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13th November 2026

This week's highlights:

What a wonderful week we have had at Claydon Primary!

Our EYFS children have been busy exploring, discovering and learning together. From celebrating the Festival of Light and becoming shape detectives, to developing their storytelling skills and thinking about the special people in their lives, there has been plenty happening! One of the real highlights was welcoming a special visitor into school for a Diwali dance workshop.

The children learnt more about Diwali, often known as the Festival of Light, and discovered some of the traditions and celebrations associated with this special festival. They then had the opportunity to get moving, exploring Indian dance steps and experimenting with different movements, rhythms and music. The children threw themselves into the experience, showing wonderful enthusiasm and confidence as they tried something new. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate different cultures and traditions, broaden their understanding of the world and, most importantly, enjoy dancing together!

This week, we also welcomed members of Barham Church into school to lead a very special Remembrance Assembly. The children learnt about what life was like for people in our local village during both World War One and World War Two, discovering how the conflicts affected everyday lives and the way people lived. It was a wonderful opportunity to help the children understand more about our local history and the importance of remembering those who served and sacrificed so much. I felt incredibly proud of all our children, who showed such respect and maturity throughout the assembly, particularly during the two-minute silence.

And today, we have a very yellow and spotty school! It has been lovely to see so many children arriving in their spots to support Children in Need. There have been some fantastic outfits, plenty of yellow and, of course, lots of much-loved teddies joining us for the day! Thank you to everyone who has helped us support such a worthwhile cause.

A little reminder for Monday: We will be kicking off Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Socks Day! Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique and to remind us that it is important to be kind, respectful and accepting of one another.

As always, thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Mrs O'Connor

Student Spotlight

Superstar of the Week

Ducklings:	Albert
Wrens:	Archie
Wagtails:	Lydia
Robins:	Florence
Turtledoves:	Nate
Nightingales:	Kyren
Kingfishers:	Enya
Woodpeckers:	Freya
Cuckoos:	Charlie L
Jays:	Olivia
Magpies:	Gabriel
Avocets:	Noah
Lapwings:	Wolf
Barn Owls:	George
Snowy Owls	Teddy
Tawny Owls	Matilda
Kestrels:	Georgia
Marsh Harriers:	Alfie

Congratulations to all our Superstars of the Week!

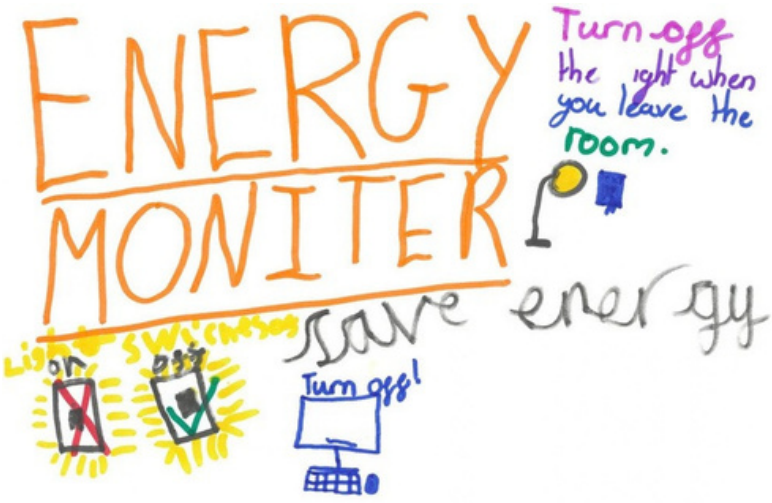
Eco changemakers

Last week, our Eco Changemakers had a very busy meeting! We have been working hard to encourage everyone at Claydon to make environmentally friendly choices throughout the school day.

During our meeting, we put up our very own posters around the school, placing them near taps, bins and light switches. These posters are designed to remind everyone to stop and think before they act. Whether it's turning off a tap, switching off a light or putting rubbish in the correct bin, every little action helps us look after our planet!

Our Eco Changemakers will continue to monitor these areas and encourage everyone to make positive choices. Remember our important message:

🛑 STOP – THINK – CHOOSE THE RIGHT BIN!



Eco Top Tip of the Week

Be a switch-off superhero! 🦸

Did you know that leaving lights on in empty rooms wastes electricity? Whenever you're the last person to leave a room, check whether the lights need to be switched off. You can be a switch-off superhero at school AND at home!

🌎 Eco Challenge of the Week

We are delighted to introduce our new Claydon Parliament Team!

Our team is looking forward to working together to share ideas, listen to pupil voice and find exciting ways to make Claydon Primary School an even better place to learn and grow. Throughout the year, our Parliament members will work collaboratively to represent their classmates, suggest improvements and help make a positive difference to our school community. We can't wait to see the fantastic ideas they bring to life!

Keep an eye out for our upcoming newsletter!







Junior Road Safety Officer Team!

We are delighted to introduce our new Junior Road Safety Officer Team! The team will be working alongside Miss Munro to raise awareness of the importance of road safety and encourage everyone to make safe choices when travelling in and around our community. We are looking forward to working together to share important safety messages, support our school community and help keep everyone safe.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming newsletter!



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Claydon Parliament's Fundraiser!

We have been incredibly lucky to receive some fantastic prizes kindly donated by Donnelly Watson, including the chance to win a **1st, 2nd or 3rd** prize in our *Christmas Raffle!*



1st Prize Hamper with £30 vouchers

2nd Prize Hamper with £20

3rd Prize Hamper with £10

From next week, members of Claydon Parliament will be visiting classes, weekly, to collect entries and hand out raffle tickets.

Pop £1 in your child/rens bag if you would like a chance to win.

Winners will be announced on Wednesday 16th December

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Claydon Primary HSA Christmas Raffle!

Business	Prize
Turners Group	£100 John Lewis voucher
Donatos Hair & Beauty	£100 voucher & products
Binder Ltd	£50 Clip n Climb Voucher
Easton Farm Park	2 x 2 admission passes
The Fitness Hub	1 month pass at Fitness Hub
The Hideaway Suffolk - Nails	Voucher - beauty treatment
CDC - Street Dance	CDC Voucher for 4 lessons
Wagamama	£30 X 3 Wagamama Vouchers
Brunel Insurance Brokers	£20 Amazon Voucher
Arthor - Christopher D Jones	Romance Novel Bundle
Espoir	Half a terms ballet / modern lessons
Beauty Spot - Needham	£30 voucher

A fantastic range of prizes – don't miss out!

Thank you for supporting Claydon Primary HSA! ♡

Judo Kids — Ipswich Judo Club

Judo for all ages 5+

Ipswich Judo Club



Want to start Judo?

Ipswich Judo Club has space in all its classes for new members (age 5+), so if you want to try something new then why not come along for a free taster session. Even better, why not persuade some friends to join you and come along as a group to learn and progress together?

Build confidence
Make friends
Learn new skills
Have fun!

Session times:

Monday
7:30 – 8:30pm
Kanos & Juniors (ages 5–15)

Thursday
7:00 – 8:30pm
Juniors (ages 8–15)

Monday & Thursday
8:30 – 10:00pm
Seniors (age 16+) & larger Juniors (age 14+)

Location:
Northgate Sports Centre,
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For more information on Ipswich Judo Club, see our website at:
https://www.ipswichjudoclub.co.uk/
or visit our Facebook page

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Special Offer: Any new juniors (under 16) that join us before the end of Dec 26 will get their first 4 sessions FREE, the next 4 sessions HALF PRICE and their first grading FREE!

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