



Clore Columns



Attendance: 94%

Punctuality: 99.6%

Our Target Attendance: 97%

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It's been a busy and emotional week in school – Year 6 performed brilliantly in their last ever class assembly, and we look forward to hearing a lot more from them this year. They are doing a fantastic job of leading the school.

Thank you to Electric Umbrella who as usual gave us an amazing spectacle geared towards inclusion, friendship and being proud of who you are. Well done to all the children who were filmed for their forthcoming music video. We're busy getting ready for Chanukah and we look forward to sharing our Chanukah Mishpacha with parents next week. Each session starts at 2.15, and parents are welcome to leave with their children at 3.15.

I had a really useful and productive meeting with our Parent Reps on Monday. Thank you for all the kind words and good feedback. It's always useful to hear parent ideas and comments, and I will try to act on as much as possible. I also want to thank the Parent Reps who do so much work to keep our classes running smoothly and communicate with such sensitivity between home and school. We all have busy lives and many responsibilities and I am so grateful for the time our Parent Reps give to school. I have addressed some issues in detail below.

Thank you for all the kind words and thanks for the Friday Night Dinner last week. We had a wonderful time, and look forward to doing it all again with Years 3 and 4 next term!

Shabbat Shalom to all our families, have a great weekend.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Reece, Albie, Isaac, Jackson, Luca, Zachary, Max, Camden, Jake, Rafi G, Sam, Ella, Mia R, Lily, Isabella J

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

Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th – Thursday 18th December: Chanukah Mishpacha

Tuesday 6th January: term starts for all children

Wednesday 7th January: SATs information morning for parents and children – 8.45 in the hall

Friday 16th January: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Wednesday 21st January: Year 5 assembly – 8.45 in the hall, two adults per family

Week of 26th January: book fair in the library

Friday 30th January: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Wednesday 4th February: Young Voices

Friday 13th February: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Week of 16th February: Half Term

Wednesday 25th February: Year 4 Assembly: 8.45 in the hall, two adults per family

Tuesday 3rd March: Purim Celebrations

Thursday 5th March: World Book Day (no dress up necessary)

Friday 6th March: Parent Kabbalat Shabbat

Wednesday 18th March: Parents Evening

Friday 20th March: Friday Night Dinner – Years 3 and 4

Tuesday 24th March-Wednesday 25th March: Pesach Sedarim

Monday 30th March: end of term – school ends at 1.30/1.45

Club offer for PTA disco 15th December

Mrs Scott and Mrs Rabinovitch are offering a one off club session for KS2 children on the night of the PTA disco if you would like children to remain in school. Please see their details below:

A circular logo for 'Clor Explorers'. It features a green background with a brown tree branch on the left, a brown starburst in the center, and a green boot on the right. The text 'Clor Explorers' is written in a brown, playful font. Below the logo, it says 'Rooted in Nature. Powered by Play'.

We are able to offer your child a one time place at Forest School on the 15th December. The cost will be £5 and includes a hot chocolate and biscuit to warm up ready to party at the PTA school disco. Please email clorexplorers@gmail.com to confirm your child's place.

Clor Explorers is an outdoor, nature based club where children explore, discover and grow in our wonderful natural environment. At Clor Explorers we take the fun outside – mud becomes paint, trees become climbing frames and sticks spark imagination. Through hands on adventures children:

- Build confidence and independence
- Develop teamwork and problem-solving skills
- Connect with nature
- Learn through movement, play and curiosity.

We at Clor Explorers embrace muddy boots, big imaginations and the freedom to explore in all weather – because every forest adventure is a chance to learn and grow.

London Chess Classics Event at the Emirates Stadium

Well done to all the children who went to this fantastic event to play chess, hear from chess masters and improve their skills. I hear some fantastic chess matches were played with Clor Shalom coming 8th in the tournament. They were very impressive ambassadors for our school and I am so pleased that the chess club has taken off so well.

Chess Club Report:

The Clor Shalom chess club has already competed in two inter school events this term. The first event on the 23rd of November saw a few members of the Clor Shalom chess team compete in the finals of the London Junior Teams Championships- a tournament for only the top chess schools in London- the Under 9 team came =13th with the Under 11s taking 15th place!

Last week all of chess club attended the London Chess Classic Junior Tournament, a prestigious event held at the Emirates Football Stadium for schools across the country. For many of the students this was their first event, with some of the Y3s participating in their first event after only one term at chess club! The children played games against grandmasters, received group lessons with professional chess coaches and competed in tournaments. Everyone performed very well, though special mentions go to Noah Hecht Y5- who received an event record of 3 medals across all events and achieved one of the top individual scores of the on the day. Leah and Bailey Burnham-Miller as well as Spencer Rachel also achieved medals for best games prizes against the Grandmasters!

Chess club hopes to continue their tournament success throughout the year with several more events planned in the Spring and Summer term! If you would like your child to join chess club and be taught by one of the top players in the country, email schools@chess.co.uk.

Many thanks,
Jonny

Feedback from Parent Rep meeting:

PE:

Parents were asking about the spending of our Sports Premium funding. This is a direct grant from central government to schools to promote the training and resources around PE provision. There are strict criteria for what we can and cannot use the money for. We are not allowed to use the money to pay for an external PE teacher, the idea behind the grant is that primary staff are upskilled in the delivery of PE. Clor Shalom received £17585 for this academic year, a cut in previous years' funding. We have spent our allocation on:

PE curriculum resources and teacher training
New PE equipment for lessons and sports day
Subsidising transport for swimming lessons
Resources for our playground redevelopment
Workshops from outside providers for Sports Week

Detailed curriculum plans for PE can be found on our school website if you would like a deeper insight into what your child is covering in PE. Indoor units for PE are dance and yoga, and for those lessons, children are taught inside.

Please see below a few pictures of just some of the resources we have bought recently.



Tapestry use Years 1-6

I extended our Tapestry use into years 1-6 as a way of parents gaining an insight into what children are learning over the course of a week. It is meant to be a fun snapshot into your child's day and not as a means of showing work or providing a deeper insight into curriculum or assessment. Please do not 'read into' quick pictures that are taken in class. Your class teacher is always happy to answer any more in-depth questions you may have about learning.

Our multi-faith and inter faith work

Some parents commented on the loss of the multi faith aspect of our Chanukah celebrations this year. As a Jewish school, we felt it was more appropriate to focus on Chanukah at this time of year, but we are also deeply proud of and committed to our work in teaching children about other religions and beliefs. We also recognise that many of our children come from families of more than one faith. Children learn about other religions in RE every half term and we are also including a trip to Westminster Abbey and the Neasden Temple into our interfaith week next year. We hope to hold a multi-faith celebration in the summer term to showcase our work in the area and also to celebrate the identities of many of our children with family backgrounds from other religions.

Hall Hire for Parties

We are now in a position to hire out our hall and other facilities to families for parties. Please note that we will be accepting bookings for both Saturdays and Sundays (in a change to previous policy). Clore families are able to hire our facilities for £80 for four hours, and non-Clore families for £140. Please spread the word, and contact admin for bookings.

Piano Lessons at Clore

There are a limited number of spaces available for piano lessons at school. Lessons are available to pupils in year 2 and above. For more information please contact Danielle Kutner on 07958 224 484 or daniellekutner@icloud.com

Disabled Bays

Please can parents and grandparents be aware that the disabled bays in the school car park are for Blue Badge Holders only and must not be used by other drivers. I have had a few incidents recently where those with disabilities have been unable to use the bays.

Bronze Award

Well done to the Reception children who received their Bronze Award today (200 Dojos)

Arlo, Oliver , Aria C, Aria D, Eden, Lucas, Madison , Billie, Liora, Rebekah, Gabriel, Savannah, Isla, Ollie, Thea , Francesca, Ziggy, Toby & Ryan

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 admin 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 2

Mrs Blaker's Book Club

Reception - Year 2

The Starling Song by Octavie Wolters

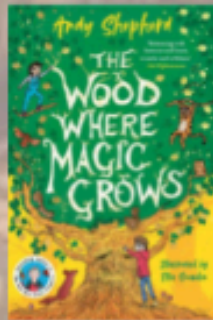
A beautifully illustrated journey with the starling as she and her fellow animals express gratitude for the wonders of nature and things that we often overlook.



Year 3 & Year 4

The Wood Where Magic Grows by Andy Shepherd

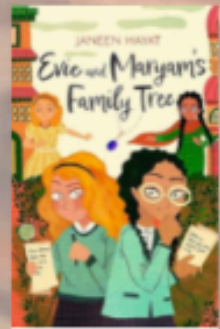
Iggy has just moved house with his new family but he is drawn to the beautiful wood at the bottom of his garden. But the wood seems to be slowly taking over his new house. Is the wood trying to tell him something, or even ask for his help?



Year 5 & Year 6

Evie and Maryam's Family Tree by Janeen Hayat

Evie and Maryam have to do a project to find out about their family tree. Could it possibly be that these two very different girls share an amazing secret past?



BOOK REVIEW

Aria - Peter Pan by Caryl Hart
Jackson - Dragon Games by Maddie Mara Pearl
Sophia - The 91 Story Treehouse
Freddie - Dinosaurs love underpants
Amelia - Guinness Book of Records 2026
Ava - The Enchanted Wood by Enid Blyton
Sasha - Max Meow Cat Crusader by John Gallagher

celebration
TEA

Congratulations to:

Gabriel
Frankie
Marnie
Jaxon
Sadie
Luca
Sam

Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? Call us for support or advice or email senco@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk in complete confidence.

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SENsory Sunday

Friendship
Circle
Herts



AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN & CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



ACTIVE ZONE

SENSORY ZONE

MUSIC ZONE

COOKING ZONE

STEM ZONE

QUIET ZONE

CHILDREN 4-11 YEARS



Teen buddies for individual attention for each child



Interactive & fun activities to build confidence



Calm and safe environment



Sensory tent for children feeling over stimulated



Parent coffee & chat simultaneously at Starbucks (see additional flier)

UPCOMING SESSIONS 2025/26

28 Sept

11 Jan

19 April

2 Nov

8 Feb

10 May

30 Nov

15 March

7 June

Each session is from
2:15 - 3:30pm

Register online for upcoming sessions
www.jewishlifecentre.org/friendship