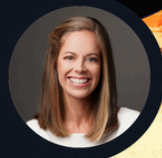
10 STAY POSITIVE AND PRESENT



Children pick up on your outlook. Stay calm, positive, and present, especially during drop-offs. Avoid lingering goodbyes, and let them know you'll be there at pick-up. A consistent, reassuring presence builds their confidence and resilience.

Meet Our Expert

This guide was created by Jo Morton-Brown, an Emotional Health Practitioner with nearly 15 years' experience supporting children and young people's mental health. She produces uplifting YouTube content for pupils and trains adults to better support young people's wellbeing, with a mission to help every child feel valued and understand their emotions.



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SEND Friends Parents Group

Join Gemma, our SEND Family Support Worker, for our free SEND Friends and Parents drop in sessions on the last Wednesday of the month.

Our aim is to support and share information with parents and carers; whilst allowing a safe space to talk and meet other parents.

Complimentary hot and cold drinks and biscuits will be available



Lutterworth Family Hub,
Coventry Road,
Leicestershire, LE17 4RB
24/09/2025, 29/10/2025,
26/11/2025
Time: 10am-11:30am

For more information please contact
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OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
2025

5.45pm-8.00pm

Doors open at 5.30pm.


The evening begins at 5.45pm, at which point you may choose to tour the school or attend the first Headteacher's talk.


A second Headteacher's talk will take place at 6.30pm.

We invite you to see and experience our school, speak to our talented and committed staff and meet our friendly students.

Find out more about our exceptional enrichment opportunities and outstanding facilities.

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