

Friday 6th February 2026



It's been wonderful to see the pride being taken in the children's learning and the effort they're putting in: both with challenges in school and competitions/events outside of school too.

I've had some wonderful talks with children this week: about their balloon cars which reminds me of the words of business magnate Henry Ford: "*Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.*"

Have a lovely weekend when it comes.

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What's Happening & When?

Latest Dates



When

What

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| Friday 6 th February | DISC-GLOW! With Captain Fantastic. PTFA School Disco [<i>Details below</i>] |
| Monday 9 th February | 'Legacy Assembly' with Inspire+ |
| Tuesday 10 th February | Young Voices Concert in Sheffield Safer Internet Day! |
| Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February | Half Term |
| Monday 23 rd February | Welcome Back Annual Pancake Race (9:15am) – families welcome to spectate & cheer the children on! |
| Thursday 5 th March | World Book Day! |
| Thursday 19 th March | Girls Football Festival [9-11] & Netball Tournament [1-4pm] |
| Thursday 26 th March | County Football Finals [Boston: 1-3pm] |
| Thursday 2 nd 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 '**Lent.**' You can keep up to date with our weekly themes through our You Tube channel too:

[Claypole C.E. Primary School - YouTube](#)





Computing & PSHE Curriculum

Online Safety



Children across school this week learnt about the importance of staying safe online and ways of helping themselves; including understanding their own 'digital footprint.'

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Ways to Protect Your Kids Online



- 1 Teach kids that private messages aren't always private
- 2 Show how some things live forever on the internet
- 3 Teach "think before you share"
- 4 Encourage them to keep social media private
- 5 Stress kindness and common sense in online interactions



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

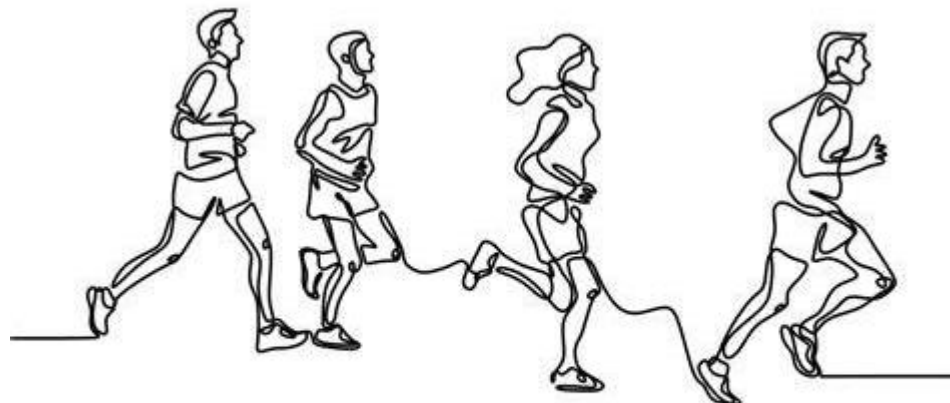


Grantham & District Athletics Competition

Runners-Up



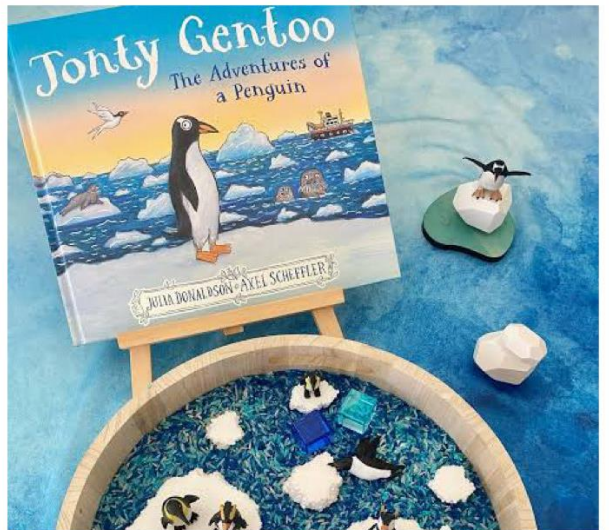
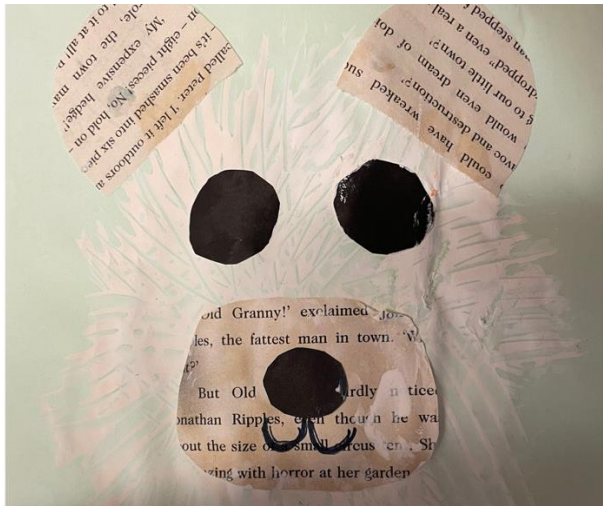
Well done to our Indoor Athletics Team who competed at the Grantham & District Tournament today and were Runner's Up... being narrowly pipped to a fourth title win by 6 points. In fact, our girls team won their respective competitions! A gallant performance & effort from everyone and outstanding behaviour & support for each other. We were particularly proud of their sportsmanship and empathy shown to competing schools.





This Week In Hummingbirds

Frozen Planet: Jonty Gentoo

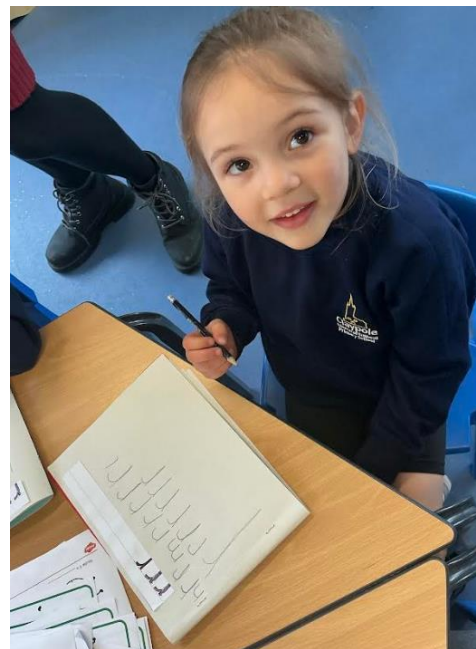


This week, the children have been reading 'Jonty Gentoo' – re-telling the story, creating their own artic scenes, labelling the features of a penguin, making their own polar bears with cotton balls, practising their cutting skills and building techniques, finding doubles with dominos... and becoming experts with their tripod-pencil-grip! I've loved popping in and having the children proudly show me their achievements. I too haven't left the room without flour on me!



Fantastic Writing

Pencil Grip & Letter Formation

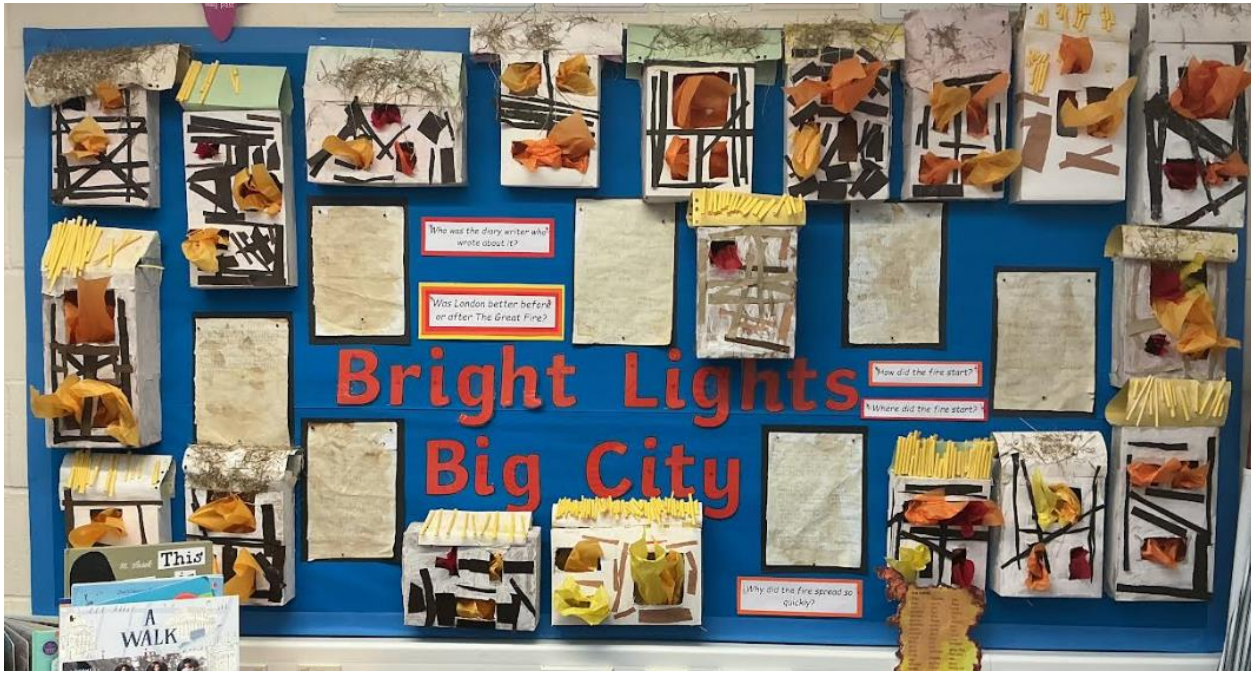


I'm loving how pleased & proud the children are at their letter formations!



Year 1 London Learning Theme

The Great Fire Of London





Puffins STEM Learning

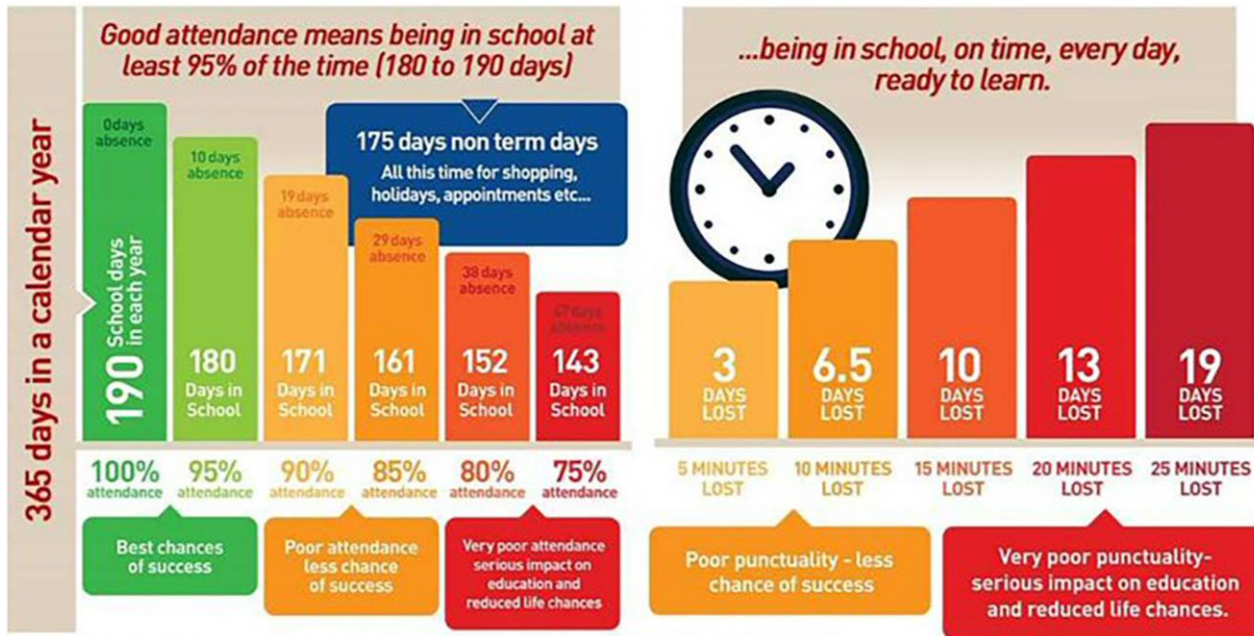
Air Pressure Balloon Cars





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



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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