



Clockhouse Primary School

Newsletter - September 2025

#ourclockhousefamily

Working and Learning together to be the best that we can be

Dear Parents / Carers,

Although rather belated, another year at Clockhouse Primary School is well underway, so may I take this opportunity to formally welcome you all back to school as well as welcoming the many new children and families that have joined us this year. Although, if like me it is a long distant memory, I do hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. A huge thank you to our whole community for the positive way in which you have all returned to school. It has been wonderful to see the children eager to get into school and genuinely happy and excited to learn. Once again the way they have settled into the new year has been very impressive.

At this point, it is always important to welcome the new staff to Clockhouse. I am sure many of you have already met those that have joined us but in case you have not, we are very pleased to welcome a number of new adults. Mrs Abeledo was very eager to join Clockhouse as our new Deputy Headteacher, many of you have met her on the gate and thank you, on her behalf, for the warm welcome you have shown her. On the teaching team, we are most pleased to welcome Miss Lucas (Year 3 - Brazil). In terms of class based support staff, it has been lovely to welcome Mrs Harris and Mrs Steadman (Reception), Mrs Javeed (Year 1), Miss Janneth (Year 3), Miss Wiffen (Year 5) and Miss O'Driscoll (Greenland). As many of you may have noticed, Mr Gary is no longer with us, but a familiar face has returned and we were all delighted to welcome Mr Fox back as the Site Manager supported by Mr Dennington. I am sure you join me in welcoming them and wishing them all the very best for their future at Clockhouse.

As you may already know, during the summer holidays, building works took place to improve the school. As well as a deep clean of the whole school and repairs that needed doing, aspects of the school were also painted and refurbished. Our Year 5 classes do look rather fabulous.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children continue to come to school in the correct uniform and in PE Kits on PE Days; this is certainly making everyone's lives easier. As always, thank you for the continued support you give to us every day and I look forward to working with you all during the next academic year, for the good of all the Clockhouse children, families and the Collier Row Community.

Mrs Savidge



Reading, Reading and more Reading!

As you know, we love celebrating all things reading and also rewarding children for their reading. The children love the weekly Reading Raffle on a Monday and get very excited when they know their name is in the pot. We are continuing with the same approach this year but there will be a half termly bonus draw - watch this space. Again, this does rely on your help. As I am sure you have seen, Reading Record Books have been handed out. We ask that you fill these in every time your child reads at home (or send a message on Dojo). Each entry will earn a raffle ticket to be entered into the Monday draw. The more times they read, the more times they enter and the more chance they have of winning! The children can choose to read their school book or another book they have at home.

Our Clockhouse Association

Thank you to the OCA for their efforts last year. Their hard work continued during the year and their commitment was admirable. Look out for information about this year, coming soon.

Meet our Nurture Value Character

As you know, at Clockhouse we work hard to show our six Clockhouse Values - Nurture, Respect, Learning, Community, Excellence and Excitement.

This term our focus value is Nurture with it being the start of the school year and a lot of nurturing needed. Meet Anaya, named due to her name meaning care and protection. Anaya, the nurture character, shows her value by being kind, caring and thoughtful to all. Try to be like Anaya!



Relentless and Rigorous!

This year we are all working hard to be 'Relentless and Rigorous' in everything we do, say and show following the success of 'Channelling our Clockhouse Compass' last year! Being Relentless and Rigorous, means we need to keep going even when things are difficult and always do our best. Many children and staff are already living up to these expectations and we are certainly very proud of them.



How can you support your child's learning at home?

Home Learning

As many of you will already know, our Home Learning Policy changed a few years ago. Whilst this was appreciated by many, I know a few families had reservations about this new approach and this continues. Following feedback we have, once again, spent time reviewing the current approach and can see that this is benefitting the children in terms of their learning in the classroom. Whilst Year 6 do get paper based weekly home learning, the rest of the school will continue with the approach from last year. Therefore, we ask that you hear your child read every night and question them about what they have read, practise their spellings with them as well as practising their times table or number bonds. This really does help them in the classroom and support their progress. Thank you in advance for your support and please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.



Online Reading and Maths resources to use at home

Please remember that **Spelling Shed** and **Times Table Rock Stars**, the online programmes that we subscribe to, are available for the children. If you cannot remember your password, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to reissue it to you .



A Few Reminders - Important Please Read!

Uniform:

Thank you so much to all parents who continue to work with the school to ensure that the children look so smart and are dressed in correct school uniform. Please can I remind you that the school uniform includes black, flat shoes. As part of Health and Safety, please ensure that long hair is tied back (in addition this helps prevent the spread of head lice amongst children). Please can I also remind you that the children are not permitted to wear nail varnish. Thank you also to all those who have ensured that PE Kit is being worn on PE days. Please remember that at least one PE session per week is outdoors - if you would like to know which days this is, please speak to your child's teacher. Please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather and have coats with them. Thank you in advance for your support.

Jewellery:

Can I please remind you that, apart from small stud earrings, jewellery is not allowed for safety reasons. It is a Local Authority policy that children do not take part in P.E. if they are wearing earrings. As P.E. is a compulsory part of the curriculum, please can I ask that you remove earrings on PE days. If earrings are not removed, you will be asked to come to school and remove them before the start of the lesson. The school cannot tape over earrings themselves as again, Local Authority guidance does not permit this.

Queuing

It is great to see so many of the children and yourselves eager to get into school. Thank you for queuing to do so. Please can we ask that when queuing the pavement is not completely blocked. Please be aware of this and ensure that the queue does not take over the whole of the pavement and leaves a clear pathway for people to get past safely. Hopefully the changes to opening the gates are helping this.

Scooters and Equipment:

Please can we remind you that scooters and bikes should not be ridden on site at the beginning and end of the school day. Similarly play equipment should also not be played on at these times of the day. Please do remind your children about this and we do ask for your continued support in this matter.

Smoking and Vaping

A number of parents / carers have spoken to staff at the gate concerned about smoking and vaping in the queue and outside of the school gates.

We really do appreciate your patience when waiting in the queue but if we could kindly ask you to refrain from smoking and vaping whilst waiting, it would be appreciated by so many.

Come and Learn with us

We are delighted to welcome you back to school for Learn With My Child. Arrangements, including times, will be shared with you nearer to the sessions but dates in the diary, are as follows -

Nursery	26 th and 27 th November
Reception	30 th September / 1 st October
Year 1	7 th November
Year 2	16 th October
Year 3	4 th November
Year 4	12 th November
Year 5	21 st October
Year 6	25 th September
Greenland	14 th November

We look forward to welcoming you into school.



Important Dates

30 th September & 1 st October	Year R – Learn with my Child
7 th October	Harvest Festival
10 th October	World Mental Health Day – wear Yellow
16 th October	Year 2 – Learn with my child
21 st October	Year 5 – Learn with my child
22 nd & 23 rd October	Parents Evenings
23 rd October	Bright Day
24th October	Inset Day
27th – 31st October	HALF TERM
3rd November	Children back to school
w/b 3 rd November	Best of British Week
w/b 3 rd November	Attendance and Punctuality Week
3 rd November	Scout Fit
4 th November	Flu Immunisation (1) – Year R-6
4 th November	Year 3 - Learn with my Child
7 th November	Year 1 – Learn with my child
w/b 10 th November	Year 6 Mock Sats
11 th November	Remembrance Day Service
11 th November	Individual Photographs
12 th November	Year 4 – Learn with my child
14 th November	Children in Need Day
14 th November	Greenland – Learn with my child
17 th & 18 th November	Bikeability – Y3/Y4
19 th & 20 th November	Bikeability – Year 2-6 (Learn to Ride)
21 st November	Cycle Awareness YR-Y2
w/b 24 th November	Bikeability – Y5/Y6
26 th & 27 th November	Year N – Learn with my child
28 th November	Whole School Advent Calendar
28 th November	Decorate Classrooms together
4 th December	Flu Immunisation Catch-up Day Year R-6
5 th December	Cake Sale Fundraising Day
8 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal - a.m- 1 (Scotland / Spain / Mexico)
8 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – p.m 2 (Northern Ireland / France / USA)
9 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – a.m 3 (Wales / Italy / Canada)
9 th December	PM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 2.30pm
10 th December	AM Nursery Christmas Concert @ 9.15am
10 th December	KS1 Concert 1 @ 2.30
11 th December	KS1 Concert 2 @ 9.30
11 th December	KS1 Concert 3 @ 2.30
12 th December	Christmas Dress Rehearsal – am – Year 3 and Year 4
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
12 th December	Christmas Dinner
15 th December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 9.30
15 th December	Year 3 and 4 Concert @ 2.30
16 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 2.15
16 th December	Year 5 and 6 Carol Service @ 7.00
17 th December	Father Christmas in school
19 th December	Non- Uniform Day / Whole School Parties
19 th December	Last Day of Term
22nd December – 2nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
5th January	Children back to school

Holiday Dates 2025-2026

	School Closes at the end of the day on	School re-opens on
Autumn Half term	Thursday 23rd October	Monday 3rd November
Christmas	Friday 19th December	Monday 5th January
Spring Half term	Friday 13th February	Monday 23rd February
Easter	Thursday 26th March	Monday 13th April
May Day	Monday 4th May	
Summer Half term	Friday 22nd May	Monday 1st June
Summer	Friday 17th July	to be confirmed
In Service Training Day:	Friday 24 th October	Friday 27th March
	Monday 20th July	