



Clutton Primary School and Apple Tree Nursery

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Newsletter 6 - October 16th 2026

Our busiest week this term by far! From our harvest festival and netball tournament on Monday, Year 6 life skills on Tuesday to Oak Class Learning Exhibition and open evening on Thursday, our final celebration assembly of the term and DT day in Chestnut Class. Read all about some of these events below.

Just a reminder that we have INSET days next Thursday and Friday so the last day of term will be Wednesday where children are invited to come to school in fancy dress in return for a £1 donation to the PTFA.

Mrs Cowgill

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all the parents who attended our harvest celebration. It was lovely to see the harvest themed activities and work that each of the classes have been busy preparing. The sound of the children singing really filled the hall - a joyous way to start the week. Many thanks to Miss Hodgkinson and Mrs Morris for organising the event and to you for your donations for the local foodbank.





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Netball Tournament

With a squad of just five players (Summer, Nancy, Sophie G, Molly, and Bonnie) our team headed to the area High 5 netball tournament at Downside to gain valuable experience, having had only three practice sessions prior to competing.

What a performance they put on! After using their opening match as a learning experience, narrowly losing 3-0, the team rallied brilliantly. They bounced back with a 3-0 victory, fought hard for a 0-0 draw in their third match, and finished strong with a sensational 7-1 win. Playing on a full-sized court without any substitutes required incredible stamina, and we couldn't be prouder of the resilience, teamwork, and determination they showed throughout the evening.



Year 6 Life Skills

On Tuesday, Year 6 took the short journey into Bristol to visit Lifeskills.

"Lifeskills is an immersive, interactive village designed to teach life-saving safety skills through realistic scenarios and exciting experiences. Our aim is to give children and young people the confidence needed to make informed, independent decisions, paving the way for a safer and brighter future."

As always, the trip went down incredibly well and the Year 6 cohort loved it. Not only did they love it, but they also learnt some important lessons and skills that they may one day have to use in real life scenarios. In small groups, accompanied by a volunteer, they made their way around 17 different realistic scenarios including: making emergency 999 calls, road and railway safety, home hazards and the new E-scooter fire safety.



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Thank you to all the amazing volunteers at Lifeskills that make is such a valuable and enjoyable trip year on year.

Learning Exhibition

It was the turn of Oak Class this term to showcase all of their wonderful work! Once again, the event was extremely well attended. A huge well done to all of the Oak pupils, your confidence and eloquence when explaining your activities were truly impressive, making you fantastic role models for our younger students.



Parents Evening

There are still a few slots available for those who have not yet signed up. If you are unable to make either next Tuesday or Wednesday, please contact your child's class teacher to make an alternative appointment after half term.



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Chestnut Class have been busy making hedgehogs and leaf sculptures in Forest School this week.



This week we got our sand delivery so we've had a very fun week filling our sandpit and building sand castles.



In our maths sessions this week we have been exploring numbers. Cherries impressed me with adding one more on our ten frames. Well done everyone!



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Fantastic work from Maple Class! They have been diving deep into their number bonds to 10 this week, using brilliant problem-solving skills to explore all the different ways numbers connect to make ten.



Chestnut Class spent Wednesday morning creating and evaluating mechanical cars as part of their DT topic. They ended the morning by testing how far they went after being put on a ramp - one car ended up travelling over two meters before stopping!

Awards of the week

Head Teacher Certificates

This week's superstars, who have demonstrated our school values are: **Damon** (Oak), **Ottily** (Chestnut), **Ellis** (Rowan), **Paisley** (Maple), **Sophia** (Cherry) and **Jack** (Apple Tree Nursery)

Doodle Maths

This week's stars who were all in the green zone are:

Maple Class - **Alistair, Archie, Charlie L, Chloe, Clemmie, Luke, Paisley, Toby**



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Rowan Class - **Charlie J, Dillon, Elizabeth, Harry, Ida, Nina, Oscar, Ellis**

Chestnut Class - **Addy, Lottie, Imogen, Rory, Stanley, Teddy**

Oak Class - **Johannes, Joshua**

Congratulations to **Ellis R, Charlie L, Johannes** and **Imogen** who got the most stars in their class this week. Johannes also has an incredible 1361 day streak. Can you work out how many years, months and days this equates to?

Lunchtime Awards

The lunchtime team has chosen **Poppy** and **Cristina** to receive the certificates this week. Both have been extremely helpful and polite.

House Point Stars

The following children received the most house points in their class this week : Keep up the good work!

Cherry Class - **Mila, Kipp, Navy** and **Sophia**

Maple Class - **Theo**

Rowan Class - **Coralie**

Chestnut Class - **Winter**

Oak Class - **Molly**

Other Awards

Once again our students have shown how talented they are, **Lainie** and **Erin** have done fantastically in gymnastics and have both achieved Silver medals. **Kipp** has achieved his 1st swimming certificate and 2 players of the match **Sam** for Football and **Albie** for Rugby.

Finally, congratulations to [Sapphire House](#) who have won the house cup this term.

We have lots of Poppies, Bands and Pins available from the British Royal Legion for their Poppy Appeal, if Children would like to bring in a Donation these will be available next week



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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 wherever possible on any of our photos used on the newsletter and social media.
- **Long hair** - For reasons of health and safety, long hair should always be tied back.
- **Head lice** - There have been a few cases of head lice reported in school - please check your child's hair!
- **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.

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Monday 19th

Flu Immunisations

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Netball match @ Castle Primary. (Leave school at 3.15)

Tuesday 20th

Parents Evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

Wednesday 21st

PTFA event - fancy dress non-uniform Day and Halloween tuckshop after school

Parents Evening 3.30 - 7pm

Thursday 22nd

INSET DAY

Friday 23rd

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NOVEMBER

November 2nd

TERM 2 STARTS

Sunday 8th

PTFA fireworks @ Church Farm

Wednesday 25th

INSET DAY



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The School Aged Health Service are pleased to offer a FREE webinar on Emotional Health & Well Being to support parents and carers of primary aged children. The session will take place on Wednesday 21st October 10am to 11am. If you would like to attend, please use the link below to sign up. We encourage you to join us for this valuable session!

Long link

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3a203186-df42-498b-975d-905114d938cd@2c2b1ee0-a8a1-49e6-a820-5ce4890cf466>

Short link

<https://tinyurl.com/2wxpzcnn>



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