Claypole Church of England Primary School

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Friday 16th October 2026





We were delighted to have welcomed families into school this week for our Open Evening... and what a lot of praise for the children who volunteered their time to speak to families about their time at our school. Thank you to the children and adults for welcoming families and for sharing what life at Claypole is like. This week I leave you with this quote from William Shakespeare's play 'Troilus and Cressida: "*The welcome ever smiles, / And farewell goes out sighing.*" Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

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What's Happening & When?

Key Dates



When	What
Wednesday 14th October	Open Evening [5-7pm – details within newsletter]
Friday 16th October	PTA Disco [details within newsletter]
Tues 20th & Wed 21st Oct	Parent's Evening [4-7pm both evenings – slips sent home]
Friday 23rd October	Non-Uniform Day [see below] & End of Term
Monday 2nd November	Back To School
Monday 9th November	'Christmas Shoebox Appeal' collection
Wednesday 18th November	PTA AGM (The Hayloft, Five Bells.) – time TBA
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fayre (after school festive fun)
Wednesday 9th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance [in St Peter's Church, 9:30am – families warmly welcomed]
Thursday 10th December	Rock Steady Concert; Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas Dinner Day – *a very busy, exciting day!*
Thursday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service [in St Peter's Church, 9:30am start – families warmly welcomed]
Friday 18th December	Finish for Christmas.

Term Dates for 2026/27: https://www.claypoleprimary.org/term-dates

Open Events For Prospective Parents

- Wednesday 4th November (9:30-11:30)
- Monday 16th November (1:15-3:15)
- Thursday 3rd December (1:15-3:15)
- Thursday 10th December (9:30-11:30)

Open Days

Alternatively, contact us for an individual tour on any other day

Drop in anytime between:

Wednesday 14th October (5-7pm)
Wednesday 4th November (9:30-11:30)
Monday 16th November (1:15-3:15)
Thursday 3rd December (1:15-3:15)
Thursday 10th December (9:30-11:30)



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Ofsted GRADED GOOD

'Pupils are thriving at this happy, friendly school. The school's positive ethos is immediately apparent. Staff have high expectations of pupils. Pupils' behaviour is exemplary.'

Staying Safe

Online Safety For Families

Provided by Lincolnshire County Council, the next **FREE Online Safety Q&A for families** will focus on children using tablets, gaming online, watching videos, or starting to explore apps. The session is an opportunity to get advice and answers to your questions.

Topics include:

- ✅ Screen time and healthy online habits
- ✅ Parental controls and privacy settings
- ✅ Age-appropriate apps and games
- ✅ Popular online trends, risks and safety tips
- ✅ Any online questions you'd like support with

Monday 1st December

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Microsoft Teams

Sign-up required - Select tickets – Stay Safe Partnerships Online Safety Q+A for Parents of Primary Aged Children – Microsoft TEAMS

Suitable for parents and carers of primary-aged children. Parents of nursery and early years children are also encouraged to attend.

Football Success: Third Overall

Girls Football Tournament





This week, our footballers were at the Grantham District Football Tournament. The competed valiantly – with lots of great individual and team performances – ultimately finishing third out of the entire tournament. Well done Team: you represented the school brilliantly!



Hummingbirds

Motor Skills









Christian Value This Term

Koinonia: Compassion



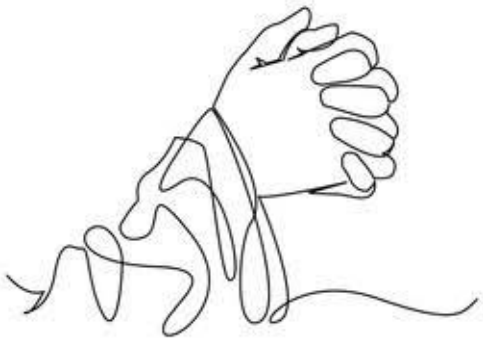
This term, our Christian Value focus is 'koinonia' with focuses in Collective Worship on kindness, compassion, responsibility, truth, co-operation, forgiveness & reconciliation, self-control and acts of/spirit of service.

More information can be found here.

Next week, our focus will be **compassion** – understanding our own feelings and that of others... which compliments well the schools work on the 'Zones Of Regulation.'

You can follow or Collective Worship by subscribing to our YouTube channel too: https://www.youtube.com/@ClaypolePrimarySchool





NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday 23 October

Wear your own clothes and help support our Christmas Fayre!

If you are able, please bring in a good-quality, unused item or gift.

Donation ideas:

Toiletries • Sweets & chocolates • Drinks • Gift sets • Candles • Games • Small gifts

All donations will be used in our Christmas raffle hampers, tombola or as prizes at the fayre.

Thank you for your support!

Claypole School PTFA

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PTFA

Parents ♥ Teachers ♥ Friends ♥ Together

Small changes make a big difference ♡

Help us raise £800 for our outdoor reading area!

The school has asked us, Claypole School PTFA, to fuind the replacement of the outdoor reading area outside the KS1 classroom. The current toadstools are being replaced and the space will be updated to create an inviting, inspiring area for our younger children to read, imagine and grow.

The quote is **£800** and we'd love to make this happen for our children! ♡

We're looking for parents to lead on fundraising activities!

Any ideas, ability or time to help would be amazing! ♡

We already have our usual termly discos, Christmas event and summer fayre, but we'd like to try some new ideas and other activities to help us reach our target.

Ideas could include...

- Cake sales
- Ice pop sales (when the weather is good!)
- Sponsored challenges (walk, run, cycle, more!)
- Quiz night
- Movie night

...and many more ideas!

Applying for grants

We're also applying for grants to support this project, so every bit of support makes a huge difference!

Together we can reach our goal! ♡

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Could you help support Claypole PTFA?

A small team, a big impact, and room for a few more helping hands.

More volunteers will help us keep doing all this

Claypole PTFA is currently run by just three volunteers. We are proud of the number of activities the PTFA delivers and the valuable funds these raise to support the school, but sustaining this level of fundraising needs a larger team.

With growing work and family commitments, and our eldest children now in Year 5, we expect to begin stepping back over the next year or two. There are lots of ways to help, from organising one event or taking on a small behind-the-scenes task to simply lending a hand when you can.

Any level of support would be genuinely appreciated.

What families helped us achieve in 2024/25

PTFA funds supported trips, workshops, resources, books, the library renovation and the school pantomime.





Interested in finding out more?

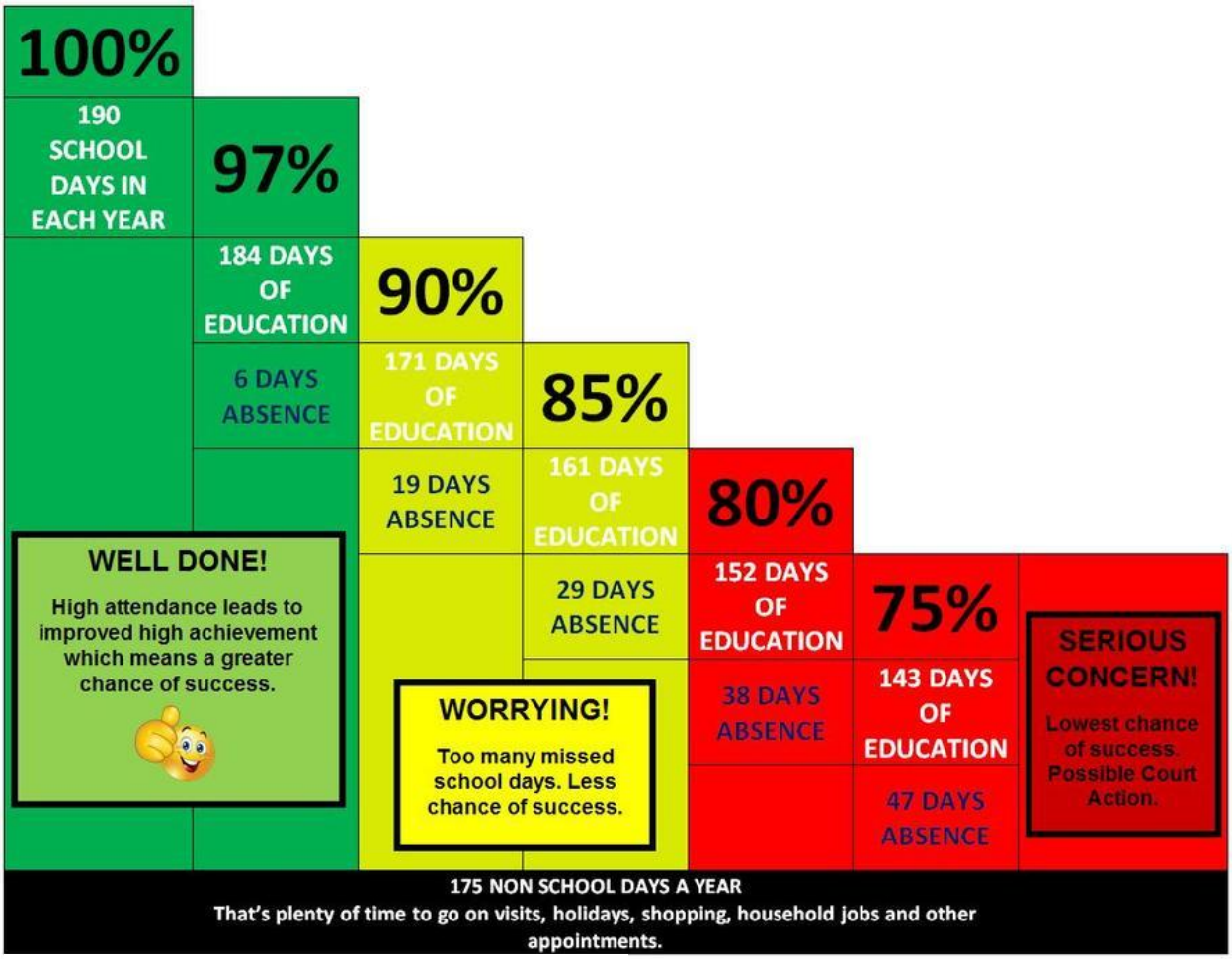
There is no obligation to commit. If enough people are interested, we can arrange a friendly, informal get-together to chat through the different ways you could help.

pta@claypoleprimary.org | **or message the PTFA Facebook page**

Details for 2025/26 will be shared at this year's PTFA AGM.

Every Day Counts; Every Lesson Matters

Attendance Matters



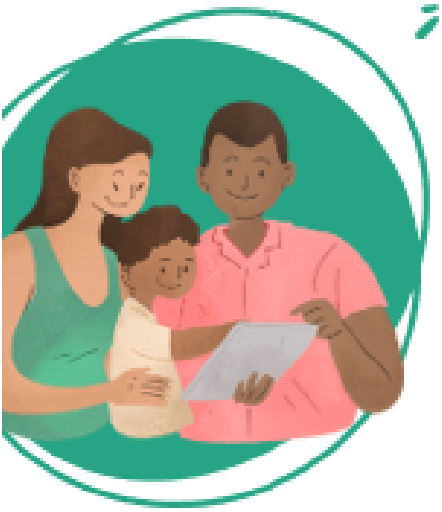
Cumulative attendance each term in relation to number of days absent

	Sessions	68	138	194	254	310	380
Days abse	Sessions abs	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
1	2	97.1	98.6	99.0	99.2	99.4	99.5
2	4	94.1	97.1	97.9	98.4	98.7	98.9
3	6	91.2	95.7	96.9	97.6	98.1	98.4
4	8	88.2	94.2	95.9	96.9	97.4	97.9
5	10	85.3	92.8	94.8	96.1	96.8	97.4
6	12	82.4	91.3	93.8	95.3	96.1	96.8
7	14	79.4	89.9	92.8	94.5	95.5	96.3
8	16	76.5	88.4	91.8	93.7	94.8	95.8
9	18	73.5	87.0	90.7	92.9	94.2	95.3
10	20	70.6	85.5	89.7	92.1	93.5	94.7
11	22	67.6	84.1	88.7	91.3	92.9	94.2
12	24	64.7	82.6	87.6	90.6	92.3	93.7
13	26	61.8	81.2	86.6	89.8	91.6	93.2
14	28	58.8	79.7	85.6	89.0	91.0	92.6
15	30	55.9	78.3	84.5	88.2	90.3	92.1
16	32	50.5	75.6	82.6	86.7	89.1	91.1
17	34	44.4	72.6	80.5	85.1	87.8	90.1
18	36	37.7	69.3	78.2	83.3	86.3	88.9
19	38	30.1	65.6	75.5	81.3	84.7	87.5
20	40	21.6	61.4	72.5	79.0	82.8	86.0

Even small amounts of absence can add up over time and can mean that children miss important teaching, routines, experiences and opportunities to learn alongside their friends. Teachers will be able to discuss your child's attendance with you at Parents Evening, celebrate good attendance and, where there are concerns, talk through any barriers or support that may be needed. Our aim is not simply to focus on a percentage, but to work in partnership with families to ensure that **every child is in school, on time and ready to learn as often as possible.**

Attendance

Supporting you to understand the new rules



A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences, including unauthorised leave of absences in Term Time, is being introduced following changes to the law.
These new government regulations will come into effect from **19th August 2024.**

What are these changes?

If a pupil has **10 unauthorised sessions**, which is equal to **5 school days**, within a **10 week period**, a penalty notice may be issued.

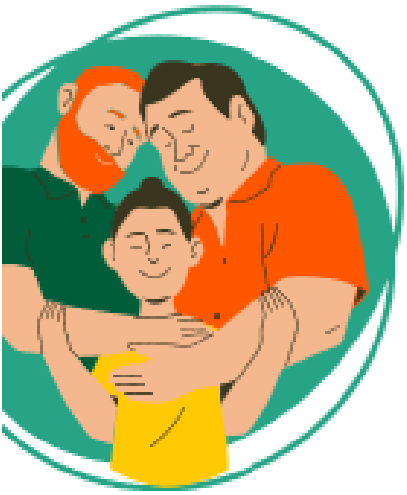
This will come under 3 categories: First, Second, and Third offence.



First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within **28 days**, reduced to **£80** per parent, per child if paid within **21 days**.

Second Offence
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences the amount will be:
£160 per parent, per child to be paid within **28 days**. No reduced rate will be offered.



Third offence and any further offences (within 3 years) The third time an offence is committed for Term Time leave or unauthorised absences a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.

Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a Parents future DBS certificate, due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

For any further inquiries about school attendance please visit:
www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-attendance

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Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility

Raising Concerns
(as a school and/or as a parent)

As a school

As a school, we have a responsibility to act on safeguarding concerns about children.

Where we have concerns about a child's welfare or safety, we will follow our safeguarding procedures and, where appropriate, make a referral to the relevant Children's Services / Safeguarding Team. The local authority will then consider the information provided and determine whether further assessment, support or intervention is required.

Parents and carers

Parents and carers can also report concerns about a child's safety or welfare directly to Children's Services using the contact details below. You do not need to wait for the school to make a referral.

If a child is in immediate danger, call the police on 999.

If you wish to contact the police for advice or report a non-emergency concern, call **101.**

For further advice and guidance about keeping children safe, visit the **NSPCC website: www.nspcc.co.uk**

Lincolnshire – Children's Services

https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/safeguarding/report-concern

During office hours:
Children's Services Customer Service Centre (CSC)
01522 782111

Outside office hours (24 hours):
Emergency Duty Team (EDT)
01522 782333

Nottinghamshire – Children's Services

https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/childrens-social-care/nottinghamshire-children-and-families-alliance/pathway-to-provision/multi-agency-safeguarding-hub-mash

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):
Email: **info.nscb@nottscc.gov.uk**
Phone: **0300 500 8090**

Emergency Duty Team (24 hours):
0300 456 4546

If you are worried about a child, please get in touch.

CLAYPOLE SCHOOL PTFA

FIRST EVENT OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

DISC-GLOW IS BACK!

WITH CAPTAIN FANTASTIC

UV LIGHTS NEON FUN NON-STOP DANCING

Music, dancing, games and loads of high-energy fun!

FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER

EYFS & KS1

Hummingbirds, Kingfishers & Puffins

6.00 to 7.00pm

£4.50

Includes a drink, snack & sweets

KS2

Toucans, Hawks & Parakeets

7.15 to 8.30pm

£3.00

Refreshments available to buy

TICKETS + SPENDING CARDS AVAILABLE NOW

www.pta-events.co.uk/claypoleptfa

Book tickets, pre-order hot dogs and sign up to volunteer

HOT DOG PRE-ORDERS

£1.50 each

Add one when buying your disco ticket. Pre-ordering helps us reduce waste and make sure we have enough on the night.

£5 DISC-GLOW SPENDING CARD

10 punches worth 50p each

Use it at the pocket money shop, face paints, refreshments and more, so children can buy treats without needing to carry cash.

Cash is very welcome too!

When children pay in cash, the PTFA keeps 100% of the money raised for the school.

NEW TO CLAYPOLE SCHOOL?

A very warm welcome to all our new families!

School discos are drop-off events, so parents and carers do not normally stay. If you would like to stay, please volunteer and help us run the event safely.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our discos rely on parent volunteers. Help for the whole session or just part of it makes a huge difference.

Sign up to volunteer at

www.pta-events.co.uk/claypoleptfa

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU GLOWING!

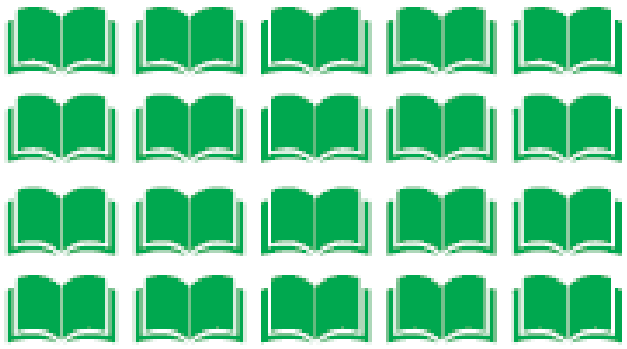
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LET'S KICK OFF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR WITH A BANG!

Why Read at h?



STUDENT A READS
- 20 minutes per day
- 3,600 minutes per school year
- 1,800,000 words per year





SCORES IN THE 90TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT B READS
- 5 minutes per day
- 900 minutes per school year
- 282,000 words per year





SCORES IN THE 50TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

STUDENT C READS
- 1 minute per day
- 180 minutes per school year
- 8,000 words per year





SCORES IN THE 10TH PERCENTILE ON STANDARDIZED TESTS

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.

WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.

www.bettefetter.com

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SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM 2024/25 - 2025/26

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Lincolnshire Reading Pledge

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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

Ofsted Good School 2023

MHFA Champion Mental Health First Aid England

Somebody To Talk To

BARCLAYS GIRLS' FOOTBALL SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS BY ENGLAND FOOTBALL

FOOD HYGIENE RATING 0 1 2 3 4 5 VERY GOOD

SUPPORT SCHOOL