



CLAREMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 12th DECEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our final newsletter of this term. It has been a long haul since September but we have achieved so much. As always, at this time of year, we have had the highlight of the Early Years Nativity. This year's performance was excellent, emotional and really enjoyable. I love the chance to see just how much our youngest children have moved on this year. A huge thank you to Mrs Hann, Mrs Wikes, Miss Greaves, Mrs Khan, Mrs Wong, Mrs Harries and Mrs Arnold for giving me the chance to share in the Christmas message of hope, peace and good will to all. Our musicians have also been really busy with Area Band performing at the Albert hall and Year 3MW singing songs at the Christmas Lights switch on in Hyson Green. Thank you so much to Mr Peel for bringing all of this together.

As we come to the final week of term, we have the chance to look back with pride and look forwards with hope and expectation. Our children have so much talent and potential and I can't wait to see how much they achieve next year.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Best wishes,
Rob Campbell
Headteacher

Attendance:

Our attendance target is 96%
Last week's attendance was 92.3%



Dates for your diary:

16th December – Christmas Fayre and Enterprise Fair

17th December – Key Stage 1 Singing Performance, Christmas Dinner Day and Nottingham Forest Christmas Party

19th December – Last Day of Autumn Term

5th January 2026 – INSET Day

6th January 2026 – Children return to school.

Sad Goodbyes

At the end of term, we are saying a couple of "Goodbyes" to two outstanding members of our school community.

Miss Would, our School Business Manager, is leaving us to start a new job at a different provision. Miss Would has been instrumental in the organisational changes that have taken place here over recent years. Her expertise, drive and determination for wanting what is best for Claremont has been second to none. We all wish her huge thanks for her contribution and the very best of luck in her new job.

Mrs Rogers is also leaving us at the end of the year. After having been an excellent Early Years leader, Philippa moved on to leading our Acorns provision. Her deep knowledge of learning helped to create a provision that is bespoke to our children and strives to meet their needs every day. We all wish you good luck and send you off with much love and thanks.

Christmas Fayre and Enterprise Event

We will be hosting our Annual Christmas Fayre next Tuesday (16th December). Come and join us, help to support of PTFA and take part in the Enterprise Fair by buying products that our children have created to sell. The PTFA are selling raffle tickets at school and we have some fantastic prizes including a Nottingham Forest Goalkeeper's shirt – I believe that it has had a lot of use picking the ball out of the back of the net!

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What have we been learning this week?

Nursery and Reception have delivered a massive smile this year with an amazing Nativity performance.
Year 1 have been doing Art work inspired by David Najar and creating images based on the seasons.
Year 2 have been learning how to use a compass to help them to find their way around.



Year 3 have been enjoying playing keyboards with Mr Brooks from Junior Jam.

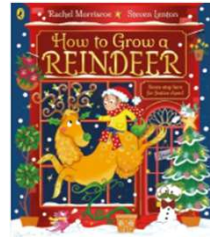
Year 4 have been using scientific equipment to carry out investigations in science.

Year 5 have been secretly constructing things for the Enterprise Fair. Shhh – it is Top Secret!



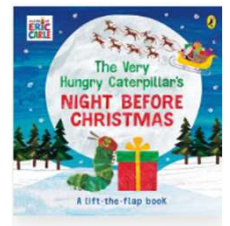
Year 6 have been continuing their research into what life was like in England during the Second World War. **Acorns** have been busy singing Christmas songs, playing instruments during music interaction and working on their fine motor skills with Dough Disco!

Recommended Reads

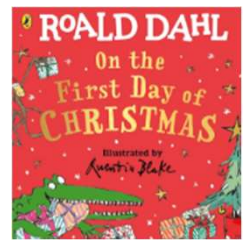


How to Grow a Reindeer by Rachel Morrisroe Join Sarah and Mr Pottifer in their magical plant shop where creatures grow

The Very Hungry Caterpillar's Night Before Christmas by Eric Carle- The Very Hungry Caterpillar loves Christmas and is waiting for Santa to arrive.



On the First Day of Christmas by Roald Dahl – How many of our famous friends can you spot in this book?



Parents' Evening

Thank you so much to everyone who made our Parents' Evenings so special this year. It was wonderful to see so many of you, have the chance to chat with you and gather your opinions through our survey (which is still open until Monday 15th December – click [here](#) to complete it if you haven't already!!). A special thank you to our PTFA who supported with coffees and wonderful snacks on both evenings. The PTFA is a real bonus to the school and we are always looking for volunteers to help to support it. Please contact Mrs Bilson or myself if you feel like you would like to help us continue to build a brighter future for all of our children and families.

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to consistently watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>



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