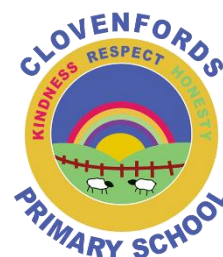


Clovenfords Primary School

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Weekly Update – Friday 29th August 2025



Head Teacher's Update

Dear all,

Welcome to Session 2025-2026. The new term has started positively, and the children have settled into their new classes and are engaging in the routines and learning that has been planned for them.

As part of our In-Service Days last week, staff worked together to streamline and plan for greater consistency of reporting on pupil progress. You will find further details on this below. Staff also reflected on the learning environments both in classes and across other areas in the school with the aim of continuing to provide calm and productive spaces for the children to engage fully in all that is offered to them daily.

We are looking forward to lots of opportunities to support and promote the children's learning this session and inviting you into school to work with your child and discuss their learning with them. With this first Weekly Update, we have also attached a Family Year Calendar which we hope you will find useful, although as always, dates for each term will be included in the Weekly Updates. You will see from the calendar, and below, that we have included times for you to come into our Gatherings and Stay and Play/Learn sessions, and this term we have a Meet the Teacher evening. This year, our assemblies are taking place on a Friday morning. Look out for your child's class assembly on the annual calendar. For all events we ask that you enter and leave the school through the main entrance only.

A reminder too, that as part of our safeguarding duties, all parents and visitors must come to the main entrance to collect their child during the school day. If you are coming in for a meeting etc., you will be signed in and issued with a visitor's badge by a member of staff. Please do not enter the school through any other doors.

Finally, please see below for the Showbie Code you will need for your child's Class Communication Group for this session. These will be used to share information on upcoming events, news and learning that is pertinent to your child's class, so make sure you join.

Wishing you all a safe and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Saxon

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 2nd September	Meet the Teacher 6.00pm-7.00pm
Friday 5th September	Family Curriculum Overviews published
Tuesday 9th September	iPads in P4 - Parent Information Evening 6.00pm-7.00pm at St Peter's Primary School
Monday 15th September	Individual Pupil Photos
Monday 15th September	Parent Council AGM – in school 6.30pm
Tuesday 16th September	Individual Pupil Photos
Wednesday 17th September	P2-7 families invited to Citizenship Gathering - 9.15am – 9.45am
Wednesday 24th September	Family Soft Start Stay and Play P1-7 8:45 - 9:15am ELC - 8:35 - 9:15am
Friday 3rd October	P6/7 Class Assembly – 9.00am. All P6/7 parents invited.
Monday 13th October	October holiday begins
Monday 20th October	In Service Day. Staff return only
Tuesday 21st October	Pupils resume

Parent Council AGM

As always at this time of year the Parent Council AGM is held. This will take place in school at **6.30pm** on **Monday 15th September**. All families are warmly invited to come along. The Parent Council needs new members to keep it vibrant, particularly parents whose children are at the start of their school experience and have a long association ahead of them. Everyone on the Parent Council brings something different and something useful to make it work, so please don't think you have nothing to offer. If you are interested in becoming a member, please come along to the AGM.

Pupil Portfolios and Reporting on Progress

This session we will continue to use your child's online Showbie Portfolio to report on learning and progress. To ensure consistency, agreed curricular areas will be reported on each term, building up to an overall report of learning across the session. This means that you will receive a balanced and varied number of learning examples across a wide range of learning. All uploaded learning in your child's Portfolio for this session will have a teacher comment attached which will highlight learning, targets met and next steps. This approach means reporting will be more timely, relevant to where your child is across each term in their learning and will provide a balanced view of their overall progress and successes. At the end of the session teachers will provide a short summary of learning and achievement of, or progress towards, the relevant Curriculum for Excellence Levels. Towards the end of this term, you will find uploaded examples of your child's learning in **Spelling, Oracy, Numeracy/Maths** and **Health and Wellbeing**.

Showbie Class Communication Groups for 2025-2026

Please join your child's group to make sure you are kept up to date with relevant information.

ELC – EUUBQ8
P1/2 – EDTUDB
P2/3 – EYQWA6
P3/4 – E6QPGH
P4/5 – ER72PZ
P5/6 – EPG22Y
P6/7 – ENG692

Your child's class teachers are in the process of setting up Showbie for their class learning. P4 iPads are in the process of being built. They will be handed out once this is completed and school have received the signed agreement from their parent on the use and care of their 1:1 device. The agreement letters will be issued to P4 parents next week.

Wider Achievements

We continue to welcome achievements from outside school that support your child's development as a lifelong learner and active and productive member of their school community and beyond. Children have a wide range of hobbies and interests; sporting, creative, and community based etc., and we love hearing about all these achievements. Please keep sharing these with us.

To support an even wider range of achievements, and to help your child to continue to develop key skills and qualities, we would like to invite you to email our school office with examples – photos would be great! - based on your child's developing understanding and demonstration of how they are being **responsible** and/or **achieving**.

Some examples that may help:

- Making their own bed each day
- Getting themselves ready each morning; getting dressed, packing their own schoolbag, remembering to fill their water bottle.
- Helping to clear the table after dinner
- Tidying up their games and toys after they have finished with them, without being asked.
- Continuing to practise a task or activity and mastering it – such as tying shoelaces, learning to ride a bike or a new skill such as knitting, sewing etc.

We will use all that you share as part of our termly contribution and achievement assemblies where the children will be celebrated. Thank you in advance.

Clovenfords Coins

This session, Clovenfords Coins will be awarded to children for showing community spirit and participation. Coins will be given out by staff during assemblies and gatherings to children who are actively and respectfully engaging in and listening during whole school together times; who are celebrating all the weekly Star Achievers in their chosen celebration claps; who are actively joining in with singing and contributing with responses or questions when invited etc.

Coins can also be earned by pupils for wearing their uniform with pride consistently, including on PE days where they are still expected to come in wearing their school jumper.

Each week the class with the most coins will be celebrated in assembly and have sole use of the MUGA area in the playground on a Friday to enjoy games and activities of their choice. Classes will accumulate coin totals across the term and the class with the most coins can enjoy a non-uniform day on the last Friday of each term. The children are very positive and enthusiastic about earning coins for their class.



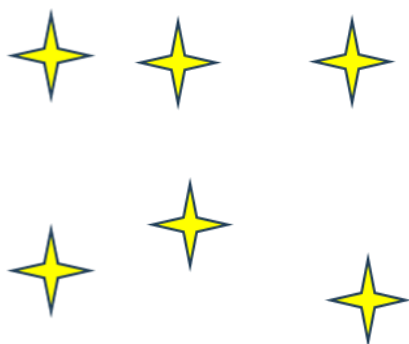
Congratulations to this week's coin winners - P6/7!

Assembly

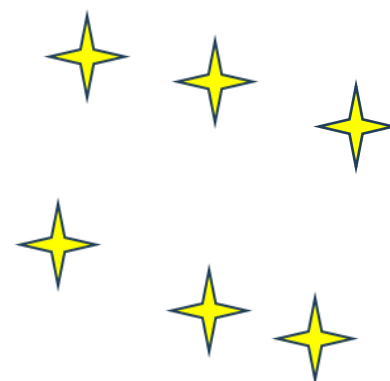
We are delighted to continue to celebrate our weekly Star Achievers. All children's learning paths are different, from their progress and understanding, to their social and emotional regulation, as well as their skills development. We recognise that everyone's learning journey is unique to them.

Our first Star Achievers enjoyed their hot chocolate today in our newly refurbished nurture room. We have a new table and chairs, mugs, plates and candles to make sure their celebration feels special for them all.

Congratulations to:



ELC	Jackson
P1/2	Ollie
P2/3	Nathan
P3/4	Mason
P4/5	Harris
P5/6	Georgia
P6/7	Robbie



Clothingfords

Clothingfords is available for you to come and browse across the school day as well as during after school and evening events. Please do not be shy about coming in to use this great facility! There is a great mixture of good quality, used items. We also welcome donations.

Please pop in for a browse for any additional uniform items that you require for your child.

Communication

If your child will not be in school, it is important that you inform the school office by 9.00am. You can report absence by phone or email.

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