

# Clore Columns



**Attendance: 96.53%**      **Our Target Attendance: 97%**  
**Punctuality: 98.5%**      **Our Target Punctuality: 99%**  
**Class Punctuality Prize: Year 2 & 3**

Dear Parents

Well done to Year 4 on a fantastic celebration of their work so far this year. I greatly enjoyed their confident and informative assembly.

Thank you to our parents maintenance team who were busy at work in school on Sunday, we greatly appreciate your time and effort to make our grounds and buildings as attractive as possible for our school community.

OPAL update: We were so excited to roll out the first part of our playground activities, and the chalks, dress up boxes and den building were a fantastic success. Thank you to all parents who donated and to the PTA for allowing us to make our first purchases.

We are now looking for any spare lego, and blankets, duvets, sheets etc for our den building frames.

Children who have been to see me with good work this week: Bella B, Albie, Luca, Zachary, Jake, Mila, Camden, Dylan, Ella W, Issy, Paige, Chiara, Jessie, Billie, Sophie (Year 5)

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

### Upcoming dates for your diary:

Monday 27th January: **Book Fair all week**

Friday 31st January: **Parents Kabbalat Shabbat (please note this is not in the diary dates but is happening)**

Wednesday 5th February: **Year 6 SATs information morning 8.45 (for parents and children)**

Monday 10th February: **Young Voices concert**

Thursday 13th February: **Tu B'shvat sederim**

**Friday 14th February: Last Friday half day**

Monday 17th February: **Half Term**

### School surveys

Thank you to all parents who completed our parent survey this week – there is still time to complete yours. As we did last year, this is the time where we survey all our stakeholders: parents, staff and children to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our school community and take feedback on board.

### Enrichment contributions

Please could all parents ensure that their enrichment contribution is paid for this term. This allows us to provide workshops and activities for all our children to enrich our curriculum and bring learning to life. The activities for this term are: whole school anti bullying and safer internet workshops, whole school Matza baking and a workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

### Spelling information for each year group

Apologies I forgot to send this attachment last week – you will find each year group's spelling information attached to this newsletter.

### Book fair

Book fair is happening next week in the library after school until 3.35 every day (and 1.45 on Friday). Please note the following with regards to payments: Payments will be accepted by visiting <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> during the fair. Please note you must have a physical debit card in order to pay - Apple Pay and Google Pay cannot be accepted.

We will not be holding books for children this year, so if you would like to buy a book for your child, please ensure you have the correct payment method.

### Join us on social media!

Please use the links below to follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages as we spread the word about our wonderful school.

# Mrs Blaker's BOOK CLUB



Reception and Year 1

**Bothered by Bugs by Emily Gravett**

Pete the Badger is trying to get on with his cooking, but there are bugs everywhere! Join Pete and his friends as they try to get rid of them. But with the bugs gone, the forest seems very different...



Year 2-Year 4

**Huxley and Flapjack: Race to the Rescue**  
by Alan MacDonald and Francesca Gambatesa

Huxley and his best friend Flapjack battle to unmask the robber who is targeting the poshest store in town. But what happens when the two best friends get suspected of stealing themselves? Will they be able to prove their innocence?

(This is an easier read - confident Year 4s should read the Year 5/6 book)



Year 5 & Year 6

**The Swifts by Beth Lincoln**

Meet the Swift family - a magical, chaotic family united by their love of words and also their desire to find the ancient treasure buried by their ancestor that might just get their family out of financial danger. But as the family gather to solve the mystery of the treasure, someone is willing to do anything - even murder - to get their hands on the gold!

## Book Reviews

- Arthur - Stick Man by Julia Donaldson
- Max G - Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess by Jeff Kinney
- Ethan - The Smartest Giant in Town by Julia Donaldson
- Jake G - Murder Most Unladylike by Robin Stevens

## celebration TEA

**Congratulations to:**

Isaac  
Arabelle  
Sophia G  
Micah  
Bella B  
Jack  
Tallie

*Do you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals? Call us for support or advice or email [senco@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@cloreshalom.herts.sch.uk) in complete confidence.*

Dear parent/carer(s),

Important health information from Dr Rachel Joyce

With A&E departments in our area currently seeing high numbers of children, I'm writing to all parents and carers to share advice about getting the right care for your child in the right place, as quickly as possible.

Having a poorly child can be frightening, and it is sometimes hard to know what to do for the best. If you are concerned about your child's health, contact 111 online, [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk) (for children aged 5 and over) or alternatively call 111 or speak to your GP or a local pharmacist. They are trained to recognise the symptoms of serious illness and will direct you to an A&E if that's the best option for your child.

You will also find comprehensive and clear information on the [Hertfordshire and West Essex Healthier Together website - www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk](http://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk). It has information about a range of common childhood illnesses and their symptoms, all in one place and supplied by trusted local health experts.

[There are easy-to-follow 'traffic light' descriptions for different illnesses help parents and carers to understand how serious their child's symptoms are, and give advice on what to do if symptoms get worse. There is advice on when and how you can treat your child safely at home, and when you need to get urgent help.](#)

The website includes advice on the following illnesses:

- [fever/high temperature](#)
- [coughs and colds](#)
- [difficulty breathing and wheezing](#)
- Infectious diseases such as [measles](#) and [scarlet fever](#)
- [tummy ache](#)
- [diarrhoea and vomiting.](#)

The website also includes advice on:

- [managing asthma](#)
- [childhood vaccinations](#)
- [mental health and wellbeing support](#)
- [worried over the cost of daily living.](#)

Each page has a language translation function for people who need it. There's also a range of information on important topics and places you can get extra support.

The NHS is here for you. If you are seriously concerned about your child's health, don't hesitate to get help.

Always dial 999 if you have a life or limb-threatening emergency.

I hope that you have found this information helpful in looking after your child safely this winter.

Dr Rachel Joyce,

Medical Director for NHS Hertfordshire and West Essex [Integrated Care Board](#)

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Dr Jane Halpin, Chief Executive

Rt. Hon. Paul Burstow, Chair



## PAJES WELLBEING WEBINAR FOR PARENTS

PaJeS would like to share the recording of their most recent Wellbeing webinar for parents which focused on BSA (Emotionally Based School Avoidance). Parents felt it was very reassuring and informative and said “I felt less alone, that my child was not the only one struggling and that there is help and support out there.” And “I learnt a huge amount - really found it exceptionally useful.”

If you would like to access the recordings of all of their talks and webinars all sessions can be found [here](#). They are a great resource for parents on different topics including Smartphones, ADHD, Food and Understanding Girls-managing anxiety, friendships and striving for perfection.