



NEWSLETTER

Inspire ~ Nurture ~ Celebrate

Dear Families,

We have had a fabulous day in school! The children have very much enjoyed 'breaking the rules' and 'rocking their socks' to raise money and awareness for Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day.



Today, I also met with School Council to further develop our plans for the Sensory Garden. We hope to begin putting these ideas in place during our Ground Force Day on 10th May - further details in due course.

Earlier this week, Mrs Challis, Mrs Donaldson and I met with Early [Excellence](#) to review our EYFS and Year 1 practice and continuous provision. We have an exciting plan to develop our Buttercross outdoor area further and cannot wait to put this into action.

Next week, our teachers are looking forwards to meeting with you at our Spring Parent/Teacher Consultations. If you haven't already made your virtual appointment, please do so - bookings close on Sunday 23rd March at 11pm.

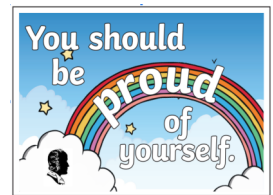
Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Nicolson



Positive Posts

Whole of John Clare for supporting Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day - we have raised an incredible £200!



Reading Corner

Do you remember your favourite books as a child? Maybe you were lucky enough to regularly read stories with your family and had someone to read you a bedtime story before you drifted off to sleep?

You won't have known at the time, but those experiences were building vital building blocks for your future. Reading with your child, or encouraging your child to read independently for just ten minutes each day can make all the difference.

Tara Parker, National Literacy Trust, shares some great [tips](#).



IMPORTANT - Parking

Parents/carers are only permitted to use the school car park between: 7.30am and 8.00am and after 4.00 pm*

When using the carpark during these times, please drive carefully and considerately. We also ask that families are considerate when parking around the village: please do not obstruct access to properties and keep the time you are waiting to a minimum.

Class Attendance for the Week
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Whole School Attendance for the Week
97.7%

Please ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 8:30am daily - please call 01733 252332

Change of footwear

Please ensure that your child has a change of footwear in school every day, including PE days.

Some children have not been bringing a change of footwear on PE days and are having to wear their muddy trainers in the classrooms.

Nut and Seed Free School

Our school endeavours as far as possible to be a nut-free school, this includes sesame seeds.

Therefore we request that any food brought into school for lunches or snacks does not include any nuts or sesame seeds, this includes hummus.

| John Clare Kitchen Menu – Week 2 – W/C 24/03/2025 | | | | |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Cowboy Hotpot made with Sausages | BBQ Chicken Fajitas | Spaghetti Bolognese Mixed Salad | Salmon & Sweet Potato Fish Cakes | Turkey & Pepper Stir Fry |
| Cowboy Hotpot made with Vegetarian Sausages | BBQ Quorn Fajitas | Quorn Mince Bolognese | Veggie Nuggets | Mixed Vegetable Stir Fry |
| Served with Sliced Beans | Served with Sweet Potato Oven Fries | Served with Grated Cheese & Garlic Bread | Served with Oven Chips Baked Beans/Spaghetti Hoops | Served with noodles and Veg |
| Salad bar to include lettuce, tomatoes, sweet peppers, cucumber, sweetcorn and carrots A selection of hot and cold puddings, freshly baked wholemeal bread, fruit and water | | | | |

School Noticeboard

Please check our school website for [upcoming events!](#)

March
w/c 24 Parent/Teacher Consultations
31 Oundle Music Festival (KS2)

April
3 Easter Technology Day—TBC
7—21 Easter Holidays