

Clore Columns

Attendance: 87.6%
Punctuality: 98.6%

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

We've had a wonderful week of Chanukah celebrations, despite the backdrop of tragedy in Australia which has never been far from our minds. Thank you to all staff who made our wonderful Chanukah events possible and to all parents who made this such a special community time. Thank you to the PTA for a fantastic disco, kindly donated by Elliot Spencer. And thank you very much to all parents who have fulfilled security shifts this week. We are also very grateful to Mr and Mrs Krikeb (Joanna Massage Therapy) for so generously buying doughnuts for all the children yesterday— a much-loved Chanukah treat.

Please note that term finishes on Monday 22nd December at 1.30/1.45.

Thank you to all parents for your generous and thoughtful Chanukah gifts and kind words. We wish all our families a wonderful, relaxing festive break and look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Sam, Raphi, Ella, Mia R, Lily, Isabella

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

Dates for your diary:

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

Enrichment Day

On Monday 22nd December we will be running our usual enrichment sessions for children where they will take part in two workshops to expand their skills and try something new. Children can come to school in PE kit on Monday. Usual lessons are suspended.

Chesed Champions

Each term we have focused as a school on a different school value. This term has been chesed and I have asked teachers to nominate who they feel are the chesed champions from each class. Thank you to each and every child in school who has shown chesed this term and makes our school such a wonderful place.

Reception: Billie

Year 1: Theo

Year 2: Freddie

Year 3: Camden

Year 4: Jodie

Year 5: Flora

Year 6: Lily

Clore Dad's Football Team - Maccabi GB League

Maccabi GB are organising an interschool Dad's Football League, and they've invited Clore to enter a team. It's a great opportunity to represent the school, have some fun, and get involved in a friendly, well-run competition with other schools. If you'd be interested in playing, or would like more information, please contact Mr Sobell on 07455 747717 or email maxasobell@gmail.com

New drive-thru and security co-ordinator wanted

We are so sad that after many years of volunteering, Mrs Raman will be giving up this position when Jonny leaves in the summer. We would like to thank Mrs Raman for her massive contribution to co-ordinating our dedicated volunteers. It makes such a difference to the smooth running of the school and makes our lives so much easier. We will really miss her and have loved working with her. We are looking for someone to take over this vital role from September 2026. If anyone is interested, please message Mrs Raman on 07534 194576

Stationery

We are sending pencil cases home over the holidays. Please top up pens, pencils, colours and glue sticks as necessary.

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.

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 all the children who received their Bronze Award on Monday (200 Dojos)

Ariella, Frankie, Mason , Aidan, Hanna, Theo ,Eli, Bonnie J, Lexi, Charlie, Isaac

Zachary, Luca, Jake, Albie, Blake

Joel, Hallie, Freddie B , Bailey , Nathan C, Frankie, Sloane, Ari , Jodie, Gabriel, Jacob , Nathan S, Jesse

Bella B, Luca, Abraham, Bella G, Noah, Amelia, Ava, Sienna L, Henry , Jasper, Spencer, Anabelle

Sam

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

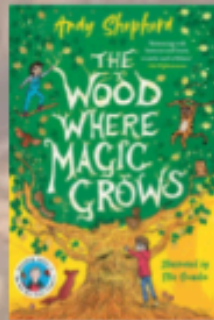
A beautifully illustrated journey with the starling as she and her fellow animals express gratitude for the wonders of nature and things that we often overlook.



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

Maxi - Loki A bad god's guide to being good by Louie Stowell
Eden - Hippobottomus by Steve Smallman
Pearl - Charlie and the chocolate factory by Roald Dahl.
Eli - Out of the blue by Robert Tregoning and Stef Murphy
Sienna - Worst holiday ever by Charlie Higson
Zachary - Loki

celebration
TEA

Congratulations to:

Arlo
Carter
Ella
Zachary
Thursday
Rafi

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



AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN & CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



ACTIVE ZONE

SENSORY ZONE

MUSIC ZONE

COOKING ZONE

ART 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