



OPAL

Stay and Play

Sunday 11th October
1-4pm

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All families welcome!
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We are excited to announce that we will be opening our grounds for our families and siblings to play.



Come and see all our new playspace developments and have a fun afternoon with your children.

Refreshments
will be on sale by the PTA





Clore Columns

Attendance: 96.8%
Punctuality: 98.9%

Our Target Attendance: 97%
Our Target Punctuality: 99%

We've had a great week of learning in school, where children have been encouraged to write down examples of how they have shown our termly value of Chesed and to share their good work with the school on the front noticeboard. Please have a look when you are next in school and be as impressed as I am at the exemplary values of the Clore Shalom children.

We look forward to seeing our families at the Stay and Play on Sunday from 1-4.

Shabbat Shalom, have a great weekend.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Max M-G: excellent handwriting; Reece – excellent ideas for his descriptive writing about a monster. Madison, Ollie and Jayden in year 1 for excellent geography work.

If you would like to see what we've been discussing in assembly, please click [here](#)

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 11th - Opal Stay & Play

Wednesday 14th - Prospective Parents Tour

Friday 23rd - Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday 26th - Half Term

Coats

Now that summer is well and truly over please ensure that your child has a NAMED coat in school every day.

Headlice Outbreaks:

As with all primary schools, we have had several outbreaks of headlice recently. Please can parents ensure that they check their children's hair regularly and apply medication when necessary. **All long hair should be tied back in school.**

Puzzle donations:

We are looking to build up our stock of puzzles as a calming and centring activity. If you have any complete puzzles of over 50 pieces that you would be willing to donate, please bring them into school.

Contact Details updates:

If you have moved house recently or changed your number please ensure that we have your correct details. If parents live apart, please ensure that we have both parent's addresses.



Allergy Reminder

A reminder that we have several children and staff in school with severe nut allergies. Please ensure that all snacks and packed lunches are nut-free.

Webinar - Thursday 22nd October 7.45 - 9.00pm Understanding and supporting children's emotional and social needs.

We have a really exciting opportunity to have a webinar from 2 highly experienced professionals - Muzzi Nathan (Specialist Paediatric Occupational Therapist) and Dr Michelle Benson (Paediatric Psychologist) on understanding and supporting children's emotional and social needs. This is often a common worry for many families on how best to support the children in collaboration with school. We would love to see as many of you online attending as possible. More information has been included at the bottom of this weeks newsletter.

Please indicate you will be attending by responding to admin@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk

Log on details:

Bright Pathways UK is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bright Pathways Webinar

Time: Oct 22, 2026 07:45 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81822052206?pwd=A8az7VPWyFIGXtjKjhURFW7zoQbnnh.1>

Meeting chat link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/jc/81822052206>

Meeting ID: 818 2205 2206

Passcode: 269915

Menu Change

Unfortunately the kitchen are unable to get plant balls anymore. These will be replaced with Quorn pieces in a tomato sauce. This change will not show up on school grid so please just be aware when booking.

Free School Meals Year 3 and above If you are in receipt of certain benefits, your child may be eligible for Free School Meals. To find out if you are eligible, please visit the Hertfordshire online checker at:

<https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/RUTJG1/>

If you need any help with this, please let Mrs Wollaston (School Business Manager) or Mrs Blaker know in strictest confidence.

Time to get reading!

Here are our book club choices for this half term – let's do this!

Autumn 1

Mrs Blaker's Book Club

Year 4-6

Strike by Mitch Johnson

Year 2-3

Reception - Year 1

Waffles and Julius: No Hugs Please! By Ed Vere

Waffles is a dog who loves to give hugs, but his best friend Julius is definitely not interested! Read about the different ways to show a friend you love them, and find out whether Julius finally decides to give his friend a hug.

Think about...

- How do you show someone you love them?
- How can you show someone you love them if they don't like hugs?
- Before reading: do you think Julius might finally let Waffles hug him?

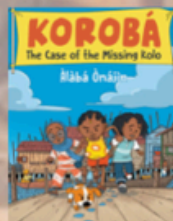


Koroba and The Case of the Missing Kolo by Alaba Onajin

Koroba and her friends can't wait for Kolo Breaking Day, where they count the money they've carefully saved all year to spend at their village's annual Harvest Festival. But when her best friend Saidat has her Kolo box stolen, Koroba and her friends turn detective to solve the mystery of who's taken it. Enter the world of Koroba's fishing village to help her solve her first detective case - and get ready for many more!

Think about...

- What do you think it is like to live in Makoko?
- Who are the main suspects in the case of the missing Kolo? Why do you think they may have stolen it?
- What do you think of Saidat's cousin Risi? Why is she so unhappy?
- How is each suspect ruled out of the investigation?
- How does Koroba finally crack the case?
- What does this story tell you about friendship?
- Do you agree with the friends' actions at the end? Would you act the same?



Owen is a footballer with a dream of turning professional one day and it looks as if his dreams are about to come true when he gets a place at the training academy of his beloved Harrowfield football club. Not only can he learn to play better, but he has a chance of running into his football hero, Budi. Owen's dad buys him a new pair of football boots to celebrate entering the academy, but a note stuck in one of the boots makes Owen re-think everything he thought he knew about the good that football can do, and our responsibilities to people that we've never met. Join Owen as he seeks to become a professional footballer, comes to terms with his own past, and change the world for the better through sport.

Think about...

- Owen has a complicated relationship with football. What role does it play in his life?
- How has the game of football changed his parents' lives?
- Describe Owen's friendship with Teddy.
- How does Owen change when he discovers the note in his football boot?
- Why is Budi such an inspirational figure to Owen?
- Do you agree with Owen's actions to support Budi and his cause?
- What do Budi and Owen have in common?
- What does Budi teach Owen?
- This book is about a boy's journey to become a professional footballer but also so much more. What do you think are the themes of the book?
- Has the book changed your views about football? How?
- What do you feel about Owen's future at the end of the book?



Book Reviews

**Dylan - Harry Potter and the
Philosopher's Stone
By:J.K.Rowling**

**Rudy - Norman the slug with
a silly shell.**

**Ariella - Isadora moon goes
camping**

**Caitlin - Daisy and the Trouble
with Burglars by Kes Gray.**

**Aria C
Rastamouse and the Crucial
Plan By Michael de Souza**

**Layla - Isadora Moon and the
Pop Stars by Harriet Muncaster**

**celebration
TEA**

**Sasha
Ryan
Hanna
Paige
Caitlin
Jacob
Abraham**





BRIGHT PATHWAYS UK

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER - NAVIGATING THE PATHWAY TOGETHER

SUPPORTING EVERY CHILD'S POTENTIAL

**A PARENT WEBINAR ON UNDERSTANDING AND
SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S DEVELOPMENTAL,
EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS.**

WHAT WILL WE EXPLORE?

- Common challenges children face in school and practical strategies to support children's learning, emotion regulation, self-esteem and confidence.
- An introduction to neurodiverse conditions, specifically Autism Spectrum Condition and ADHD.
- When to consider further neuro-developmental assessment for your child.

WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING?

- Parents and caregivers who want to better understand and support their child's emotional, social, and developmental needs.



Hosted By:
Dr Michelle Benson
(Paediatric
Psychologist) and
Muzzi Nathan
(Specialist
Paediatric
Occupational
Therapist)

Date & Time:
22nd October 2026
7.45-9.00pm

Venue:
Free Online Webinar

***Let's work together
to understand and
support every
child's unique way
of learning and
developing***