



Newsletter

Friday 28th November 25

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.

Christmas Enterprise



Our Christmas Enterprise Market will be held on **Wednesday 17th December**, and we are in full swing with preparations. Children are enjoying designing and making their products to sell on the day! Please be reminded to look in your child's home/school contact book for details of your child's time slot. There will be refreshments available to buy on the day and we look forward to seeing you there!

Starting School Reminder:



A reminder for parents of children who are due to start school in September 2026. Application deadline is 15th January 2026.

Scan the QR code on attached leaflet or visit the website for full information and access to the application processes:

<http://www.nelincs.gov.uk/.../apply-for-a-school-place/>

Winter Mini Challenge



Encourage children to read over winter with this free reading challenge! It's an amazing confidence booster and the perfect thing to

keep the reading momentum going.

Taking part is simple. Children read three or more books (anything they like - audiobooks count too) between **1 December - 20 February** and add them to their profile.

Reaching their reading goal will unlock an adorable limited-edition online badge and a new certificate of achievement to print off and treasure!

To take part in the Winter Mini Challenge, log on to:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/get-reading/our-programmes-and-campaigns/winter-mini-challenge/> and create an account.

Non-Fiction November



The children have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Non-Fiction November this month. They have enjoyed reading lots

of different non-fiction books and added their favourite of these to their class recommended reads basket. In the

month of December, we will be celebrating all things Christmas and Winter themed!

Attendance

	Attendance in November	Attendance since September 2025
Reception	91.5%	94.4%
Year 1	93.5%	94.5%
Year 2	94.2%	95.4%
Year 3	94.4%	93.5%
Year 4	97%	97%
Year 5	93%	93.5%
Year 6	95.2%	96.1%
Whole School	94.3%	95.1%

Well done to Year 4 for achieving the attendance targets of 97%



Spelling Bee



Following the success of last year's event, today saw the grand final of the second Old Clee Spelling Bee! Throughout the week, the academy

has been testing to root out the most able spellers in each class (a tricky task as there have been some EXCELLENT spellers!). These 'class' finalists fought it out today (in front of an audience) in the grand finals, to see who the best spellers are in each phase - Year 1 and 2; Years 3 and 4; and Years 5 and 6! This was an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of spelling over the school and a chance for children to invest time in practising a skill that will stand them in good stead!

Spelling Bee Winners are:

- Olivia Year 1
- Jamie Year 2
- Elsie Year 3 / 4
- Phoebe Year 5 / 6

Halloween Writing Competition



Meet Our Halloween Writing Competition Winners!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Halloween Writing Competition! Mrs Hall was absolutely blown away by the number of entries and the incredible creativity shown by all the children.

Congratulations to our talented winners — your spooky storytelling really stood out! Keep an eye out... the next writing competition is on its way!



Homework Reminder



At Old Clee Primary Academy we believe that homework plays a positive role in raising a child's level of attainment by providing additional regular reinforcement of learning

outside of school. It is also a fabulous way for parents/carers to feel part of their child's school journey supporting them with a range of activities which will highlight their development and progress over the year. We strive to ensure that our children take pride in what they do, both at school and at home. We feel that 'taking pride' and 'trying our best' are life skills that children need to acquire early on.

We are also aware that children have opportunities and experiences outside of school that are equally important in developing and enriching their lives. We have given careful consideration to ensure that homework is well-balanced across the academy.

Please support and encourage your child/ren to complete their homework over the week as little and often is the key. Consolidating basic skills of reading, spelling and mathematics is crucial because it moves knowledge from temporary memory to long-term retention, increases confidence, and improves the ability to apply skills in new situations. It creates a strong foundation for more complex learning, enhances critical thinking, and supports academic success by making skills more reliable and transferable.

Primary Panathlon Ten Pin Success!



Last week, a team of five KS2 pupils headed to Cleethorpes Bowling Alley for a Ten Pin bowling event focused on friendly competition and celebrating the School Games Values. Each pupil's score was calculated and combined to create our team average... and we're thrilled to say we came out on top by just 0.2 of a point against 10 other schools!

We are incredibly proud of every pupil who took part, and we can't wait to represent North East Lincolnshire in the national finals in the new year! A huge shoutout to Ashton, who earned a special certificate for scoring over 100!

Odd Socks Day - Anti-Bullying Week 2025



On **Monday 10th November**, we kicked off Anti-Bullying Week by celebrating Odd Socks Day! Everyone came in wearing their brightest,

boldest, and most mismatched socks to remind us that it's okay to be different — in fact, that's what makes each of us special!

Odd Socks Day is all about spreading kindness, respect, and celebrating individuality, while standing together against bullying.

A huge thank you to everyone who joined in and showed their support — our colourful socks definitely made a powerful statement!

Egyptian Workshop



Year 4, had a visit from an Ancient Egyptian who had mysteriously found herself at Old Clee!

She shared fascinating stories about her life in Ancient Egypt, and the children got hands-on with some brilliant activities, including:

- ◆ Learning how to scribe using hieroglyphs
- ◆ Creating clay amulets
- ◆ Playing authentic Ancient Egyptian games

She even brought along a collection of artefacts for us to look at, hold, and learn from — such an amazing experience!



What a fabulous day of history brought to life for our Year 4 pupils!

Year 6 Athletics Event



On **Wednesday 12th November**, our Year 6 pupils took part in Heat 2 of the Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Cleethorpes

Academy — competing against other schools in a variety of exciting track and field events.

We're thrilled to announce that we came out on top, winning the entire Heat 2 event! Mr Kershaw (and everyone at OCPA!) is super proud of all our amazing athletes who gave their best effort, showed great teamwork, and represented our school brilliantly.

We'll now be eagerly waiting to hear from the School Sports Partnership to find out if we've qualified for the Finals! Well done, Team OCPA!



Reading Ambassadors



The Reading Ambassadors have been busy this month helping to promote Non-Fiction November. They have recommended books to others, they have enjoyed sampling new books that are due to be added to the library, helped to

reorganise the Reading Huts and been given a reading challenge for the year!

School Councillors



Our School Councillors are busy seeking voices from across the academy to find out which after school clubs our children would like to see on offer in the Spring term. The democratic rights of our children are important to us as it helps shape the future of our school. Look out for information regarding our clubs over the coming weeks.

ECO Warriors



Have you been completing the challenge set by our ECO Warriors? They have set the challenge of preserving water by switching off the tap when brushing your teeth. Help us in our plight in becoming more environmentally aware. Turn off the tap!!!

Children in Need



On **Friday 14th November**, the children came to school in fancy dress, pyjamas and Pudsey clothing to raise money for Children in Need. It was fabulous to see all the children in their outfits. We raised a fantastic total of **£421.26**, thank you for your continued support.

Diary Dates

- 4th December
 - **Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day**
- 15th December
 - **Nursery Christmas Stay and Play – 9.00 and until 10.15 am**
- 16th December
 - **Reception Nativity – 2.00 pm**
- 17th December
 - **Year 1 to 6 - Your child has been allocated one of the following time slots (Please check HSB) to sell their products at the market:**
 - **Slot 1: 9.00 am - 9:30 am**
 - **Slot 2: 9:40 am - 10:10 am**
 - **Slot 3: 10:20 am - 10:50 am**
 - **Slot 4: 1:45 pm - 2:15 pm**
 - **Slot 5: 2:30 pm - 3.00 pm**
- 19th December
 - **End of Term – School closes at 1.45 pm**
- 6th January 2026
 - **Return to School**

