



CLEE HILL COMMUNITY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

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ATTENDANCE

Class 1 – 96.98%

Class 2 – 95.75%

Class 3 – 96.62%

Class 4 – 98.82%

Class 5 – 98.72%

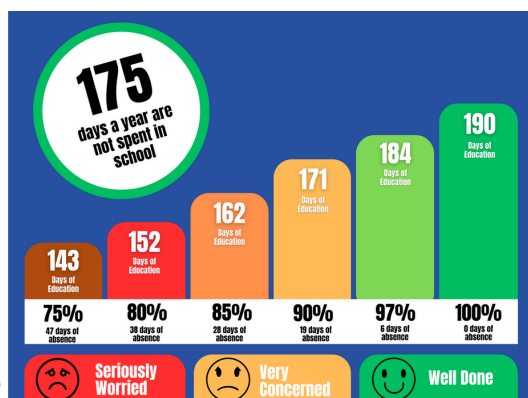
Whole School – 97.48%



**Good
attendance
means...**

Being in school
at least **97%** of
the time, that's
at least **184** days
a year.

Target 97% →



HALL OF FAME

Certificates

Class 1

Reading Rockstar - Marnie
Maths - Rafael
Writing - Teddy
Praise Certificates - Elsie, Frankie, Kaiden

Class 2

Zara-Rose
Ernie
Handwriting: Nate
Reading rockstar: Reeva
Marvellous maths: Amelia
Writing rocket: Dewi
Super scientist: Penelope

Class 3

Writing rocket: Rory
Praise: Oti, Lily, Joey
Science: Izzy
Reading: Phoebe
British Values: Charlie

Class 4

Praise: Harrison, Bryony, Harvey,
Connie, Fred
Maths: Aria
Writing Rocket: Orla
Super Scientist: Blake
Handwriting: Raffia
Reading: Amber
TTRs: Evie (Wannabe)

Class 5

Reading rockstar - Tilly
Marvellous mathematician - Louie
Super scientist - Ivy
Handwriting - Skylar
Praise - Sam, Hedi, Morrigan, Boudicca, Stan,
Lily



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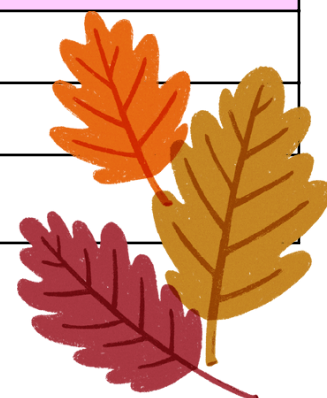
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Dates for the Diary 2025-2026

Autumn Term	
1.9.25	PD day – staff only
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3.9.25	Children's first day back in school
8.9.25	Kiddi Harriers football sessions start for class 4 and 5 Kiddi Harriers after school club (year 5/6) – see arbor for bookings
18.9.25	Little Wandle information session for Reception and Year 1 parents – 2pm & repeated at 6pm
11.9.25	Flu Immunisation (Nasal spray) – parents to complete permission forms sent out this week
19. 9.25	Jeans for Genes day - Non uniform
22.9.25	Class 4 – trip to Balaji Temple
26.09.25	Class 3 - Fire Officer visit in school
02.10.25	Year 6 Taster Day at Lacon
9.10.25	SGET music event at Lacon Childe School
10.10.25	World Mental Health Day - Wear yellow
10.10.25	Class 3 visit from Alf Jenkins
16.10.25	PTA school disco
16.10.25	Reading Miles - Ireland 
17.10.25	Harvest festival
20th – 23rd October	Pioneer Centre Residential trip – Year 5 and 6 pupils
24.10.25	Last day of half term Class 1 – balance bike training (free)





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Half term	
3.11.25	PD day: staff only
4.11.25	Children back in school / School Photographs
05.11.25	Class 4 & 5 - Shropshire Live Music performance at Lacon Childe
7.11.25	Class 1 trip to Queenswood
10.11.25	Antibullying week – Power for good
11.11.25	10.15am – 11:15am: Remembrance Service at Village Hall – British Legion
14.11.25	Children in Need
28.11.25	Autumn term data report sent home
4.12.25	Parent's Evening 2:30 – 6:30
8.12.25	Class 1 Christmas play 1:30pm & 6pm
10.12.25	Class 2 & 3 Christmas play 1:30pm & 6pm
11.12.25	Nursery Pop up Christmas play 2:30pm
12.12.25	Christmas jumper day
15.12.25	Class 4 & 5 Christmas play 1:30pm & 6pm
	Christmas Dinner – date to be confirmed with the kitchen
18.12.25	Christmas Party – party food / party games.
18.12.25	PTA Christmas Film Night
19.12.25	Break up for Xmas. Maths Problem Solving am/ Board games pm
Christmas holidays	





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Clubs

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 1 lunch time					Running club – Mrs Little
Class 1 after school					Digital leaders – Mrs Little
Class 2 lunch time					Choir Club – Mrs Mckean Running club – Mrs Little
Class 2 after school					Digital leaders – Mrs Little
Class 3 lunch time		Board game club – Mrs Round	Calm Club (lego, drawing, games) – Mrs Richardson	Mindfulness club – Mrs Tudge	Choir Club – Mrs Mckean Forest school club – Mrs Powell-Price Running club – Mrs Little
Class 3 after school		Football club – Mrs Stokes (Year 3)			Digital leaders – Mrs Little
Class 4 lunch time		Board game club – Mrs Round	Calm Club (lego, drawing, games) – Mrs Richardson	TTRS club – Miss Pickford	Choir Club – Mrs Mckean Running club – Mrs Little
Class 4 after school	Kidderminster Harriers (year 5)	Football club – Mrs Stokes (Year 4)		Just dance club – Mrs Richardson	Digital leaders – Mrs Little
Class 5 lunch time		Craft Club – Mrs Ibbotson Board game club – Mrs Round	Calm Club (lego, drawing, games) – Mrs Richardson	TTRS club – Miss Pickford	Choir Club – Mrs Mckean Running club – Mrs Little
Class 5 after school	Kidderminster Harriers		Community club	Just dance club – Mrs Richardson	Digital leaders – Mrs Little

Drinks in School

A number of parents and carers have raised concerned over the years regarding our policy to only allow water in school and not squash. I have read mums.net and similar posts and this is an ongoing argument up and down the country. For us, as a school, encouraging the children to drink water (and milk) is embedded in our everyday lessons. We offer water at lunchtimes and to refill bottles throughout the day and the evidence is clear - water helps brain development, supports the reduction of bed wetting, reduces tooth decay and is the healthy choice.

Where this becomes difficult is where a few children will not drink water. Parents are becoming frustrated that their child is not drinking enough in school and are sending in squash to ensure they are hydrated. Sometimes, a child might have a medical need which means then must have fluids during the day and the school have ensured that their medical needs are met. However, the children soon notice that some children have squash in their bottles and are asking their parents - why can they have squash when I can only have water? This is then causing more predicaments for parents.

We debated this again at staff meeting on Monday and all agreed that, just like parents and carers, we too want what is best for the children. We continue to encourage parents to send water into school but we will not enforce this. Parents and carers know their child and know the best way to support their needs.

Any bottles containing squash will stay outside of the classrooms (spillages and ants etc can be an issue). I am hoping that the majority of parents continue to send in water for their child and only those who have tried water and have concerns about their child's health make the decision to send in squash. I would also encourage parents and carers to consider sugar free options and ensure that the squash is watered down as much as possible - tooth decay and obesity continue to be increasing concerns for young children.

As parents and carers, we often have to make the right decision and not the easiest decision. If your child is wanting squash but you know they drink water, please continue to support the school by helping them to make the healthier choice.





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Thank you Year six for writing such passionate letters about the potential closure of the Cleobury Mortimer Sports Centre. Your letters will be shared with the MP Stuart Anderson today (Friday 19th September).

THANK
YOU

Following on from our amazing 'Song of the Hill' concert at St Laurence's church, the video has now been released. Please click on the link below to access this and share it far and wide:

<https://youtu.be/yphNsbltoDo>

We have a celebrity at our school!! Maya (and her mum Sharn) are at the forefront of launching a new bedtime app bring released by RSBC. if you would like to find out more about the app, or record your own story, please visit the RSBC website or download the Bedtime Donations App.

<https://www.rsbc.org.uk/blogs/news/famous-voices-unite-to-bring-bedtime-stories-to-blind-children?srsId=AfmBOoq7Gg6soV4s70d3TDW4cfdAenWpjetCgCEI5WQcoTS1OR35FwEo>





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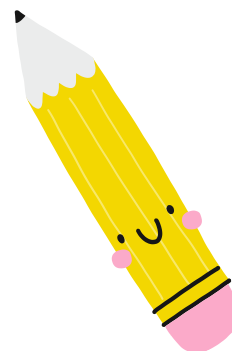
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Early Breakfast club

Please note that on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October, there will be no early breakfast club from 7am to 8am. This is due to staffing (Year 5/6 residential at Pioneer Centre). Hopefully, parents will be able to find alternative childcare arrangements for these three mornings given the advanced warning. Breakfast club will be running as usual from 8am onwards.

Thank you.



Sadly, the walking bus has walked its last journey today. Hannah Morgan set up the initiative several years ago and it has been running successfully with volunteers ever since. However, recently we have struggled to find new volunteers to help run the walking bus. After a lot of thought, Hannah has made the decision that we can no longer safely staff this. I would like to say a huge thank you for all of the volunteers who have ran the walking bus over the years and a big shout out to Hannah whose dedication and hard work has lead on this initiative. Perhaps in the future this is something we can look at running again.



REMINDER

- **School Bus** – If you can let the office know what days your child will be on the bus if you haven't already.
- **Year 6 Taster Day 2nd October** – Please let the office know if your child requires transport to Lacon Childe for the taster day by Monday 22nd September.
- **Asthma Plans** – Please return to school if you have been sent one. If your child no longer requires one please let us know.



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As part of keeping children safe online, we ask parents annually to complete an Acceptable User Agreement. This is an agreement of how you will help the school to keep your child safe online. The form should only take 5- 10 minutes to complete. Please copy and paste the link below and complete this for our records. Many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/e/cd5rg670XA>

Across schools we need to adhere by school food standards for food throughout the school day. During the summer some changes came in to the early years standards and this has led to some amendments in the hot meal menu that you might have noticed (e.g. baked beans being available once a week rather than every day).

Schools are also expected to encourage parents and carers to provide children with packed lunches that complement the nutritional standards. As a result we promote healthy balanced packed lunch options using the principles of the Eatwell Guide and our Packed Lunch Guidelines. Packed lunches should include:

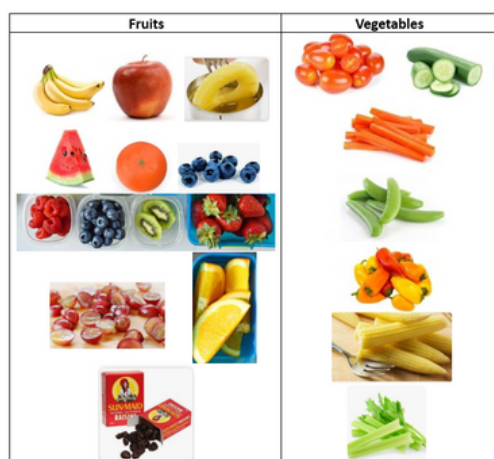
- starchy foods – these are bread, rice, potatoes, pasta and others * Reception and Nursery aged children nutrition guidance states to avoid flavoured dried rice, pasta and noodle products e.g. packets and pots of instant flavoured noodles, pasta and rice
- protein foods – including meat, fish, eggs, beans and others
- a dairy item – this could be cheese or a yoghurt
- vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit
- a healthy drink such as water, milk or 100% fruit juice (no fizzy drinks) *Reception and nursery aged children nutrition guidance states to avoid sugary drinks (including fruit juices, squash and smoothies).

Packed lunches should include only one small chocolate bar, one small snack or crisps and should not include sweets. * Reception and Nursery aged children nutrition guidance states to avoid foods high in saturated fat, salt, and/or sugars like cakes, sweet and savoury pastries, biscuits, crisps, chocolate and other confectionary.

We may contact parents if packed lunches are not suitable (e.g. has more than one item high in fat, salt or sugar) for additional support with providing a nutritious lunch. Parents may find the following websites helpful: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Please label lunch boxes clearly with the child's name to avoid cross contamination. Reception and nursery aged children nutrition guidance states all food must be prepared in a way to prevent choking. The Food Standards Agency poster may help with this: https://www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/Early-Years-Choking-Hazards-Table_FINAL_21-Sept-2021.pdf

Parents are also encouraged to pack an ice pack inside their child's lunchbox. Following food safety guidance, we will not reheat food brought in from home



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AUTUMN TERM

SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN SESSIONS

RAVEN HOUSE

Tuesday 23rd September 2025
2:00pm-4:00pm

Raven House,
129 Cheshire Street,
Market Drayton, TF9 3AH

BRIDGNORTH LIBRARY

Tuesday 14th October 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm

Bridgnorth Library,
Listley Street, Town Centre,
Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW

THE LANTERN

Thursday 13th November 2025
10:00am-12:00pm

The Lantern,
Meadow Farm drive,
Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 4th December 2025
1:00pm-3:00pm

Oswestry Library,
Arthur Street,
Oswestry, SY11 1JN

Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm

Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support.



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Lacon Childe School

Open Evening

Thursday 2 October 2025

5.30pm - 7.30pm

Presentations will be at 5.30pm and 6.45pm.



Prospective students and their families are warmly invited to these open events to tour our school and meet our staff and students, to see why we are so proud of our school.

Open Morning

Tuesday 7th October 2025

9.30am - 11.00am

30-minute tour of the school - booking is essential, please email Admin@laconchildeschool.co.uk or 01299 270312 by 30/09/24.



Taster Day

Thursday 2 October 2025

9.45am - 2.15pm

Year 6 students will experience a fun-packed day and have the opportunity to take part in a variety of different curriculum activities. Booking information will be sent to primary schools.



Mrs Dean, Principal, and her team would love you to join us at THOA in Year 7 in September 2026

OPEN EVENTS 2025

for prospective pupils and parents



OPEN EVENING and OPEN SATURDAY MORNING

Thursday 25th September 2025 - 5.00pm - 7.00pm (Pupilled tours for small family groups)

Saturday 4th October 2025 - 10.00 am - 11.30 am (Principal and Senior Leadership Team led tours)

Please book your Thursday Evening or Saturday morning tour by scanning the above QR code or follow the link: <http://bit.ly/4k6Jn10>

OPEN MORNING TOURS - IN SCHOOL TIME

Friday 3rd and Friday 10th October

9.15 am - 10.30 am (booking required)

Email: csheppard@tenburyhigh.co.uk to book a 30 minute tour



'Tenbury High Ormiston Academy is an inclusive school at the heart of the community; relationships between pupils and staff are warm; leaders and staff want the best for all of their pupils; the school's ambition for its pupils is evident' - Ofsted 2024

For more information:

Call 01584 810304

csheppard@tenburyhigh.co.uk

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www.tenburyhighormistonacademy.co.uk



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Understanding your child From toddler to teen

- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Do you need help and support to understand your child's behaviour?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents and carers with children of a similar age?

Join us for one of our free virtual or face-to-face groups, our next groups start:

Understanding Your Child Group 29th September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

Understanding Your Child Group 29th September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Ludlow Primary School

Understanding Your Child Group 1st October 2025 from 12.45pm to 2.45pm at Whitchurch CofE Infants School

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 2nd October 2025 from 9.00am to 11.00am at Woodlands School Wem

Understanding Your Child Group 2nd October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sunflower House Shrewsbury

Understanding Your Child Group 2nd October 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm at Whittington Primary School

Understanding Your Child SEND Group 3rd October 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually Via MS Teams

Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

SEND Group Tuesday 23rd September 2025 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

or

Group Wednesday 24th September 2025 from 9.30am to 11.30am Virtually via MS Teams

SEND groups are for parents/carers of children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups.

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

All our groups run for 10 weeks from the start date excluding the School Holidays.

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Find more free online courses at inourplace.co.uk/shropshire



Free historical days out

Explore the past

There are two campaigns running this month that allow you to visit historical sites and buildings across England and Wales for free.

Heritage Open Days

Discover loads of amazing places in England for FREE with Heritage Open Days from 12-21 September 2025. [Check out the Heritage Open Days website for all the details.](#)

Cadw Open Doors Welsh Heritage Festival

This September, more than 200 of Wales' historic sites, landmarks and hidden gems will offer visitors free entry, events or guided tours. Including:

- Powis Castle and Gardens
- Harlech Castle
- Penrhyn Castle

[Find a full list of places taking part on the Cadw website.](#)

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Secondary school open days

Upcoming open days

Has your child just started Year 6 at primary school? If so, they will start secondary school in September 2026. During September and October most secondary schools will be holding open afternoons and evenings, so you can get a feel for the school. Click the 'find out more' button below for a list of upcoming dates across Shropshire.

The online application portal is now open and you have until 31 October to apply for your preferred secondary schools. Find out more info and apply here: [Transferring to secondary school | Shropshire Council](#)



SEND Meet and Chat

Autumn term SEND drop-ins

Our Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) Meet and Chat drop-ins are back for the Autumn term.

SEND Meet and Chat sessions are open to anyone in Shropshire supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional.

Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey. You do not need to have an official diagnosis to access this service.

- Raven House, Market Drayton Family Hub, 129 Cheshire Street, TF9 3AH
Tuesday 23 September 2025, 2pm-4pm
- Bridgnorth Library, Listley Street Bridgnorth, WV16 4AW
Tuesday 14 October 2025, 1pm-3pm
- The Lantern, Meadow Farm Drive, Shrewsbury, SY1 4NG
Thursday 13 November 2025, 10am-12 noon
- Oswestry Library, Arthur Street, Oswestry, SY11 1JN
Thursday 4 December 2025, 1pm-3pm

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