



NEWSLETTER

Inspire ~ Nurture ~ Celebrate

Dear Families,

The Spring term has concluded following another fabulous week at John Clare.

On Monday, our KS2 choir (made up of nearly all of our children in KS2) performed at Oundle Music Festival. This is a great experience for our children and they were amazed at the fabulous chapel in which they performed. The children sang beautifully (a very proud moment for us all) and the feedback from the adjudicator was very positive; we were proud to receive a 'Merit' overall for our performances.



Yesterday was Easter Technology Day! We had an 'eggstravaganza' of activities, including Easter card making, Forest School activities, creating shelters in the woods for Super Chick and a brilliant chemistry session. The children loved our visiting chemists, Beth and Abbie Jackson, who led a great activity on investigating pH. Both Beth and Abbie are former John Clare pupils, so it was fantastic to have them come back to school, lead a session and also share with the children what they are studying at university.

As we move into the Easter Holidays, I would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing holiday with your families.

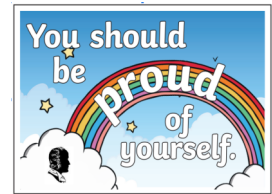
Very best wishes,
Mrs Nicolson

Positive Posts

Elsie S - for superb writing about the Easter!

Ennio T - for excellent writing about the Easter story.

Finn H - for asking amazing questions in the chemistry session on Easter Technology Day (awarded by Beth and Abbie!)



Reading Corner

The importance of reading for pleasure in primary education
The confidence gained by children choosing from a wide range of rich reading material and genres from a school library, or a collection of books at home, will define a child's approach to and enthusiasm for education.
Reading for pleasure is key to maintaining a child's appetite for books, learning and improving reading ability. Learners who are immersed in a 'reading for pleasure' culture from an early age are far more likely to transition to secondary school with a bedrock of literacy ability and enquiring minds.

[School Reading List](#) have put together list of diverse, interesting and approachable books for all ages.



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.



Class Attendance for the Week
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Whole School Attendance for the Week
96.7%

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 1 – W/C 22nd April 2025

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Bank Holiday | 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

School Noticeboard

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

April
7–21 Easter Holidays
23 Year 4 Swimming Lessons Commence
25 Year 5 Trip to Railword

May
10 **SAVE THE DATE: Ground Force Day!**