



Autumn Term Newsletter

Number 484 – 2nd October 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 25th September our Year 6 children hosted a coffee morning at the church. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event. We have raised over £400 for this very deserving cause.

Black History Month

Our Year 6 children led a wonderful assembly today to introduce Black History Month. The theme of the assembly was '**Honouring our Communities**'. This theme highlights the contributions of local volunteers, teachers, carers and organisers who sustain and strengthen Black British Life. The children in Year 6 showcased some of the lives of inspirational people and the legacy they have left behind.

As a Catholic community, we recognise and celebrate all our pupils and staff of black origin every day, every month. Our school rightly recognises the importance of October being associated with Black History Month. But it does not stop there. During the month of October and throughout the year, the children will be learning about cultural diversity throughout the curriculum.

Reception Workshop and stay and watch class phonic sessions

There will be a Phonics workshop for Reception parents in the hall on Wednesday 4th November. There will also be tips on how you can support your child in developing their phonics and reading knowledge. We will also have some stay and watch sessions on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th of November. These sessions will not last longer than 30 minutes. This is an opportunity for parents to stay with their child for the beginning of the day and experience a phonics session. We will have a sign-up sheet for these sessions as space is limited in the classroom.

Healthy Eating

As a Healthy School, we try our best to encourage healthy eating at all times. Our kitchen staff work very hard ensuring that the lunches they serve everyday are balanced and healthy. They always have fruit, salad and vegetables available for the children and ensure a healthy dessert is also provided. A vegan option is also available. For a link to our menu, please click [here](#).

We would also like to ensure that the food children bring in in their packed lunchboxes is balanced and healthy. We talk to the children what a healthy lunchbox should look like and also what an unhealthy lunchbox looks like. We are very happy to say that generally the packed lunches are quite healthy and balanced and we see lots of salads and fruit.

However, a few children still have items that would not be considered healthy. We would like to remind you that chocolate, crisps and sweets should not be in lunchboxes and that water is the only drink that should be provided.

Please support us with this as we try to keep your child as healthy as possible. This is also in keeping with the AST (All Saints' Trust) Health Charter which is also displayed in the lobby.

We are trying to encourage more children to have school dinners as they are **FREE** and freshly cooked. They also contain the right amount of salt, sugar, protein, fibre and carbohydrates. With the current cost of living crisis, I am sure that not having to worry about the cost of school meals should be of interest to all parents. They will also be holding a food tasting session for parents on Tuesday 17th November just before the end of the school day. For more information, please see the school website. Kitchen staff are well informed about various dietary requirements. If your child has special dietary requirements, please use the form on the website to inform us. Proof from medical professionals is required.

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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Punctuality

I would just like to urge all parents to please ensure your child is in school on time. Most children, we are pleased to say, do come on time but we still want to ensure that all children are present on time and do not miss out on valuable learning time. We have our Free Breakfast **from 8:00 every morning** and would love to see more children attend. As well as having bagels, toast, yoghurt and fruit, we also have lots of activities for the children to enjoy in the mornings, including, Lego, board games, reading books, colouring and many puzzles and sporting activities. It is so important that the children are on time as this plays such an important part in their learning and establishing routines. At a recent meeting with our EWO the issue of punctuality was discussed and parents will be invited in to discuss punctuality after half-term.

Applying for a secondary school place

Year 6 Secondary School Year 6 applications for admission to secondary school need to be submitted by **October 31st 2026**. I include the link below to further information on the Brent website. Remember to submit an application to the individual school and also to complete your online eAdmissions application.

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

Remember that if you are applying for a place in a Catholic School, you also need to complete the school's SIF (supplementary information form) available from the secondary schools. If unsure, please ask us.

If you need any support with the application, please let us know. We are always happy to help.

Please note that Fr Joseph will be available to sign school forms on Wednesday 7th October from 13:30am to 12:00pm

Contact numbers

Please ensure that the office has the most up to date contact numbers so that we can update your records. It is extremely important that we have three numbers that enable us to contact you in case of emergency. If your phone number or address change, please make sure that you inform the school office. Also, please ensure that your GP details are included on the form and are up to date.

Consent Forms Returns

We recently sent out consent forms which need to be signed and returned to the office as soon as possible.

We also need any updated allergy or dietary requirements. It is also very important that we have the most up to date medical plan, if your child has a medical condition.

Safeguarding

The designated safeguarding leaders at school are: Mrs Ilira Heath, Miss Blaithin Nolan., Mrs Katrina Baalla and Mrs Caroline Kailou Any child protection issues can be reported to any one of us. Children know this and you must as well. Our e-safety page on our website is vital for you to look at, especially the age guides for using different forms of social media. Please also check on the school Jotter as we post regular updates on e- safety matters. Look out for our Wake-Up Wednesday guides and our monthly Safeguarding newsletter.

Recording and Photography during Assemblies

At present, we allow parents to take photos and record their children during assemblies. We do this in good faith that any pictures/videos taken are for your own viewing and **will not be shared** publicly on any social media platforms. If we find that photos/videos are being shared on these platforms then we will have no option but to ban videoing or photography on school premises.

Uniform

Our uniform policy must be followed by all to make your children equal. Make sure your child has our correct uniform on and no jewellery except for stud earrings. If you need our help then let us know. Now that the weather is getting colder and wetter, it is very important that children wear coats to school as they spend a lot of time outdoors. Remember coats must be black or blue and shoes not trainers should be worn to school.

Remember to **label** all items of clothing. We already have a collection of items without names that we are unable to return to the owners.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Heath



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FORTHCOMING DATES

Mon 5 th Oct	Feast Day of St Francis- Reception Class – Own clothes for Reception
Mon 5 th Oct	Year 3 Reading Café 2.45pm
Friday 9 th Oct	Wear Yellow for Mental Health
Fri 16 th Oct	Year 1 Saint's Day (St John Paul II)- own clothes for Year 1
Fri 16 th Oct	Reception Tie – in Assembly @ 2.30pm
Mon 19 th Oct	Half-Term
Mon 26 th Oct	Half-Term
Tue 3 rd Nov	Year 6 -Saint Day – own clothes for Year 6
Wed 4 th Nov	Phonic workshop for Reception parents
Fri 6 th Nov	BINGO NIGHT
Mon 9 th Nov	Year 6 to Gordon Brown
Mon 9 th Nov	Phonics drop in for parents
Tue 10 th Nov	Phonics drop in for parents
Tue 10 th Nov	Reading Café - Reception

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

Governors' Fund—our annual voluntary payment of **£90 for this year 2026-2027** is now available to be paid via parent pay. This can be paid annually or in 3 instalments. Thank you for your support.

PE

Please ensure that your child wears the school jogging bottoms for PE as this lesson takes place outdoors and the weather is now much colder; shorts are no longer appropriate. Children are not permitted to wear tights under shorts as this is not hygienic.

School Jotter

Can you please ensure that you have downloaded the **SCHOOL JOTTER**. If you are an IOS user please go to the Apple App Store and for Android users it is Google Play. We upload newsletters and notices etc. frequently.

Consent Forms Returns

Please complete and return any outstanding consent forms. If you did not receive a form, please come to the office and get one.

Certificates Winners

See next Newsletter

Year 1:

Year 2:

Year 3:

Year 4:

Year 5:

Year 6:

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 21st September to 25th September 2026

Year 1 – **95%**
Year 2 – **97%**
Year 3 – **94%**
Year 4 – **99%**
Year 5 – **97%**
Year 6 – **95%**

Whole school overall – **96%**

Congratulations to **Year 4** - Best attendance for the week!

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Year 5 – **94%**
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EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF 96%