



HAPPY

new year
2026

From everyone at school, we wish all our families a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2026.

It has been a pleasure to welcome all our children back to school for our new term and we extend an especially warm welcome to our new starters in Pre-school and to their families.

Lyndon Wright Memorial

We are very keen to remember, and honour, the valuable contribution that Lyndon Wright made to school - not only in his role as vice-chair of our governing body, but as a committed volunteer in school, reading weekly with children and joining us for educational visits.

After some reflection we have decided that we would like to purchase a special seating area to be placed in the Junior building entrance area with a woodland theme as we are Clayton-le-Woodlanders. This can then be used for many years with lots of other reading volunteers too.

If parents/ carers would like to donate to this memorial project then you will be able to do so through School Comms Gateway next week.

We have also arranged for Bishop Philip to visit school on 12th March to lead worship and bless the new reading area. We are hoping to have something unique created for school along the lines of these ideas (opposite) but with a natural tree trunk/ branches... If any of you know a local carpenter/ sculptor who may be able to create something like this then please pass their details to the school office.

Clubs This Half Term

Monday: 3.30pm-4.30pm Shinpo Martial Arts - Book directly with Shinpo

The following clubs need to be booked through School Comms Gateway:

Tuesday: 3:30pm-4:30pm- Pool Club with Mr Molloy - Years 3,4, 5 and 6

Wednesday: 3:30pm-4:30pm- Yoga with Miss Bolton - Years 4,5 and 6

Thursday: 3:30pm-4:30pm- Chess Club with Mrs Sinfield - Years 3,4, 5 and 6

Friday: 7:50am-8:40am- Diversified Sport with Mr Molloy - Years 3,4, 5 and 6

Friday: 3.30pm-4.00pm - Choir with Mrs Turner & Miss Walmsley - Years 2,3,4,5,6

The following clubs are free of charge and children sign up in school:

Mon & Thurs: 8.00am Breakfast Brain Booster Club with Mr Keane - Y5/6

Monday: lunch - Art Club with Mrs Gibson - KS1

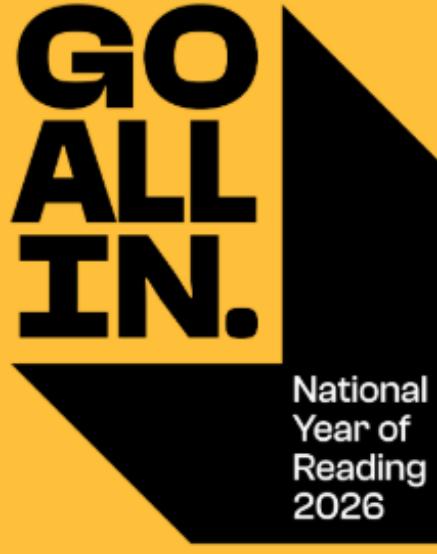
Tuesday: 8.00am - Book Club with Mr Kay - Y6

Wednesday: lunch - Recorder Club with Miss Dearden & Miss Walmsley - Y2/3

Wellbeing Wednesday Group: lunch with Mrs Howlett

Play Leaders and Guardian Angels also run outdoor games each lunchtime.





We all know that reading expands worlds, sharpens minds, and fuels creativity and we are keen for all our children to develop a love of reading for pleasure.

Our school will be participating in the National Year of Reading 2026 project, led by the Department for Education and lots of passionate partners, in many ways throughout the year, including:

- Our 'Lyndon Wright' reading area which will promote a lot of interest and commitment to providing spaces for reading for pleasure.
- Many children have expressed that they would like a special place to read at breaktimes outside. School Council are working on this with Mrs Townsend, using money from recent fundraising. Look out for this taking place next to our Junior playground!
- A "Get Caught Reading" Competition. To enter you need to send in a photograph, via your class Seesaw page, of your child reading in an unusual place. There is no cost to enter, but there will be book token prizes for the most creative ideas in four categories - EYFS, KS1, lower KS2 (Y3/4) and upper KS2 (Y5/6). Photographs have to be submitted, via Seesaw, by Friday 27th February, giving you plenty of time.

Worship this Week

On Tuesday, Philip helped us to think about new year's resolutions and promises - reminding us that Jesus is always by our side, helping us whatever improvements we are trying to make, giving us a fresh start whenever we need it.

Children in Years 1 to 6 evaluated our playtimes with Mrs Hogg in Worship on Wednesday. We celebrated all the things we love about playtimes and we re-signed our Playtime Charter, reminding us of how to behave to have fantastic playtimes. and further improvements we'd like to make - including a reading shed and having more bikes/scooters and ride-ons. If anyone has any unwanted ones we'd be happy to receive them in school and we now have a metal shed (which just needs building!) to store them in.

Sustainability Competition

As soon as the frost disappears and it begins to warm up, we will be continuing with our sustainability competition for Chorley council. Mrs Townsend submitted our evidence from autumn term and that has been received and celebrated on the council website. Thank you to Mrs Townsend and school council for their efforts and continued enthusiasm with this project which also links in with our Pupil Parliament work on encouraging more wildlife, especially pollinators, into our school grounds



During our Thursday worship, we were introduced to a new emotion from *The Brain House* called '**Big Boss Billy**'. We discussed what it means to be bossy and how being bossed around can make others feel. We also explored the difference between being bossy and being a leader, learning how important it is to think about our tone of voice and to choose our words wisely. To finish, we played a fun whole-school game of *Simon Says*, where Mrs Townsend and Addison took turns leading and giving instructions for a variety of movements.



Come and join us! Clayton-le-Woodlanders

Experience an hour in our gorgeous outdoor grounds, engaging in nature-based activities and getting stuck in!

Tuesday 10th February
9:30-10:30am
&
Thursday 26th March
1:30-2:30pm

Please contact the school office to reserve your place: 01772 335030
(20 spaces available)

Suitable for children aged 2-4yrs
Parent/carer to attend alongside their child
FREE of charge



Diary Dates for 2026

January	
Monday 5 th	School re-opens
Tuesday 20 th	Multi-Faith Pause Day – whole school
Thursday 22 nd	Year 3,4 <u>Sportshall</u> Athletics
February	
9 th to 13 th	Children's Mental Health week
Tuesday 10 th	9.30-10.30 Clayton-le-Woodlanders EYFS free event
Thursday 12 th	Lego Electro City Workshop Day
March	
Thursday 12 th	1.15pm Bishop Philip visiting to lead worship and bless a memorial for Lyndon Wright
Thursday 26 th	11.00 Vocal coach to work with Year 5 in preparation for Lancashire Sings event
Thursday 26 th	1.30-2.30 Clayton-le-Woodlanders EYFS free event
April	
Friday 24 th	Year 5 Lancashire Sings event – all day in Preston. An allotted number of parents will be able to watch.

Our Vision

Together we inspire one another to live life to all its fullness, rooted and built up in Christ, so that every member of our school community can learn, develop and flourish, to live in the world as the unique individuals God created us to be.

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS
C OF E PRIMARY
CHOIR**

EVERY FRIDAY
15:30-16:00
£2 PER SESSION
Come and join the fun!
We perform at school and organised events.

Ethic of Excellence Awards

Well done to:
Sidney (Rec)
Ffion (Y1)
Amelia G (Y2)
Rowan P (Y3)
Amaya (Y4)
Grace (Y5)
Lucie (Y6)

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WESTHOLME FOOTBALL CAMP
16 - 19 FEBRUARY 2026
In partnership with Matrix Soccer Academy

WHY CHOOSE US?
Led by UEFA-qualified coach Charlie Jackson - Founder of Matrix Soccer Academy & currently works at Manchester City Junior Academy.

DETAILS
COST
£120 per week or £32 per day
OPEN ENTRY
For ages 7-15, both Westholme & non-Westholme pupils welcome
TIMINGS
9:00am - 2:30pm (optional late collection available for additional charge of £6)
SKILL LEVEL
Suitable for all abilities, from grass roots to elite footballers

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