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22nd October 2026

This week's highlights:

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud I am of all our children. They have worked hard, embraced new challenges and shown such enthusiasm for their learning. It has been a wonderful start to the academic year, and the children thoroughly deserve a well-earned rest.

At Claydon Primary School, our motto is 'To Be the Best You Can Be', and our children have certainly lived this out over the past seven weeks. Through our values of Character, Collaboration, Curriculum, Community and Culture, we have seen children grow in confidence, resilience and independence while making the most of every opportunity that school has to offer.

It has been particularly lovely to see how well our new Nursery and Reception children have settled into school life. They have made a fantastic start, growing in confidence, forming friendships and becoming valued members of our school community. We are delighted to have them as part of the Claydon family. This half term has been filled with a wealth of exciting learning experiences, providing our children with opportunities to develop their knowledge, broaden their horizons and create lasting memories. Our Year 6 children enjoyed a fantastic residential trip to Hilltop, where they demonstrated tremendous character through their resilience, independence and willingness to challenge themselves. They also showed excellent collaboration, supporting and encouraging one another through a range of adventurous activities. We were also delighted to welcome Big Foot to school to deliver an immersive Windrush experience. This provided a wonderful opportunity to enrich our curriculum and deepen children's understanding of an important part of British history. Learning about the experiences and contributions of the Windrush generation also helped children develop a greater appreciation of the diverse culture that has shaped modern Britain.

Sport has also played an important part in our half term, with children representing Claydon in a range of competitions and events. It is always a pleasure to see them demonstrating determination, teamwork, sportsmanship and pride in their school. Whether competing against other schools, trying something new or supporting their friends, our children continue to show what it means to be part of a strong and supportive community.

These are just a few examples of the many wonderful opportunities our children have enjoyed this half term. Alongside these memorable experiences, they have continued to work hard across all areas of our curriculum, developing their skills, building their knowledge and showing curiosity and a love of learning. From the classroom to the wider school community, there has been so much to celebrate, and this is all part of our commitment to ensuring every child has the opportunity to be the best they can be.
As we head into the half-term holiday, I hope all our families enjoy a restful and enjoyable break, with plenty of time to relax, recharge and spend time together.

We are already looking forward to welcoming everyone back for what promises to be a busy and exciting Autumn Term 2, with many more opportunities for our children to develop their character, strengthen their collaboration, engage with our rich curriculum, contribute to our community, and experience the diverse culture that helps make Claydon such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs O'Connor

Student Spotlight

Superstar of the Week

Ducklings:	Emmy
Wrens:	Riley M
Wagtails:	Jacob
Robins:	Charlie
Turtledoves:	Alice
Nightingales:	Alfie
Kingfishers:	Hunter
Woodpeckers:	Frankie
Cuckoos:	Mia-Rose
Jays:	Elsie
Magpies:	Ralph
Avocets:	Tommie
Lapwings:	Kian
Barn Owls:	Bentley
Snowy Owls	Elijah
Tawny Owls	Layla L-M
Kestrels:	Freddie
Marsh Harriers:	Immy

Congratulations to all our Superstars of the Week!



Eco changemakers

Our Eco Changemakers Take Centre Stage! 🌍♻️

We are SO proud of our Eco Changemakers this week! For the very first time, they stood up in front of the school and confidently delivered their own assemblies, teaching everyone about the importance of reducing waste and recycling correctly!

Our Eco Changemakers worked together across all year groups to explain what consumption means and how we can make better choices about the things we buy, use and throw away. They taught us the importance of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, reminding everyone that throwing something in the rubbish should always be our last choice!
The children introduced the different bins we use at Claydon Primary School and explained what should and shouldn't go into each one. Our younger Eco Changemakers even led The Great Bin Challenge, encouraging the audience to decide which bins different items belonged in. There were some tricky decisions to make!

To finish, the Eco Changemakers set the whole school a very important challenge:

STOP! THINK! CHOOSE THE RIGHT BIN!

We want everyone at Claydon to pause before throwing something away and think carefully about whether it could be reused or recycled instead.
A huge well done to every single Eco Changemaker who took part. Standing up and speaking in front of so many people takes courage, and they demonstrated fantastic teamwork, confidence and commitment to making our school a greener place. We couldn't be prouder of them! 💚



Poppy Appeal – On Sale After Half Term

Poppies will be available to purchase when we return from half term, starting the week commencing Monday 2nd November.

Alongside traditional poppies, children will also have the opportunity to purchase a range of other items, including poppy zip pulls, slap bands and more. A suggested donation of £1 per item is appreciated.

All proceeds go to support the Royal British Legion.



AUTUMN WINTER MENU 2026 / 2027

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE	Option One	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges (VE)	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
02/11/26 23/11/26 14/12/26 04/01/27 25/01/27 22/02/27 15/03/27	Option Two	Soya Mince Lasagne (V)	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice (VE)	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (VE)	Quorn and Lentil Tikka Masala with Rice (VE)	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce (V)
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers (V)	Apple Cake with Custard (V)	Fruit Medley (VE)	Jelly with Mandarins (VE)	Syrup Sponge with Custard (V)
WEEK TWO	Option One	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges (V)	Spaghetti Bolognaise	BBQ Chicken, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Chicken and Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
09/11/26 30/11/26 11/01/27 01/02/27 01/03/27	Option Two	Five Bean Chilli with Rice (VE)	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti (VE)	Lemon and Herb Quorn, Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa (VE)	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice (VE)	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce (V)
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)
	Dessert	Gingerbread Cookie (VE)	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce (V)	Fruit Salad (VE)	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard (V)	Vanilla Shortbread (VE)
WEEK THREE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese (V)	Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
16/11/26 07/12/26 18/01/27 08/02/27 08/03/27	Option Two	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes (VE)	Tomato Pasta (VE)	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes with Gravy (VE)	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice (VE)	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips and Tomato Sauce (V)
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)	Vegetables of the Day (V/VE)
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie (VE)	Pear Crumble with Custard (V)	Fruit Salad (VE)	Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard (V)	Iced Sponge (V)

MENU KEY:

- Whole grain
- Plant based
- Added plant protein
- (VE) Vegan
- (V) Veggie

AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

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	Option Four	Ham roll Carrot & cucumber sticks Fruit	Ham roll Carrot & cucumber sticks Fruit	Ham roll Carrot & cucumber sticks Fruit	Ham roll Carrot & cucumber sticks Fruit	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Cheese and Crackers	Apple Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Syrup Sponge with Custard
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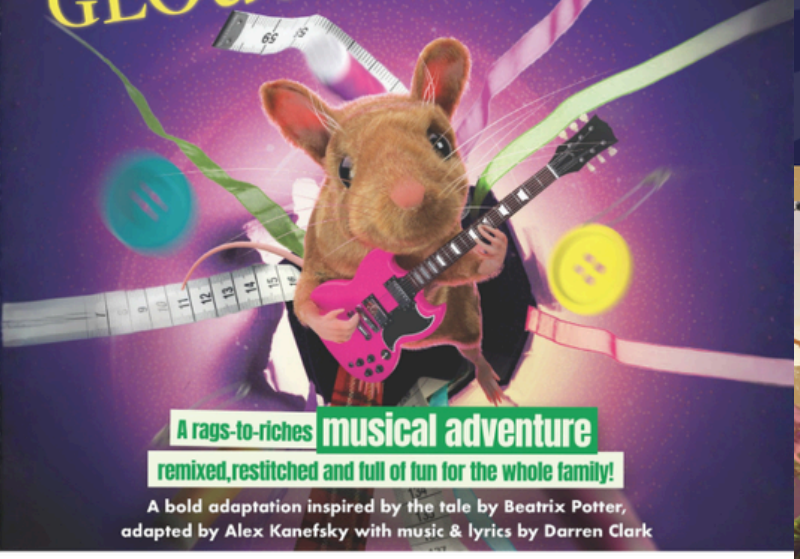
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WHEN:

27th & 29th October

9.30 am-2.30pm

WHERE:

- Castan Woods, Ipswich
- Frithy Woods, Bury St Edmunds

Who are the Sessions for?

Our 'Wild 'Ween' sessions are for children aged 7-11.

A chance to make new friends, enjoy games, Halloween-themed nature crafts, woodland adventures and campfire fun.

For children with a love of the outdoors!

Cost- £37 per child (£30 for siblings) (includes small breakfast and snacks)

All of our sessions will be held entirely outside, so please ensure your child/children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

N.B - All sessions are 'drop off' sessions.

Frithy Woods

Castan Woods

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Flatford Nature Day

Tuesday 27th October 2026

Join us at Flatford for our autumn Nature Day!

Lots of free, nature-themed activities to get stuck into including:

- Pond dipping
- Hedgehog trails
- Fun nature quizzes
- Hands-on arts & crafts
- Leafy and riverside strolls

Free

...and much more!

Drop in activities 11am – 3pm



Enjoy the great outdoors around Flatford this October half-term

There will be something for all the family!

There is a charge of £6.00 for use of the National Trust car park for non-members.

Call Field Studies Council Flatford Mill on 01206 297110 for more details.

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When: Wednesday 28th October 2026, 11am – 3pm
Where: Olympia London, Hammersmith
Admission: FREE

The event is free to attend, but spaces may be limited, so families are encouraged to register in advance. Full details about the event can be found HERE.





