

# Clore Columns

# WELCOME BACK!

Attendance: 99.6%

Our Target Attendance: 97%

Punctuality: 98.5%

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Welcome back to another fantastic school year! It's wonderful to be back into the routine, and getting on with learning. The children have settled so well into their new classes and our teaching team is really enjoying getting to know everyone. Thank you all for preparing the children so well for the new school year.

**Children who have been to see me with good work this week:** Mason, Hanna, Charlie, Reece and Corey – twice!!

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

## Dates for your diary:

Thursday 18th September: Phonics workshop for Reception parents: 9.00

Monday 22nd September: Early closing for Rosh Hashana: 1.30/1.45

Tuesday 23rd-Wednesday 24th September: school closed

Friday 26th September: Parents Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday 29th September: Curriculum Evening 7.00

Monday 1st October: Early closing for Yom Kippur: 1.30/1.45

Tuesday 2nd October: School closed

Monday 6th October: Early closing for Sukkot: 1.30/1.45

Tuesday 7th October – Wednesday 8th October: school closed

Thursday 9th October: School photos (individuals)

Friday 10th October: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday 13th October: Early closing Simchat Torah: 1.30/1.45

Tuesday 14th October-Wednesday 15th October: School closed

Friday 24th October: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Monday 27th October-Friday 31st October: Half term

## Addresses and Phone Numbers update:

If you have changed your phone number, email or address, please let us know so that we can update our records

## Library books

If you have any library books outstanding from last term, please return them to your child's class teacher.

## **Siddurim**

Many children have unfortunately lost their Siddur. If your child needs a new one, please purchase one on Arbor, and let admin know that you have done this. We will then give them a new one.

## **SEN Parents Group with Mandy Brandon**

We have Mandy Brandon, who is a SEND implementation officer for Hertfordshire, coming in to do a coffee morning with parents who are interested in, or would like to know more about EHCP's and SEN support within Hertfordshire. This is on October 21st at 9:30-11am

## **Magnet Safety**

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) warns that more than 300 children a year are rushed to A&E after swallowing magnets and one in ten needs life-saving surgery.

When strong magnets stick together inside the body, they can rip through a child's gut, cutting off blood supply and causing life-threatening injuries. Even toddlers have needed hours of emergency surgery, and some children are left with lasting internal damage.

Magnets don't just come in toys – they're also found in jewellery kits, fridge magnets, puzzles, dartboards, fidget toys and desk gadgets. Worryingly, some magnets sold online are 17 times stronger than the UK safety limit.

## **Please remember:**

- Buy only from trusted brands and retailers.
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- Be cautious with cheap copies and online marketplaces.
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- Keep magnets and products containing them out of children's reach.

[click here](#) for more information

## **Martyn's Law implementation**

Parents with children in other Hertfordshire schools may be aware of a letter that was sent regarding the implementation of Martyn's Law, or the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025. This places obligations on schools, from October 2026, to have lockdown and invacuation procedures in place. Unfortunately our situation means that we already have high levels of security and our children practise an invacuation drill every term. Our classrooms are lockable and windows are blacked out when necessary. We will review our procedures in light of Martyn's Law and government guidance for schools, but for now, please be reassured that our levels of security in case of invacuation are high, although we are never complacent.



**Time to get reading!**

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

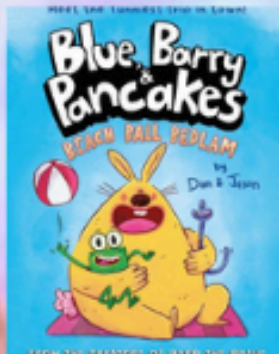
## *Mrs Blaker's* **BOOK CLUB**



**Reception and Year 1**

**Gina Kaminski Saves the Wolf by  
Craig Barr-Green and Francis  
Martin**

Gina reads the famous story of Red Riding Hood in some down-time at school, but she's unimpressed. Red Riding Hood is just not prepared enough! Join Gina as she re-writes this famous fairy story and gives it a whole new twist!



**Year 2 and 3**

**Blue, Barry and Pancakes: Beach Ball  
Bedlam by Dan and Jason**

If you're in Year 1 or 2 and have had an amazing year of reading, it's time to experience graphic novels! Pancakes and Barry have gone to beach but are super annoyed by Blue's beach ball. When they try to take it away they start a crazy sequence of events that takes them to outer space to prove they will do anything for their friend.



**Year 4, 5 & 6**

**Scarlet, Defender of the  
Universe by James Davis**

Meet the Swift family – a magical, chaotic family united by their love of words and also their desire to find the ancient treasure buried by their ancestor that might just get their family out of financial danger. But as the family gather to solve the mystery of the treasure, someone is willing to do anything – even murder – to get their hands on the gold!

*celebration*  
**TEA**

**Congratulations to:**

Ava  
Hanna  
Olivia  
Caitlin  
Corey  
Jasper  
Samuel

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