

Clore Columns

Attendance: 94.7%

Our Target Attendance: 97%

Punctuality: 97.4%

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Class Punctuality Prize: Year 4



Clore Shalom School

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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to all our parents who have contributed to such a wonderful Spring term. We could not function without the drive-thru volunteers, the security volunteers, the many parents who help us with reading, school trips, the PTA, our OPAL group, the groundwork team and so much more. Most of all thank you for your support of our work, and your love and care for our children which make our school such a happy community.

Happy Holidays and Chag Sameach to you all.

OPAL update:

We are nearly ready to open our field to the children. If you have any spare buckets, spades or sand play toys, or you would like to donate some, please send them our way.

Thank you so much

Punctuality Prize: Year 4

Children who have been to see me with good work this week:

Jamie, Arthur, Aiden, Carter, Isaac, Ariella, Lexi, Emily, Sophie G, Ruby, Oscar, Noah, Amelia L (Year 4), Tilly

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

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April: Seder (every parent should now know when their child's Seder is, if not, please contact admin)

Thursday 10th April: End of term and enrichment day (half day)

Friday 21st March, Friday 4th April: Parents Kabbalat Shabbat (Looking forward to welcoming Reception parents!)

Online Messaging

Many children in Years 3-6 are using their own phones or their parents phones to message each other or become involve in class imessage groups. As I have reported before, these messages are often inappropriate, and are a major cause of friendship and social incidents that we see in school. I would strongly encourage parents not to allow their children to message each other. We have had several incidents of unpleasent group 'pile-ons' and the children are not mature enough to read or send messages appropriately or understand the consequences of their actions. If children want to communicate with each other, they should face time or make voice calls.

If your child is messaging, please ensure that you are checking the messages every night. If your child is deleting messages that is a major red flag. Please be aware that unfortunately children will go to great lengths to conceal messaging and you must check their devices thoroughly including apps and social media where it is possible to direct message. As I have said to the children many times, if they are not comfortable for you to see their messages, the messages should not be written at all.

If you would like me to deal with incidents relating to messaging in school, I am willing and able to do this, but I will need screen shots of the messages to ensure that each child is dealt with fairly.

Get Reading!

Our bookclub will run on April 7th so this is the last weekend to get those books finished and those opinions ready!

Anti bullying poster winners

Thank you to all the children who made fantastic and informative posters for my competition. The winning posters will be framed and displayed around the school to make sure that all children are aware of our anti bullying message:

Winners:

Jaxon, Maya, Leo H, Siena L and Sophie H

Highly Commended:

Isabella J, Reece, Noah and Sophie G

A New competition!

I am now running a competition to name our beautiful new forest area. Thanks to the generosity of Lynch, our parent volunteers and the hard work of Mr Phillips, we now have cleared, turfed, seeded and equipped the inaccessible wilderness that used to be behind the outdoor classroom. It has greatly extended our play area and our opportunities for play and learning.

But what should we call it?

Could children please send me their ideas by **Friday 25th April**, and the winning name will be on our sign welcoming children into the area.

Staffing Update

After a period of some instability within our School Business Management team, we are now pleased to have appointed Mrs Wollaston as our School Business Manager. She started with us on Monday and will initially work Mondays to Wednesdays, alongside Mrs Cash, our finance administrator. This is an often unseen but absolutely vital job which is instrumental in keeping our finances on track, our premises safe, our staffing compliant and the school sustainable for the future. Mrs Wollaston is an accountant whose previous experience has been in business, so the school environment is new to her. I am sure she will feel welcome and happy within the world of education very soon.

Smartphone Free Childhood

We are working closely with the national Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign to help implement Clore Shalom's own Smartphone Free Policy in September. Being Smartphone Free includes a child's access to social media and messaging platforms via any other means (E.g. Ipad, Amazon Fire, etc). I'm currently working with a small committee of parents to roll this out, starting with some events tying in with Internet Safety Week in April. If you would like to be involved and to join the committee, please contact Juliet Hecht at Julietblank@hotmail.com.

We have invited Eliza Krigman to come in for what should be a fascinating parent workshop during Internet Safety Week taking place at school on Tuesday April 29th at 730pm. Eliza is a parent herself and is an active campaigner for the Smartphone Free Childhood Campaign, going into schools to help empower other parents to form healthier digital habits – for you and your children. We'd love as many parents to come along to chat about this important topic. Do email the office if you can attend.

If you would like to attend this event, please email admin. Childhood Unplugged: The Power of Play, Presence and Community

**JOIN US FOR A
DIGITAL
HEALTH
WORKSHOP!**

Why?

Struggling to parent screentime?
Worried your child is way too addicted?
Keen to **put off smartphones** as long as possible ... but not sure how to?
Freaking out after watching **Adolescence?**

By working together we can **put our kids' mental health and digital health habits first.**

**COME ALONG TO CHAT,
HAVE A CONVERSATION AND SEE HOW
MUM & DEVICE EXPERT
ELIZA KRIGMAN**
can help us steer our kids safely
through a world where
social media, messaging and
smartphones
are stealing their childhood.

**CLORE SHALOM
29TH APRIL
7.30PM**



 

Ice Cream!

Gino the ice cream man will be coming to school pick up on Tuesday 8th April at 3.15pm if you would like to buy your child an ice cream to celebrate the end of term and some sunshine!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

On Sunday 8th June between 1 and 4 we are opening up our grounds for all our families for an OPAL STAY AND PLAY. Come with the whole family and enjoy our fantastic new play opportunities. Please note that families will need to supervise their own children on that afternoon.

Mrs Blaker's
BOOK CLUB
Spring 2

The Café at the Edge of the Woods by Mikey Please

Rene has saved her whole life to start her own café. But what happens when the local ogres don't want to eat her lovely food? Join Rene and her assistant Glumfoot as they try to make food disgusting enough for the ogres to eat!



Knight St Louis and the Dreadful Damsel by The Brothers McLeod

Knight St Louis is a champion knight with a big problem – there's a dreadful robotic monster terrorizing his kingdom and he and his friends need to save the day! Join Louis and his crazy kingdom in a frantic and funny adventure to save the King.



Hardit Singh Malik: World War One Flying Ace by Bali Rai

History is full of unsung heroes and Hardit Singh Malik was the first ever Indian who was allowed to enter the RAF and fight on the side of Britain in World War One. Hear not only about his bravery but also about his struggle to be accepted as an equal in the days of the early twentieth century. If you love non-fiction this is for you!





Book Reviews

Isabella - Alex Rider Point Blanc - Anthony Horowitz
Dylan - Matilda by Roald Dahl
Leo - An Eerie-on-Sea Mystery - Malamander by Thomas Taylor
Chiara - Handa's Hen By Eileen Browne
Spencer - Ben Miller, The Boy who Made the World Disappear

celebration TEA

Congratulations to:

Lexi
Ella
Isaac
Sofia
Annabelle
Daniel
Raphi

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.



The Norwood

CARNIVAL

Sunday 18 May 2025

Edgware Primary School,
Heming Road, Edgware HA8 9AB

Sponsored Bike Challenge

11.30am

(suitable for ages 4 – 11)

£15 Registration

(includes free entry to Carnival)

The Norwood Carnival

12.30pm – 4.30pm

£6 per child - £4 per adult

Carers go free

(one carer per family)

BOOK NOW

norwood.org.uk/carnival

Tokens required for all activities
available to purchase on the day

Contact

community@norwood.org.uk

Scan for tickets



Everyone is welcome, this is an inclusive and accessible event



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Non-Violent Resistance

ADHD Unlocked

EHCP Essentials

Exploring Autism for Parents

Exploring Autism for Grandparents

Toileting Tips and Strategies

Nutrition and Neurodiversity

AUTUMN TERM 2025



Exploring Autism for Parents

Exploring Autism for Grandparents

Talking Teens

SPRING TERM 2026



Non-Violent Resistance

Exploring Autism for Parents

Exploring Autism for Grandparents

Financial assistance is available for those who may require it.

Please visit norwood.org.uk/cfs for more information.



2025/2026
EXCEL SPORT
SUNDAY LEAGUE
OPEN DAY FOR NEW PLAYERS

SUNDAY 11th MAY 2025

CURRENT YEAR 1
1.00-1.45pm

CURRENT YEAR 2
2.00-2.45pm

CURRENT YEAR 3
3.15-4.00pm

St Michael's School, High Elms Lane, Garston, WD25 0SS

CURRENT YEAR 4-5
5.00-5.45pm

Parmiter's School, High Elms Lane, Garston, WD25 0UU

Current Year 6 and above - please email
adam@excelsundayleague.co.uk
for details

The Excel Sunday League provides a great introduction into the world of team play in football. We develop each player in a match style environment for best results.

Our ethos remains the same: to provide football for children of all standards, build confidence, learn new skills and above all have fun.

Our qualified team of coaches are dedicated and experienced in meeting all of the children's football needs. Unlike other leagues, we coach the younger players during matches thus continuing to develop each player both individually and within a team.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW!

If you would like to be considered for a team in the Excel Sunday League, please register online using the QR code or visit www.excelsport.co.uk and click on Sunday League 'Register for Open Day'.

The Open Day is free of charge and available to everybody.

Matches begin in September 2025 and continue through until April 2026.

