



CLOCKHOUSE CONNECTION



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Staff Changes

Throughout the term we have said goodbye to a number of staff and also welcomed some new members to the team. Earlier in the term we said goodbye to Mrs Ford who has relocated and Mrs Olio who is off on an adventure of a life time. On Friday, we say goodbye to Mrs Shara who works in the Year 1 team. Mrs Murrell has stepped into the shoes vacated by Mrs Ford and in January Miss Carter will be filling the role left by Mrs Olio. We will also be welcoming Mrs Bell. and recently have welcomed former student Miss Beckford, who has joined the Reception team.

Many of you know Mrs Ayling, please be aware, that from immediate effect, she will be known as Miss Wilson. If you are anything like me. it will take some getting used to.

Attendance Matters

A big well done to all those who have done so well with attendance this term despite the many germs going around.

Well done to Year 5, who have been a focus year group this term. They have enjoyed completing the Year 5 15 day challenge. Watch out for the next focus year group.

A message from Mrs Savidge

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year



As another year at Clockhouse draws to a close and we reflect on 2025, I hope you join with me and agree that it has been another successful, memorable and exciting year. It would not have been nearly so successful without your kindness and positivity. Thank you from us all. Together we have worked hard to ensure that the school continues to improve and we have endeavoured to provide the best possible educational experience for each and every one of our wonderful children. As always, thank you to you and the children for your on-going support throughout this term but it would also be remiss of me not to thank the wonderful and simply amazing staff team we have. Every day they really do all they can to make the school exceptional for the good of you all, especially your children.

It was lovely to welcome so many of you, to our fabulous Christmas concerts. The children certainly impressed and I know they loved performing to you all. Thank you to everyone who put their change (or

more) in the bucket. We raised an amazing £855.51 which will be split between our two charities - Chigwell Riding for the Disabled and St. Francis Hospice.

Thank you also for your support with the recent Cake Sale which raised a fabulous £851.27. This will go back into the school to support the enrichment opportunities we give to your children.

All that leaves me to say, is thank you so much for your ongoing support throughout the term. Working with such a fabulous community makes the harder times so much easier. Next year, we continue our pursuit to making Clockhouse the best it can possibly be and will continue all that we can to support you. The staff and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and the best possible start to 2026.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 5th January** for another action-packed and fun-filled year, whatever it may bring! Have the best possible holiday everyone!

Our Clockhouse Association (OCA)

A big well done and thank you to Our Clockhouse OCA who, thanks to their organisation and your generosity, have managed to raise an overwhelming amount for our school this year. We have big plans for its use next year - exciting times ahead. Thanks goes again to Keystones for their continued sponsorship and generosity. We hope the children enjoyed the Festive Disco and enjoyed the excitement of the raffle draw. Congratulations to the winners!



Year Group News...

A lot has happened in each year group this half term, so here is a little taster of what has been going on:

Nursery - Our Nursery children thoroughly enjoyed their first Nativity and did us all and you proud. It is so lovely to see how settled they are and see their confidence growing!

Reception - The Reception children have been working so hard to learn their sounds and tricky words and their progress is so impressive to see. Well done all!

Year 1 - The children in Year 1 have had a great time learning about Woodland Life. They loved their first trip out of school searching for The Gruffalo at Thorndon Park.

Year 2 - Year 2 have loved learning all about Polar Regions. The trip to Colchester Zoo was certainly a 'hit' once again and the children loved seeing all the animals.

Year 3 - Year 3 have had a busy half-term. This term they have really got into learning French and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm for this subject developing.

Year 4 - The children have continued to enjoy their learning about Ancient Egypt. They also really enjoyed their Egyptian Day where they got to learn from lots of different sources.

Year 5 - Year 5 have had a busy term completing their learning all about Europe. One of the highlights of the term had to be their trip to The Queens Theatre - oh yes it was!

Year 6 - The Year 6 children had a great time learning about different periods in History. They made some great Dragons' Eyes and had a great time at The Twist Museum.

Greenland - Greenland have had a busy half term and loved having their parents in to learn with them. The families who came certainly seemed to enjoy their time with us also.

I am sure you can appreciate this is just a small taster of what has happened at Clockhouse this term; it would be truly impossible to capture it all! Thank you to all the families who came to the various Learn with my Child sessions throughout the term. It was so lovely to welcome you all.

Feedback

What have you told us?

Although a little late sharing, the Summer Term Parent / Carer questionnaire focussed on many aspects of school life. Thank you to those that took the time to complete the questionnaire and support us in striving for improvement. Please use the QR Code to view the results. As can be seen, the results present the positive views of the school. We have already actioned a number of the points that you have raised.



Community Corner

Help keep everyone safe and happy

Thank you to all those who are respectful of the parking rules around the school in the mornings and at the end of the day. This is to keep our community safe and happy.

As you will know, we have good relationships with our neighbours as a school. Please help us maintain these by parking respectfully and not in front of, on or overlapping driveways.

It also continues to sadden me that there is still a small number of parents / carers who continue to park in breach of the law - please do not. I would hate there to be an accident as I am sure you would!

The Governors

Meet Mrs Wright!

Hello! My name is Jo, and I've been a school governor at Clockhouse for almost a year. I work in social care, supporting children and young adults with learning disabilities, which gives me a real passion for helping all children strive to reach their full potential.

I truly enjoy being part of the Clockhouse family. It's a wonderful school with outstanding values, and

I am proud to contribute to its ongoing success and positive impact for all children.





January and February

Dates for the Diary

7 th January	Year 5 Chocolate Museum Workshop
8 th January	Year 2 Florence Nightingale Day
15 th January	Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4 Road Safety
15 th January	YR & Y1 Dental checks
w/b 19 th January	Super STEM Week
19 th January	Year 1 Learn with my Child
20 th January	Year 6 trip to Gunpowder Mills
22 nd January	Choir singing at O2
28 th January	Year 5/6 Road Safety Workshop
28 th & 29 th January	Year R Learn with my Child
29 th January	Year 1 to Discovery Centre
w/b 2 nd February	Year 6 Mock Tests
2 nd February	Year 5 Space Dome Workshop
3 rd & 4 th February	Year N Learn with my Child
4 th February	Year 5 Space Workshop
5 th February	Year 2 Learn with my Child
10 th February	Year 6 Learn with my Child
12 th February	Year 5 Learn with my Child
13 th February	Last Day of Half Term
16 th – 20 th Feb	Half Term
23 rd February	Children return to school

Further dates for the second half of the Spring Term can be found on the School Website.

Values

Our Clockhouse Values

Do not forget our six Clockhouse Values and the importance of us all living up to these and modelling them all the time!



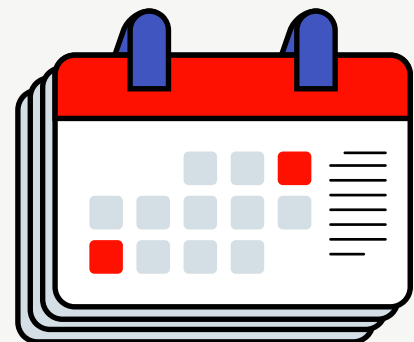
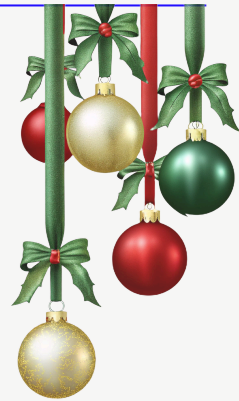
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Holiday Dates

	School Closes at the end of the day on
Christmas	Friday 19th December
Spring Half term	Friday 13th February
Easter	Thursday 26th March
May Day	Monday 4th May
Summer Half term	Friday 22nd May
Summer Friday	Friday 17th July
In Service Training Day	Friday 27th March Monday 20th July

School re-opens on

Monday 5th January
Monday 23rd February
Monday 13th April
Monday 1st June
To be confirmed



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