



Newsletter

Tuesday 30th September 25

Welcome Back!



We have now been back at school for the best part of a month and the children have had a great start to the new term and settled well into their new classes. For regular updates, please check out our Facebook page.

Parents' Evening



Parents' Evening will be held on **21st** and **22nd October 2025**.

An email and text will be sent to all parents with the booking link. Booking will go live on **Friday 3rd October** at **7.00 pm**.

During Parents' Evenings, the Pastoral Team will be on hand for a chat if you have any concerns or queries regarding your child.

Harvest Festival



We are holding our Harvest Festival on **Friday 3rd October 2025**. Donations of non-perishable foods will be accepted in to school from 29th September.

We will gratefully accept any packets or canned food and all donations will be passed on to the Rock Foundation. Thank you in advance.

School Photographs



This year, the school photographers will be in school on, **Monday 3rd November 2025**, for individual and family photographs and **Tuesday 18th November 2025**, for class photographs. We will send out reminders closer to the time.

Year 6 PGL



PGL is fast approaching. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher or Mrs Hall if you have any questions regarding PGL.

Please be reminded to send a small bag with your child's belongings in due to limited space on the coach.

No mobile phones, technology or sweets are permitted to be brought to PGL.

After-school Club



We still have places at some of our after-school clubs. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office to see what availability we have, if you would like to secure a place for your child.

Attendance

Parents will know the strong importance we attach to good pupil attendance. The large majority of our parent body support the academy in its goal for all pupils to be in school every day. Sadly, we have seen a rise in poor attendance and punctuality and a worrying change in attitude towards it.



We ask that wherever possible, appointments are made after school, if this is not possible, please bring your child into school as soon as possible with proof of the appointment and your child will receive their mark.

The Government allocates 175 days of the year, which is a significant amount of time, for parents to use for family holidays, which can be taken without affecting a child's education. Worryingly, lots of pupils are being absent due to an unauthorised holiday being taken during term time. Holidays significantly disrupt children's education and parents risk intervention from the Education Welfare Service.

Once children start school in Nursery and Reception, regardless of their age, they are on roll and subject to the same rules regarding attendance as all other pupils. Sadly, a small number of parents appear to believe that Nursery and Reception year is optional but this is not the case. Good attendance, good punctuality and developing resilience from an early age, even when not feeling your best, prepares our young people for the challenges to come.

Late Arrivals



There has been an increasing number of children arriving at school late each day. Can we please ask you to ensure your child arrives on time every day.

The children can arrive from **8.30am** and must be registered in class by **8.45am**. Please be aware the gates will close promptly at **8.50am**. Lateness not only affects your child's education, but it also doesn't allow them the

social time to settle with their friends and they may feel upset and embarrassed when entering class.



Habits of Mind

Habits of Mind, created by Arthur L. Costa and Bena Kallick, are an identified set of sixteen problem-solving, life-related skills that are important for effective learning. At Old Clew Primary Academy we are implementing a selection of these learning behaviours from September 2025.

This term we are focusing on Striving for accuracy - Check it again!



- ✓ Doing your best.
- ✓ Setting high standards.
- ✓ Fact checking.
- ✓ Finding ways to improve.

Horizon Youth Zone Visit



On **Tuesday 23rd September**, the children had a special visit from Horizon Youth Zone, who came in to share all about the fantastic facilities and opportunities they will be offering for children aged 8 and above.

It was an exciting session, and the children really enjoyed hearing about the wide range of activities and support available.

- 👉 Please see the poster attached for further details.

Bikeability



Children in Year 6 recently enjoyed taking part in Bikeability over a few days. They learned lots of practical skills and also how to be safe on the road.

They were super sensible during the course and we hope they will remember everything they've learned to keep them safe in the community.

Parental Phonics Workshops

Phonics On **Friday 19th September**, we held our fabulous parental phonics workshops – and what a success they were! Parents had the chance to see how we teach early reading skills and picked up lots of useful ideas to support their children at home.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful Phonics Lead, Mrs Rytting, for leading the sessions, and to our amazing TAs who work so hard every day to help our children learn to read.

We are delighted to share that the feedback from parents was incredibly positive – they found the workshops really valuable and enjoyed being part of their children's learning journey.

ESFA Football Tournament



On Wednesday 17th September, our Y5 boys represented the school in the Grimsby & District ESFA Football Tournament! Despite the very wet conditions, they played brilliantly – showing great teamwork, passing, and communication.

Group A was extremely competitive, but the boys battled hard against tough opposition. We finished on a real high, with an incredible halfway-line volley from Rio 🏆 before going on to win the last game 4-1!

The team really enjoyed the experience and grew in confidence throughout the tournament – we're so proud of their effort and sportsmanship!



Parking



At Old Clew Primary Academy we are trying to combat the issue of poor parking by some of our parents during school drop off and pick up times. Particularly in the Old Clew village area, where we have received a large volume of complaints from residents.

Traffic Wardens and local PCSOs will continue to monitor the area and CCTV has been fitted in the vicinity for fines to be issued. We would like to remind all parents to be respectful and considerate when parking, especially over residents driveways. **No parking on zig zag lines between 8-9am and 3-4pm. Pupil's safety is paramount!**

Coats & PE Kit

We would like to remind all parents to send your child to school with their coat and warm/outdoor PE kits, especially as the weather is now turning much colder.



We try to keep the children active and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible, so appropriate warm outdoor wear would be appreciated.

Diary Dates

- Harvest Festival
 - **3rd October**
- Flu Vaccinations
 - **20th October**
- Parents' Evening
 - **21st and 22nd October**
- October Half-Term
 - **24th October**

