



End of School Year Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

As another fantastic school year comes to an end, we would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we have achieved together. It has been a year full of learning, laughter, memorable experiences and wonderful achievements, and we are incredibly proud of every member of our Clarborough family. We have been delighted to welcome new children and families into our school community, while also saying farewell to some much-loved members of staff as they begin exciting new chapters. We are also looking forward to welcoming new colleagues who will be joining us in September and know they will become a valued part of our team.

Thank you to our children, families, staff and governors for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back to school on **Thursday 3rd September** for another exciting year at Clarborough.

Miss Green and Miss Mayhew

Contacting us:

Calls can be made to school Monday to Thursday from 8:30am – 4.30pm and Friday 8.30am - 4pm on **01777 708065**

Enquiries about admissions, school dinners and any other query should be directed to office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk (Please note the school office email will be checked occasionally throughout the summer)

Finance queries should be directed to: finance@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Booking in Breakfast Club and Wraparound Club



Parentmail will be opened for you to book your child's Breakfast club and Wraparound places for the Autumn Term 1 during the summer holidays. Please look out for a Parentmail informing you when the registers have been opened.

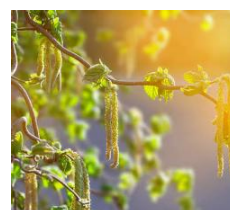
Please also note, these must be booked one week in advance to allow us to ensure correct staffing and meals etc.

Breakfast club starts from 7.45am and children will not be allowed into school before this time. Thank you.

New Class Names

Next year's classes have been chosen and will be as follows:

Nursery:	Daisy
Reception:	Buttercup
Year 1:	Robin
Year 2:	Snowdrop
Year 3:	Hazel
Year 4:	Kingfisher
Year 5:	Evergreen
Year 6:	Skylark



Maths and English Awards

The following awards have been awarded to the below pupils for their progress and dedication over the year. Well done to you all!

Year 1 and 2 Maths Award: Charlie Bt

Year 3 and 4 Maths Award: Elliott C

Year 5 and 6 Maths Award: Lorelai C

Year 1 and 2 English Award: Ada H

Year 3 and 4 English Award: Reuben T

Year 5 and 6 English Award: Annabelle H



Merit and Courtesy Awards

Reception - Respect - Eiley
Resilience - Ada
Learning - Lucas



Year 1 - Respect – Shoshana
Resilience – Maisie
Learning – Alexander



Year 2 - Respect – Daniel
Resilience – Penny
Learning - Ollie

Year 3 - Respect- Delilah
Resilience- Jenson
Learning- Kiki



Year 4 - Respect - Lola-Rose Bugdol
Resilience - Harry Roberts
Learning - Robyn



Year 5 - Respect - Katie
Resilience - Ollie



Summer Reading Challenge



2026 Summer Reading Challenge: Read to the Beat



We'll be inspiring children to explore the rhythm and melody of reading in the 2026 Summer Reading Challenge. Read to the Beat will celebrate music & sound – exploring how music and storytelling unite.

Children are invited to borrow and read library books over the summer. There are stickers to collect, with a medal and certificate for those who complete six reading goals (that they choose!).

The Summer Reading Challenge is a great opportunity for children to find books they love. They choose what they want to read – story books, information books, e-books, audio books, poetry, comic, joke books, and graphic novels, all reading counts – children set the tempo!

For children aged 4 - 11 (There is a mini challenge for children aged 0 - 3)

How to take part:

- 1. Sign up for FREE at the library** - Join anytime from 4th July.
- 2. Get your FREE starter pack** - The pack contains a sticker booklet and Storytime magazine.
- 3. Start reading! You're in charge** - Choose what you love to read and select your reading goals.
- 4. Collect rewards** - Pick up stickers and character cards for every goal achieved.
- 5. Become a Book Champion** - Complete six books or reading goals to claim your medal and certificate.

Year 1 – 6 Sports Day

We had another successful Sports Day again this year. It was so great to see so many of you attend and support the children, even in the heat! All the children who took part gave 100%! We are so proud of them all as it's not always easy when so many people are watching.





Our winning house team this year was Attenborough (Blue). Hawking (Yellow) came in second, followed by Wilberforce (Green) in third and Pankhurst (Red) in fourth. Congratulations everyone!

A big thank you to all the staff for their encouragement and support when the children needed it the most.

We would also like to say a huge 'Thank You' to Tasker Partnership for the donation of strawberries. They were delicious and much appreciated by the children.

Summer Fair 2026

What a fantastic day we had for our Clarborough Summer Fair 2026! Sunshine, stalls, and a fantastic community spirit made this year's Summer Fair one to remember. With a record number of stallholders and more than 150 visitors through the gates in just two hours, the event was a huge success for all involved.

The fair was organised by **Helping Hands PTA** and staff at the school. There was so much to do and see, from handmade crafts and personalised gifts to delicious food and family activities, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The fair not only showcased an incredible range of local small businesses but also brought families and neighbours together in celebration of community.

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that together we raised an incredible £1,500!



We would like to extend a huge, heartfelt 'thank you' to everyone who joined us. The atmosphere was incredible, and the support you've shown in raising funds for our school has been nothing short of amazing.

To our stall holders – thank you for bringing your time, energy, and brilliant products. We hope you had a great day with us!

To the local businesses who kindly donated such fantastic raffle prizes – we're so grateful for your generosity.

To our incredible teachers and staff members – thank you for giving up your weekend to support the event. We see you and we appreciate you!

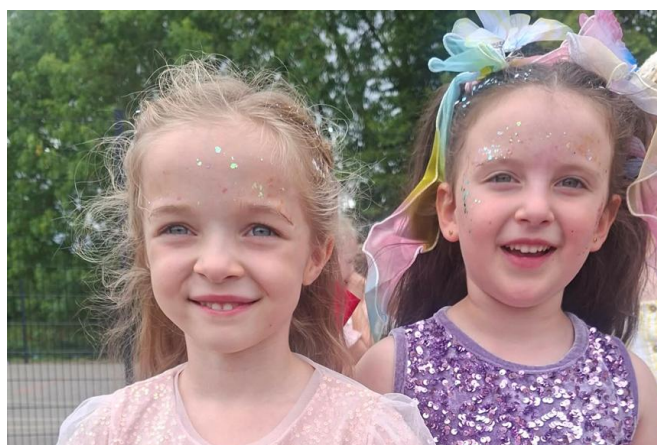
To our PTA team and your families – you are simply the best. Your hard work, creativity, and dedication that made the day even more amazing.

A very special mention and massive 'thank you' to Lynn and Craig again who both set themselves taking it in turns to be soaked! You brought so much laughter and joy to all who walked past and managed to raise an amazing £200!



C-FEST!!

We had an amazing afternoon at our annual C-Fest. The sun was shining and the children and staff were in full party mode. A huge thank you to DJ Carl for providing the music and an even bigger thank you to Helping Hands PTA for funding the afternoon and Miss Green and Mrs Freeman for their face painting skills, they were certainly kept busy!



Clarborough's Got Talent

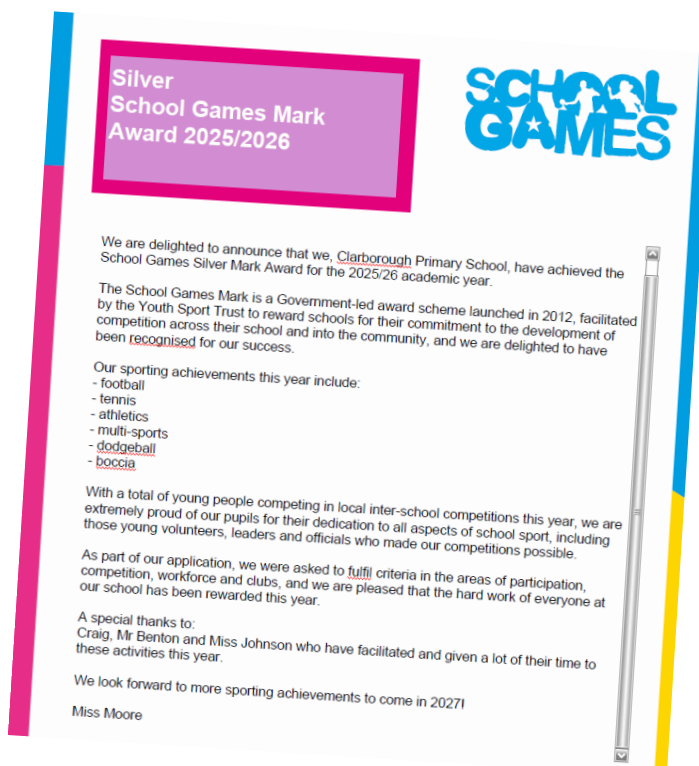
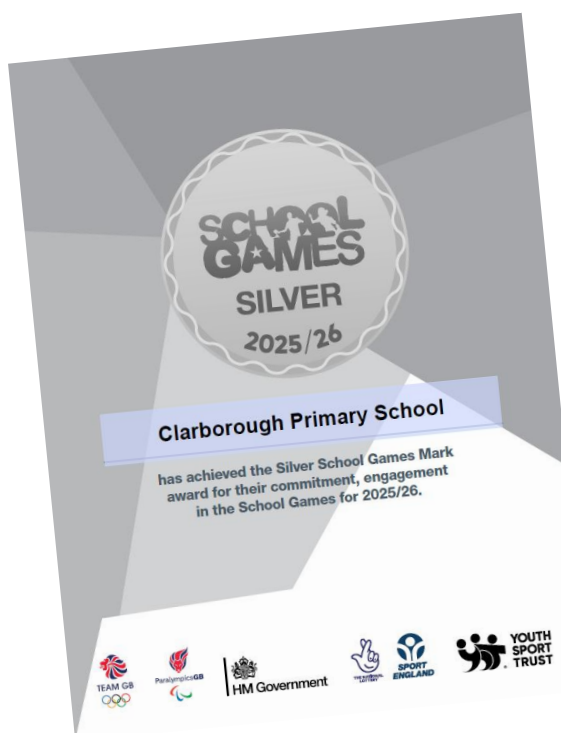
This term, the children took part in our much-loved Clarborough's Got Talent competition, and what an incredible afternoon it was! We were amazed by the confidence, courage and talent shown by all of the performers, who stood in front of the whole school to sing, dance, play instruments and showcase a variety of other wonderful talents. Every child who took part should be extremely proud of themselves for stepping out of their comfort zone and giving it their all. The audience were fantastic too, cheering on their friends with kindness and encouragement. It was a brilliant celebration of confidence, creativity and the many talents we have at Clarborough.

The first-place winner of Clarborough's Got Talent 2026 went to Grace and Thea! Absolutely amazing! Well done to all of you who performed and to all our winners.



School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that Clarborough Primary School have achieved the School Games Silver Mark Award for 2025/2026. Our sporting achievements include: football, tennis, dodgeball and many more. Well done TeamClarborough!



Class Dojo – Launching in September



From September, we will be using Class Dojo as our main home-school communication platform instead of Seesaw.

Before the start of the new school year, parents and carers will receive an email invitation to join their child's new Class Dojo class. Please keep an eye on your inbox (and your junk/spam folder just in case!) for your invitation and follow the instructions to set up your account.

Please note: When setting up Class Dojo, you may see prompts inviting you to upgrade to Class Dojo Plus, which is a paid subscription. **You do not need to purchase this.** Everything you need to communicate with school, receive messages, view class updates and access your child's class is included in the free version. Simply continue using the free account and ignore any prompts to subscribe.

We are looking forward to sharing lots of exciting learning and keeping in touch with you through Class Dojo!

Class Dojo – Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don't receive my invitation?

Please check your junk or spam folder first. If you still haven't received your invite by the start of term, please contact the school office and we'll be happy to resend it.

Can more than one family member join?

Yes! Multiple parents, carers and family members can be connected to your child's account, provided they have been invited by the school.

Do I have to pay to use Class Dojo?

No. Class Dojo is completely free for parents and carers to use. You may see adverts or pop-up messages inviting you to subscribe to Class Dojo Plus, but this is entirely optional and is not required. Please do not feel that you need to pay – all of the features we use as a school, including messages, class updates and communication with your child's teacher, are available on the free version.

Can I use Class Dojo on my phone?

Yes! You can access Class Dojo through the free app on Apple and Android devices or by using a web browser on your computer or tablet.

What will Class Dojo be used for?

We will use Class Dojo to share class news and updates, celebrate learning, communicate with families and keep you informed about important school events and reminders throughout the year.

Year 1 and 2 Trip to Rand Farm

Year 1 and 2 went on a trip to Rand Farm earlier in July. The children had a wonderful time! We fed lots of animals in the barn including goats, sheep and cows. After lunch we watched a milking demonstration and then used the milk collected to bottle feed the lambs. Before we returned back to school, we enjoyed a tractor ride.



Intra House PE Competitions



Our Intra House PE competitions took place again this term. Years 1 to 6 took part in a Rounders tournament - There was certainly a lot of competition between teams!

The final scores were as follows...

1st Place: Attenborough (Blue) with 1,580 points

2nd Place: Hawking (Yellow) with 1,515 points

Joint 3rd Place: Wilberforce (Green) and Pankhurst (Red) with 1,435 points



A Fond Farewell

This year, we say goodbye to a number of special members of staff who have each made a lasting difference to life at Clarborough. Whether they have been with us for a few years or many, they have all brought kindness, dedication and passion to their roles and have touched the lives of countless children and families along the way. Although we will miss them greatly, we know they will always remain a part of the Clarborough family, and we wish them every happiness and success in their next adventures.

Mrs Allison Cowell-Clark



After over 20 years at Clarborough Primary School, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Allison Cowell-Clark as she begins a new chapter.

Mrs Cowell-Clark first joined Clarborough in 2002 as a class teacher and, over the years, progressed through a number of leadership roles before becoming Headteacher. Her dedication, passion and unwavering commitment to our school have helped shape Clarborough into the warm, nurturing and ambitious community it is today.

Throughout her time here, Mrs Cowell-Clark has inspired countless children, supported generations of families and led staff with care, compassion and determination. She has always believed that every child deserves the very best opportunities and has worked tirelessly to ensure that Clarborough is a place where children feel happy, safe and valued. Her impact reaches far beyond the classroom, and the positive difference she has made to so many lives will continue to be felt for years to come.

Although we are incredibly sad to see Mrs Cowell-Clark leave, we are immensely grateful for everything she has given to our school over the past two decades. On behalf of our governors, staff, children and families, both past and present, we would like to thank her for her outstanding service, dedication and leadership.

We wish Mrs Cowell-Clark every happiness, good health and success in whatever comes next. She will always hold a very special place in the history of Clarborough Primary School and will forever remain a cherished member of the Clarborough family.

Mrs Natasha Hardie



Since joining Clarborough in May 2018, Mrs Hardie has become an invaluable member of our school family and, for many, the friendly face that greets you each day. Whether welcoming children with a smile, supporting families, answering countless phone calls or keeping the school office running so smoothly, she has gone above and beyond in everything she has done.

Mrs Hardie's kindness, warmth and willingness to help have made a real difference to so many children, parents and colleagues. She has been at the heart of school life and will be greatly missed by everyone at Clarborough. As she embarks on an exciting new career with the NHS, we would like to thank her for everything she has done and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

Mrs Michelle Stocks



After more than 20 years at Clarborough, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Stocks, whose kindness, patience and dedication have made a lasting impact on countless children and families.

Throughout her time at Clarborough, Mrs Stocks has worked closely alongside many children, offering unwavering support and building trusting relationships that have helped them grow in confidence and achieve success. She has a wonderful ability to understand each child's individual strengths and needs, always taking the time to ensure they feel valued, supported and able to thrive. Her calm, caring approach has made a real difference to the lives of so many children over the years.

As Mrs Stocks begins an exciting new role continuing to support children, we know she will make the same positive impact wherever she goes. We thank her for her years of dedication to Clarborough and wish her every happiness and success in this next chapter.

Mrs Katherine Beswarick

After more than 20 years at Clarborough, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Beswarick, whose kindness, dedication and quiet strength have made her a much-loved member of our school family.

Over the years, Mrs Beswarick has worked with many different children, classes and colleagues, always bringing a calm and reassuring presence to those around her. Her gentle nature, wonderful sense of humour and unwavering reliability have made her someone that both children and staff have greatly valued. Whether supporting pupils in the classroom or working alongside colleagues, she has always approached every day with patience, care and a smile.

Mrs Beswarick has touched the lives of so many children during her time at Clarborough, and she will be greatly missed by everyone who has had the pleasure of working with her. We thank her for her many years of dedicated service and wish her every happiness and success for the future.

Mrs Timea Myers



Since joining Clarborough in 2023, Mrs Myers has become an invaluable member of our team, bringing fresh ideas, enthusiasm and a wealth of skills to our school community.

Mrs Myers is known for her exceptional organisation, unwavering reliability and incredible work ethic. No task has ever been too much trouble, and she has always been willing to go the extra mile to support both children and colleagues. Alongside her fantastic sense of humour, she has become the first person many of us turn to for technical advice, often solving problems with ease and a smile.

Working closely with some of our most vulnerable children, Mrs Myers has built strong, trusting relationships and has made a truly positive difference to their confidence, wellbeing and success in school. Her patience, compassion and commitment to ensuring every child feels supported have been greatly appreciated by children, families and staff alike.

Although her time at Clarborough has been shorter than some of our other colleagues, the positive impact she has made has been significant. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike. We thank Mrs Myers for everything she has contributed to our school and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Miss Kelly Speller



Since joining Clarborough in 2023, Miss Speller has become a valued member of our team, embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm, confidence and a smile.

During her time with us, Miss Speller has supported a wide range of children across different classes and roles, always showing a willingness to learn, adapt and give her very best. Her positive attitude, caring nature and "can-do" approach have made her a fantastic colleague, and nothing has ever been too much trouble. Whether stepping into a new challenge or supporting wherever she has been needed most, she has done so with kindness, professionalism and unwavering commitment.

We are incredibly grateful for everything Miss Speller has contributed to Clarborough over the past few years. We wish her every happiness and success in the future and know she will continue to make a positive difference wherever her next adventure takes her.

Miss Suzanne McNamara



Although Miss McNamara has been with Clarborough for a relatively short time, she has made a wonderful contribution to our school community. After initially joining us as a supply teacher in Year 2, she quickly became part of the Clarborough family, going on to teach Year 3 and, most recently, Year 4.

Miss McNamara has brought enthusiasm, creativity and dedication to the classroom, building positive relationships with children, families and colleagues alike. Her passion for teaching and commitment to helping every child achieve their best have made a lasting difference, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed during her time with us.

As Miss McNamara embarks on an exciting new chapter at her new school, we would like to thank her for all she has done for Clarborough. We wish her every happiness and success in her new role and look forward to hearing about all of the wonderful things she achieves in the future.

A Warm Welcome

While saying goodbye is never easy, it also gives us the opportunity to welcome new faces to Clarborough. We are delighted to introduce the newest members of our team, who will be joining us in September. We know they will receive the warm Clarborough welcome that makes our school so special, and we look forward to seeing the positive contribution they will make to our children, families and wider school community.

Mrs Stacey Holmes



This summer has been a particularly exciting one for Mrs Stacey Holmes. Following her appointment as Headteacher, Mrs Holmes has now begun her maternity leave after welcoming a beautiful baby boy into the world.

We are thrilled for Mrs Holmes and her family and send them our warmest congratulations as they enjoy this precious time together. Although we will miss her during her leave, we are incredibly excited to welcome her back to Clarborough in the near future to begin her role as Headteacher. We know she has a wonderful future ahead at Clarborough, and we look forward to the next exciting chapter under her leadership.

Mrs Francesca Campbell – Acting Headteacher

Whilst Mrs Holmes is on maternity leave, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Francesca Campbell will be joining Clarborough as our Acting Headteacher from September.

For the past five years, Mrs Campbell has been a member of the Senior Leadership Team at Ramsden Primary School, where she played a key role in leading the school's journey from a Requires Improvement judgement to achieving a Good Ofsted rating. Mrs Campbell holds both a BSc and an MSc, has completed the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL) and is currently studying for a Master of Education (MEd) in Leadership at the University of Buckingham.

Over the past few weeks, Mrs Campbell has spent time in school meeting Mrs Holmes, Miss Mayhew, Miss Green and other members of our school community to ensure a smooth transition into her new role.

From my conversations with Mrs Campbell, I know she is incredibly excited to join Clarborough. She is looking forward to bringing her experience, knowledge and commitment to our school and working in partnership with staff, pupils and families to build on our many strengths while continuing to provide the very best opportunities for every child.

Mrs Campbell is looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September and will be in touch with families as we begin the new academic year.

Mr Oliver Hodgson – Year 6 Teacher



We are delighted to welcome Mr Oliver Hodgson to the Clarborough team as our new Year 6 teacher.

Mr Hodgson has been teaching for the past 10 years, predominantly in Year 6, and brings with him a wealth of experience in preparing children for the transition to secondary school. He is passionate about helping every child grow in confidence, challenge themselves and enjoy learning, creating engaging and memorable experiences in the classroom.

Over the past few weeks, Mr Hodgson has already been visiting Clarborough, spending time in school and beginning to get to know the children and staff. It has been wonderful to see him building relationships with his new class, and we know the children are looking forward to welcoming him properly in September.

Nursery and 30hrs

The end of the school year is always a mixture of emotions as we say goodbye to children moving up through the school. We are so proud of all they have achieved, dressing up, writing, drawing together, making friends and learning to be more independent. There have been many special days like Graduation, Jolly Jobs day, Sports Day, the summer Fair.... but for me the real highlight has been our trip to Spain this week. The Clarborough aeroplane was waiting for the children when they arrived in school and we have had a wonderful time playing with our suitcases, buying treats from the ice cream shop and learning Spanish flamenco dancing. The children are so much more confident at joining in!

Once again, we wish to thank our wonderful PTA and the parents who give us such great support. We hope you have a wonderful summer break with your families and I am looking forward to seeing you back in September!



Reception

This half term, the Reception topic has been Let's Explore Our World, and we have been learning about lots of different environments. We began by looking at our local area and thinking about the buildings and features we can see in Clarborough and Retford. We had lots of fun looking for our addresses on 'Streetview'

and the children were very good at directing us to their homes. Next, we compared Retford to London and the children identified lots of London landmarks. We also looked at the differences between towns and the countryside.

We discovered that jungles have hot, wet weather, which is why so many different plants can grow there, and that they are found on the Equator. We then identified the Arctic and Antarctic and learnt that polar bears only live in the Arctic and that penguins only live in the Antarctic. Finally, we looked at seaside environments and the sort of plants and animals that we find there.

In Maths, we have been describing positions, creating patterns, identifying shapes and their properties, and adding, subtracting, and sharing amounts to 10.

The children also took part in Sports Day and C-Fest and finished the year with a Fun Day that included a water fight and ice lollies!

I would like to thank the children for a wonderful year - they have grown and learnt so much and I'm so proud of them all: I will really miss them next year!



Year 1

Maths

This year, the children have developed their mathematical knowledge and confidence across a range of exciting topics. They have explored fractions, learning to recognise and find halves and quarters of shapes and quantities. They have built on their understanding of place value, working confidently with numbers to 100 by counting, comparing, ordering and using tens and ones. The children have also enjoyed learning about time, including the days of the week and months of the year, and have begun to understand how we measure and talk about the passing of time. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they have applied these skills to solve problems and explain their mathematical thinking.

Clarborough Curriculum

As part of our Geography learning, the children explored the changing seasons and weather throughout the year. They learnt to name and order the months of the year, identifying which season each month belongs to. The children enjoyed spotting the differences between the four seasons, discussing changes in the weather, daylight and the natural world. They also learnt about the different types of clothing we wear in each season and explained why these choices help to keep us comfortable.

Science

This year in Science, the children have enjoyed learning about different types of animals. They have identified and named the five main animal groups: fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals, and have explored the features that make each group unique. The children have also learnt about the different diets of animals, understanding what it means to be a carnivore, herbivore or omnivore. They have loved sharing their knowledge and identifying animals based on what they have learnt.

Art

In Art, the children have explored colour through a range of creative activities. They learnt about the three primary colours – red, blue and yellow and discovered how these can be mixed to create the secondary colours: purple, orange and green. Using both paint and clay, the children experimented with colour mixing before creating their own colourful artwork.



Learning beyond the classroom – Rand Farm

One of the highlights of the term was our exciting visit to Rand Farm! The children had a fantastic day exploring the farm and taking part in a range of hands-on learning experiences. They enjoyed feeding the animals, holding day-old chicks, bottle-feeding lambs, watching a cow being milked and even experiencing a tractor and trailer ride around the farm. Throughout the day, the children showed excellent behaviour, listened carefully to instructions and demonstrated curiosity by asking thoughtful questions about the animals and how a working farm operates. We were incredibly proud of how they represented our school and would like to thank all of the staff and volunteers who helped make the trip such a memorable experience.





Year 2

Maths

In Maths this half term the children have covered time, statistics, position and direction. The children practised telling the time at o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and 5-minute intervals. They also learnt how many minutes are in one hour, seconds in a minute and hours in a day. In statistics, the children drew and interpreted tables, tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms. In their learning on position and direction, children identified whole turns, half turns and quarter turns. They also practised their right and left turns.

English

In English we looked at the story 'The Cave'. We predicted what we thought might happen in the story and then learnt how to compose questions using question words and how to use inverted commas (speech marks) in our writing. Once we had learnt this, we altered the story, by changing some of the elements of the story. So instead of a cave in the forest, we had a cave in the jungle, we had stories set in volcanoes, under the sea and even in space and had lots of different characters.

We have also spent some time, following our trip to Rand farm, writing a recount of what we did while we were there. This gave the children an opportunity to showcase what they have learnt over the year by using fronted adverbials, the past tense, conjunctions, noun phrases and even expanded noun phrases. We had such a fun time on the trip that they really enjoyed writing about it when we got back to school.

Clarborough Curriculum

In Geography we have been comparing England and Australia. The children have been exploring the landscape, famous landmarks and human and physical features as well as looking at the similarities and differences with the climate and weather.

Science/Art/Computing/French

Science - Living things & their Habitats. Year 2 have identified that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited. They described how habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants. We have learnt that habitats are constantly changing and the dangers animals and plants face from plastic pollution in the oceans and deforestation.

Art - Making a moving monster. Children have looked at how objects move using levers and pivots. They have explored making linkages using card for levers and split pins for pivots. Following on from this, they have designed and made their own moving monster.



Year 3

Maths

At the start of the half-term, Year 3 learned about right angles, describing shapes and accurate measuring. We then moved on to exploring pictograms and bar charts. The children enjoyed collecting their own data in order to make their own charts.

English

The children enjoyed investigating different shape poems. They then created their own poems using features such as repetition, size and humour. More recently, we have been using the video *Contre Temps* to develop a range of skills. For example, their use of fronted adverbials, conjunctions and dialogue.

Clarborough Curriculum

The children have shown real enthusiasm for our Victorians topic this half-term. We have explored inventions, the introduction of the railways and understanding what life would have been like for children. The children were also able to experience this through our Victorian day.





Science/Art/Computing/French

Art- Recently, we have been looking at sculpture within art. The children explored positive and negative space before designing and making their own 3D sculptures.



Within Science, we have been investigating light. Firstly, we learned about light sources, before investigating how to stay safe in the sun. Over recent weeks, we have been focusing on scientific enquiry skills. The children enjoyed planning and investigating the effect of different liquids on coins.

Year 4

In English this half term we have been focusing on the Literacy Shed film 'Pigeon: Impossible.' Year 4 have absolutely loved unpicking the story and learning more about the funny characters and plot. We have learned how to write newspaper reports so that we can report on the antics of the pigeon. We then wrote a sequel to the story.

In Maths, Year 4 have been developing their awareness of shapes. We know how to use the correct mathematical language to describe various 2D shapes. We then moved on to statistics where we learned how to represent and interpret data in a variety of ways.





Our Science work this half term has been about conservation. We have looked at the impact humans have on earth and have considered ways in which we can help. In History we finished learning about the Vikings and in Geography we learned about trade.

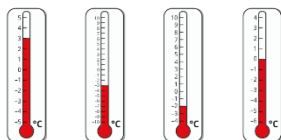
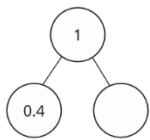
In DT we have focused on technology, evaluating existing products and identifying what is needed when creating a new design. In Music we have been developing our singing and have really enjoyed learning some new songs to sing together.

Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this year and everyone should be very proud of all their learning achievements!

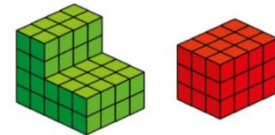
Year 5

Maths

In the final half-term, pupils have crammed in a lot of learning in Maths! They have learned to: add and subtract decimals; count, compare and order negative numbers; convert units of measurement, including time; and measure, estimate and compare volume and capacity.



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Shelf Village Hall	06:16	06:46	07:25	08:00	08:32
Woodside	06:21	06:50	07:28		
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Railway Station	06:40	07:10	07:48	08:30	09:00



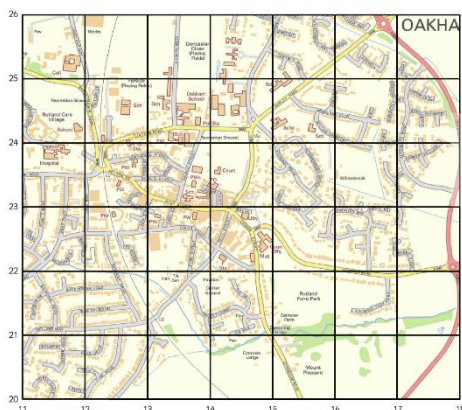
English

Pupils have written for a variety of contexts such as writing their report comments, writing letters to Mr Hodgson, their new teacher as well as using the short film, The Ridge, to write a setting description. Pupils enjoyed using a thesaurus to up-level their adjectives and deciding on bronze, silver and gold level synonyms for specific adjectives. These were then included in their setting descriptions.



Clarborough Curriculum

Pupils have been learning about mapwork and map skills in Geography. They increased their accuracy in using Atlases, including using the Index and simple coordinates. They learned how to use the eight points on a compass to describe routes on a map, how to use a six-point grid reference to locate places on a map and to use specific language to describe routes on a map.



What building is found at the following coordinates?

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Science/DT/Computing/French

Science: Pupils learned changes of state, building on their learning last year about states of matter. They showed excellent recall of the difference in particles between solids, liquids and gases and used this knowledge when investigating evaporation to recover the solute from the solution using salt and water.

Art: In Art, pupils learned about painting and mixed media to create self-portraits. They created sketches and backgrounds before completing their portraits using words, text and images.

Computing: Pupils were introduced to Blooket and SATs Booster this half-term and have enjoyed using these to deepen their learning in Maths and English.

French: The final unit 'Je me Presente' enabled pupils to apply the skills they have learned this year to talk and write about themselves in French, using learned vocabulary and phrases.

Final word

As this year comes to an end, it is hard to put into words just how much this incredible class have meant to me. We have shared so many special moments, celebrated successes, overcome challenges and created memories that I will treasure forever. They have made me laugh every single day, amazed me with their resilience, and filled me with pride through all they have achieved. I could not be prouder of each and every one of them, not only for their academic progress but for the caring, thoughtful and determined people they have become. I feel incredibly lucky to have been their teacher for the last two years, and I wish them every happiness and success in Year 6.

Year 6 Leavers and Leavers Activities

The children in Year 6 have worked hard and shown great resilience, confidence and dedication in the lead up to and during their SATS. We are all really proud of you.

After SATS, they took on a few challengers and this did not phase them at all, including a bake off, theme park designs, police reports and a sponsored walk.



In the Bake Off, the children worked in groups to plan, prepare and budget, thinking about profit and loss. We spent a whole morning baking their recipes including butterscotch tart, pizzas, cookie dough and cupcakes. The children showed great team building skills throughout the activity.

In Maths, Year 6 have enjoyed designing a theme park, again thinking about budgets and catering for all individuals. With Mrs Whitfield they completed a scavenger hunt around the school grounds, focusing on cube and squared numbers.

During our English lessons we have focused our learning on a video clip called 'Faded'. From watching the video clip, the children had to write a police report, consolidating all of their English skills. The children enjoyed writing a conversation between the teacher and police officer, using their imaginations.

As well as all the classroom-based learning, the class got to enjoy a weekly Forest School session, ran by Mrs Freeman. They have enjoyed learning more about the outdoors and the different ways of living, with the final week being a campfire and toasting marshmallows to make smores. Thank you Mrs Freeman!

The children have worked hard to raise money to fund their activities week. They carried out a bake sale during morning breaktime and a sponsored walk around the village and along the canal. The children raised over a £1000! Well done class 6! The children planned their route around the village and it was nice to see parents and grandparents join us and listen to the children repeatably ask "When is it lunch time?"

Year 6 Leavers Church Service

During July, the Year 6 children walked to Clarborough Church for a very special leavers service. The children learnt a new song, spoke about different journeys we go on in life and decorated a rock which will stay in church as part of their legacy. The church kindly donated The Gospel of Mark book from the international Children's Bible, to each child for them to take away. Thank you to Reverend Mark and the Church for their hospitality. The children were very respectful and represented the school well.



Year 6 Leavers Performance – 'The Island that Rocks'

Wow Wow Wow! We couldn't be more proud of Year 6. From really not showing interest in the play to getting on stage acting, performing, dancing and singing solos, the children were fantastic. All their hard work and determination paid off during the two performances they did – one in front of the whole school and one for parents/carers and grandparents. Thank you for coming along to watch the children and for your support with the costumes.

Activities week

After a year of hard work, SATS preparation and exams, transition days to secondary schools and practising for their leavers production, Year 6 deserved a well-earned break from learning. They spent the last week of term having fun with a fun swim, water fight, inflatables, games, movies and a pizza lunch for their last day.

They have made fond memories that they will cherish forever and it was lovely to see them all enjoying their last week together as Class of 2026!



Merit Award: Isabella, for the exceptional progress you have made this year and for always showing determination and resilience. Thank you for being the best you can be!

Courtesy Award: Henry G, for always being so polite and respectful to staff, visitors and peers. You never let us down. You are an incredible role model to others throughout school. Well done Henry.

Respect Award: Pen, always demonstrates this especially to adults in the school, she shows this by following instructions, listening and considering others through her words and actions.

Resilience Award: Poppy, for always trying and pushing yourself when you face a challenge, especially in Maths! You never give up and always want one more to prove to yourself you can do it. Keep up the good work Poppy and always remember to have a little note book to write down the method that works for you.

Learning Award: Freddie, for really pushing yourself and attempting new areas of learning this year, from contributing great ideas in guided reading to building stamina in your writing and also learning concepts in Maths. Always remember Freddie – you CAN do it!

Year 6 Awards

At the end of the year, we give out awards to our Year 6 pupils, celebrating their achievements throughout the year. This year the awards were as follows:

Perseverance Award – Edith
Inquisitive Mind Award – Albert
Excellence in Mathematics Award – Ashton
Excellence in English – Holly
Confidence in Class Award – Kiera
Positive Attitude Award - Georgie
Excellence in Art & Design Award – Isabella
Mr Motivator Award – Mason
Positive Participation in Sports Award – Freddie
Positive Participation in Sports Award – Henry K
Outstanding Attitude to Learning Award – Henry G
Helpful Student Award – Kayla
Resilience Award – Ella
Avid Reader Award – Ben
Outstanding Smile Award – Noah
The Most Dramatic Person Award – Pen
Most Talkative Award – Reiss
Head Boy Award – Cole
Head Girl Award – Poppy



Our two most prestigious awards being given out; The Jonathan Webster Award for being an outstanding sportsperson, in loving memory of Jonathan Webster awarded to Ishe.
The Zain Beeharry Award for model student, in loving memory of Zain Beeharry awarded to Ayda.



To all our Year 6 Pupils: You are all amazing! Continue to shine in everything that you do and whatever comes your way in the future just remember to be the best you can be! You will all be missed.

Dates for your Diary....

Monday 27th July to Monday 31st August 2026 – Summer Holidays

Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September – INSET Days

Thursday 3rd September – Pupils Return to School – Start of Autumn Term 1 2026/2027

Friday 4th September – Pop up Uniform Shop

A full version of 'Dates for Your Diary' will be sent out towards the beginning of term once we have finalised some more dates.

Have a great Summer!



Breakfast club and wraparound care need to be booked in and paid for at least one week in advance on Parentmail. Breakfast is served daily until 8:20 am. If you have any questions or queries relating to Breakfast club, Wraparound and lunches please email the office on office@clarborough.notts.sch.uk

Nottinghamshire County Council use CCTV cars to enforce parking outside of schools. They visit schools in Nottinghamshire and will record whilst passing, the details of any cars parked illegally.

If vehicles are parked in contravention the registered keepers will receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

These restrictions are in place to provide a safe area outside of the school where the children will gather or cross the road therefore, we ask for your help in keeping this area free of parked vehicles. The school can request enforcement from the car if there any concerns regarding parking.

