

Friday 30th January 2026



We are one month into 2026 and I hope that the children (and staff) continue to tackle any challenges that come their way this year and are able to achieve their greatness. For us in school, it is a time to lead, to be there for others and to progress forwards quietly with integrity and resolve. This week I leave you with the words of American singer Johnny Cash, who said: *“Every morning I wake up, I remind myself that no promise was made for today. That’s where gratitude begins – in knowing this moment is a gift I didn’t earn but still get to live.”* Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

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What's Happening & When?

Latest Dates



When

What

Thursday 5th February 2026

Athletics Competition (Athletics Team – UKS2)

Friday 6th February

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

Monday 9th February

'Legacy Assembly' with Inspire+

Tuesday 10th February

Young Voices Concert in Sheffield

Safer Internet Day!

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

Half Term

Monday 23rd February

Welcome Back

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

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day!

Thursday 19th March

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

Thursday 26th March

County Football Finals [Boston: 1-3pm]

Thursday 2nd 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 '[making choices & decisions](#).' You can keep up to date with our weekly themes through our You Tube channel too: [Claypole C.E. Primary School - YouTube](#)

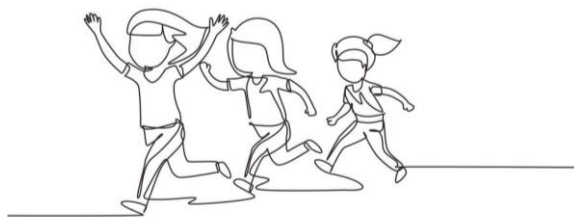


Behaviour & Character Curriculum

Respectful Communication



Year 4 enjoyed a 'Respectful Communication' workshop where they learnt and practised the importance of respectful communication, ways to improve their own communication skills and understand the impact of four key areas of communication: writing, reading, listening & speaking. The children learnt how communication can be interpreted in different ways and reflected on their own styles. They also learnt about how tone, body language and word choice also affect how messages are received. Lots of interactive discussions and activities... and active listening & understanding others' perspectives.





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

School Disco Update



School Disco Update – Ticket Sales Back Live!




Thank you so much for your support and patience! After briefly suspending ticket sales due to a shortage of volunteers, we're delighted to confirm that we now have enough helpers to run the discos safely and successfully.



Ticket sales for BOTH discos (EYFS–Y1 and Y2–Y6) are now LIVE again and will remain open until midnight on 5th February.

Details on purchasing tickets was sent via ParentMail.

We kindly ask that you please remember to purchase tickets before this deadline so we can confirm accurate numbers and plan the event properly ahead of time.

We can't wait to see the children there for a fun-filled evening of music, dancing, and fun. A HUGE thank you to everyone who stepped forward to help make this possible 



Our PTFA will be in touch with everyone who has kindly volunteered next week to confirm details and next steps.



For Parents/Carers

Safer Gaming

Popular Apps and Games - A Handout for Parents

Drawn from the [Ofcom Online Nation Report 2025](#) this free handy guide for parents and carers looks at the more popular apps and games used by children and young people. Specifically, it covers:

- Key insights.
- A comparison of safety and wellbeing features within apps and games.
- Help and support links for those games and apps (e.g. Family Pairing, YouTube Supervised Experience etc.).
- A few of the more popular helplines.
- App/games reviews from Common Sense Media.

Download: [Popular Apps and Games - A Guide for Parents](#).

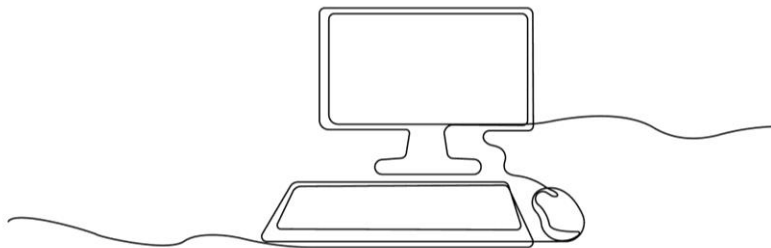
For Parents - Playstation Family App

The Playstation Family App came out in Sept 2025 and it is a great way to help parents set up and manage their children's Gaming experience. Features include:

- Manage playtime.
- Activity report.
- Visibility into what children are playing.
- Approving playtime requests.

On this web page you will find detailed instructions to guide you through setting up a child account, get notified what game your child is playing in real time, approve or decline a request for extra playtime, apply content filters, privacy settings and more.

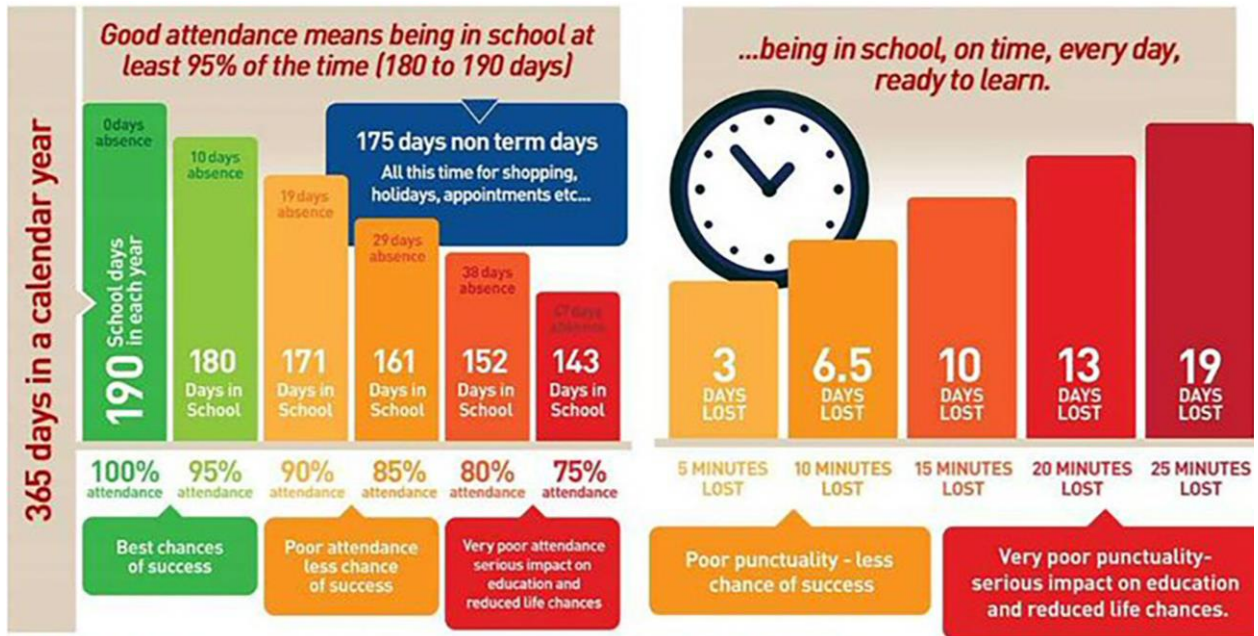
Webpage: [Playstation Family App](#)





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

Miss Bray (Year 1)

Kingfishers@claypoleprimary.org

Mr Tyrrell (Year 2/3)

Puffins@claypoleprimary.org

Mrs Boiston & Mrs Clarke (Year 4)

Toucans@claypoleprimary.org

Mr Morgan (Year 5)

Hawks@claypoleprimary.org

Mrs Silby (Year 6)

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
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

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



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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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