

Clare Columns

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Attendance: 97.2% Our Target Attendance: 97%
Punctuality: 98.7% Our Target Punctuality: 99%
Class Punctuality Prize: Year 2 & 3

It's been wonderful to have all the children back in school for the summer term and fantastic to see so many of our families for our OPAL stay and play. It was lovely to see the children and their siblings playing in our new play space: thank you to everyone who has made this happen, from the PTA, to all the families who have donated equipment, to Mr Phillips who has worked so hard on our grounds, to the parent and staff OPAL group, and of course our fantastic groundwork volunteers. It has been a real community project and we look forward to further developments next year.

OPAL update: We are constantly losing balls. If anyone has any spare balls (any size or material except leather footballs) or belongs to a tennis club that gives away used balls, we really appreciate them.

Punctuality Prize: Year 2 and Year 3

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Sasha, Hallie, Joel, Jessie, Freddie B, Olivia, Micah, Gabriel, Felicity, Sophia B, Ariella

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

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Thursday 19th June: Reception to year 1 transition evening 7.30pm

Friday 20th June: Pride non-uniform day. Donations to the PTA please

Tuesday 1st July: Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July: Year 2 Assembly: two adults per child, 8.45 am

Friday 4th July: Goodbye Kabbalat Shabbat for Mrs Goldsmith and Mrs Berger

Friday 11th July: EXTRA KABBALAT SHABBAT for birthdays up to 15th August

Pride non-uniform day

We are having a non-uniform day to celebrate Pride month on 20th June in aid of the PTA. Each child is invited to wear a colour of the Pride flag. In our school, Pride means being confident and happy in who you are. I will be teaching the history behind the Pride flag and children are invited to choose the colour that they identify with most.

It is interesting and appropriate for children to learn the significance of common symbols that are used in our society. We are required to teach about our culture in modern Britain. OFSTED call this 'cultural capital'. Please note that we do not use this opportunity to teach about relationships or sexuality - this is not part of the primary curriculum. For transparency and clarity I have included below the information that will be shared with the children.

Pride means having a strong feeling of happiness in being you; in your achievements and your unique personality, hopes and dreams. If you have pride in yourself: you believe in you! You are happy and proud to be who you are.

We see the Pride flag everywhere. What's its history?

In 1978, Gilbert Baker, an artist from San Francisco was asked to design a flag to express the idea that everyone was equal, free and should take pride in who they are. He took the idea of a rainbow, a unique symbol from nature, and made it into a flag.



The first ever Pride flag looked like this:

But it was so popular that the flag makers had a problem – they could not get enough pink or turquoise fabric! So the design was changed to the one we see today:



Gilbert thought carefully about each colour on his flag. Each colour represents a different way we can express ourselves:

Red = Life (celebration, excitement, awe)

Orange = Healing (feeling better, changing, accepting apologies and moving on)

Yellow = Sunlight (happiness, joy, optimism)

Green = Nature (growth, energy, authenticity)

Dark Blue = Serenity (peace and tranquillity)

Purple = Spirit (bravery, courage, the ability to stick up for others and say what we believe in freedom, not being afraid of change)

When you see the Pride flag, have a think:

Which of these colours is most meaningful to you?

How can you express the unique person that you are?

How can we support others who are not lucky enough to live in a country where people are free to express themselves and their beliefs.

Sports Day

We are really looking forward to Sports Day this year. Please note the following timings:

Reception: 9-10 am

Years 1,2, 3: 10.30-11.45 am

Years 4,5,6: 1.30-3 pm

Please note that we will make every effort to run Sports Day, but if the rain beats us again, we may have to move our event at short notice.

Breakfast Club

If your child is signed up for breakfast club, please ensure they are in school by 8.10 at the latest if they would like to eat. We are not able to prepare food for them between 8.10 and 8.15 as there is not enough time for them to eat and then get into class.

Water Bottles

We having a large number of children come to the office every day asking for cups as they have left their water bottles at home. Every child should be in school with a named water bottle every day, especially in hot weather.

Safety at Drive Thru

If children are walking into school and not using Drive-Thru please use the front gate and do not allow children to walk on the drive-thru roadway. Children and cars should not share a road.

CLORE Awards

Time to get going on your third and final CLORE Award challenge. I look forward to celebrating all those children who have completed each challenge at the end of the year. The deadline for completed challenges is 1st July.

Mrs Blaker's

BOOK CLUB

Summer 1

Colin's Castle by Holly Swain

Colin the vampire is super happy with his new castle. It's scary and far away from anyone. Except for a duck who wants to leave with Colin and just won't leave whatever Colin tries to do!



The Day My Dog Got Famous by Jen Carney

Ferris is locked in a competition with his next door neighbour Destiny and the prize is a new tablet. Who get can the most likes for vidoes of their dogs doing tricks? But Ferris soon pushes his dog Aldo too far and worries that his desire to make Aldo famous has made him forget about how to be a good friend.

Birdie by JP Rose

In the years after World War 2, Birdie goes to live with her long-lost family in Yorkshire. Bullied because she's different and missing her foster home, she makes friends with a forgotten pony, only to discover that the pony's life is in danger. Can Birdie help him, and in saving his life, teach her new community that everyone matters? (If you are reading this book, it is helpful to read the historical note at the back first).



Book Reviews

Sophia - Mr Majeika by Humphrey Carpenter
Ari - Matilda by Roald Dahl

celebration
TEA

Congratulations to:

**Savannah
Issy
Camden
Bailey
Amelia
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Jonah**

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SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Family Lives are delivering the below online parenting groups and workshops (via MS Teams), funded by Herts County Council in the Summer term for parents/carers who live in Hertfordshire or who have a child attending a Hertfordshire school.

All our programmes provide support, information and resources to parents/carers and adult family members so they can help their child reach their full potential.

Getting on with your Pre-Teen / Teenager - Online

Wednesday 4 June to 9 July
7.00pm to 9.00pm

Sorting our Family Arguments - Online

Tuesday 10 June to 15 July
9.30am – 11.30am

Anxiety around ADHD Workshop - Online

Tuesday 24 June
9.30am – 11.30am

Reducing Conflict Workshop – Online

Monday 14 July
7.00pm to 9.00pm



Hudnall Park is a versatile multi-purpose venue set in 85 acres of beautiful parkland eight miles from Hemel Hempstead in the west of Hertfordshire.

We offer tailor-made programmes of activities designed to develop young people's social, emotional and physical skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Information for parents & carers about the activities available: Archery - Thursday, 31st July and 7th August 10am – 12pm Learn archery techniques and compete in fun games! Using the outdoor archery range you will have the chance to be coached in the technique of shooting arrows safely using a recurve bow.

Throughout the session you will be helped to shoot with increasing accuracy. Games and competition between groups of small teams will be used to make the session fun and enjoyable.

The session will have a maximum of 8 young people. Challenge Course - Thursday, 31st July and 7th August 1pm – 3pm Tackle a woodland balance course with your team.

Fun physical challenges await! We will engage you in a variety of fun exercises working through challenges including problem solving, climbing, jumping and crawling to the finish line.

Young people will be fully supported to navigate the challenge course. Go Wild Explorers - Wednesday 30th July and 6th August 10 am – 12pm Discover and explore nature in the wilderness of Hudnall Park!

These are inspiring and fun sessions that take place in our beautiful woodland. Activities may include, shelter building, natural arts and crafts, learning how to build and light a campfire, roasting marshmallows and hot chocolate.

We will also explore the woodland and look at the different habitats and wildlife that have visited our woods and film that has been captured on our trail cameras.

Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities! Sign up now and let the adventure begin!

Contact for further details at: Telephone: 01442 454345 E-mail at: hudnall.park@hertfordshire.gov.uk Hudnall Park, Hudnall Common, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 1QN

Online booking: <https://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org/hudnall-park/free-summer-activities-for-young-people-with-send/>



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TRIAL DAY - SATURDAY 28TH JUNE 2025