



CLEE HILL COMMUNITY ACADEMY

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NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2026



ATTENDANCE

Class 1 – 94.42%

Class 2 – 95.91%

Class 3 – 95.92%

Class 4 – 97.02%

Class 5 – 97.08%

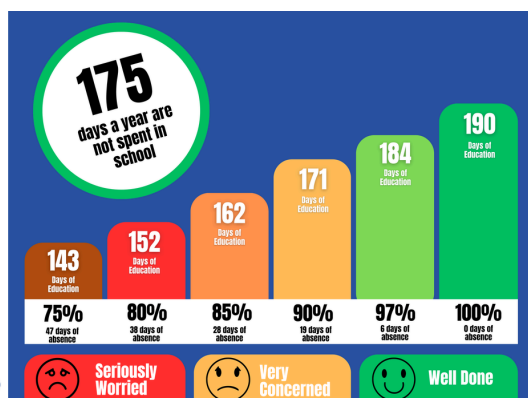
Whole School – 96.51%



**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

Writing - Raya
Maths - Oliver
Reading - Silas
Science - Finn

Praise - Kaiden & Archie

Class 2

Praise: Ila
Handwriting: Ember
Maths: Ernie
Reading: Isla
Writing: Dewi

Class 3

ABA Kindness Certificate: James Edwards

Reading rockstar: Joe
Praise: Joey, Benni
British Values: Dexter
Science: Elodie
Writing Rocket: Lily

Class 4

TTRs: Luca (Rock Star), Jacob (Busker), Charley (Rock Hero), Harvey (1st place in Easter competition), Charley (2nd place in Easter competition), Jasmine (3rd place in Easter competition), Chase (Rock Legend), Aria (Unsigned Act), Josh (Breakthrough Artist), Nancy (headliner), Raffia (Rock Star), Archie (Support Act), Scout (Rock Legend), Beth (Breakthrough Artist), Jacob (Unsigned Act).

Maths: Scarlet
Reading: Connie
Handwriting: Scout
Praise: Chase
Science: Aria

Class 5

Marvellous maths - Skylar
Handwriting - Rupert
Writing rocket - David
Reading rockstar - Dylan J
Praise - Ashleigh and Will



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Dates for the Diary 2025-2026

Summer Term	
13.4.26	Back to school
15.04.26	Y5/6 Boys Indoor Athletics - Church Stretton
17.04.26	Class 5 Rugby - Lacon Childe
22.04.26	KS2 TI Rugby - Ludlow
24.04.26	Reception class eye screening
01.05.26	Class 3 Tennis - Lacon Childe / Bags for School
04.5.26	Bank Holiday
08.05.26	Class 4 Rounders - Lacon Childe
11th - 14th May	SAT week – Year 6 Monday – Grammar, punctuation and Spelling Tuesday – Reading Wednesday – Maths: Arithmetic and reasoning Thursday - Maths: Reasoning
14.5.26	New Reception Meeting for Parents – 6pm
15.05.26	Class 1 and 2 Tennis - Lacon Childe
15.5.26	Mental Health Awareness Day – activities in classes/ breaktime
18.5.26	Walk to school week
20.5.26	Reading Miles - Spain
21.5.26	New reception parents open afternoon.
21.5.26	PTA evening event - Circus
22.5.26	Class 3 Summer Sports - Lacon Childe / Last day of half term



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Half term	
01.6.26	Back to school / Year 4 multiplication check opens (assessments over 2 weeks)
05.06.26	Class 5 Sports Day Prep - Lacon Childe
08.6.26	Year 1 phonics screening starts
12.06.26	Class 4 Sports Day Prep - Lacon Childe
16.6.26	Nursery Sports Day – 1.30 arrival for a 2pm start. Parents welcome.
19.6.26	Sports Morning (athletics/ field events) No parents
19.06.26	Class 1 and 2 Sports Day Prep - Lacon Childe
19.6.26	PTA Father's day event – Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
25.6.26	Sports Afternoon –parent invited (gates open at 1pm)
26.6.26	Trust PD day – school closed to pupils
03.7.26	PTA Summer Fair – after school
05.07.26 & 06.07.26	Year 6 Taster Days - Lacon Childe School
10.7.26	Summer reports sent home
15.7.26	CHCA's got talent – 2pm start
16.7.26	PTA Leaver's disco
17.7.26	Year 6 Leaver's Play – 9:00am start
17.7.26	Last day of term: Maths Problem Solving am/ Board games pm





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Secondary School Transport Applications - Year 6

Deadline for applying for free school transport to your child's allocated secondary school is 31st May 2026. Parents/carers can apply online at <https://next.shropshire.gov.uk/school-transport/secondary/>

Alternatively, applications can be submitted by telephoning our Customer Services Team on 0345 678 9008.

LUNCH ORDERING

DON'T FORGET

Deadline for ordering meals is **11pm the Sunday** for the following week.

IMPACT FOOD

If parents/carers miss the 11pm Sunday deadline they will need to email Impact Food direct:
primary@impactfood.co.uk

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If students are absent due to illness, parents/carers need to email Impact to request the meal is cancelled:
primary@impactfood.co.uk

Keyboard Club
in your **school now!**
Limited spaces available

Dear Squad Support (AKA grown-ups)

The emotional, wellbeing and confidence benefits children can get from piano lessons are immense. But traditional, stuffy piano lessons don't cut it... which is where we come in. We haven't invented piano lessons, just really good ones!

Our after-school keyboard club is a unique way for your child to discover the joy of music and learn an instrument in a relaxed, group setting:

- 1 hour club every Thursday, until 4.15pm
- The small group (10 max) will learn to read music, with musical games, activities, regular performances and learn to play pop songs as a band!
- Enjoy the full Music Squad experience for £10.30 per week

As well as watching your child's confidence flourish, you can expect:

- Your child to learn to read music properly - without any of the stuff!
- Picture and video progress updates from every lesson, straight to you
- Lessons taught by brilliant, passionate, engaging musicians
- Support through recognised exams (but no pressure)
- Easy online sign-up and flexible monthly payments, cancellable anytime.

Scan the QR code or visit www.musicsquad.co.uk and click 'Register now' on the Shropshire branch.

Let's go, Squad!

From,
Laeti Amadio - Music Squad Shropshire, Squad Owner

Book now!
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Join the 98% of families who rate us **5 stars**
Based on 193 Trustpilot reviews

By far the best afterschool club

Amazing, super and silly!

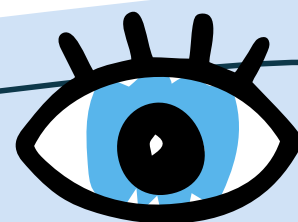
Music Squad is absolutely fantastic

Brilliant lessons, fantastic outcomes!

My son is loving Music Squad

Brilliant in every way

MUSIC SQUAD **Hi! I'm Laeti**
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Reception Children

Letter has been sent home regarding eye screening on 24th April. There is no need to consent but if you would like your child NOT tested, please complete the opt out form and send in to the office.



REMINDER

- **CHAMPS** - Just a reminder the deadline for booking CHAMPS is 11am for that day. You will need credit in your Arbor account to be able book.

- **York Payment** - Next payment is due by 30th April

SCHOOL NOTICES



ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE

The B4214, Cleehill to Burford is programmed for Surface Dressing between Thursday 22nd April to Wednesday 10th June during the hours of 9:30am to 4pm.

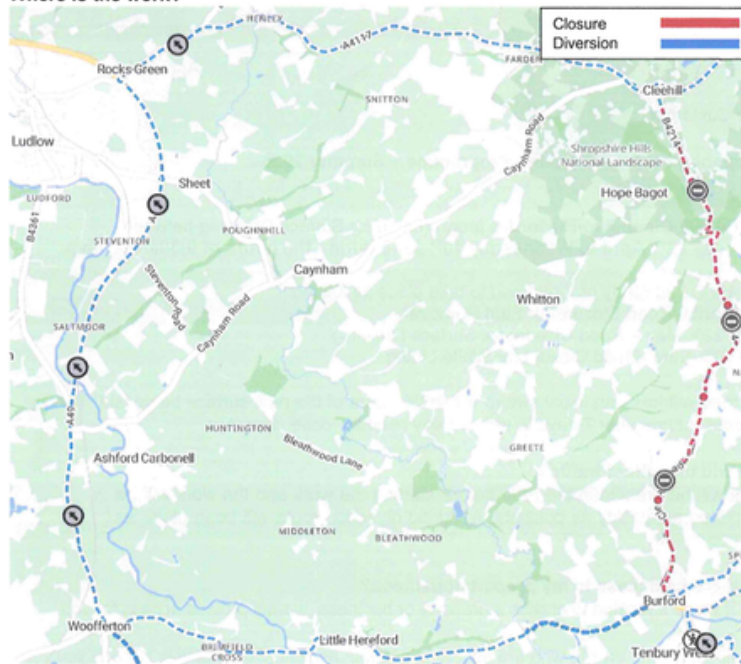
The work is currently programmed to take place as follows:

22nd April – Road Closure for Stud Removal

20th – 22nd May – Road Closure for Surface Dressing

8th – 10th June – Road Closure for White Lining

Where is the work?



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Clarification Regarding Meat Products

Following a concern raised regarding the meat products supplied within our school meals service, Impact Food Group has confirmed that all meat supplied to them by their approved suppliers is non-halal produce. This applies to all meat used in the preparation of meals provided in school.

We appreciate the importance of dietary requirements, cultural considerations, and informed choice for all families. We are committed to being transparent about food provision in school and to ensuring that parents and carers have accurate information.

If you have any questions about school meals, dietary requirements, or alternative meal options available, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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**WE ARE
HIRING!**

We're recruiting! Wraparound Care Leader (Monday and Friday night 3.15-5pm)

Do you enjoy working with children and making a real difference to families' daily lives? We are looking for an enthusiastic and caring Wraparound Care Leader to join our school community on a Monday and Friday after school.

This rewarding role involves supporting pupils in their after-school provision, creating a safe, happy and stimulating environment where children can thrive. It's a wonderful opportunity for someone who is organised, approachable and passionate about children's wellbeing.

As an additional benefit, the successful candidate will receive free wraparound childcare for their first child, with a 50% reduction for any additional children on the days that they work.

Working at our school means becoming part of a supportive, welcoming team who value strong relationships, creativity and care. If you—or someone you know—would love to take on a role that truly matters, we would love to hear from you.

Full details about the role and how to apply can be found on our website – see below. Please help us spread the word by sharing this opportunity with friends, family or colleagues who might be interested

[Wrap Around Care Leader - Eteach](#)

A HUGE thank you to Sid Durden for organising 2 new pupils – Ben and Jessica. Sid has given up his time to source all the materials free of charge. As a school we would like to thank the following companies for their generosity.

- Bromfield Sand And Gravel for supplying the base
- 3343 Ltd for supplying the metal
- All Welding Supplies Ltd for the laser cutting
- SB Auto body Repairs Ludlow for painting the figures
- Sign It at Leominster for adding the details on the faces

And finally, a HUGE thank you to Brian Gittens, Tom Massey, Sid Durden and Jack Durden for the work done on the concrete pad and putting it all together!



**Thank
you**

Well done Tilly, for your passionate letter written to Stuart Anderson regarding the pothole issue in our local area.



The Great Cleve Hill Bake Off - KS2



The winners of key stage 2 bake off!

Orla - class 4 winner

Ruth - class 5 winner

Joe - overall winner

Ashleigh - most creative name winner





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The government provides schools with additional funding to support or enhance the learning of pupils who are currently or have been entitled to free school meals within the last six years, or whose parents are in the forces. It's essential that parents/carers apply for free school meals even if the pupil does not wish to receive a free school meal. The additional funding in school helps provision and the children are not aware of the funding as it is treated confidentially.

Who qualifies for government free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than ?7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income support
- Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- Income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of pension credit
- Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than ?16,190)
- Working tax credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit

WHO?

Free school meal transitional protections

Transitional protections apply from 1 April 2018, until the end of the 2025/26 school year. Pupils becoming eligible for free school meals under the benefits-based criteria in this time, will continue to receive free meals until the end of the 2025/26 school year.

This applies, regardless of any change in household circumstances, including an increase in earnings above the eligibility threshold.

From the start of the 2026/27 school year, the Department for Education will introduce new eligibility criteria meaning that all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free meal. It is their intention to end transitional protections alongside this change in threshold, with eligibility for all pupils reverting to whether they meet the eligibility criteria regardless of whether they were previously protected. They will issue further guidance ahead of September 2026.

Who qualifies for universal infant free school meals?

All children in key stage 1 (reception class, year 1 and year 2) are automatically entitled to have a free school meal through universal infant free school meals (UIFSM). You don't have to apply for universal infant free school meals, but in order for your child's school to recognise who is eligible for universal meals and who qualifies for government free school meals for funding purposes, we encourage all parents who meet the eligibility criteria for government free school meals to apply.

What is pupil premium?

The government will continue to provide schools with additional funding to support or enhance the learning of pupils who are currently or have been entitled to free school meals within the last six years. It's essential that parents/carers apply for free school meals even if the pupil doesn't wish to receive a free school meal.

We would urge parents to apply for this funding if they feel they are eligible as it generates a significant amount of money per pupil for the school. This will in turn benefit the children.

For further information please follow link below: [Free school meals | Shropshire Council](#)

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Beacon on the Hill APRIL 2026

Could it be you? A new Heritage Opportunity

We're rethinking the way forward at St John's, and inviting people who have an interest in any (but not necessarily all) of the following to get in touch:

local social, industrial and family history, heritage, walking, nature on our doorstep, getting creative, cycling, community fun activities. The new Heritage Gateway that now forms part of the building is an amazing place (you don't need to take our word for that - just look at the visitor comments!) with great facilities and it needs a team to manage it. There is a small team at the moment headed up by Celia, but



she and Ewan are moving to pastures new in the summer and this creates the opportunity to separate the running of the Heritage Gateway from that of the church. The church and building will continue to be managed by the PCC who have to be members of the Church of England to do that, but there are no such requirements for the Heritage Gateway team. So could that be you? Roles will vary from day-to-day maintenance to marketing the resource, from arranging activities to managing the installed tech, from seeking new deposits of data and exhibits to welcoming occasional school and visitor groups, and your commitment can fit with your available time and energy. If you would like to express your interest,

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or find out more, please email stjohnsdoddington@gmail.com, or message us through our Facebook or Instagram pages, or come to our Annual Meeting on 22 April 7pm at Doddington Village Hall where this new arrangement will be the main discussion.

If you haven't visited yet, drop in any day from 9am - 5pm and experience "amazing"!



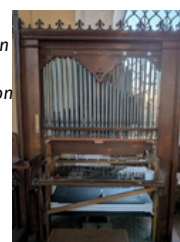
The stunning view, and (over) the Heritage Gateway

Coming up:

Saturday 4th April 10.30am: Decorating the church for Easter - lots of heritage daffodils! Thank you to Charlotte & family for providing the flowers
Sunday 5th April 11am: Easter Service - join us to celebrate!
Monday 20th April 2.30pm: Knit and Natter - all welcome whatever your craft!
Saturday 20th June 2.30pm: The restored Church Organ - a demonstration
Services in April:
5th April: Easter Communion at 11am
19th April: Afternoon Service at 3pm
Services followed by a cuppa & chat

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The organ during restoration



A date for your diary: Saturday 20th June 2.30pm at St John's: The restored Church Organ - a demonstration: Our Positive Organ - a small pipe organ built in the early 1900s - has been fully restored and sounds incredible! David Gallichan who did the restoration has kindly offered to give an insight into this charming instrument, and Kevin who helped him and happens to be a talented organist will demonstrate its capabilities. Soprano soloist Celia Gibb will join them. Tickets £10 from



<https://www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-church-doddington-south-shropshire> (or on the door, but early booking recommended)
stjohnsdoddington@gmail.com



The Restored Church Organ Music, Song & Story

Our Positive Organ - a small pipe organ built in the early 1900s - fully restored and sounding incredible!

Saturday 20th June at 2.30pm

Talented organist Kevin Holmes demonstrates its capabilities.
Restorer David Gallichan gives an insight into this charming instrument.
Soprano soloist Celia Gibb
Tickets £10 (under 16s free)



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BE PART OF IT ALL!

Theatre school in Tenbury Wells for young people aged 7 - 16
From acting, singing and dancing to sound, lights, costumes,
New Term Starts Sunday 19th April

Students will be performing
'BACK TO THE REGAL'
A celebration of 90 Years of Regal

Weekly term time sessions: Sundays, 10am - 1pm

JOIN US FOR A FREE NO-OBLIGATION TRIAL DAY!

Find out more via:

www.regalschoolofcreativearts.co.uk



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Shropshire Parenting
Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fri 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support. For all Shropshire families, including those whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).



Things to do

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Family Support

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SEND Local Offer

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Understanding Your Child

0 – 5 years

"I met others going through the same things. It really helped me feel less alone."

"The group boosted my confidence as a parent."

Join our friendly, relaxed group!

Parenting can be full of ups, downs, big feelings and lots of learning — for both you and your child! Come and join us as we chat about what's going on for you and your family. Together we'll make sense of tricky moments and share simple ideas that can make life calmer and more positive.

Upcoming Session

- starts Tuesday 5th May, 12.30–2.30pm – Sunflower House, Shrewsbury, SY1 4ES

the group meets once a week over 10 weeks, excl. half terms and bank holidays with the last session being on Tuesday 14th July 2026.

What We'll Talk About

- Communicating and building connection with your child
- Routines like sleep and bedtime and any other routines you have as a family
- Understanding behaviour and big emotions
- Child development and how you can support it

Want to Join Us?

Email: parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk

Call: 01743 250950

Visit: [The Parenting Team | Shropshire Council](#)

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[Becoming Togetherness - Togetherness](#)



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