



NEWSLETTER

Inspire ~ Nurture ~ Celebrate

Dear Families,

We have had another fun-filled, but hot week in school!

Our Key Stage 2 children are currently busy preparing for their end of year production, 'Dare to Dream Jnr'. The rehearsals sound absolutely wonderful and I know that the children are really looking forwards to performing for you.

Key Stage 2 also won Soke Athletics on Tuesday, following outstanding performances for everyone involved, with all children achieving their personal bests - we are so proud.



Today, we took part in Midsummer Cushions - a tradition unique and special to John Clare. The flower-filled 'cushions' look spectacular displayed around Clare's grave and the children always look forward to this celebration of poetry, past and present. Although there could only be 3 prizes awarded for each class, all of the children's poems were amazing. These are now on display at St Botolph's Church, where they will remain all weekend during the John Clare Festival - please pop in to see them if you can!

It is fitting that the school celebrates its 60th anniversary on the current site, around John Clare's birthday. On our return to school, we celebrated this milestone, by reflecting all that is unique and wonderful about this very special school. We then sang 'Happy Birthday' and Mrs Sallis baked 'John Clare' birthday cakes for every child—I hope that the children thoroughly enjoyed them!

Today, we also said a fond goodbye and good luck to Mr Crickitt and Miss Mabey, who have successfully completed their trainee teacher placements with us. We will really miss them, but know that they will both be brilliant teachers and have a great careers ahead.



Have a wonderful weekend.

Very best wishes,
Mrs Nicolson

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.

* with the exception of Disabled Badge holders.



Allergy Awareness



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 Poetry Competition

We are pleased to share the winners of this year's poetry competition, judged by the John Clare Society:

Buttercross

Daisy, Grace, and Percy

Woodgate

Kester, Rory and Louis

Broadwheel

Sophia, Arthur and Charlotte

Swaddywell

Ethan, Margot and Florence,

Torpel

Matilda, Elsie and Sebastien



Class Attendance for the Week Torpel



Whole School Attendance for the Week

96.9%

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

School Noticeboard

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

July

14th End of Year Reports sent home
16 & 17th KS2 Production
22nd Y6 Leavers Day
22nd **End of term for children**
23rd Staff Training Day

September

1st & 2nd Staff Training Day
3rd **Start of term for children**



John Clare Kitchen Menu – Week 1 – W/C 14th July 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cottage Pie Topped with Cheesy Mash Quorn Mince and Lentil Cottage Pie Served with Broccoli	Citrus Chicken Wholegrain Rice Quorn Citrus Vegetables Served with Green Beans	Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Salad Margherita Pizza Served with Mixed Salad/Salsa	Omega 3 Fish Fingers Oven Chips Veggie Dippers Served with Baked Beans/Spaghetti Hoops	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Quorn Fillet with Stuffing Served with Cauliflower Cheese & Peas
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				