

With God
we Grow

Clayton-le-Woods CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 13.02.26



Happy Half Term Break!

We've had a really productive half term in school. We wish everyone a restful break next week and don't forget that it's Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day) and Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent. [Click here for some Lent family activity ideas.](#)



A Fond Farewell

This week we are saying goodbye and thank you to Mrs McGowan, who has worked in school for the last two years, teaching in Year 3 and 4. Mrs McGowan quickly became a valuable member of our staff team and I know the children have loved having her as their teacher and many have enjoyed her Space Detectives club. We wish Mrs Gowan all the very best. We also thanked Miss Dearden for all her hard work whilst on placement in Year 1 and wish her a wonderful teaching career!

What a fantastic week we have had celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. Our Go Green Day on Monday involved every class contributing to protecting our outdoor environment.

Tuesday was our Online Safety Day where we explored how we can use AI (artificial intelligence) responsibly and safely.

Wednesday Worship celebrated places that are special and safe - from their settee, their bedrooms, holiday destinations and their favourite places in school.

The Lego City Workshops on Thursday were a fantastic opportunity for children to work as designers and builders developing their STEM skills, problem-solving and team building. In the words of a Year 1 child leaving the hall yesterday, 'That was the best day in the world!'

Scroll to the next page for photographs. Many thanks to Mrs Townsend for organising Go Green Day and the Lego Day, and to Mrs Hogg for the Online Safety Day.



**JOIN OUR VIRTUAL
ECO BALLOON RACE!**

The PTA have registered with Eco-racing. This is a virtual balloon race. Why not decorate a virtual balloon with your child and see how far it can go? There are great prizes to be won - £100 for the first prize and a runners up prize of an Echo Dot. This also raises funds for the PTA. [Please click on this link to set your balloon to fly!](#)

Going Green

Every class took an hour out of their Monday to help the environment:

- From traffic surveys in Elder Class to bird surveys in Holly Class (with a kestrel landing right outside the classroom window just after the survey was closed!)
- Litter picking in Silver Birch Class and minibeast survey in Beech Class
- Making bird feeders in Elm and Oak Class
- Building insect homes in Ash Class and creating beautiful natural artwork in Willow class

Well done everyone!



Brilliant Builders

Watching the engagement and cooperation of different classes working together to add to each other's buildings and road layouts was fantastic. Lighting up each city when it was complete was a well-earned the highlight! A huge thank you to Stephen, from creative Builders Workshops, for leading the day. He was very impressed by the behaviour and engagement of every child.

Ethic of Excellence Awards

Well done to:

Thea (Willow)
Penny (Ash)
Jenson (Oak)
Elliott (Elm)
Lincoln (Beech)
Freddie (Silver Birch)
Henry H (Holly)
George (Elder)

Attendance Update This Week

95.7%
37 lates



**BODY
READY,
SCHOOL
READY.**

Understanding Your Child's Body
Before School Expectations.

Parent School Readiness Workshop (Ages 3-5)

**Clayton le Woods CE
Primary School**
6th MARCH
1pm-3pm

SCAN THE CODE TO BOOK



Workshop for Parents/ carers of 3-5 Year Olds

We are pleased to be hosting a 2-hour parent workshop that supports parents to understand school readiness beyond academic skills, focusing on the sensory, motor and regulatory foundations that underpin attention, behaviour and learning. Parents will gain practical, play-based strategies they can use at home to help their child feel body ready and emotionally ready for school.

The programme has been written by Occupational Therapist Vicky Dempsey, and the workshop will be delivered by Hannah Clark. Use the QR code opposite to book.

Clubs Next Half Term

Afternoon Clubs:

Monday: 3:30pm-4:30pm- Multisports with Mr Molloy Years 3,4, 5 and 6

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: 3.30pm-4.30pm - Shinpo - book directly with Shinpo - letters in school office

Friday: 3.30pm-4:00pm- Choir

Morning Clubs:

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

Lunchtimes: KS1 Sports/ KS1 Art/ KS2 Felting

All the clubs in red are limited to a certain number of children so spaces will be booked up quickly - book on School Comms Gateway

Get Caught Reading!

Competition entries are starting to come in. Remember - it's free to enter - just send a photograph of your child reading in an unusual place to your teacher through Seesaw. You could win a book token!

Diary Dates for 2026

February	
Monday 23 rd	School Re-opens
Friday 27 th	Break the Rules Day - see poster on pg 2
Friday 27 th	Get Caught Reading - Photo competition deadline
March	
Monday 2 nd	Year 4 walk to Clayton Green Library
Thursday 12 th	1.15pm Bishop Philip visiting to lead worship and bless a memorial for Lyndon Wright
Friday 13 th	Non-uniform day for Easter Eggs
Friday 20 th	Easter Egg Bingo
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.



Well done so far to Henry, Lilah and Claira

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.