Old Clee Primary Academy

Newsletter

September 2026

Thinking Matters!

We are incredibly proud to share some fantastic news! Old Clee Primary Academy has become the first school in Lincolnshire to be accredited as a Thinking School by Thinking Schools @Exeter, part of the University of Exeter! This wonderful achievement recognises our commitment to developing confident, creative, independent and resilient thinkers, with thinking and metacognition embedded across our school. We are particularly proud that our accreditation report described thinking as a "golden thread" throughout the daily practice of the school. A huge thank you to our amazing staff, pupils and wider school community for helping us achieve this — what a fantastic milestone for Old Clee! Please find our full report on our school website under the 'Curriculum' section, Thinking School page.



Year 5/6 Boys Football

Our Y5/6 boys had a fantastic time competing in the ESFA football competition through our School Sports Partnership. They finished an impressive 3rd in their group of 12, narrowly missing out on the regional finals by just one point, with only one goal separating 2nd and 3rd place. After a nervous start, the team went unbeaten in their next four games, growing in confidence and playing some brilliant football along the way.

A huge well done to all the boys, with a special mention to Ronnie and Oaklie, who were playing a year above their age group. We are incredibly proud of their achievement!





Christmas Celebration Plans

This year, our Christmas celebrations will return to our much-loved Christmas Songs and Crafts. Last year's Enterprise Market was a fantastic success, and we were delighted to see the creativity, enthusiasm and entrepreneurial spirit shown by our pupils and families. However, we want to keep our Christmas celebrations fresh and exciting, so these events will rotate each year, giving everyone something different to look forward to and ensuring that our celebrations remain special and don't become stale. We're looking forward to another wonderful Christmas season filled with creativity, community and festive cheer!



Recycling challenge!

ECO WARRIOR

As part of Recycling Week, our Eco Warriors set pupils a challenge to help reduce plastic waste in the lunch hall by recycling their plastic bottles. The children were encouraged to think carefully about the waste they create and make responsible choices when it comes to recycling. We were delighted to find that very few plastic bottles were left to recycle, which is actually a fantastic result! This shows that the majority of our pupils are bringing refillable water bottles into school, helping to reduce single-use plastic and supporting our commitment to becoming a more environmentally friendly school. Well done to everyone for playing their part!

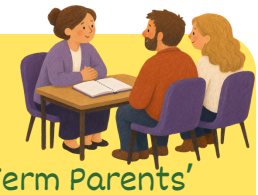


Harvest Festival



We are delighted to announce that our Harvest Festival will take place on Thursday 15th October. We would be very grateful for any donations of food or other items to help us celebrate this special time of year and give thanks for the harvest. All donations will be gratefully received and will be donated to The Rock Foundation, helping to support those in our wider community who may be in need. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.

Parents' Evening



A reminder that our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings will take place on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October. During Parents' Evening week, we will also be holding a cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, and donations can be brought into school during the week. Thank you for your continued support and generosity in helping us raise money for such a wonderful charity.



Smoke free site!

Please remember that our school is a completely smoke-free and vape-free site. This applies to all areas of the school grounds, including entrances and playgrounds. We kindly ask that parents and carers do not smoke or use vapes anywhere on the school premises, including during drop-off and collection times. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a healthy, safe and positive environment for all our children.

Diary Dates

- **Year 6 PGL**
  Wednesday 7th -Friday 9th October
- **Nursery Stay & Play**
  Morning chn - 10.30-11.30
  Full time chn - 2.15-3.15
- **Harvest Festival**
  Thursday 15th October
- **Parents' Evening/MacMillan Coffee Morning**
  Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October
- **Last day of term**
  Thursday 22nd October
- **Anti-Bullying Week**
  w/b 9th November
- **Children in need**
  Friday 13th November
- **Flu vaccinations**
  Thursday 19th November
- **Christmas Jumper/Christmas Dinner Day**
  Thursday 10th December
- **Christmas Showcase Week - see dates and times above**
  w/b 14th December