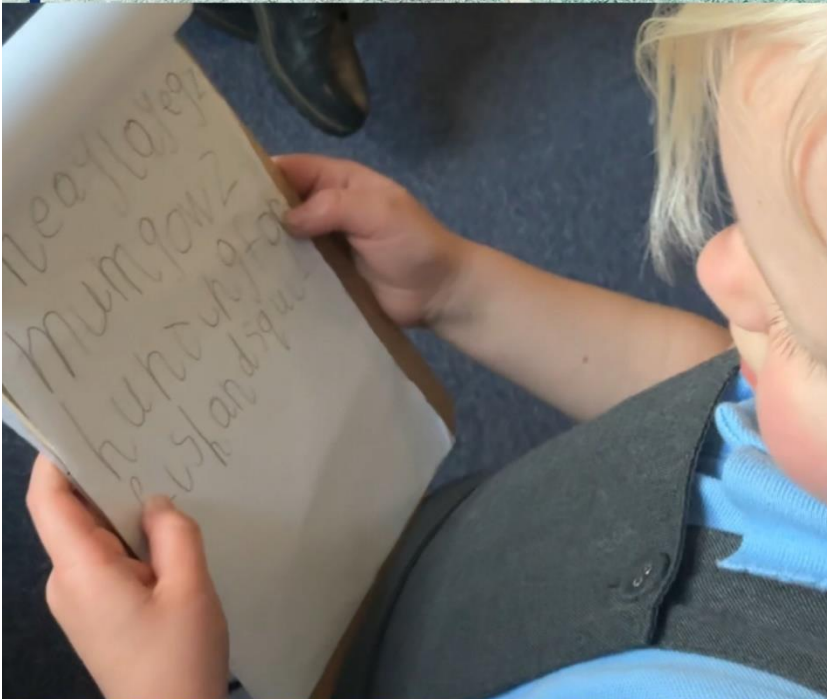


Friday 23rd January 2026



Peering out of my window, I saw scores of Year 5 & Year 6 children following Mrs Boiston onto the hard court to be considered for the upcoming District Athletics competition (three-time winners... can we make it a fourth?). Wonderful to see so many children interested in sport and wanting to represent our school. With that in mind, I leave you this week with a quote from baseballer David Ortiz:

*"You just have to go as far as you can go. Everyone works his way up."*

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

*Martyn Wells* Martyn Wells  
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What's Happening & When?

# Latest Dates



## When

## What

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Athletics Competition (Athletics Team – UKS2)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

DISC-GLOW! With Captain Fantastic. PTFA School Disco [*Details below*]

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

'Legacy Assembly' with Inspire+

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Young Voices Concert in Sheffield

Safer Internet Day!

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Half Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Welcome Back

Annual Pancake Race (9:15am) – families welcome to spectate & cheer the children on!

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day!

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Girls Football Festival [9-11] & Netball Tournament [1-4pm]

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

County Football Finals [Boston: 1-3pm]

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Tag Rugby Tournament [pm – UKS2]

PTFA Easter Egg Hunt & End of Half Term

This Term's Christian Value

# Respect

Our Christian Value focus for the term is 'respect.' There is a 'take-home' sheet available on our website with games, stories and activities that you can look at together at home about '[respect](#).' In Collective Worship, our weekly themes will include: justice, thankfulness, understanding, humility and 'spirit of service.' Next week, our theme is 'global justice' including Fair-Trade & Climate Action. You can keep up to date with our weekly themes through our You Tube channel too: [Claypole C.E. Primary School - YouTube](#)



## Whole School Relationship Time



R-Time (Relationship Time) is a structured programme that builds and enhances relationships for children from Early Years to the end of Primary School. Each R time session lasts for twenty minutes session once every fortnight.

### **What are the intended outcomes?**

- build respectful relationships and good manners.
- enable children to develop lifelong social skills.
- reduces incidents of meanness & prevent bullying.
- improves behaviour.
- raise self-esteem.
- foster & develop pupil relationships.
- learn to understand and value differences & things in common; respect the rights of others to have beliefs and values which are different from their own.

R-Time takes place at the end of the day fortnightly with Celebration Assembly being alternate weeks... beginning today:

<b>R-TIME (Relationship Time)</b>	<b>Celebration Assembly</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	



# DISC-GLOW

WITH  
**CAPTAIN  
FANTASTIC**



FRIDAY 6TH  
FEBRUARY

EYFS/KS1: 6-7PM    £4.50  
(INCLUDES DRINK, SNACK & SWEETS)

KS2: 7.15 - 8.15PM    £3  
(DRINKS, SNACKS & SWEETS AVAILABLE TO BUY)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON PTFA WEBSITE  
CLOSING DATE FOR TICKET SALES 5TH FEB



For Parents/Carers

# Social Media

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



# WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted - it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes - encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

#### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded - so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

#### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

#### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe - but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

[CLICK HERE](#)

#### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' - choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

#### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list - so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

#### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

#### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

#### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

#### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

#### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



For Parents/Carers

# Safer Internet: AI Workshop

Artificial Intelligence is shaping the way children learn, play, and interact online. As parents, understanding both the opportunities and the risks is key.

Join our Stay Safe Team's FREE webinar "AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" to explore:  
Positive uses of AI for learning and creativity

Risks like chatbots, filtering, and misinformation

Practical tips for family conversations and parental controls

Date: 10th February

Time: 6:00–7:00 PM

Location: Online

Register here: <https://buytickets.at/staysafepartnership/2024139>

For Parents/Carers

# Managing Digital Lives

The Children's Commissioner for England has produced a guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives, designed to demystify some of the issues such as the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits, what you should and shouldn't be doing, and the often-complicated parental controls on individual social media platforms, to help make talking to your child about them easier.

It offers advice on setting boundaries and bringing up difficult topics that cannot be ignored – not just once, in a cursory way, but regularly.

An introductory blog on the guide from the Children's Commissioner can be viewed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/blog/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-childrens-commissioner-launches-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

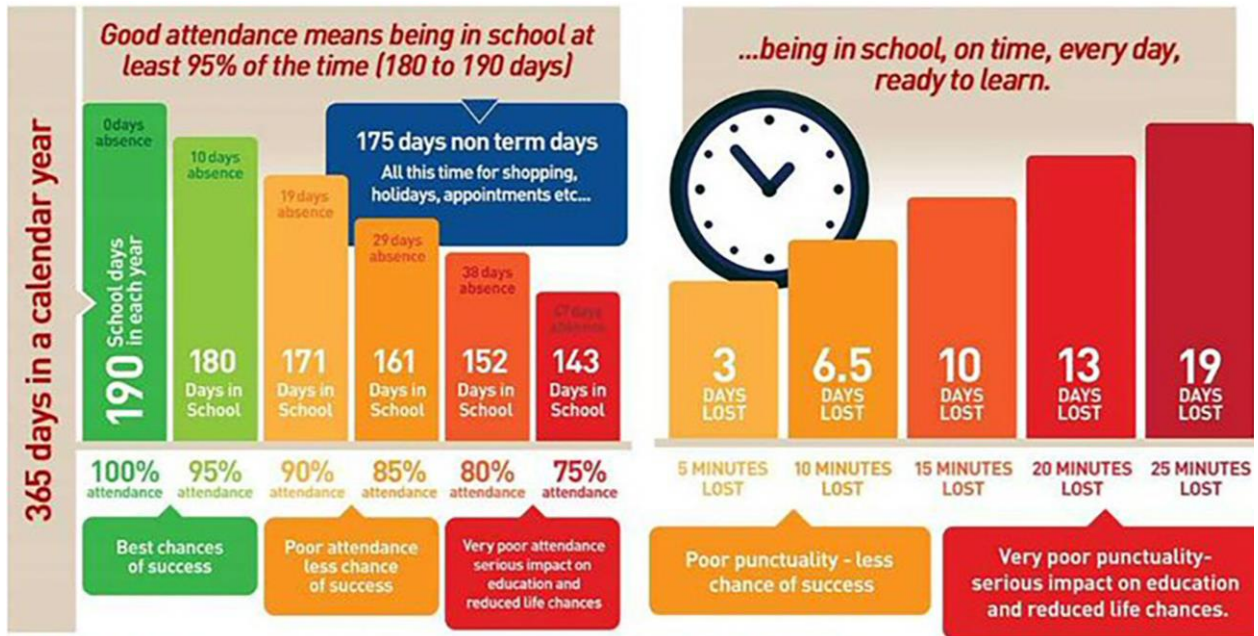
The guide, along with an Activity Pack for children, can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>



## Educational Impact

# Good Attendance Matters



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?



**INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS**



**MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR**

**GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**Writing + MATHS SKILLS**

Our gates open at 8:45am. Children are expected to be in school for 9am which is when the register is taken each morning.



## Contacting Class Teachers

# Teacher Contacts

We have email addresses specifically for parents/carers to contact their child's class teacher. These are:

Miss Kurvink (EYFS)

[Hummingbirds@claypoleprimary.org](mailto:Hummingbirds@claypoleprimary.org)

Miss Bray (Year 1)

[Kingfishers@claypoleprimary.org](mailto:Kingfishers@claypoleprimary.org)

Mr Tyrrell (Year 2/3)

[Puffins@claypoleprimary.org](mailto:Puffins@claypoleprimary.org)

Mrs Boiston & Mrs Clarke (Year 4)

[Toucans@claypoleprimary.org](mailto:Toucans@claypoleprimary.org)

Mr Morgan (Year 5)

[Hawks@claypoleprimary.org](mailto:Hawks@claypoleprimary.org)

Mrs Silby (Year 6)

[Parakeets@claypoleprimary.org](mailto:Parakeets@claypoleprimary.org)

For all urgent messages, notices of absence, notices of illness or medical/dental appointments please call the office or send these via the school office at:  
[adminoffice@claypoleprimary.org](mailto:adminoffice@claypoleprimary.org)  
or 01636 626268



## Safeguarding and Safety Directory

# Useful Contacts

ChildLine: 0800 1111

Lincolnshire Prevent Team: 020 7340 7264

NSPCC whistle blowing helpline: 08088 005000

Domestic Violence: 0808 2000 247

Samaritans: 01522 528282

Family Services Directory: 0800 195 1635

[Lincolnshire] Social Services: 01522 782111

[Nottingham] Social Services: 0300 1310 300

Anxiety UK: 08444 775 774

'Healthy Minds Lincolnshire' is a children and young people's emotional wellbeing service - for further information please visit their website [www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people](http://www.lpft.nhs.uk/young-people)

School policies Visit our website: <https://www.claypoleprimary.org/safeguarding/> for our policies and more information & guidance. Our Designated Safeguarding leads in school are: Mr Wells and Miss Kurvink. Our governor responsible for safeguarding is Mr Jarman.

# Littlegates for Littlepeople



Children's Nursery & After school club  
Purpose built nursery in a rural surrounding

Funding from 9 months  
Monday to Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm

Contact Charlotte on 01636 626067 or email us at  
[littlegatesforlittlepeople@googlemail.com](mailto:littlegatesforlittlepeople@googlemail.com)



# Believe and Achieve

**Matthew 21:22**

Instil in all the balance of academic, behaviour & character skills needed to succeed;

Inspire all to apply these skills through positive & proactive learning opportunities;

Innovate our approaches so all take the lead, utilise their talents and flourish.



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