Clutton Primary School Appreciate, Aspire, Achieve

Newsletter 1 - September 5th 2025

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to our children and families at the beginning of this new school year. We hope you managed to have an enjoyable summer break and found some time to relax and enjoy the wonderful sunshine. The staff have all been really impressed with the attitude and behaviour of the children during their first week back at school; they have come back ready to learn with lots of enthusiasm and interest. We have enjoyed meeting our new starters as well and would like to say a thank you to our Year 6 pupils who have embraced their new responsibilities including acting as 'buddies' to our Reception children (Cherries), helping them to get settled into life at Clutton school both inside and outside the classroom.

The school site has been a hive of activity over the holidays. Three of our classrooms have been repainted and had new carpets and suspended ceilings fitted as well as the wooden floors being resanded throughout the school. You may also have noticed we have a brand new astro which hopefully will no longer flood every time we have some rain. We are still waiting to have some new playground equipment installed in our Early Years Area which although will cause a little bit of disruption when this happens in a couple of weeks, we think it will be worth it!

Again this year, we will continue to send out a weekly newsletter every Friday. It includes important notices from the school office, gives you diary dates, as well as providing other relevant news and information. This newsletter is one of the main ways in which we will communicate with you, so please read it each week so that you are updated with what is going on at our school. If you do ever have any queries you can always contact us by phone or email. The newsletter will be sent out via Arbor and added to the school website each Friday.

A year ago, we launched a real drive to improve attendance both in our school and across the Trust. We set ourselves an aspirational target of 97% at Clutton and we almost achieved it, finishing the year at 96.34%. You may have seen attendance as a focus again in the news over the last few days and although we understand the financial pressures on parents and appreciate that holidays are often cheaper in term time, we would encourage all parents to refrain from booking holidays while their children are in school.

The beginning of term is always a good time to focus on school uniform and the majority of our children have returned looking very smart in the correct uniform. Please refer to the website <u>link here</u> for what your child should be wearing to school, with a particular focus on PE lessons, as this was the area that many children deviated from in the summer term. Thank you for the donations to our uniform Swap Shop rail, the Eco Team are very grateful. Please feel free to come and browse for anything you need from the rail in the reception area. Everything is free to take.

Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull

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A big welcome to our new Cherries!

Cherry class have blown us away this week with how brilliantly they have settled into Clutton School. They have spent time learning and exploring their new learning environment as well as spending time with their Year 6 Buddies. Well done to our new Cherries and we can't wait to see you again next week.







Certificates of the week

Doodle Maths

These dedicated mathematicians completed the Doodle Maths Summer Challenge 2025!



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Other Awards

Congratulations to the following children for completing the Summer Reading Challenge: Esme, Ida, Autumn, Zander, Coralie, Gracie, Teddy, Charlie and Grace.







Erin brought in her gymnastics award, Lewis his football trophy and Zander his new Judo grading belt. Eddie showed his moto cross trophy while Noah and Stanley achieved their Doodle English certificates over the holidays.

Notices

- Water bottle A reminder that every child must bring a water bottle (with water not squash) to school everyday for their own personal use. Please can you also ensure these are washed out thoroughly. We have had a few cases of children bringing mouldy bottles into school where they have been refilled before washing.
- Long hair For reasons of health and safety, long hair should always be tied back.
- School day Begins at 8.45am and ends 3.15pm. The gates will close at 8.50am and after this
 time you will need to press the buzzer to enter the school. Children arriving after 8:50am are
 marked as late in the register.
- School lunch menus Autumn term 25/26 Please click here to view new menus
- **School pick up** Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.

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Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Monday 8th Meet the teacher -3.30pm (NOT CHERRY CLASS)

Friday 19th Swimming starts for Oak Class

Monday 22nd Clubs begin

Friday 26th Macmillan Coffee Morning - 10am

OCTOBER

Friday 3rd Theatre production group performance -whole school Thursday 9th Oak Class Learning Exhibition to parents @2.30pm

Wednesday 15th Open morning for prospective new parents

Thursday 16th (am) Lifeskills session - Year 6
Wednesday 22nd Parents Evening (3.30 - 7pm)
Thursday 23rd Parents Evening (3.30 -5pm)

Friday 24th INSET DAY

Free Webinar on Emotional Health and Well-being for Parents/Carers:

We are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on emotional health and well-being, hosted by the School Aged Health Service. The session will take place on 17th of September 2025 at 11am and is specifically designed for parents and carers.

This is a repeat of previous sessions delivered, so if you missed it last time, we encourage you to take this opportunity to attend.

If you would like to join, please use the link below to sign up. We encourage you to join us for this valuable session!



https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29aaa760-d70e-4bc5-9dab-550f9d87425e@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a8a20-5ce4890cf466