



Autumn 2 2025

Dates for Spring 1

5/1/2026	School reopens at 8:45am
7/1/2026	Parent Governor nominations to be submitted by 12 noon
21/1/2026	Basketball Competition
26/1/2026 - 30/1/2026	Year 4 Artist Sessions
5/2/2026	Hockey Competition
13/2/2026	School Closes for half term

As we approach the end of a busy term, I am delighted to share the many wonderful achievements and events that have taken place. The children have shown exceptional talent and commitment across various activities. The Year 5 and Year 6 steel pan performance was truly remarkable, while our Year 1 pupils delivered a fantastic Winter performance. Year 5 assemblies have been engaging, and we thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas lunch and party day. It was lovely to see so many of you during the Reception winter crafts afternoon, and our parents' coffee morning was a wonderful opportunity for community connection. Additionally, I am proud to report outstanding results from our sports teams, which Mrs Richardson has written about further down.

All the staff join me in wishing you all a very happy holiday, and to all our families who celebrate – a very Joyful Christmas filled with Peace and Happiness. We look forward to working together again in 2026!

Attendance for Autumn 2

Class	Nursery	Reception	1SC	1LN	2AS	2ZK	2KL	3KH	3LF	
%	88.8	92.2	94.4	93.9	96.8	96.2	96.5	97.6	93.1	
Class	3CE	4CV	4RF	4JB	5AW	5TK	5RR	6BH	6CK	6TD
%	95.8	93.3	93.9	96.5	97.1	95.7	90.1	96.7	91.1	96.4



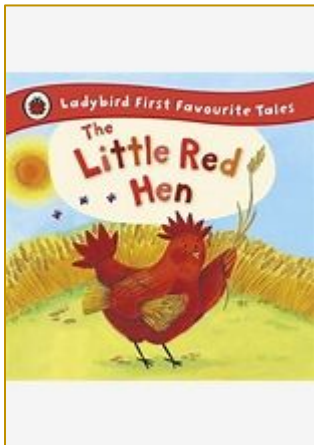
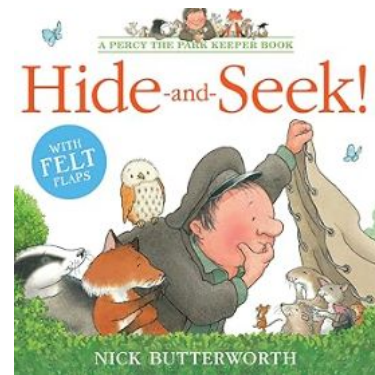
Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery

Nursery have had a really busy half term. We have been learning all about woodland animals through our stories Wow said the Owl and Hide and Seek.

We have worked hard to learn the songs for our Christmas songs around the tree performance and we have watched a performance of The Selfish Giant.

The children are all really enjoying our PE sessions in the hall and we all love our dough disco sessions in nursery.



Reception

Reception have been learning about Autumn this half term. We read the books The Little Red Hen and The Leaf Thief. To enhance our learning we even made bread which was yummy. Unlike the characters in the story The Little Red Hen we helped each other to mix the ingredients and knead the dough.

Thank you to all parents and carers who came to our Winter Crafts afternoon. We hope you had fun. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Crafts afternoon next year too.

In phonics the children have begun learning diagraphs and have been impressing us with their reading and writing skills. In maths we have been looking at the composition of a number. We have had a fantastic term.





Key Stage 1

Year 1

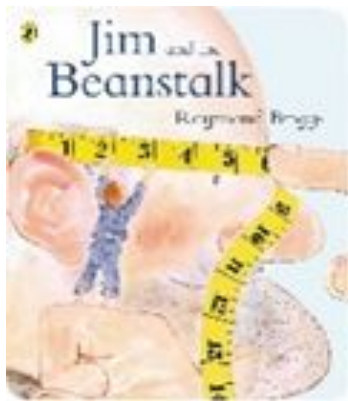
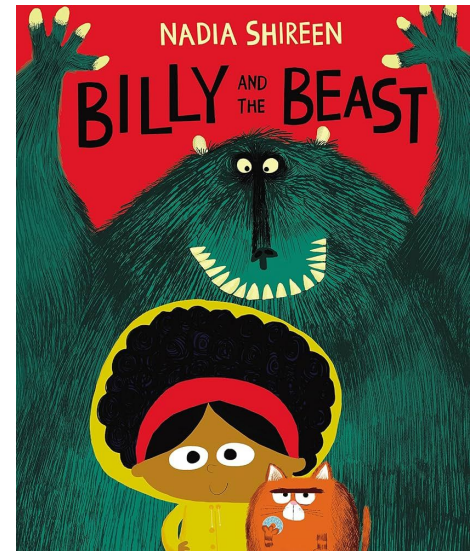
Year 1 have had a fantastic half term. They have enjoyed their trip to the Whitworth art gallery and making their own unique 3D sculptures with an artist.

In English, the children have been writing excellent narratives inspired by 'Billy and the Beast' and 'I want my Hat back!'.

In maths, the children have been working hard on place value within 20 and identifying shapes.

In science, we have explored different materials and their properties. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in science investigations.

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard on their winter performance this half term. They all sang beautifully and performed well.



Year 2

We've had a fantastic half term in Year 2, full of exciting learning and super achievements!

In English, children have really enjoyed writing their own sequels to *Jim and the Giant*. Their stories were imaginative, adventurous and bursting with brilliant ideas! They also produced impressive non-chronological leaflets about wolves, using headings, fun facts and clear information to teach others about these amazing animals. In Maths, we explored 2D and 3D shapes, learning to name them and describe their properties. The children are now learning all about money and are practising recognising coins and notes, making amounts and solving real-life problems. Our Science topic this half term has been Microhabitats. The children loved investigating different tiny creatures and exploring their habitats. A highlight was getting the chance to look closely at real minibeasts and even make our own wormery to observe how worms move and create tunnels! Well done, Year 2, for a brilliant half term of hard work, curiosity and enthusiasm. We're looking forward to more exciting learning next term.

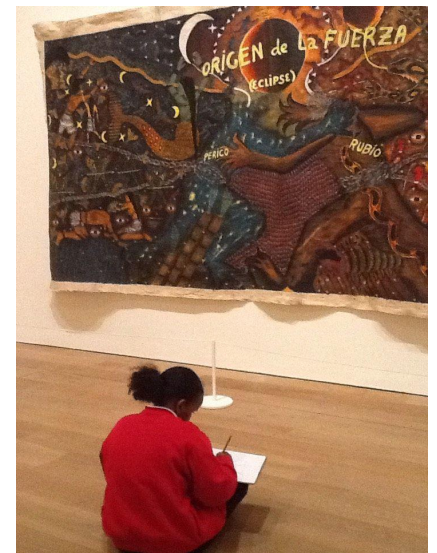


Lower Key Stage 2

This term Year 3 have been learning all about The Stone Age. Did you know that the Stone Age is 99% of human history?

In maths, we've been learning how to multiply and divide by 3 and 4. Remember to keep practising these at home. How many questions can you answer correctly on TT rockstars? Now that every child is able to access mylogin.com, they should be able to continue lots of learning at home. In science, we have been learning all about rocks and soils. We've loved learning all about fossils. Do you know who Mary Anning was? Ask your child to find out more.

In English, the children have been writing excellent brochures inspired by 'The Barnabus Project' and newspaper articles using "The Tear Thief" as a reference.



Year 4

In writing, Year 4 children have written some amazing sequels based on our class book, Farther. In maths, we have been concentrating on multiplication and division. We went on a trip to the Whitworth Art Gallery, where we took part in a printing workshop. It was a great experience and we learned a lot. In history, we have really enjoyed learning about the Ancient Greeks and the legacy they have left on the world. We have been learning about electrical circuits in our Science lessons and enjoyed taking part in experiments where we found out which materials make a good insulator or conductor of electricity.

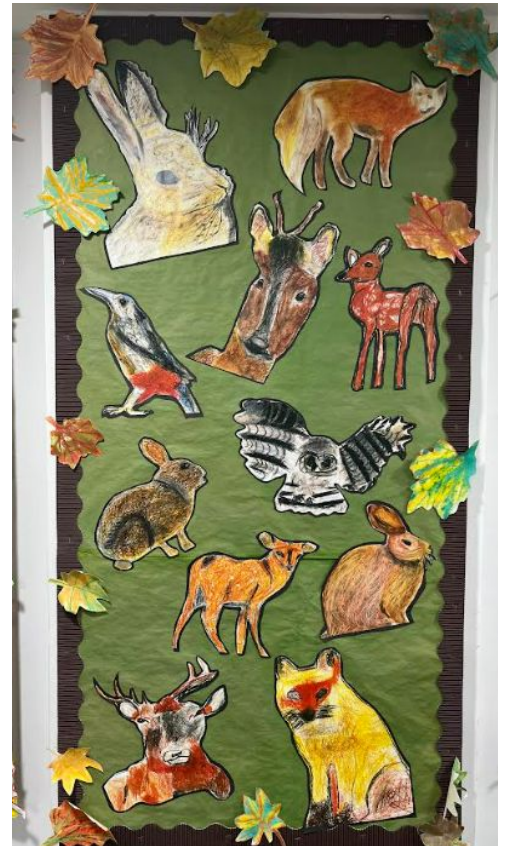




Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy developing their skills in lots of ways this half term. In English, we have been writing our own Shakespearean playscripts inspired by *The Tempest*, exploring dramatic language and staging. In Science, the children delivered a fantastic class assembly all about reversible and irreversible changes—they spoke clearly, confidently, and made us very proud. Some of our pupils have also represented the school in a football competition, showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. In Art, we have enjoyed working with our visiting art teacher to create wonderful animal-themed artwork.



Year 6

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this term, and we are so proud of the effort and maturity they have shown.

In English, the children really enjoyed reading *Windrush Child*. The book inspired them to write persuasive letters to the government as well as biographies about Leonard, the main character. It also sparked many meaningful conversations about racism, discrimination, and equality, which linked closely with our RE learning and showed just how thoughtfully the children engaged with these important topics. In science, we explored human biology, focusing on the circulatory system. The children were fascinated by how the body works and especially loved creating their own model of blood.

As we look ahead to 2026, we would like to wish everyone a lovely, well-deserved break. Thank you for all your hard work this term, Year 6—you should be very proud of yourselves.



Reading



This year we have joined with The Children's Book Project through the Manchester United Foundation. As part of this project we will be running book fairs throughout the year, where all the children are able to choose a new book to take home. The first one took place recently, and there will be two more next year.

Please remind your child to bring their reading book into school everyday. It allows for them to have regular reading time in school whilst developing their comprehension skills and fostering a love of books. Having their reading books read at school and at home will help the children to continue to develop these skills.

"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."
-MARY POPE OSBORNE





Sports

What a set of amazing sports results this half term:

Cross-country finals

Adam Y6 was selected to represent Greater Manchester in the cross-country area finals.



Manchester United Girls football area heats

The team of 10 girls did not lose a match and were crowned winners of the tournament and will go on to play in the finals next year.

Year 5 and 6 boys' football league at Trinity High School.

We took 2 teams to this, a Year 5 and a Year 6 team. The Year 6 team won every match to finish top of the table. The year 5 team only lost 2 matches and finished 4th.

Sports Hall Athletics heats

A big congratulations to our athletics team who competed against 12 schools to make the citywide final – the first time Claremont has ever reached this final.





Sports



We would like to say huge congratulations to our Mrs Richardson, who has been awarded the England Athletics 2025 Lloyd Cowan Coaching Award.

The Lloyd Cowan Coaching Award recognises that no one with sporting potential is held back through lack of support. Mrs Richardson is thoroughly deserving of this honour for her drive, care, and ongoing success as a Lead Sprints coach at Sportcity. She has also recently been appointed development relay coach for the British Athletics U20 4x100m team.

This award is richly deserved for Mrs Richardson's commitment, care and the remarkable success of her athletes and coaching team. Her award was presented by Karen Forbes, Trustee for the Lloyd Cowan Trust, who said, *"It was a real pleasure to present the Lloyd Cowan Bursary Coach of the Year Award to a humble coach, Anita Richardson. Anita does not know just how amazing she is, but this recognition is just so fitting, as Lloyd was a real advocate of female coaches."*

Well done – we are so pleased for you, Mrs Richardson!





Unicef

Article 12 – respect for the views of the child

Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

Activity time

Think about what your face looks like when you like something, when you don't like something, or when you are scared or excited. Can you tell how someone else is feeling by looking at their facial expressions? How can we 'hear' people even when they don't speak so that we can respect their views?



Inclusion

Coffee morning!

Claremont coffee morning is open to all parents/carers on Thursdays 9-10am.

It's a great place to relax, make friends and meet new people!

We are lucky to have so many parents that come along and special guests sometimes come to say hello - these past few weeks we have welcomed a PARS representative and Naomi from Greenheys Adult Learning Centre and of course the delicious food you bring and share once a half term is wonderful!



Online Safety Course

Claremont hosted a parent workshop recently, promoting Online Safety. Lots of our parents attended, and it was wonderful to see so many new faces take advantage of parent engagement opportunities at school. Look out for lots more dates to come!

