



Clutton Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery

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Newsletter 1 - September 11th 2026

We would like to extend a very warm welcome back to our children and families at the beginning of this new school year. 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 starters in our newly opened Apple Tree Nursery 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. Extensive renovation works have taken place to create the Nursery and Cherry Class as well as major paint works throughout the rest of the school. I would personally like to thank all the staff that came in over the holidays to help with all the clearing, cleaning and sorting.

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.**

You may have seen attendance is a focus again in the news over the last weeks 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 [link here](#) 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 Drop and Swap Shop, the Eco Team are very grateful. Please feel free to come and browse for anything you need from the rail in the school office area. Everything is free to take.

Mrs Cowgill



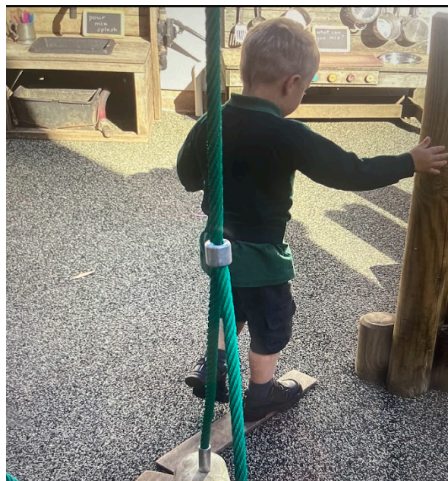
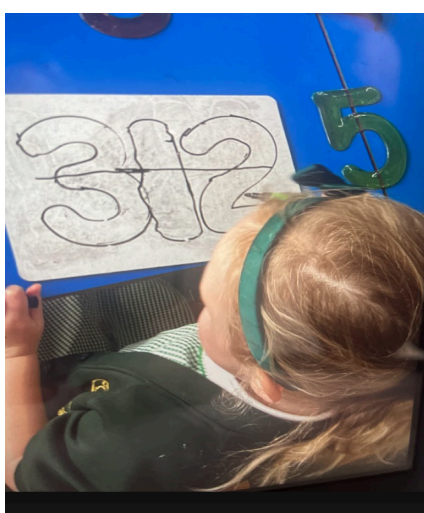
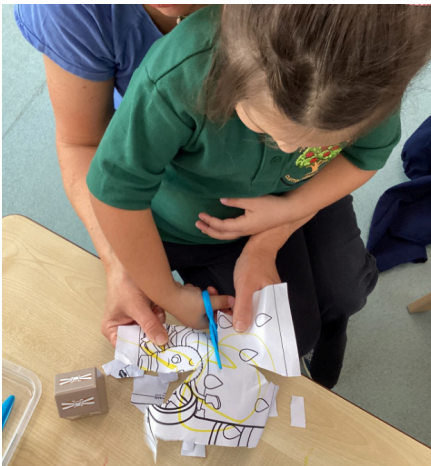
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A few pictures of our new starters in Cherry and Nursery





A little message about our PTFA

Our PTFA has done some lovely things for the school and the children over the years — from fundraising to organising events and creating those extra special moments that the children really enjoy.

At the moment, though, we've reached a point where we really need some new parents and carers to get involved if the PTFA is going to continue.

I know how busy everyone is, and I completely understand that joining a PTFA can sometimes sound like a big commitment. Please don't feel that joining means you suddenly have to volunteer for everything. We would much rather have lots of people doing one manageable thing each than a handful of people trying to do everything. Even if you can only help now and again, share an idea, bake for a sale, help at an event, post something on social media or come along to the occasional meeting, it all genuinely helps.

The fundraising side of the PTFA also makes a real difference. The money raised helps towards things such as school trips, experiences, equipment and other extras for the children. If the PTFA is unable to continue, some of those costs may need to be covered in other ways.

There's no previous experience needed, and nobody is expected to know how everything works — we can figure it out together.

Without a few more people joining us, there is a real possibility that the PTFA may not be able to continue, and I would be so sad to see that happen.

So if you've ever thought about getting involved, even just a little, I'd really love you to come along to our AGM, have a chat and see what you think.

You'd be very welcome.

Verity - Interim Chair of Clutton Primary School PTFA





Certificates of the week

Head Teacher Awards

The whole of Cherry Class and Apple Tree Nursery children were given the certificate for settling in so well. Maple Class winner was **Chloe**, Rowan Class winner was **Bear**, Chestnut Class winner was **Harlen** and Oak Class winner was **Aaron**. All of these children have demonstrated our school values of resilience, respect and craftsmanship.

Doodle Maths

Congratulations to **Teddy, Imogen, Joshua, Elizabeth and Archie** for getting the most stars in their class this week.

All the following children completed the Doodle Maths Summer Challenge: **Noah, Nina, Rory, Renzo, Alistair, Stanley, Noah, Millie, Johannes, Brooke, Chloe, Imogen** - Well done!

Lunchtime Awards

Summer, Sophie and Leighton have been absolutely fantastic this week - polite and helpful. Really great role models to their peers.

Summer Reading Challenge

We're really proud of the number of children who take part in the reading challenge each summer. The following children showed their medal and certificate this week : **Ida, Coralie, Lottie, Autumn, Rory**. I know there will be more next week!

Other Awards

Rory and **Charlie** showed their rugby trophies, **Eddie** showed his Motocross trophy, **Ida** showed her 25m and 50m swimming certificates and **Florence** showed her level 10 gymnastics medal. We set Florence a challenge of achieving her level 20 by the time she leaves Year 6. She accepted the challenge! A big well done to all our sports stars.



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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.
- **Photos** - Going forwards, due to photo permissions, advances in technology and AI altered images we have taken the decision to not include full face photos on any of our photos used on the newsletter and social media.
- **Class Pages** - Due to a change of settings across the Academy our class pages are not currently working. We hope to have these up and running as soon as possible. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.
- **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.
- **Wraparound care** - runs from 7.30 - 5.30 (M -Th) and 7.30 - 4.30 (Fri) Bookable via Arbor. Child care vouchers accepted.
- **School pick up** - Please remember to inform the school if collection arrangements are different from normal.

OPEN MORNING

Clutton Primary School Invites You!

Friday 9th October
9:30am - 11:00am

Come along to explore our school, including a tour of our new nursery!

Booking is not required

 Contact the school office on **01761 452510** or email: **office@clutton.mnsp.org.uk**



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Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

Wk beg Monday 14th
Tuesday 15th
Friday 18th
Monday 21st
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Meet the teacher 3.30pm (classes are on different days - see welcome email from class teacher)
Cherry Class (Reception) phonics meeting - 5.30pm in Cherry Class
Swimming starts for Oak Class
Mobile library visit 1 - 3pm
Clubs begin

OCTOBER

Friday 2nd
Friday 9th
Friday 9th
Tuesday 13th (am)
Thursday 15th
Thursday 15th
Tuesday 20th
Wednesday 21st
Thursday 22nd
Friday 23rd

Theatre production group performance -whole school
Open morning for prospective Reception and Nursery parents 9.30 - 11
PTFA AGM - Railway Inn (after school pick up)
Lifeskills session - Year 6
Oak Class learning exhibition 2.30pm for parents
Open evening for prospective parents 5 - 6.30pm
Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
Parents Evening 3.30 - 7pm
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Family Support & Inclusion Day

Come together, find support, and see what's out there for your family



Family Support & Inclusion Day - for parents, carers and professionals

 **Wednesday 14th October 2026**

 **Doors are open from 9:30am - 7pm, join us at any time**

 **Apex City of Bath Hotel
James Street West, Bath, BA1 2DA**

Ever wondered what support is out there for your family? Not sure where to start or who to talk to?

Come along, meet the teams and hear more from services

Pre-book your place or just drop in on the day!



Scan here for more information and to find updates on the event
banespcf.co.uk/event/family-support-inclusion-day

