



I am shocked at how quickly the half term has flown by so far. It barely feels like we've been back five minutes sometimes. It reminds me to take the time to complete the activities I want to in work and in life without putting them off for another day because we never get each day back once it has gone. Equally, as we approach the break, it is important to reflect on all the progress made and be content. Otherwise, in the words of the esteemed author Terry Pratchett: *"People are often so busy living that they never stopped to wonder why."* Have a lovely half term break when it comes; I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 3rd November.

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What's Happening & When?

Latest Dates



When

What

Thursday 23 rd October	End Of Term
Monday 3 rd November	Welcome Back!
Tuesday 4 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents for September 2026 (9:30-11:30): Fireworks-themed crafts & tour.
Tuesday 11 th November	PTFA AGM, 8pm @ The 5 Bells, Claypole
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need Day; Y3/4 Bikeability
Mon 24 th – Thurs 27 th Nov	Y5/6 Bikeability
Tuesday 25 th November	The Deep trip for Year 4.
Friday 28 th November	PTFA Winter Disco!
Thursday 4 th December	Open Morning for prospective parents for September 2026 (9:30-11:30): Snowflake-themed crafts & tour.
Monday 8 th December	EYFS & Y1 Christmas Nativity (in St Peter's Church, 2pm): performance for the community.
Tuesday 9 th December	EYFS & Y1 Christmas Nativity (in St Peter's Church, 2pm): performance for families.
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day!
Wednesday 17 th December	Open Morning for prospective parents for September 2026 (9:30-11:30): Christmas tree-themed crafts & tour.
Friday 19 th December	Year 2-6 Christmas Performance (in St Peter's Church, 9:30am start); End of Autumn Term
Tuesday 6 th January 2026	Welcome Back!
Tuesday 10 th February 2026	Young Voices Concert in Sheffield

[Term dates are available from our website.](#)



CLAYPOLE SCHOOL PTFA AGM

 **17** Date: Tuesday 11th November

 Location: The 5 Bells, Claypole

 Time: 8:00pm

- HEAR ABOUT LAST YEAR'S FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS
- ELECT THE NEW PTFA COMMITTEE
- SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

EVERYONE IS WELCOME WE'D LOVE TO SEE NEW FACES! NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP ON THE NIGHT.



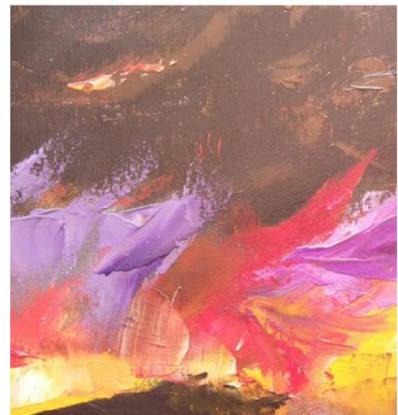
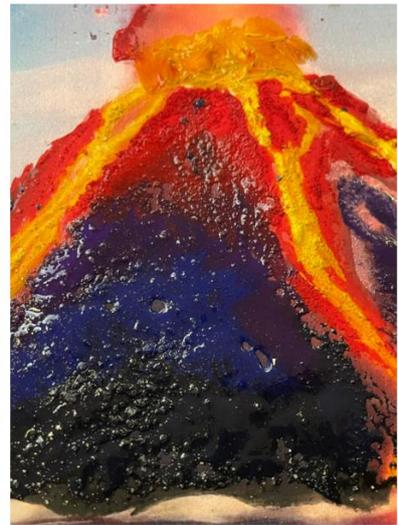
IF YOU'D LIKE TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST OR FIND OUT MORE, EMAIL:

 PTA@CLAYPOLEPRIMARY.ORG



Outstanding Year 6 Paintings

Impasto Technique





Thank You, Mr Dobbie

Newark Town Tickets



Thank you to Mr Dobbie for gifting our footballers complimentary tickets for Newark Town FC's home game against Grantham Town FC (my home town... "Go on, Gingerbreads!") A lovely, thoughtful gift in recognition of their recent successful performance at the district tournaments.

On Sale After Half Term

Poppy Appeal





Proudly Presenting New Knowledge

Best Books



It's wonderful to see the children proudly presenting their new knowledge in their best books.



Outstanding Statistics

Top 5% in England



**Best School
in Local Area**

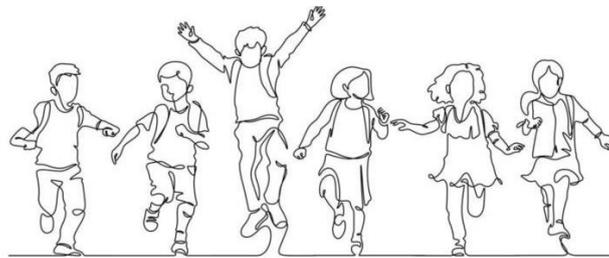
**Top 4%
in East Midlands**

**Top 5%
in England***

**6th Best School
in Lincolnshire**

**for Overall
Achievements**

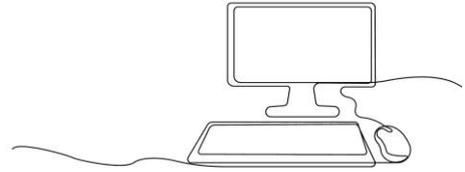
***out of 12,645 schools**





For Parents/Carers

E-Safety Updates



For Parents - Instagram AI Content PG13

Instagram have come out with their latest 'we prioritise teen safety' feature. This time they have introduced a new way for parents to manage their teens' access to one-on-one chats with AI characters. Teen accounts are now to be guided by PG13 movie ratings, which means that users should only see content that's similar to what they would see in a PG13 movie by default. AI characters (chatbots) are a significant concern. They were introduced into many apps around 3 years ago and there continues to be reports of multiple failures of so-called safety guardrails with children being exposed to chats, advice and guidance which is entirely age-inappropriate. The new features:

- Allow parents to turn off their child's access to one-on-one chats with AI characters entirely.
- Allow parents to block specific AI characters.
- Parents will get insights into the topics their children are chatting about with AI characters.

You can find a more in-depth explanation [HERE](#) for the AI chatbots and [HERE](#) for the teen/PG13 accounts.

Emmaus Trust Thanks

Harvest Donations





From Prospective Families Starting School: September 2026

Open Events

Visit Claypole

Drop in anytime between:

~~Tuesday 14th October (5pm-7pm)~~

Tuesday 4th November (9:30-11:30)

Monday 17th November (1:15-3:15)

Thursday 4th December (1:15-3:15)

Wednesday 17th December (9:30-11:30)

Alternatively, contact us for an individual tour on another day

'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.'
Ofsted, July 2023



We are delighted to be able to open our doors to prospective parents on the following tour dates. The daytime tours will begin with a craft activity for your little ones to take part in and then a tour of the school led by our older children before spending time with Mr Wells, the headteacher. The children's tours are **very** detailed! But it does show a lot of love & pride in their school. Alternatively, you're welcome to contact us for an individual tour on a day that is more convenient for you.



Lumi Nova



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NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Help your child **build confidence** and self manage their worries.

- ✓ For 7-12 year olds
- ✓ Free instant access



For free instant access visit:

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Everybody worries sometimes, but sometimes worries stay and can have a big impact on your child's life. Lumi Nova can support your child by helping them set goals and challenges to overcome their worries, one step at a time.

- ★ For 7-12 year olds
- ★ Supports mild to moderate fears, worries & mild-moderate anxiety
- ★ Based on Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) and provides Psychoeducation and Exposure Therapy - The gold standard of care for treating anxiety



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 Hussein & 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 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.





Christian Value This Term: Koinonia

Making Good Choices

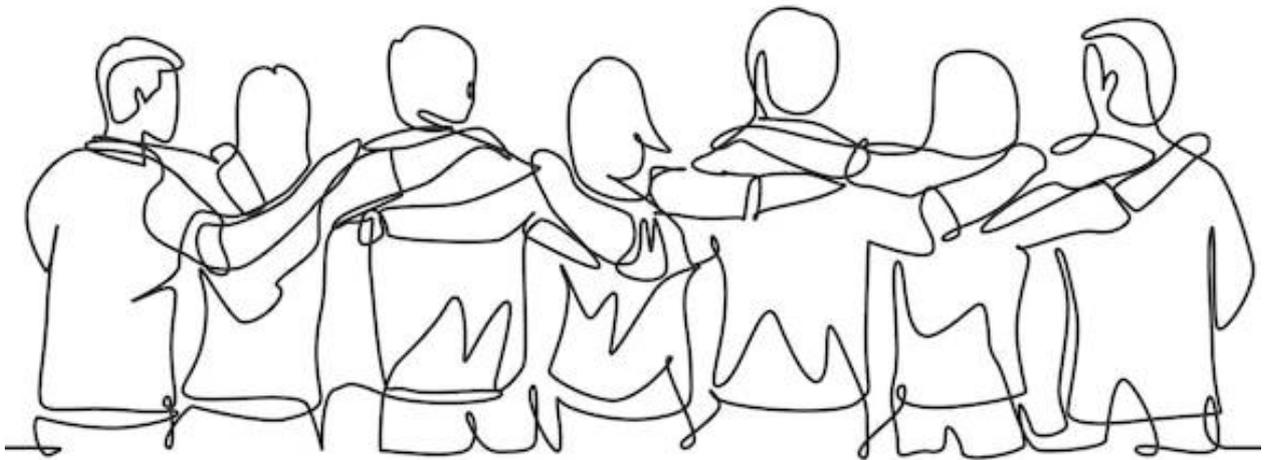
This term, our Christian Value focus is 'koinonia' with focuses in Collective Worship on kindness, compassion, responsibility, truth, co-operation, forgiveness & reconciliation, self-control and acts of/spirit of service.

More information can be found [here](#).

After half term, our focus will be 'making good choices.' We have introduced our **Makaton** 'word/phrase of the week' to the school; next week, the whole school will be learning 'you're welcome' – a clip of the action can be watched here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NLiWxYcGXfc&t=2s>

There is a 'Take Home' sheet about the value here: [koinonia](#) with a story to share at home; topics to talk about; a quiz and a home-school challenge.



Outstanding Behaviour

Lining Up: Ready To Learn

The term 'behaviour' means a lot of things to a lot of people. It is an emotive word that parents, staff and children can often use to mean different things when referring to standards in schools. To help children succeed, we teach behaviour – not tell. After half term, the week's focus that will be explicitly taught – and positive examples publicly sought & caught - will be 'how we're lining up to come into school – ready to learn.'

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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