

Clunbury CE Primary School and rural nursery



Blue Hills
Federation

NEWSLETTER

10.10.25



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Macmillan - Thank you to everyone who came and supported our teas and coffee afternoon after attending the Harvest Service. You raised an amazing **£201.30!** Thank you for all the cakes and bakes donations, absolutely yummy! And big thank you to the Friends who helped Y6 serve the refreshments.



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Well Done Y6 for completing your Bikeability cycle training. The instructors said you were a wonderful bunch with beautiful manners :)



Breakfast Club

Physical breakfast is only available for those children who come before 8:15am so that there is sufficient time for breakfast to be prepared and eaten before returning to class at 8:35am.

Clubs after half term

...Netball Club will not be continuing after half term, in it's place will be Movie Club running alongside Y6 Goblin Car Club.

Please let the School Office know if you would like to sign your child up.



After School Achievements

Well Done Evie!

Player of the match, goal scorer AND your team won!



Paisli has been doing incredibly well at her swimming, gaining many certificates and achievements.

Great work Paisli! ★★★★★



Please send your child's after school achievements to:

adminclunbury@bhf.shropshire.sch.uk



Monday 3rd November is a PD Day. Therefore, the school will be closed.

School Attendance - since start of Autumn Term

Early Years &
KS1: 99.1%
KS2: 94.8%



PARENT ZONE ...

This fortnight's Guide features:

EARLY WRITING

- see following page



Mental Health & Wellbeing

These services offer confidential support from trained volunteers. You can talk about anything that's troubling you, no matter how difficult:

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Friends of Clunbury School



There are 2 very useful Facebook pages for parents to follow:

- Clunbury School parents page
- Friends of Clunbury CE Primary School

Free School Meals

If you think your family may be eligible for free school meals, please apply asap. Successful applications are then given Pupil Premium funding, funding that can be used to purchase school uniform or pay for school trips. Please apply at:

Shropshire Free School Meals



ALL absences MUST be reported to the school office via email or text. This enables a paper trail which is required for recording purposes.



Term Date Reminders ...

- Parents Meeting Tuesday - C2 & C3 home learning
- **NURSERY CLOSED** on Thursday 4th December



Please can all SM accounts be kept in credit



What's happening this week ...

Dinner Menu: week 1

13.10.25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM		Open the Book			
PM		C2 & C3 parents meeting at 3.30pm		C1 Forest School C2 & C3 swimming	Whole school music/PE
Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art	Craft	STEM	Netball	Sports

Dinner Menu: week 2

20.10.25	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM					
PM				C1 Forest School C2 & C3 swimming	Whole school music/PE
Clubs 3.30-4.30/5	Art	Craft	STEM	Netball	Sports

Dates for your Diary ...

Tues 14th October
Mon 27th - Fri 31st October
Monday 3rd November
Monday 10th November
Wednesday 12th November

**TBC
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C2 & C3 Parents Meeting
Half Term
PD Day
In-house Remembrance
Bog Eyed Jog

Thursday 4th December
Thursday 4th December
Wednesday 10th December
Thursday 18th December

Due to unforeseen circumstances, dates may change from time to time.

Nursery Closed
Panto
Christmas Dinner
Christmas Performance

The Clunbury Vision

'Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.'

Proverbs 22:6 The Good News Bible

Our Values

Trust & Truth, Joy & Happiness,
Love & Respect, Thankfulness,
Friendship & Family,
Perseverance & Resilience

Diocese of Hereford



PARENT ZONE ...

Helpful guides to keep your children safe online and at home

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

PROMOTING A LOVE OF EARLY WRITING

Mastering writing skills at an early age can result in better literacy and communication capabilities, giving children improved prospects in their later education and career. To write meaningfully requires motivation, inspiration and fine motor skills. Children gradually come to understand that writing has meaning and that the words they write can be read back again.

1 MODEL WRITING HABITS

Children thrive on copying the behaviours of the adults they observe around them, so modelling writing habits to children is vital – as is helping them to grasp that writing has meaning. As many adults now write with digital tools instead of pen and paper, we'd recommend using obvious 'writing' actions so that children are less likely to misinterpret what you're doing as browsing the internet or checking your social media.

2 WRITE FOR A REAL PURPOSE

Adults can promote writing by involving children in its real-life purposes, such as shopping lists or letters and cards to friends and relatives. This is especially helpful before children enter the final year of the Foundation Stage, when writing becomes more structured and less spontaneous. Children increasingly use digital technology for their early writing, so it's important to recognise and value all the forms that writing might take for children at home.

3 CREATE THE 'WRITE' ENVIRONMENT

Where possible, providing accessible opportunities to write is beneficial for children who want to engage independently. It can help children to be fully immersed in the experience, aiding their concentration and letting them build up the amount of time they're able to focus. You could keep paper, clipboards and a range of writing tools near where children play, for example. They could also take these outside. Different materials will pique interest.

4 UTILISE THEIR INTERESTS

To inspire children to write and keep them motivated, following opportunities linked to their interests and play is important. They could write invitations for a tea party or a sign for a 'lost and found' poster for a character in a story. These opportunities can be created organically by giving children access to a variety of writing tools in the environment.

5 CONSIDER THE PROCESS

In terms of development, children generally learn to speak first, then build their vocabulary and develop the fine motor coordination they need to manipulate a writing instrument. All these stages are important and should be encouraged. As they grow older, the alphabet can be introduced, and you can support them to make links between the spoken language and written words.

6 FOCUS ON FINE MOTOR SKILLS

Before learning to form letters, children will make marks as they learn how to hold instruments like pencils or crayons. In doing this, they'll develop the dexterity and movement in their fingers that's needed for writing. You can support this by engaging in play which boosts these skills – such as threading beads, finger painting and using playdough. Giving them broader implements to hold (chunky crayons, for example) will also help.

7 PHASE IN PHONICS

Using phonics builds the knowledge of sounds and the skill of using letters. For young children to be able to apply what they've learned in their writing, it's important that they get lots of opportunities to playfully explore the sounds that make up words. Moving to more formal correspondences and letter identification too early can be counterproductive: nurseries should be able to advise parents on the right time to introduce this.

8 BUILD A POSITIVE MINDSET

In developing early writing skills, children engage in mark making, which might not accurately represent known letters and can include symbols and pictures. Praising a child's effort here promotes a positive mindset around writing: they're demonstrating that they understand it has a purpose and meaning. Ask them to share what they've written (they'll normally translate it for you!) and try to avoid correcting them too much in that specific moment.

9 TAKE REGULAR BREAKS

While writing and early mark making can be hugely enjoyable, children can also sometimes struggle to sit for lengthy periods of time or engage with writing fully. Regular intervals are encouraged: even making some marks or writing a few words (such as their name) is better than none. You could also factor in some movement breaks. Not forcing children to write in a particular way is key to ensuring they don't become disengaged.

10 LINK WRITING TO READING

As children get older, you can (while reading a story, for example) highlight particular sounds in words – perhaps starting with familiar ones like the letters in their names. You can also show the direction you're reading in (left to right in English; right to left in Arabic and so on), which will help raise their awareness. Highlighting who the author is may also encourage children to begin writing their own stories.

Meet Our Expert

Kara Kiernan has worked in senior leadership positions (both in the UK and internationally) for 15 years, supported by an MEd in Educational Leadership. As an educational consultant, she now delivers training for a range of organisations – notably on EYF5 practice and child development. Previously, Kara was head of a nursery and junior school and has also been a director of early years.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/love-of-early-writing

Autumn Term 2025 School Dinner Menu

Week 1 menu commencing: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Dinners cost £2.50 each and will be charged to your child's School Money account. Please pay for your child's school dinners promptly on a weekly basis and not let accounts go into arrears. Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and children in receipt of Pupil Premium will not be charged for school dinners.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Main	Meatballs in Italian Sauce	Beef Burger	Roast Chicken with Stuffing	Breaded Chicken Filet with Sweet and Sour Sauce	Star Fishcakes
	Veg	Mash potato, peas and sweetcorn	Wedges and Farmhouse veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice and mixed vegetables	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Chocolate Shortbread	Vanilla Iced Sponge	Shortbread with Fruits of the Forest Compote	Lemon and Lime Drizzle	Coconut and Cherry Flapjack
Week 2	Main	Beef Pasta Bake	Sausage Roll	Roast Beef and Yorkshires	Chicken Curry	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
	Veg	Peas and sweetcorn	Wedges and Farmhouse veg	Mash potato, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice and mixed vegetables	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Fudge Crunch	Chocolate Iced Sponge	Strawberry Jelly	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Carrot and Orange Cake
Week 3	Main	Sticky BBQ Chicken Goujons	Sausages and Gravy	Roast Chicken and Stuffing	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Salmon Fishcake
	Veg	Diced crispy potatoes	Mash potato and Farmhouse veg	Roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots and gravy	Rice and mixed vegetables	Chips, peas and baked beans
	Pudding	Vanilla Crunch	Cornflake Crunchie	Blueberry Shortbread	Toffee Apple Flapjack	Chocolate Malt Brownie



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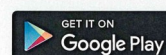
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Sunday 5th October
Sunday 2nd November
Sunday 14th December



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Contact: Suzanne.Gurney@hereford.anglican.org

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2 pm

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**If you don't know
whether a pharmacist
can help with what you
need, give them a call
first or just pop in.**

If you get a prescription through your pharmacy, you'll never pay more than if you had seen your GP.

🏈 Calling All Future Football Stars! 🏈

Ludlow Town FC is launching a brand-new U7s team for the 2025/26 season, and we're inviting all Year 2 children to come and give it a go!

- ✓ First session is completely FREE
- ✓ No experience needed – just a smile, shin pads and a drink
- ✓ Open to boys and girls

 When: Wednesdays , 5:00 PM
Where: Ludlow Football Club

It's the perfect chance for your little one to learn new skills, make friends, and fall in love with the beautiful game in a fun and friendly environment.

We're also looking for enthusiastic parents to get involved as coaches or volunteer assistants – full support and training will be provided.

➡ Just drop us a message or turn up on the day – we can't wait to see you!

Let's kick off their football journey together. 🏈

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Donations gratefully received on the door. Ugandan crafts available to
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