



OLD CLEE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Inspired to Believe, Learning to Succeed

Newsletter

Thursday 23rd October 25

Poppy Day



Remembrance Day poppies will be on sale in school from **Tuesday 4th November 2025**.

Poppies will be taken around each classroom in the run up to Remembrance Day for your child to purchase; donations can be brought into school from this date.

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.

Reception Open Day



We are holding Open Day on **Thursday 6th November 2025**, for parents and pupils who will be starting in Reception class in

September 2026.

If you would like to see the school in action, please ensure you book a place by contacting the school office, please see poster attached. We would love to welcome you and show you our wonderful school.

Please book onto one of these times for a tour of the school:

- 10.00 am Tour
- 1:45 pm Tour
- 4.30 pm Stay & Play plus Tour

Parents' Evening



Thank you all for attending our Parents' Evening on Monday and Tuesday evening. It was lovely to see you all in school and

the children enjoyed showing off their work.

Anti-Bullying Week



Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from **Monday 10th to Friday 14th November**, with the theme: Power for Good. The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on **Monday 10th**, with

adults and children being encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Macmillan Cake Sale



We held a Cake Sale to support the Macmillan Cancer Charity and we raised £290.13. Thank you for all of your donations and support to help this good cause.

Harvest Festival



Rock Foundation, collected our harvest donations on **Friday 10th October 2025**. They were overwhelmed with the generosity of our families.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed — your generosity will make a real difference to families in need.



Children in Need



This year, Children in Need Day will take place on **Friday 14th November 2025**, and the theme is 'Challenge Yourself'. Children may attend school either in something spotty, fancy dress, pyjamas or Pudsey Bear clothing and there is a minimum donation of £1, which can be brought into school on the day.

Christmas Jumper Day



Our Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas dinner will be held on **Thursday 4th December**. There will be a small donation of £1.00, which can be brought into school on the day. All

donations will be shared between St Andrew's Hospice and Save the Children charities. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, please order through ParentPay.

Habits of Mind

After half term, our next focus Habit of Mind is Persisting — the ability to keep going when things get tough and to see challenges as opportunities to grow. We will be encouraging pupils to stay positive, work through difficulties, and not give up when they encounter obstacles. Whether it's solving a tricky maths problem, improving their writing, or learning a new

Persisting
Stick to it!



- ✓ Persevering in task through to completion.
- ✓ Remaining Focused.
- ✓ Looking for ways to reach your goal when stuck.
- ✓ Not giving up.

skill, persistence helps children build confidence and resilience. You can support this at home by celebrating effort as much as achievement and reminding your child that success often comes from trying again and again.

Sports Ambassadors

Thursday 16th October, Year 4s completed their Sports Ambassador training with the School Sport Partnership. They learned a range of activities they can use to engage

KS1 pupils to be physically active in lunch time play. Following this, a rota will be made for selected pupils to run inclusive lunch time games and activities to encourage physical activity and positive play with KS1 children. I will be working closely with the sports

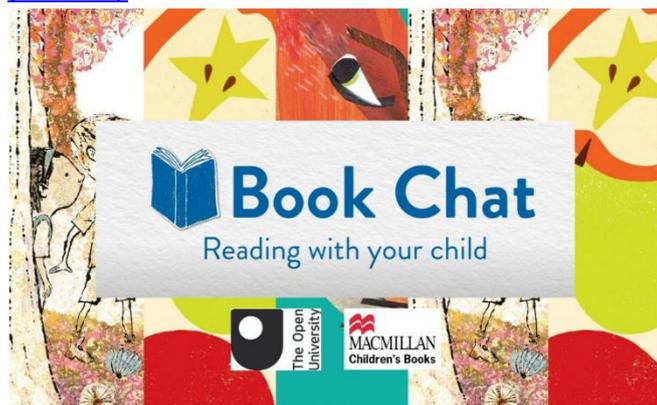


Ambassadors to ensure activities are run safely and expectations are clear with every session.

Book Chat

Looking for ways to encourage Book Talk at home? The Open University have produced some helpful videos and a guide on how to do this! There are videos aimed at children who are 5+, 7+ and 9+ and would be great to share with your child. Please follow the link to access these:

<https://ourfp.org/supporting-rah/book-chat-reading-with-your-child/>



Reading for Pleasure

We love Reading for Pleasure at Old Clee and will use any opportunity to promote and encourage this. Professor Teresa Cremin has created a seven-step guide to making reading aloud magical and a time where you can relax and enjoy reading books together with your child. In her words, "Reading aloud to young children prompts them to listen actively and process more challenging texts and vocabulary than they could possibly achieve on their own". Please find

more details below and as always, don't forget to share with us any lovely reading moments at home with your child. We love to hear all about them.

<https://www.open.ac.uk/blogs/news/education-languages-health/childhood-youth/reading-with-children-7-steps-to-making-it-magical/>



Diary Dates

- 3rd November
 - Individual & Siblings Photos
- 6th November
 - Reception Open Day
- 10th November
 - Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Socks Day
- 14th November
 - Children in Need
- 18th November
 - Class Photos
- 4th December
 - Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

