



Autumn Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the first newsletter of the school year. We hope both you and your children have had a wonderful summer and are all set for the new school year. I would like to give a particular warm welcome to all parents of children who joined us in September. I hope that this is the start of a positive relationship together. We have had a fantastic start to the new school year. It has been wonderful to see all our pupils, both new and returning, settling into routines, making new friends, and embracing their learning with enthusiasm.

Mass

On Tuesday 9th September, Fr Albert will celebrate mass with us at school. It is always a lovely way to mark the beginning of the new school year. Fr Albert will also bless the new school chaplains as they begin their new ministry within the school. We would love to see as many parents join us for this special occasion.

Meet the teacher meetings

We will be having Meet the Teacher meetings in the next couple of weeks. The dates were sent to you before the start of the year. If you have not received them, please ring the school. It is really important that you attend these meetings as important information will be shared and you will also have the opportunity to meet the class teacher and the adult/s working in your child's class. Once all the meetings have been completed, the information will go up on the school's website. Paper copies will also be available upon request.

Curriculum Guidelines

The curriculum guidelines for each year group from Year 1 to Year 6 are discussed with the parents during the Meet the Teacher meetings. These guidelines give you a brief outline of what will be covered in each year group throughout the year. It also contains some information on PE days and homework expectations. Please take some time to read through these and familiarise yourself with them. Once all the meetings have taken place, these guidelines will be available on the school website. Should you require a paper copy, please let the school office know.

ARP Update

As you may have seen on the newsletter from Morgan Sindall, since the previous newsletter, good progress has been made with completing piling works for the foundations of the building and the construction of the concrete floor slab along with the drainage works at the perimeter of the building. The builders are now progressing with building the scaffold around the building to commence the timber frame wall panels that will be the main skeleton in the next upcoming weeks.



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



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Education Sunday

Catholic Education Sunday in England and Wales will be observed on Sunday, September 14, 2025. This annual day celebrates Catholic education and gives thanks for those who work in Catholic schools, colleges, and universities, coinciding with the start of the academic year. The theme for 2025 is "The Son of Man must be lifted up," taken from St. John's Gospel, and aligns with the Holy Year of Jubilee theme of "Pilgrims of Hope".

Uniform

Please ensure all children have the correct uniform which is clearly labelled with the child's full name with the special clothes stickers, labels or laundry pen. Please do not use initials only or a normal pen as this is not sufficient. Please ensure your child also has their correct school PE kit I must emphasise that PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum and a child may only be excused with a written note for medical reasons. Should you need to order any new items, please do so using the website <https://myclothing.com/collections/st-margaret-clitherow-primary-school-29125>

The link is on the school's website also. You can also place an order by calling **0333 014 8418**.

Long hair for girls should be tied back. **No jewellery** is allowed in school, other than small stud earrings and a watch. Any child found wearing hooped earrings/necklaces/bracelets or other items of jewellery will be asked to remove them and place the items in a sealed envelope. The Parent/Carer will be contacted and requested to collect the jewellery from the school office. This is a Health and Safety regulation.

Non-Smart Mobile phones

No smartphones are allowed at school. A non-smart basic phone may be brought to school and this needs to be handed in to the school office every morning. Thank you to all the parents who have supported us with this.

Breakfast club

This club will run from 7.30am and the cost is £3.00 per session. All payments must be made via **ParentPay** in advance.

DfE Early Adopters Breakfast Scheme

This provision will run daily **from 8.00am in the school hall**. Any child in the school from Reception to Year 6 can access this service for free. **Please do not come in before this time or you will be charged for breakfast.**

Kidzone

The hours for Kidzone are from **3.20pm – 6.00pm**. All payments must be made in advance through **ParentPay**. The cost of this provision is **£6 per hour**. The cost from **3.20-6.00 will be £16**.

If you are collecting late, you will be charged for the full hour. Please respect the collection times.

Year 6 Secondary School

Year 6 applications for admission to secondary school need to be submitted by October 31st 2025. I include the link below to further information on the Brent website.

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/education-schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place#howtoapplyforasecondaryschoolplace>

Thank you for your continued support in helping us make the start of term such a positive experience for everyone. Your partnership is invaluable to our school community, and we look forward to working together throughout the year to ensure the best outcomes for all our children.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are always here to listen and help.

Wishing you and your family a restful weekend after a busy first week!

Mrs Heath

Headteacher



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FORTHCOMING DATES

Mon 8 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y5 2:45pm
Mon 8 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y6 6:00pm
Tue 9 th Sep	School Mass 11:00am
Tue 9 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y4 2:45pm
Wed 10 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y1 2:45pm
Wed 10 th Sep	ESOL class for parents 9.00am
Fri 12 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y2 2:45pm
Mon 15 th Sep	Meet the teacher Y3 2:45pm
Tue 16 th Sep	Reading Café Y6 2:45pm
Wed 17 th Sep	EWO coffee morning @ 8.45am
Fri 19 th Sep	Year 5 to Mass at EM
Tue 23 rd Sep	Reading Café Y4 @ 2:45pm
Wed 24 th Sep	Meet the teacher Reception 2:45pm
Fri 26 th Sep	Year 6 going to Mass and MacMillan Coffee Morning at EM
Mon 29 th Sep	Reading Café Y5 2:45pm
Fri 3 rd Oct	Y6 Class Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 6 th Oct	Reading Café Y3 2:45pm
Fri 10 th Oct	Y6 trip to Tower of London
Mon 13 th and Tue 14 th Oct	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tue 14 th Oct	Reading Café Year 2
Thur 16 th Oct	Year 1 Saint's Day (St John Paul II)
Fri 17 th Oct	Reception Tie – in Assembly

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

Please book through the following website:

<https://michelle-bourne-dance-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

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:

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

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

Thursdays

Drama Club – 3.20pm -4.20pm Years 3-5

Please book through the following website:

<https://michelle-bourne-dance-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

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

Holidays during school time are not permitted.

The school is closed for 14 weeks of the year and families are expected to use this time for taking holidays and visiting family. If you have an exceptional circumstance requiring leave during term time, you must complete a leave of absence form (available from the School Office). You will then be invited to a meeting at the school with the Deputy Headteacher to discuss the matter. The final decision will be made by the Headteacher. Parents **should not under any circumstances** make travel arrangements during term time without discussing it with the school first.

Children taken out of school for unauthorised leave during term time will be issued with an Education Penalty Notice. The Education Welfare Service may issue a parent with a Notice to Improve, an Education Penalty Notice (EPN) or decide to prosecute if a child is persistently absent over a minimum period of 10 weeks. If a parent is issued with an EPN, they risk receiving a fine from Brent Council of £160 if paid within 28 days. This is reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days. Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period being charged at a higher rate of £160 with no option for this second offence to be discharged at the lower rate of £80. Fines for unauthorised term time leave are issued to each parent for each absent child. Failure to pay the notice may result in a parent being prosecuted in court for their child's unauthorised absence.

For further information, a copy of our attendance policy is available to read in the school office or website or you can find the Education Welfare Service's Non-School Attendance, Education Penalty Notices, Local Code of Conduct on Brent Council's website www.brent.gov.uk

Prayer for A New School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for
the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children
as they begin a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers
and staff. Give them strength and
grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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