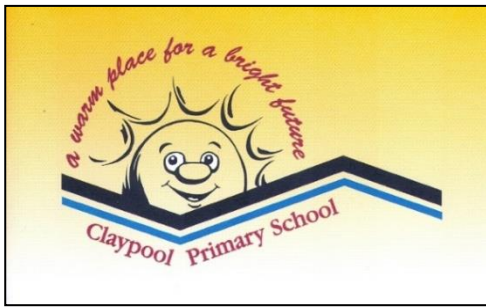




Claypool Newsletter

Summer 1 - 2026



Reflections on the first half of the Summer Term

Even though it's been a short half term, it really has been quite busy - again!

Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of our Oak class children, the SATs are never an enjoyable week in the school year but they remained focussed and resilient throughout - well done everyone and please keep it up to the end of term and beyond!



We also had the pleasure this half term of watching the Cherry Class Assembly, they shared with the school and their parents the story of 'Monkey Puzzle' and thank goodness the monkey found his parents in the end! There was brilliant singing with actions and really confident speaking. It was such a pleasure to watch. The children were so happy and confident - it was just lovely to witness.

In other news ...

Mrs Watson (Years 3 and 4) and Miss Flanagan (Year 5) will be leaving us at the end of the school year. Mrs Watson is off to Canada to start a new life there and Miss Flanagan will be starting her PGCE and training to become a teacher. Their enthusiasm, laughter and positive energy will definitely be missed in school.

This means we have two vacancies for Learning Support staff, if you know of anyone who might be interested in applying for the posts, please could you share the following link with them. <https://www.greater.jobs/en-gb/job/75808417>

Fancy Dress Day

Just a reminder that Friday is Fancy Dress Day in memory of Ethan Roberts, all proceeds will go to the Destitution Project in Bolton, Ethan spent time volunteering at the project each week - please give what you can. Thank you.

School Website

Just a reminder that all Learning Theme Overviews, Home Learning Challenges and Knowledge Organisers are available on the school website along with Digi Books showcasing the children's learning. These can be found under the Class Pages tab at <https://www.claypool.bolton.sch.uk/>.

Rights of the Child, British Values and Protected Characteristics

Through our assemblies each week, we discuss the UN Rights of the Child, British Values and Protected Characteristics. I thought it would be useful for you to be aware of these at home so that you can discuss them with your child. This is also available on our school website with a little more detail.

Week Beginning	Question of the week	UN Rights of the child	British Values	Protected Characteristics
20 th April	Is it ever too late to try something new?		Individual Liberty	Age
27 th April	What is the best way to support people who need extra help?		Individual Liberty Mutual Respect	Disability
4 th May	Why do some people become so important to the world?		Rule of Law Democracy	Age
11 th May	How can music bring people together?		Democracy Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Race
18 th May	Do we learn more from winning or losing?		Rule of Law Mutual Respect and Tolerance	Religion or Belief

Inclusion at Claypool (H. Eckersley)

We continue to be well supported in school by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST). On Wednesday 27th May, the MHST are holding an online parent workshop to advise parents on how to support children with low mood. Details of the workshop and the QR code are attached at the end of the newsletter or please see me if you would like further information.

As we approach our final half term of the school year, we are beginning to put additional transition support in place. If you feel your child would benefit from additional transition support, please speak to their class teacher.

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LOCATION: HORWICH HEALTH & WELLBEING HUB
DATE: WEDNESDAY 27th MAY
TIME: 9:30-11:00





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Scan the QR code or search Bolton MHST on Eventbrite to secure your place

Healthy snacks and drinks reminder

We would like to remind parents and carers that snacks brought into school should be healthy, as part of our commitment to supporting children's wellbeing and concentration throughout the day. Suitable snacks include fruit, vegetables, yoghurt, or wholegrain items, and children should bring **water only** to drink rather than juice or sugary drinks. Please avoid chocolate, sweets, crisps, and other high-sugar products. Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote healthy habits for all our children.



Attendance and Holidays in Term Time

I am really pleased to report that attendance is at 96.3%, thank you for your efforts in ensuring that your children come to school everyday and are ready to learn.



I understand that holidays are considerably less expensive during term time but it is so vital that children are in school as often as possible. Lost learning time has a huge impact on our children and the gaps in learning then impact on future learning. We are not a school that spends the last week of each term watching films and playing with toys, learning takes place continuously. Also, children being absent from school at the start of the school year impacts hugely on their transition to a new class. I am, of course, aware that occasionally parents contact school to say that their child is poorly - the child then returns to school with a tan and hair braid, telling their friends and teachers about the great week they had in Corfu! Please could I ask that you do not put your child in this position? I cannot authorise holidays in term time unless there is an exceptional circumstance but I do always appreciate your honesty.

Sports at Claypool (S. Miller)

With the first half of the Summer Term coming to an end, I can safely say we have had yet another amazing half term of sporting events at Claypool; I am exhausted just thinking about all of the things we have done!

As I say every single time, there have been way too many moments that have stood out to me. From our fantastic Panathlon team winning bronze at the cluster competition; to coming second in the Netball competition. I am so unbelievably proud of our amazing children.

Another stand out was our participation in the Annual Bolton School football tournament. All of the children who competed represented Claypool with resilience, respect and aspiration. Despite the results, they all enjoyed themselves and came away from the tournament as better players.

It really is such a pleasure to see so many of our children taking pride in representing the school in competitive events. We still have a few more to look forward to this term, including our Sports Afternoon, and I'm excited to see how they all get on.

Uniform Bundles

As the cost living continues to cause concern for many of our families we do have uniform bundles in school available at no cost to any family who finds themselves in difficulty at the moment. If you could just nip to the school office and let us know the size and gender needed, we will be able to provide you with a bundle of uniform.

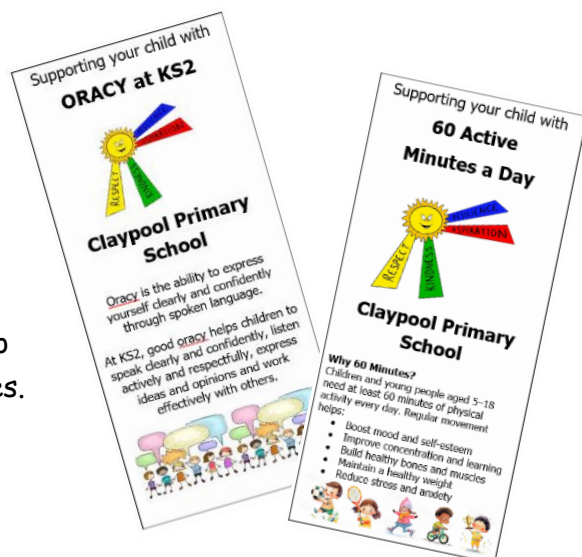
Summer Term Fundraising (H. Roocroft)

We are delighted to share the fantastic fundraising success from our recent school events. Our Easter Bingo and Raffle raised an amazing £1,131.30, Break the Rules Day brought in £305, and our Movie Night raised £360.00. A huge thank you to all families, staff, and pupils who supported these events and helped make them such a success. The money raised will go towards improving resources and facilities around school, helping to create an even better learning environment and enriching experiences for all of our children.

We are also looking forward to our annual Summer Fair on 26th June. If anyone would like to get involved with organising, helping at the event, or supporting fundraising efforts, please let the school office know — we would love to hear from you.

Leaflets to support learning at home

Leaflets related to Oracy, mental maths and 60 active minutes were sent home to all families. We would really appreciate it if over the holidays and beyond you were able to continue to support your child at home with these vital skills. If you haven't received the leaflets, please pop to the school office and we can provide you with duplicates. We have a lovely new leaflet stand!



Events in June and July

June		
5 th		Big Debate
9 th	1.00pm	Sports Afternoon
12 th		Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Day
26 th	3.30pm	Summer Fair
30 th	5.30pm	Claypool's Got Talent

July		
1 st		Moving Up Morning
3 rd	9.00am	Beech Class Assembly
6 th	5.00pm	Music Concert
9 th		School reports sent to parents and carers
15 th		Sports Assembly
16 th	6.00pm	Oak Class Leavers' Concert
17 th		End of the school year



Finally ...

I hope that you all have a lovely half term break, we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 1st June at 8.45am.

Thank you for your continued support,

Amanda Hulme



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