

With God
we Grow

Clayton-le-Woods CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 04.09.26



Welcome back!

There is a significant amount of information in this newsletter, including updates on mobile phone use in schools, allergy awareness and high school places, so please take the time to read through it carefully.

It has been wonderful to welcome our Year 1 to Year 6 children back to school this week for the new academic year. Although the weather has been a little inclement, with some rainy drop-offs, the children have returned with enthusiasm and positivity.

They have quickly settled back into familiar routines while also adapting to their new classrooms and, for some, new buildings.

From the outset, they have demonstrated excellent focus and a real eagerness to learn. It has been a pleasure to walk around the school and experience the buzz of learning and excitement in every corner.

Meanwhile, our Early Years team has been busy carrying out home visits as they prepare to welcome our Preschool and Reception children on Monday. We are very much looking forward to meeting them and welcoming them into our school family.

Extra curricular after school clubs are becoming available and many are now bookable on SchoolComms, choir will be starting back up soon for Years 2 to 6. Keep an eye out to get booked on.

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring that children arrive at school on time. Your support helps us start the school year in the best possible way and sets children up for success from day one.
We look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Mr Howard

Class Dojo

We are always looking for ways to strengthen communication between home and school and to share your child's learning journey with you. This year, we have decided to introduce Class Dojo, which will be rolled out in phases as we work more closely with parents and carers.

Initially, Class Dojo will be used to share updates such as learning experiences, activity passports and photographs of children during the school day, helping to give families a greater insight into school life in the same way that Seesaw was used previously.

Over time, we will explore additional features available through the platform, including communication tools and behaviour monitoring, to further enhance our partnership with home.

Class Dojo will replace Seesaw, which has been used successfully in previous years. We are excited about the opportunities this platform provides and look forward to sharing more of our children's experiences and achievements with you throughout the year.



Update on Mrs Telford

We are pleased to share that Mrs Telford has now undergone three successful treatment sessions and is responding well to the cycles.

Mrs Telford would like to pass on her sincere thanks to all the parents who sent such thoughtful gifts, cards and vouchers in July. Your kindness, generosity and messages of support have meant a great deal to her and her family during this time.

As a school community, we continue to keep Mrs Telford and her family in our thoughts and prayers as she progresses through her treatment. We wish her continued strength, a smooth recovery, and look forward to welcoming her back when she is ready.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Worships and Assemblies

Our Christian value this half term is Thankfulness.

During Wednesday's worship, we focused on The Blessing of a Welcome and Jesus' teaching in Matthew 25:35-36. We reflected on our Christian value of Thankfulness, our British value of Mutual Respect, and the importance of Equality.

Through our Window, Mirror, Door reflection, children considered: How does it feel to be new? (Window), Have I welcomed others? (Mirror), and How can I welcome someone this week? (Door). As we begin the new school year, we are encouraging everyone to help make our school a place where all feel welcomed, valued and included.

On Thursday, Mrs Townsend led our Picture News assembly, where we learned about the new Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope. This remarkable telescope will help scientists search for distant planets, study galaxies and deepen our understanding of how the Universe has changed over time. The children were encouraged to think about the importance of exploring the unknown and the discoveries that can come from curiosity and perseverance. We also reflected on the fact that the telescope is named after Nancy Grace Roman, a pioneering female scientist whose work helped shape modern space exploration, reminding us of the importance of celebrating those who break new ground and inspire future generations.

On Friday, Mr Howard led a worship focused on moments of celebration, encouraging the children to reflect on the achievements and successes, big or small, that they could celebrate this week. Our weekly Celebration Worship will begin next Friday. Parents and carers will be invited to attend if their child has been chosen to receive their class Ethic of Excellence Award.

We also love hearing about the wonderful achievements that take place beyond school. If your child has a special accomplishment, award or milestone to celebrate, please send your 'Wow' moments to Mr Howard at p.howard@clayton-le-woods.lancs.sch.uk so that they can be shared and celebrated during worship. Together, we look forward to recognising and celebrating the many successes our children will achieve throughout the year.

Allergy Aware School

At Clayton-le-Woods CE Primary School, we are committed to keeping all children safe. All staff completed allergy and anaphylaxis training during our INSET day at the start of the school year, in line with the requirements of Benedict's Law to support our commitment to being an allergy aware school.

To help reduce the risk of allergic reactions, food provided to children will only come from the school kitchen, before and after school club, the funded snack provision for EYFS and KS1 pupils, or planned curriculum activities such as Design and Technology. Staff will not provide food to children at any other time.

We have children with **severe nut allergies**, and therefore **peanuts, tree nuts (including hazelnuts)** and products containing these ingredients must not be brought into school. This includes items such as **Nutella, hazelnut spreads, filled pancakes, pastries, cakes, biscuits and any other products containing nuts or nut-based ingredients.**

If families wish to provide treats for celebrations, such as birthdays, they must be individually wrapped with all allergen information clearly displayed on the packaging so that they can be checked before being shared.

We are also pleased to have emergency adrenaline auto-injectors and additional inhalers available on site.

Over the coming weeks, we will be reviewing our Asthma Policy and gathering updated information about asthma, allergies and other medical conditions to ensure we continue to meet the needs of all our pupils.

Thank you for your support in helping us create a safe environment for every child.



Be Allergy Aware & Save a Life

Anaphylaxis is a serious reaction to allergens such as food, insect stings, medication & latex. The body thinks it's fighting something which shouldn't be there and sends out special chemicals to fight back.



People may experience mild or moderate symptoms including: > Itchy skin rash > Itchy/tingling mouth > Swelling of lips, face or eyes > Tummy pain or vomiting	What are the signs of a severe allergic reaction? > Hard to swallow / coughing > Difficult to breathe / noisy breathing > Feeling dizzy, floppy or sleepy
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1. An allergic reaction can become serious quickly, so a special adrenaline pen must be used immediately

2. Then call 999 and tell them the person is suffering from anaphylaxis (ana-fil-ax-is)



 01252 542029  info@anaphylaxis.org.uk  anaphylaxis.org.uk

Charity Number: 1085527

Diary Dates for Autumn 1

September

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| Monday 7th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception and Pre-school start full time Rock Steady restarts |
| Tuesday 8th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Starter newspaper photo Mad science after school club starts Y6 SATs and High School Meeting - 3:30 in Year 6 classroom |
| Friday 11th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Singing lessons with Mrs Turner will begin in the afternoon - if you are interested in booking for your children, please contact Mrs Turner on 07805833934 |
| Monday 28th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PTA AGM Face to Face in school 6pm |
| Wednesday 30th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open Evening for Prospective Parents 6pm - can be booked on the school website - tell your friends! Tempest photographs for individuals and families |

October

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| Monday 12th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 trip to Mere Tun |
| Thursday 15th and Friday 16th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y6 Bikeability - bikes can be left at school between each session |
| Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents Evening - an email will be sent out with the Booking link. |
| Friday 23rd | Finish for half term at normal time - no careclub tonight |
| Friday 31st | Secondary School Admissions closing for Secondary school places (Year 6 children) |

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

A quick guide for parents and carers
From September 2026



GATE-TO-GATE: PHONES MUST BE OFF AND OUT OF SIGHT

Pupils must not use mobile phones from the moment they enter the school grounds until they have left at the end of the day.



WHO MAY BRING A PHONE?

Only pupils in Years 5 and 6 who walk to and/or from school independently. Reception to Year 4 pupils should not bring phones unless exceptional circumstances have been agreed in advance with the Headteacher.



ON ARRIVAL

- Switch the phone off before entering the school grounds.
- Do not use it at the gates, on the playground or anywhere on site.
- Hand it to the class teacher or place it in the designated secure storage area.



DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Phones remain securely stored until home time. Pupils moving between family households must also hand phones in on arrival. Access during the day will not normally be permitted.



NEED TO CONTACT YOUR CHILD?

Please contact the school office. Pupils needing to contact a parent or carer will also do so through the school office.



NOT PERMITTED

Messaging • Calls • Photos • Video • Audio recording • Social media Games • Websites or online services



Phones may not be used on educational visits unless staff specifically authorise this.



IF THE POLICY IS BROKEN

The phone may be confiscated and returned only to a parent or carer. Repeated breaches may result in permission to bring a phone to school being withdrawn. Behaviour Policy sanctions may also apply.



PLEASE REMEMBER

The school cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage, although every reasonable effort will be made to keep devices safe.

PE days from Monday 7th September

Monday	Y2, Y3, Y5
Tuesday	Y1, Y4
Wednesday	Y3, Y5, Y6
Thursday	Reception, Y2, Y4
Friday	I Pre-school, Y1, Y6

Secondary School Open Evenings

A big thank you to Mr Kay for kindly collating the latest information on local high school open evenings. For Year 6 families, these events are a valuable opportunity to help inform your secondary school choice ahead of the **application deadline on 31 October**. Applications can be made online via the Lancashire County Council website. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place/>

Year 5 families may also find this a useful opportunity to start exploring local schools, while Year 4 families should be aware that some schools require evidence of two years' regular church attendance as part of their admissions criteria.

If you are unable to attend an open evening, many schools can arrange alternative visits. Please contact the school directly for further information.

School	Dates	Time
St Michael's CE High School	Thursday 10th September	5:30 – 8:00pm
Wellfield Academy	Thursday 17th September	4:30 – 7:30pm
Southlands High school	Thursday 17th September	4:00 – 7:00pm
Worden Academy	Thursday 24th September	4:00 – 7:00pm
Albany Academy	Thursday 24th September	Times to be confirmed
Parklands High School	Thursday 1st October	5:00 – 8:00pm
Balshaw's Church of England High School	Thursday 1st October	5:30 – 8:30pm
Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School	Thursday 1st October	From 5:30
Walton-le-Dale High School	Thursday 8th October	Times to be confirmed
Holy Cross Catholic High School	Thursday 8th October	Times to be confirmed

Ethic of Excellence Awards

Next week will be our first Celebration worship - invites are sent out via Schoolcomms on Wednesday night, keep a look out in your inbox.

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.



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 TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT JESSICA
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Find your voice. Build your confidence. Shine.