

Clore Columns

Attendance: 96.8%
Punctuality: 98.9%

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

Thank you to all families who attended the Stay and Play last weekend. It was lovely to see so many of you and for your entire families to see the work we have done on our outside space, so much of it generously funded by you. Thank you as always to the PTA who provided drinks and snacks. We would also like to thank the PTA for generously buying all the classes Amazon wishlist's this year.

Shabbat Shalom, have a great weekend.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Ziggy, Billie and Cassidy – beautiful colour poems; Jamie and Blake – excellent handwriting; Ella B – fantastic science investigation

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

Dates for your diary:

Friday 23rd – Parent Kabbalat Shabbat
Monday 26th – Half Term

🥰🌟 Order Your Fresh Challah & Support Clore Shalom! 🌟🥰

Make your Shabbat preparations a little easier while supporting our wonderful school community! ❤️
We've arranged to buy fresh challah in bulk, meaning you can enjoy:

- 🥰 Fresh, delicious challah from Just Kosher ready for Shabbat
- 💡 A lower price than buying directly from the shop
- 🚗 Convenient collection at school pick-up time
- ❤️ Support for our PTA, with a small donation from every purchase going towards our school

📅 How does it work?

To enjoy this fantastic opportunity, we ask families to commit to ordering challah for the whole half-term, from 6th November to 18th December, purchasing the same quantity each week.
Simply choose how many challahs you'd like each week, complete the form and make your payment. Your fresh challah will then be ready to collect at school pick-up time each week!
Make sure to put your order in by Friday 23rd October.

🥰🍷 Optional Shabbat Packs

Want to make Shabbat even easier? We also have optional Shabbat packs available to purchase each week.
Each pack includes:

- 🍷 A small bottle of grape juice
- 🕯️ Two tea lights

Perfect for bringing a little extra Shabbat joy into your home!

❤️ Order your challah, support our PTA and enjoy a simpler Shabbat!

Bringing the joy of Shabbat from school to your home – one challah at a time! 🥰🌟

Use this link to order yours! <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/clore-shalom-challah-sale-6th-november-2026-18th-december-2026>



Year 6,5 and 4 residentials

Thank you to all parents who attended our zoom meetings about supporting our children to sleep over. If you would like to discuss any concerns further, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Chanukah Mishpacha and Pesach Sederim!

We are so excited to celebrate Chanukah with you and your children. We invite one parent per family. The groups are attached to this email.

Monday 7th December 2:15 – 3:15 – Group 1

Tuesday 8th December 2:15 – 3:15 – Group 2

Wednesday 9th December 2:15 – 3:15 – Group 3

Thursday 10th December 2:15 – 3:15 – Group 4

Pesach Seder - Tuesday 13th April

9:00 – 10:00 – Group 1

10:30 – 11:30 – Group 2

1:00 – 2:00 – Group 3

2:30 – 3:30 – Group 4

The importance of risky, outdoor play for child development

We have been reading this interesting article that evidences the importance of outdoor play in enabling children to develop the skill of informed risk taking.

<https://theconversation.com/messy-risky-outdoor-play-is-important-for-children-but-adults-can-stop-them-enjoying-it-291898>

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 a complete puzzle 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=A8az7VPWYjFGXtjKjhURFW7zoQbnnh.1>

Meeting chat link

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

Meeting ID: 818 2205 2206

Passcode: 269915

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?

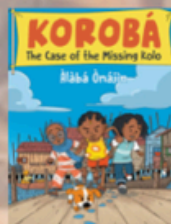


Koroba and The Case of the Missing Kolo by Alaba Onajin

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 villages 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

**Hallie - Dork Diaries :
Frenemies Forever by Rachel
Renee Russell**

**James- The very silly shark By
Jack Trickle**

**Ella - chocolate cake by
michael rosen**

**Camden - George's Marvellous
Medicine by Roald Dahl**

Alena - Oliver's Wood

**celebration
TEA**

**Ava
Billie
Theo
Maisie
Reuben
Jodie
Lyla**





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***