



Newsletter 14/11/25

Friday 14th November 2025



Message from the Head of School:

Our first couple of weeks back have been both busy and productive.

We have changed our phonics scheme to Read Write Inc. and the staff in Willow Class have been working very hard to set up the resources and embed a new routine every morning. The impression I get is it will have a massive impact on early reading and will speed up our daily phonics sessions. If you have any questions about it, please speak to Mrs. Norden or myself.

We also marked Armistice day perfectly this week. Taking time to think about those men and women who fought for us during conflicts and those who continue to serve us now. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal.

It is also Anti-bullying week this week so both classes have been looking at what bullying is and what we can do to keep ourselves safe and happy.

Finally, we celebrated Children in Need today, wearing yellow and buying delicious cakes.

Best wishes

Mrs. Laughlin

Home school communication update



Thank you to all of the parents that attended Parents' evening this week and signed our Home School agreement.

As a school we are very keen to ensure we communicate in the best way for all of our parents. I thought, therefore I would take the opportunity to remind you of the protocol for communication in school generally.

If your child is ill or not able to attend school: email office@cleeveprior.worcs.sch.uk; send a message to the Class Teacher on Class Dojo or call 01789 772276 to let us know on each day of absence.

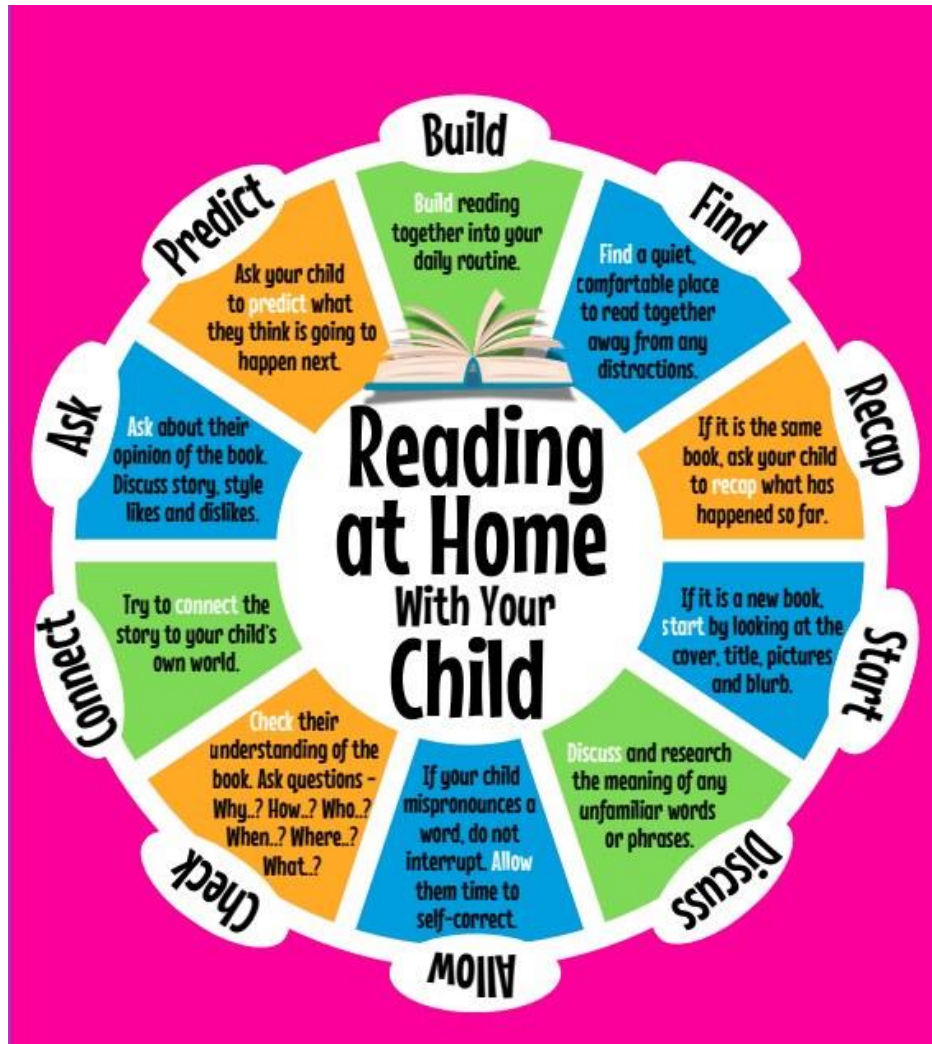
If you have a quick query about an event or wish to pass on simple information about your child (bad night's sleep, collection information or minor issues): please let the member of staff on the playground know at drop off or message as above.

Any incidents or academic issues: message the Class Teacher on Class Dojo.

Anything to do with safeguarding, SEND or of a serious nature: email me on head@cleeveprior.worcs.sch.uk

This will ensure the correct person is made aware promptly and allow us to deal with it promptly.

Thank you for your support.



Reading in school remains one of our key priorities. Every day starts with reading for all children. Children are heard read in school but we would encourage children to read and enjoy stories and tales out of school. The document Willow Class parents were given at parents evening this week gives some tips on how to support your children at home. As the leader of reading in school, I am more than happy to answer any questions you might have, please ask.

Pupil leadership



Our School Council was elected last week by secret ballot. The representatives are Bridie, Madison, Mina, Tilly and Tristan. We have met already to discuss Children in Need and will continue to meet every month.

The deadline for other pupil leadership roles expired today and we will be letting everyone know the outcome at Achievement Assembly on Tuesday 25th November at 9am.



Oak Class Learning



I have seen some fantastic learning in Oak Class over the last couple of weeks.

In Maths we have moved onto fractions in Y5/6 and subtraction in Y3/4.

In English we are planning and writing a story based on Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura.

In Science Y5/6 are looking at how light travels and Y3/4 are looking at light sources.

(sorry we haven't any pictures this week - we have been too busy teaching!)

Willow Class Learning





1 - Willow Class have been doing some fantastic learning this fortnight. They have made food in English to help them to write excellent instructions. They have learned all Diwali and the story of Rama and Sita in RE. In Computing they are learning about digital photography. In Science they have been looking at materials and their properties.





Children in Need



To celebrate Children in Need this week, we dressed in yellow; baked cakes and took part in an active session with Joe Wicks via livestream. Thanks to all the donations we raised an amazing £75! Well done to our school council for their cake selling.









Forest School



Forest School looked lots of fun again this fortnight. I saw hedgehogs made of clay, leaf art and lots of happy children having fun in our fantastic forest school area.









Parking

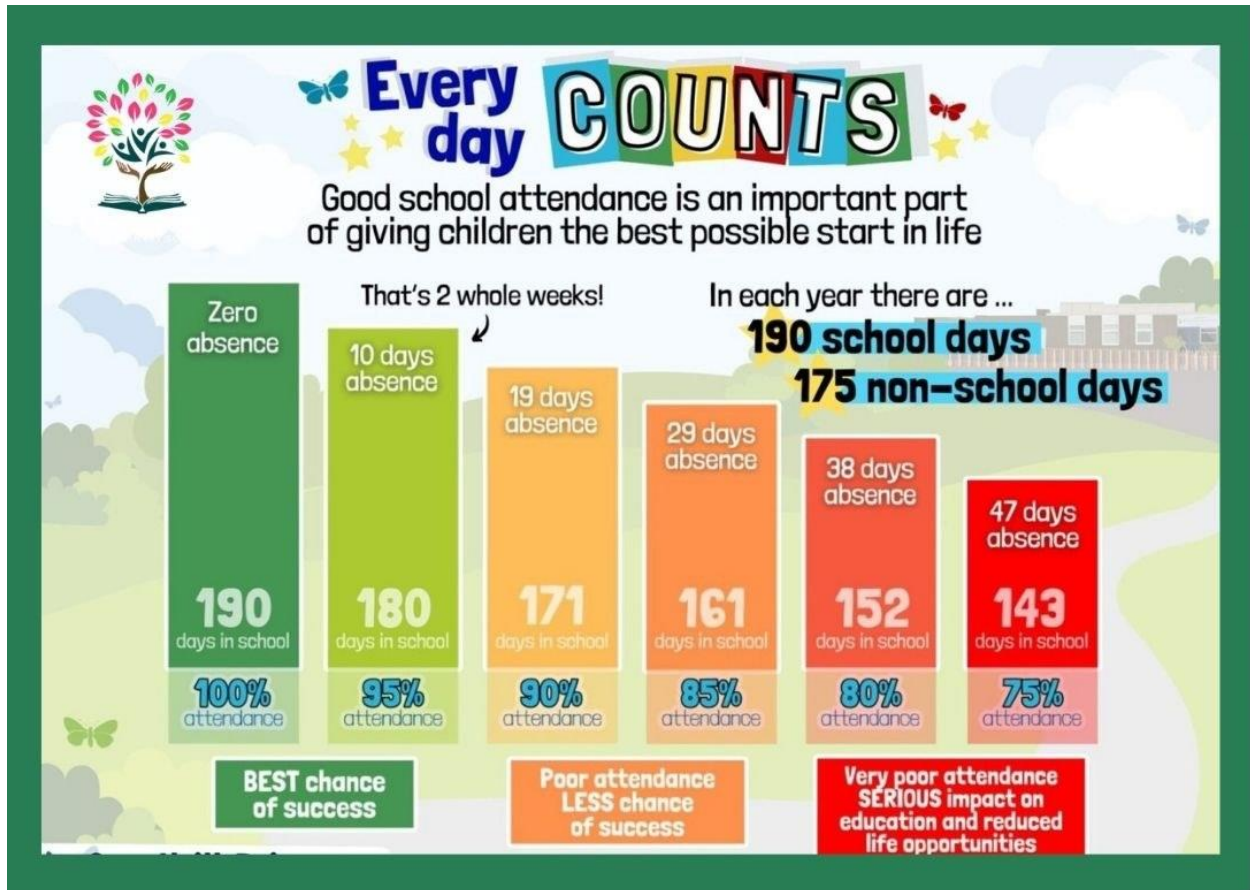
Thank you to all of our parents who park safely each day when dropping off and picking up. Can I please remind everyone to park considerately to our community in the village and that parking is not allowed on the zig-zag lines or in the staff car park. We will be having a visit from our community policing team after half term to support with Road Safety week in November.

Autumn Days



As we return from Half Term in November, please ensure children bring a coat and other warm items to school with them every day as there can always be an unexpected shower!

Attendance



Our attendance, for many reasons, is 88% which is better than last month but still much lower than we would like. Please support us in helping your children to learn by sending them in to school on time every day. Thank you.

Online Safety

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ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS



1. GET INFORMED

Get started by visiting webwise.ie/parents. You'll find expert advice, how to guides, explainers and helpful talking points for parents.



2. HAVE THE CHAT

Have regular conversations with your child on the important things to look out for online and any potential risks.



3. AGREE RULES

Agree on a clear set of rules in your home about internet use and around screentime. Remember the importance of a healthy balance!



4. ASK FOR HELP

Reassure your child that they can always come talk to you about anything that comes up online.



5. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Do as you say! Modelling behaviour is the most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour!



6. JOIN IN

The internet is a great resource for children! Play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.

Visit webwise.ie/parents for more expert advice, support and resources

We talk to your children about online safety in their computing lessons and in Worships and PSHE. Please reinforce this message by talking to them about how they can stay safe online at home.

Safeguarding - Anti Bullying week



This week was anti-bullying week. The theme was Power for Good which has come about following consultation with teachers and pupils by the Anti-Bullying Alliance which coordinates Anti-Bullying Week every year in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Following the success of the campaign in 2024 – when over 80% of schools marked the week, reaching over 7.5 million children and young people – this year, we'll empower children and young people to use their Power for Good to speak out, support others, and build a world where kindness wins.



2 - At Cleeve Prior we took part in a live lesson in KS2 and undertook a secret mission.

Diary Dates



Monday 17th November Tempest Photography 1:30pm - Individual and siblings

Fridays 3:15-4pm Multi-sports (open to all)

Tuesday 25th November Achievement Assembly and Tea and Chat

Tuesday 9th December Nativity 2pm and 6pm

Friday 12th December Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 16th December Touchbase Tuesday

Wednesday 17th December Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December Church Carol Service

Friday 19th December Party day and End of Term