



Autumn Term Newsletter

Number 468 – 14th November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It is hard to believe that we are already in the second half of the Autumn Term. This week, our Year 6 children have enjoyed a fantastic week at The Gordon Brown Centre. The children had a lot of fun and tried out various activities! Their behaviour was excellent and they were wonderful representatives of the school. We are so lucky to have such amazing children. They are a credit to you and a delight to have them on this trip.

As you would have seen from my updates, the photos are on the website. Please follow the link that was sent to you on the jotter.

Thank you to Mrs Baalla, Miss Agnieszka and Miss Kelly who gave up their week to accompany the children. Trips like this would not be possible without the commitment of my staff and I am very grateful for that.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we also celebrated National Anti-Bullying week and your child has been discussing this in class during the week. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2025 was: Power for Good. We started the Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day. Children came to school wearing odd to mark this event and to show their unique style by wearing two different, fun socks to school! Odd Socks Day is all about celebrating our individuality and spreading kindness.

Phonic Drop -In sessions for Parents of children in Reception

On Monday 10th November and on Tuesday 11th November, Miss Nolan invited parents to drop in to the classroom and see what a phonics lesson looks like. It was great to see so many parents attend. There is one final session on **Tuesday 18th November at 9:00**, if you have not yet had a chance to attend.

Phonic Workshop for Year 1 Parents

Next week, on Wednesday 19th November, there will be a workshop for Year 1 parents at 2:45pm in the hall. We hope to see lots of Year 1 parents at this workshop. Important information regarding the teaching of phonics in Year 1 will be given out and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions on how to support your child at home.

Reading Café

On Tuesday 11th November, Reception class had a Reading Café, which was very well attended. The children really enjoyed having their parents in the class to read to them. Next week on Tuesday 18th at 9:00am, Nursery will have the first of their Reading Cafés which will take place over the next few weeks. Please make sure you sign up the sheet if you not have done so already.

Maths Workshop

On Friday 21st November, Mr Pridding will hold a Math's Café for Key Stage One parents, so if you have a child in Year 1 or Year 2, please come along and find out how we teach Maths in school.

Open Evening

Next week, **Monday 17th November**, we will have the first of our Open Evenings, where parents can discuss their child's progress with the class teacher. There will be more sessions on the following week. If you have not done so, please sign up on the online booking system. It is important that you meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and the support they need to ensure that they have a successful learning experience. If you have had a meeting to discuss your child's ISP, then you do not need to attend again. **The meetings will take place in the school hall.**

Menu tasting for parents

On Tuesday 18th November, at 2.45pm, our school meal providers Chartwells are holding a tasting session in the hall for the parents. Please come along and sample some of the dishes. This is also an opportunity to ask any questions you might have regarding the menu.

Should you have any queries please contact us on: admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk
ihath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk or bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk

Author visit

On Monday 17th November, we have an author Molly Arbuthnot who is coming to talk to the children in KS2 about her writing and also introduce her new book which will be available to purchase after school.

November

As always, in this month of November, we commemorate those who have died. We remember and pray for those who have gone before us and whose loss we feel. Year 5 led our Remembrance Day Assembly today. It was very thought provoking and helped us understand why we commemorate this important event every year. A two-minute silence was also observed by all classes on Tuesday 11th November.

May the hand of God hold them,
The peace of God enfolds them,
The love that dreamed and formed them still surround them.
May the light of God be beside them;
Above, beneath, inside them,
The light that shines to guide them home to the loving hand of God.
May the angels lead them into paradise,
May the martyrs come to welcome them,
And may all the holy ones escort them to the holy city,
the new and eternal Jerusalem
where they will enjoy God's presence forever.

If you are able to, find a quiet time and a peaceful place to spend a few moments with God. Light a candle in memory of your loved one and sit for a few moments remembering the special times you shared



Finally

At St Margaret Clitherow, we take great pride in being an inclusive and supportive community where every child and family feels valued, respected, and safe.

However, creating a truly inclusive and supportive environment is not just the responsibility of the school, it requires the understanding and cooperation of our entire community. We kindly ask that all parents model empathy, kindness, and respect, not just towards the children in our school but also towards fellow parents.

Every family faces unique challenges, and it is important that we support and uplift one another rather than pass judgment.

By embracing inclusivity, we are teaching our children one of the most important life lessons: that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their circumstances. Let us continue working together to ensure St Margaret Clitherow School remains a place where all children feel accepted, supported, and valued.

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful school community. Your support and cooperation help make St Margaret Clitherow school a positive and welcoming space for all.

And it is good to remember the words **“there but for the grace of God go I”**.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Heath

Headteacher



News Items



FORTHCOMING DATES

Mon 17 th Nov	Open Evening
Tue 18 th Nov	Reception Phonics in classroom for parents
Tue 18 th Nov	Menu tasting for Parents in the hall 2.45pm
Tue 18 th Nov	Nursery Reading Cafe
Wed 19 th Nov	Year 1 Phonics Workshop
Fri 21 st	KS1 Maths Workshop
Mon 24 th Nov	Open Evening
Tue 25 th Nov	Year 6 Maths Cafe
Fri 28 th Nov	Own Clothes Day – bring a gift for the tombola
Thurs 11 th Dec	Reception Christmas Concert - 10.00am
	Years 1 & 2 Christmas Concerts - 11.00am
	Years 3 & 4 Christmas Concerts - 2.15pm
Thurs 18 th Dec	Years 5 & 6 Christmas Concerts – 9.30am
	Nursery Christmas Concert - 11.00am

Please check out the calendar on the jotter for dates and times of events.

After School Clubs

Please find below a list of after school clubs and how you can sign your child up. Please be advised that there is a limited number of spaces in each club and we will operate on a first come, first served basis. Please ensure that all payment is made in advance. Thank you.

Mondays

Dance – 3.20-4.20pm Years 1-6

Tuesdays

Gymnastics Yrs 1 & 2 (12 spaces)

3.20pm-4.20pm – Please book through Non-Stop Action:

<https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

Wednesdays

Football Yrs 3, 4 & 5 (15 spaces) 3.20pm-4.20pm – Please book through Non-Stop Action: **CLUB FULL**

<https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

Kung Fu – Yrs 1-6 – 3.20pm-4.20pm - Please contact the office to book.

SPACES AVAILABLE

Thursdays

Drama Club – 3.20pm -4.20pm Years 3-5 Please book through the following website:

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We will let you know if there are any new clubs starting.

Certificates Winners

Year 1:

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Year 2:

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Year 3:

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Year 4:

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Year 5:

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Year 6:

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ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING **3rd November to 7th November 2025**

Year 1 – 83%

Year 2 – 94%

Year 3 – 94%

Year 4 – 92%

Year 5 – 92%

Year 6 – 99%

Whole school overall – 92%

Congratulations to Year 6 - Best attendance for the week!

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING **10th November to 14th November 2025**

Year 1 – 94%

Year 2 – 96%

Year 3 – 94%

Year 4 – 96%

Year 5 – 94%

Year 6 – 99%

Whole school overall – 96%

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EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF 96%