



The Anchor News

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Welcome to all our new families joining us this year and welcome back to our familiar faces.

It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week, looking refreshed and super smart in their uniform. Teachers have really enjoyed welcoming the children back and have got stuck in to building those positive relationships and refreshing those school procedures and expectations.



There will be lots going on this term including our usual Meet the teacher evening on **Wednesday 24th September from 3:45-5:30pm**. This is just a drop in session where you will find out about what your child will be learning this year in their new class, the year group expectations and just to say hello to your child's new teacher. It will be lovely to see you then.

Here's wishing everyone a fun-filled successful year ahead.

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength" (Isaiah 40:31)

Have a great weekend

Miss Shryane - Head Teacher

Farewell and Gratitude

Next week, we say a heartfelt farewell to Mrs Ajmal, who has been a cherished member of our school office for many, many years.



Her faithful service, gentle spirit, and unwavering commitment to our school community have been a true blessing. She leaves to pursue different avenues away from Education and I know it is with a heavy heart that she says goodbye to the St. Clement's community.

Throughout her time here, Mrs Ajmal has embodied kindness, patience, and humility. Her quiet strength and servant-hearted approach have touched the lives of countless children, families, and staff. She has been a steady presence, offering a warm welcome, a listening ear, and wise counsel whenever it was needed.

As we say goodbye, we give thanks to God for the gift of Naz and the legacy she leaves behind. We pray that the next chapter of her journey will be filled with joy, peace, and continued purpose. May she be reminded of the words from Philippians 1:3:

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

I know that, you as parents, along with the staff, wish Naz every happiness and luck for her future.

Go well, Naz, and know that you will always be part of our school family.

Safeguarding:

National Test of the Emergency Alerts system—Sunday 7th September at 3pm

The UK government is testing the Emergency Alerts system on **Sunday 7th September 2025 at 3pm**. Your mobile phone or tablet will vibrate and make a loud siren-like sound, even if it's set on silent. The alert message will confirm this is a test and that you do not need to take any further action. Regular testing ensures the system is functioning correctly, should it need to be used in a life-threatening emergency.

If you have a reason to conceal a phone, for example if you're a domestic abuse survivor, the alert could reveal your phone, even if it's on silent.



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Great news!! Starting on Monday 22nd September, we will opening the library afterschool on a Monday and Thursday, 3:30 - 4pm for family library time/lending. We look forward to sharing our mutual love of books with you. You can come with your child/children and borrow books to share at home. We will also be developing a slightly more grown up section for adults to borrow a book they might like.

Request: As mentioned, we hope to develop a grown up section of our library from our parents that enjoy a good read. If anyone has some good quality books that they would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it. Just speak to Miss Shryane.

SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS:

All items of clothing and footwear should be labelled with the pupil's name.

Uniform:

- Navy sweatshirt or navy cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- White polo shirt or shirt
- Grey or black trousers or leggings
- Grey or black skirt or pinafore
- Grey or black tights
- Black, sensible shoes or boots (NOT TRAINERS) Pupils can bring trainers into school to change into for break periods if they wish.
- Headscarves: These must be navy, grey or black. Headscarves should be of the elasticated type so they do not drape (for safety reasons) and should be plain - no patterns or sequins etc.

PE Kit:

- Plain navy polo shirt
- Plain navy, black, or grey tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Plain, suitable trainers or black pumps
- Headscarves are not to be worn during PE lessons for health & safety reasons

No football or branded clothes allowed.

Jewellery We do not allow children to wear jewellery except a small pair of stud earrings and a small watch (no smart watches). The exception to this rule are small objects of religious significance. All hair accessories should be plain and either grey, navy, white or black. Hair that may impede vision needs to be tied back from the face. Make up and nail varnish cannot be worn.

Class PE Times

Please take note of when your child has PE and make sure that they have the correct kit

RI	Wednesday
Yr. 2	Tuesday
Yr. 3	Tues and Wed
Yr. 4	Tuesday
Yr. 5	Tues and Wed
Yr. 6	Tues (Swimming from 16th Sept) and Wed (PE)

Afterschool club sign up

We will be doing this slightly differently this year.

If you wish to sign your child up for an afterschool club, there will be sign ups in the school hall on Tuesday 9th September 3:30-3:50pm.

We can register your interest and your child will receive confirmation of a place with the usual slips. All clubs will begin Monday 15th September.



Mon 8th	Breakfast Club starts Y5 & Y6 Roles in school applications open.
Tues 9th	Afterschool Club Sign Up 3:30-3:50pm
Mon 15th	Afterschool Clubs start
Tues 16th	Swimming start for Year 6
Mon 22nd	Family Library time starts (see above)
Wed 24th	Meet the Teacher 3:45-5:30pm

From Monday 8th we will be offering application forms for Year 5 and Year 6 for roles in school. They can complete these at home and we will then get them to attend an interview in school, (we try to let them have a real world experience). This is a great way for children to build confidence and self esteem.



Do you have any bright ideas?



Competition: We are searching for new names for our Values house teams. Have a chat with your children, what sorts of names might be good for our school? Currently they are named after Latin words for our values in school but we generally refer to them as red team, blue, team, yellow, team and green team. As you can see, not very interesting. So can you help! We need 4 related names for the team.

Paperwork & Peace!

Need help with forms, benefits, debt letters, council tax, rent arrears, visa applications... or just don't know where to start?



We are here to help!

FREE DROP-IN SUPPORT SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY

10:00 – 12:00



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