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A note from the Headteacher



As we reach the end of another successful academic year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school community. It has been a year filled with hard work, determination and memorable experiences. I would like to congratulate all of our students for the commitment and enthusiasm they have shown throughout the year.

Each year group has much to celebrate. Our Year 7 students have settled into secondary school life exceptionally well, embracing new routines, friendships and opportunities with confidence. Year 8 have continued to build on their successes, working hard in lessons, maintaining excellent standards of behaviour and making impressive progress. Meanwhile, our Year 9 students have approached the important process of choosing their GCSE options with maturity and

thoughtfulness.

As you will see throughout this bumper edition of our newsletter, kindly put together by Mrs Raffan, this has been an incredibly busy and exciting year. Our staff have once again gone above and beyond to provide students with a wealth of opportunities beyond the classroom. Educational visits have taken students to Berlin, Iceland and the Battlefields, while others have enjoyed trips to Wembley, Duxford, universities, Pleasurewood Hills and Banham Zoo. Our Mock Trials team reached the national final, the Wildfire Roadcast performed at the Corn Exchange, and students have participated in theatre visits, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, sporting fixtures and a fantastic range of musical performances.

These opportunities would not be possible without the commitment and generosity of our staff, who willingly give their time to enrich our students' experiences. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every member of staff for everything they do to make our school such a vibrant and inspiring place to learn.

One of the highlights of the year was undoubtedly our inaugural school Talent Show. Although I initially had my reservations, I am delighted that Mr Modica persuaded me, as the evening proved to be a tremendous success. The talent, confidence and creativity displayed by our students were truly inspiring, and we are already looking forward to an even bigger event next year. My thanks go to Mr Modica, Miss Kemp, Miss O'Neil and the many staff who worked behind the scenes to make the event such a success.

As we celebrate the achievements of our students, we also take time to thank a number of valued colleagues who are moving on to new opportunities.

We say goodbye to Mr Brooks, Miss West, Mrs Norman and Mr Bailey, thanking them for their dedication, commitment and the positive impact they have had on our students and school community. We wish them every success in the next stage of their careers.

Finally, after an incredible 38-year career in education, Mrs Groom retires this summer. Throughout her career she has demonstrated exceptional professionalism, kindness and dedication to generations of young people. While we are pleased she has promised to return from time to time to support us, we wish her every happiness in a well-earned retirement.

To all of our students, families and staff, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. I hope you all enjoy a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year filled with new opportunities, fresh challenges and continued success.

Library



Could you spare an hour or even two a fortnight? We're looking for volunteers to join our *volunteer adult readers* group.

It involves listening to a student or two read to you. You would be meeting the student on a weekly or fortnightly basis in the school library. You can give advice on choosing the right kind of book, listen to them read a chapter or two and where possible, ask them a few questions about the story to check understanding.

We provide full training and we fund the necessary DBS check that is needed.

We know a lot of students don't read for pleasure and sometimes the only time they read (something other than their phone!) is when they are at school and then it is often reluctantly. We've found that the students build a relationship with their volunteer and actually begin

to look forward to their sessions reading.

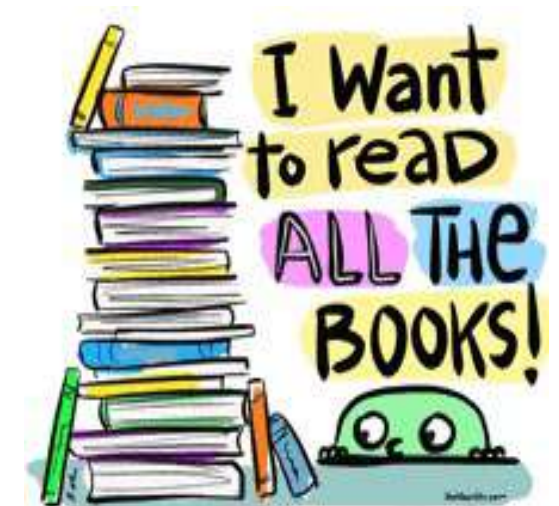
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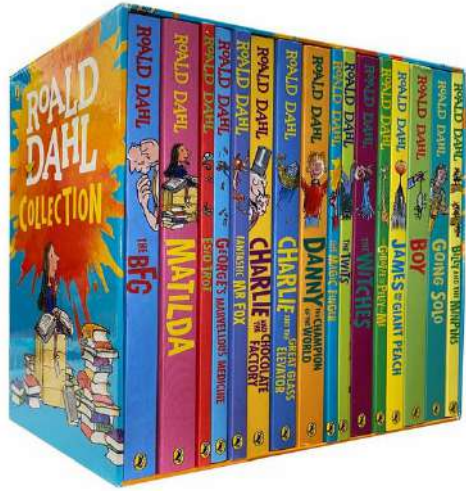
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School Librarians



Library

OVERDUE BOOKS



If you decide to have a pre summer clear-out and come across any school library books, can you please pop them back into us.

It doesn't matter how late they are, we will just be pleased to have them back!!

Thank you!

We're always on the look out for more books. If you have any laying around gathering dust, we'll happily take them off your hands.

They need to be of appropriate age range (11-16) and in good condition.

We also really need some decorations for the library. If you have anything that would help us out with the following themes, we would be very grateful.

The sort of things we are looking for are:

- Horror section—Scary Halloween type decorations

- Fantasy theme—Harry Potter or wizardly items
- Mystery theme—Spy or detective
- Humour theme—jokey/funny props

Nothing too big please— we only have a small library.

You or your child/ren can drop the books or items in to the library or contact the school office and ask for the library or email:

r.raffan@stclementshigh.org.uk

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j.ford@stclementshigh.org.uk

Library

We have been really busy in the library again this term!

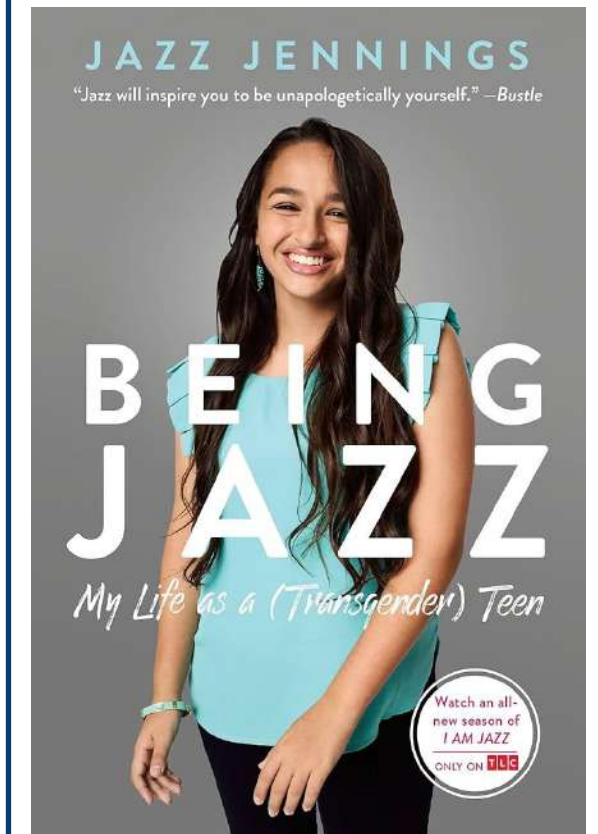
We always try to change the theme every month to keep students engaged and involved. During April we celebrated Shakespeare, May was Mental Health Awareness month, during June we had Pride month and heading into July, we had summer reading month.



The library also has a free book trolley where students can come and help themselves to any of the books that are on there. If you have any donations that we could add, it would be greatly appreciated.



Book of the Term



Learning Resource Centre

Opening Times

Monday to Friday: break and lunchtimes

After school—3.10 to 4.00 pm

Library

Staff reading competition



Last term we held a reading competition for the students. So this term we thought we would get the staff to take part in our very own competition. We had some great entries (even though I think AI was involved in a few!!).

The students were asked to vote their favourite, the results were—

Third place—Mr Townsend

Second place—Mrs Raffan

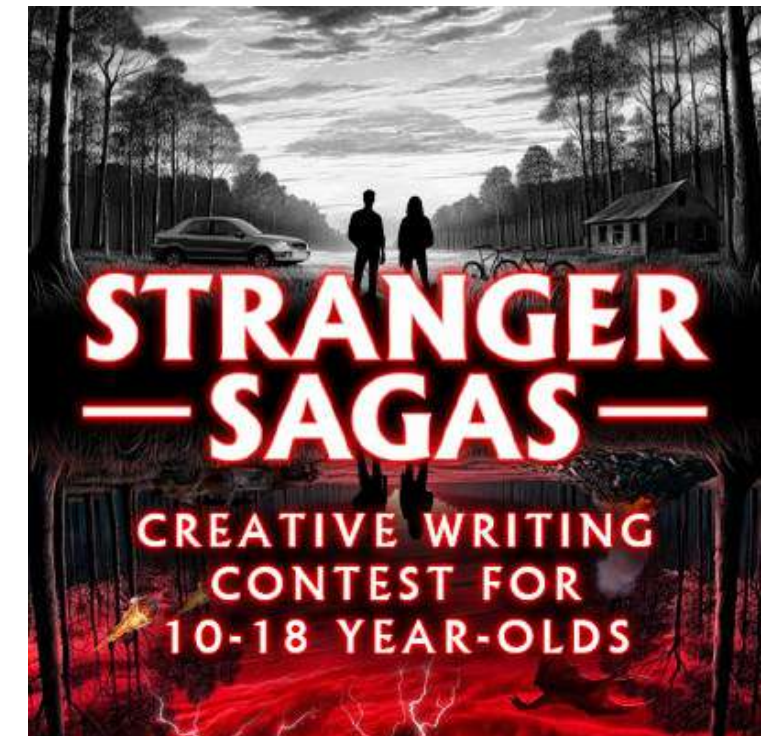
And the winner—

MRS O'NEILL



Writing Competition

Some of our students recently got their short stories published in a book. Well done!!



Shakespeare Quiz

On Shakespeare day, a quiz was held in the library, all contestants came fully prepared and ready to win.

The results were—

3rd—The Lords Chamberswomen

2nd—Team Thea and Sienna

Joint 1st—

The Shakespearean's and

The Sure To Win Shakespearean's

Well done to all that entered!!



Chess Tournament

On Wednesday 20th June it was once again time for the annual St Clement's chess tournament. The village hall was set out as the venue and thirty-two students entered from year 7 to 10. Mr Walker joined us for the day and led the students through six rounds of games in a 'swiss style' format. The tension was palpable and there were some incredibly close matches, including an 'Armageddon' tie-break! In the final standings, congratulations go to our champion, Dylan G of year 8. Dylan was able to retain his crown and win for an impressive second year in a row. In second place were Michal N (year 9) and in third place Logan G (year 8).

It was fantastic to see a mix of students from all years and to see many new faces this year. Well done to everyone who took up the challenge and entered.

The top twelve students have now qualified to go to the trust tournament on the 24th June where they will face teams from Smithdon, Marshland and Springwood High Schools. We hope to improve on our third place position from last year. Wish us luck!

Mrs Norton



The final 12 places,. Well done Dylan for coming 1st!

1. Dylan Grange
2. Michal Niedzielak
3. Logan Greenwood
4. Isaac Brown
5. Rylee Coombes
6. Oliver Potter
7. Mitchel Bilcliff
9. Lukas Makrikas
10. Torben Cole
11. Nikita Kazoks
12. Kurtis Marsh



Published Poem

A Glance

Take a little look.
Even a glance, or you might miss
Your golden chance.
Metallic insects are dancing,
Graceful deer are prancing,
Fearless mothers protecting their young,
Nervous, hungry foxes tagging along.
Be nice.
Be fair.
For those magnificent creatures are easy to scare.
Glittering waterfalls and bushes and shrubs,
Mountains so tall, secrets unfold.
A wolf's mighty howl, a buzzard's cry,
A bird's chirp, a snake's angry hiss.
Think of the stars, endless possibilities.
Think of caves, their secret capabilities.
Remember all this,
It came from a look,
Just a little glance.

Elsie Brown (12)

St Clement's High School, King's Lynn

A stunning poem written by one of our year 7 students, Elsie Brown. This was chosen to be published in a book!

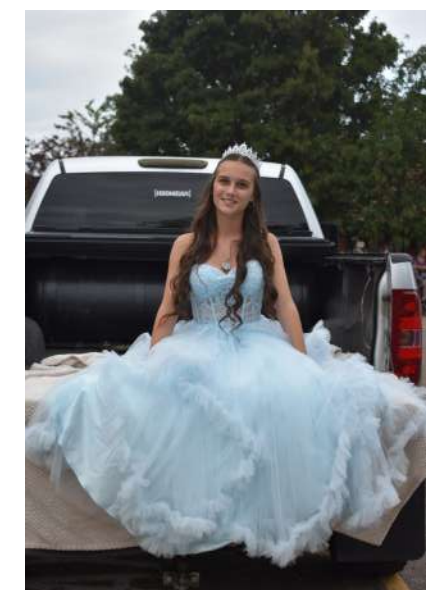
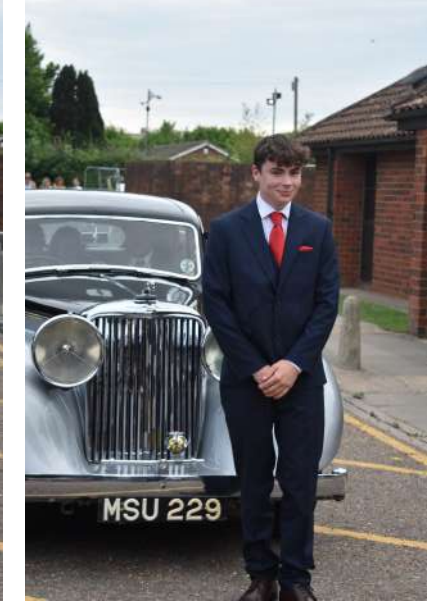
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Berlin Trip 2026

A very early start saw us meeting at school around 2am, eagerly awaiting our coach to London City Airport for our adventure to Berlin and Krakow. We arrived at the airport before it even opened and got through check-in and security with no problems, then just a couple of hours to chill before boarding our flight to Berlin. We were quickly introduced to the alternative and open society that Berlin is on the plane, but the less said about that the better...! Arrival saw us very slowly being processed through Border Control, but through we got then to find our coach. We eventually arrived at our Hostel and dropped off our suitcases in one room (obviously on the highest floor possible, but a well organised relay saw it done in no time).

Our first little venture took us to the Topography of Terror exhibition, which was the HQ of the Gestapo, with lots of really interesting facts – even the staff were picking things up for our lessons going forward! We then wandered back to the Hostel via Netto, getting all sorts of snacks – nice to see lots of fruit being purchased! After getting to our rooms and just relaxing for a bit, it was time for our first evening meal – I think we can safely say less than gourmet, but most of us seemed happy with it. Then off to Bowling where there was of course mixed successes; Mr Brown choking at the opportunity for a double win, being outflanked by Miss Hawkins. I think watching the students, I don't know if a career in bowling is really on the cards just yet – although George M's first game was impressive!

After a very long and tiring day we headed to sleep ready to go again. Another early start ready for breakfast, again very continental, plenty of options and self-service – something for everyone. Our first mission of the day was to the Wannsee House, the location where the Nazis came up with the Final Solution. A real juxtaposition in terms of a beautiful setting but the place where horror was decided. Having now understood the bigger picture, our journey then took us to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp just outside Berlin. We followed the footsteps of so many victims here, discovering their stories and some of the atrocities committed by the Nazis. After Sachsenhausen we went back to Berlin via the Berlin Wall Memorial site, showing from a raised platform just what it would have looked like in this small area where the Wall remains. A nice little bonus when we got back to the Hostel was bumping into Miss Owings who was there with her new school.

Day 3 began with the logistics of checking out of the Hostel and having our final breakfast. We then departed to the Olympic Stadium, built by Hitler to show power, permanence and dominance for the 1936 Berlin Olympics. As well as the significant history of this place, the students also enjoyed the sporting element of it, and the stadium merchandise sales enjoyed our visit too! Our final official visit was then back to Berlin for the Guided Tour. This was made a little trickier as we arrived in the middle of the Berlin Half Marathon, so trying to find our guides was interesting, made a little easier again with a blast from the past, Mr Burrridge, who now lives in Berlin came for the walk with us. I think it is fair to say my group's guide, on first impressions, was instant love!!! Our tour took in the famous landmarks of Berlin, although we couldn't quite get to the Brandenburg Gate, we saw it and the Reichstag building in all its glory – even if causing us some confusion how glass can burn! I think we got there in the end though! Our tour ended with my favourite part of the day at the DDR Museum. This is a hands-on, very interactive museum showing what it was like to live in the East of Berlin during the Cold War

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following the erection of the Berlin Wall. Some interesting exhibits drew our attention, and lots of others were just very interesting. Our tour guides offered so much perspective of living in Berlin during this time and we ended ours with a massive hug, lots of gratitude and lots of insight into Berlin. Last stop of Day 3 was our evening meal at Route 66, a USA Style diner. It looked the part, but I felt was lacking the music to really give us the authentic experience.

After 3 days of Berlin magic, we headed back to the Hostel safe in the knowledge that we learnt lots and most of us sampled the delicacy that is Currywurst! We hung out at the hostel for a few hours, doing our teeth and preparing for the dreaded night bus to Krakow. We boarded the coach, squeezed in to our seats and tried to fall asleep – all the harder with the drivers having a rave (to keep them awake I guess). We eventually arrived in Krakow, placed our bags into a holding area until we could check in and then had breakfast. I don't think the journey was quite as terrible as we'd built it up to be. Breakfast however more than made up for it – hot food, self service buffet including delicious Polish Sausages and Scrambled eggs. This was defo the place to be! I do recommend this hotel if you're visiting Krakow (Hotel Wyspianski).

After breakfast we had a few hours to waste before our guides met us for Schindler's factory, so we went into the Old Town to familiarise ourselves. The students were given some free time and went off exploring. Again, I think the scooter company's profits were delighted with our arrival! We then met our guide to the factory, a little walk and we arrived to queues of thousands. I think all of our hearts sank – however, we just went straight in. It was busy but still, there was lots of brilliant exhibits and things to see as well as get a really clear visual of what it was like living under Nazi Germany and indeed dying under them too. Life in the Ghettos was brought to us very clearly. Following this, we got back to the Old Town and the students concluded their exploring – with so much still to find, our day ended with a lovely evening meal and a chill playing cards and preparing for the next day, our visit to Auschwitz.

Our final day was here, I think it went really quickly, but this was the most important part of our trip. We had started it all at the Wannsee House and ended it with the ultimate visual of what the Nazis decided back in Berlin. After checking in to Auschwitz, we met our guides and got our headsets on and began this difficult but important visit. Each room we entered had a different feeling and information. The hardest for most of us was the room full of human hair and little girl's pigtails. The luggage and shoes, especially those of infants was also incredibly hard to see. Our guides gave us so much information that really added to the experience of the victims here. After a few hours at Auschwitz One, we went to Birkenau (Auschwitz II); this is the part of the Death Camp we're more familiar with from movies and books. Our students were fantastic and took it all in showing the upmost respect and I am sure we left with memories and reflections to last a lifetime.

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Our trip came to an end, via McDonalds, on our way to Katowice Airport. Everything went fine checking in, I was needlessly concerned by the strictness of Ryanair, we did ok, despite a few pounds over here and there and Leo's flags losing their sticks. The problem came at Border Control with the slowest processing ever – so slow in fact there was a very real chance that we'd miss our flight (well some of us). The Ryanair guy told me he's closing the gate whether the last of us were through or not – panic stations. However, all's well that ends well and we JUST made it and boarded the plane home. We got back to Stansted "30 minutes early" and flew through arrivals and baggage reclaim getting back to school at 11:30pm to waiting hugs and kisses.

On behalf of myself, Mrs Norton, Miss Hawkins, Mr Pack, Miss Franklin and Mr Brown, we'd like to commend our students who I think all got something from this trip, some more so. Thanks again from me to our staff team who without them, we couldn't have done this incredible trip and thanks again to parents / carers for supporting this trip too.

Mr Modica

Berlin / Krakow March 27th – 31st 2026



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Battlefields

This past May, we took our annual trip to WW1 Battlefields of France and Belgium. This was our 9th year doing this important pilgrimage to allow our students and staff the opportunity to reflect on the scale and sacrifice of WW1 as well as thinking about all conflicts where our soldiers have given their lives. This trip has also given us the chance to turn what we have been learning this year in class into reality.

We left school early and after a smooth journey to Dover we found ourselves on the ferry across to Calais ready for our adventure. As soon as we left the ferry the stories from Dickie and Beth began, pointing out key areas of interest as we travelled towards Belgium. Throughout the day, we visited several trench systems and walked around them, giving us some insight into spending days and weeks in them. Dickie and Beth shared tales from the soldiers especially relating to medicine in the trenches and some utterly rancid stories relating to toileting, rats and lice!! We ended day one with the famous 'French' fries (in Belgium) and chicken, always a highlight, they just do it different in Belgium.

Day 2 saw us travel across the border into France to spend a day on the Somme. The Somme was the most devastating battle of WW1 for the British forces losing 20,000 on day 1 alone, with a further 60,000 casualties in the first 24 hours. We retraced the steps of the soldiers and saw first hand the distances between our trenches and the enemy. We also found a massive crater that had been blown up by miners. The weather was lovely. With high spirits continuing, we found ourselves on the evacuation chain carrying our 'wounded soldiers' along the lane towards the medical clearing station to be cured. After some quick first aid and bandaging, we were happy to report no serious wounds.

Our last day took us to Vimy Ridge, a massive monument that you can see for miles. This is a truly breath-taking sight and a must for any trip to the battlefields. For me, and many of us, the highlight was the underground town at Arras. The allies occupied a world beneath the Germans with electricity, running water and a fully functioning hospital. This was just incredible to think that the Germans were just above our heads.

The journey home was plane sailing until we got into some traffic on the motorway around the Dartford Crossing, but with patience and a few zzzz's, we finally got home tired but still of stories and tales of another St Clement's journey to WW1.

2027 will see us visit the Battlefields again in May.

Mr Modica



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Science

Year 8 Students Rise to the Faraday Challenge

A group of selected Year 8 students recently represented our school at the Faraday Challenge held at Springwood, where they competed alongside students from the other trust schools in an exciting day of engineering, innovation, and teamwork.

The challenge tasked students with designing and building a piece of surgical equipment that could be used to support organ transplant procedures. Working in teams, students had to carefully consider the design process, create prototypes, test their ideas, and adapt their solutions to meet the demands of the challenge.

Their equipment was then put to the test. Using a ping pong ball to represent a kidney and a tennis ball to represent a heart, students had to transport the organs into a model body, mimicking the process of an organ transplant. As if this was not challenging enough, they had to operate their equipment from behind a screen, relying solely on a camera feed to see what they were doing. This required excellent communication, precision, problem-solving skills, and resilience.

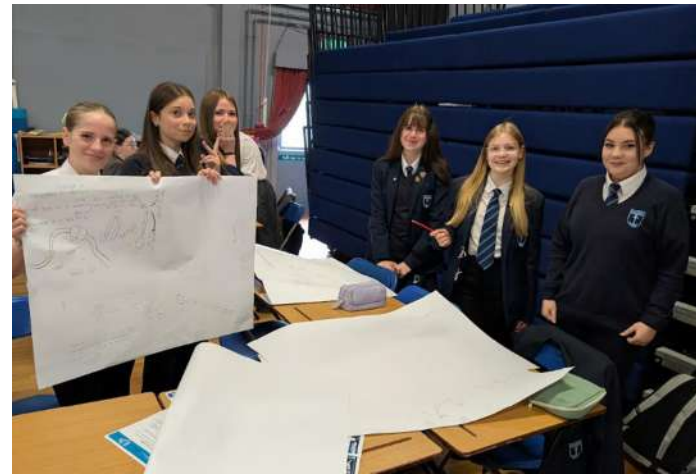
Both of our teams rose to the challenge brilliantly. They worked collaboratively throughout the day, sharing ideas, overcoming setbacks, and demonstrating impressive creativity and engineering skills. Most importantly, both teams successfully produced functioning equipment that completed the task.

The event provided a fantastic opportunity for students to apply their STEM knowledge in a real-world context while developing essential skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, and innovation. They represented the school exceptionally well and were a credit to themselves throughout the competition.

We are incredibly proud of all the students who took part and congratulate them on their hard work, determination, and success at the Faraday Challenge.



Faraday Challenge



STEM Success

Our students recently had the exciting opportunity to attend the STEM Showcase at the University of East Anglia (UEA), where they proudly presented the research projects they have been developing throughout the year.

The showcase brought together students from four schools, providing a fantastic platform for young researchers to share their findings, develop their presentation skills, and engage with others who share a passion for science and innovation.

Our students presented their investigations into heat loss and soil, confidently explaining their research methods, findings, and conclusions to fellow students, teachers, and university staff. They demonstrated excellent scientific understanding and professionalism, representing the school with pride.

In addition to presenting their work, students had the chance to explore the UEA campus through a guided tour. This gave them an insight into university life, allowing them to experience the facilities, learning environments, and opportunities available within higher education. The visit helped students to envision future pathways in STEM subjects and careers.

The day concluded with an awards ceremony celebrating the hard work, dedication, and achievements of all participants. We are delighted that our students received recognition for the quality of their research and presentations, a testament to the effort they have invested in their projects.

During lunchtime and the afternoon session, students were asked to complete a science bingo quiz. This involved student's speaking with students from different schools and university staff members to get the answers. During this, St Clement's was awarded the 'most thoughtful school'.

The STEM Showcase was an inspiring experience that allowed students to celebrate their achievements, gain confidence in communicating scientific ideas, and connect with peers from other schools. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the event.

Congratulations to everyone involved for making the day such a success!

UEA Showcase



Dance Club

Dance Club Performance Preparations

Since January 2026, Miss O'Neill's Dance Club students from Years 7–10 have shown incredible commitment, enthusiasm and determination as they prepare for this year's St Clement's Talent Show. Rehearsals have been filled with energy and hard work, with students developing their dance technique, performance skills and confidence week after week.

This year, the dancers are excited to be joining the St Clement's Singers for the show's opening performance of 'When I Grow Up' from Matilda the Musical, before returning to the stage for a high-energy 2000s mash-up as the half-time performance.

It has been wonderful to watch the students grow in confidence, teamwork and resilience throughout the rehearsal process. Their dedication and positive attitude have been outstanding, and we cannot wait to see all of their hard work come to life on stage. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and know they will put on a fantastic show!



Talent Show

It was an absolute pleasure to be involved in the first ever St Clement's Talent Show. I thoroughly enjoyed the audition process and was so impressed by the incredible range of talent, enthusiasm and courage shown by all of the students who auditioned. Watching our performers grow in confidence during our rehearsals was one of the most rewarding parts of the experience.

Working alongside Miss Kemp and Mr Modica was a fantastic experience and together we were able to create a warm, supportive, and encouraging environment where every student felt valued. The teamwork, dedication and positive spirit shown by our performers made the Talent Show a wonderful celebration of our school community. I am incredibly proud of each student who took to the stage and thank everyone who helped make this year's event such a memorable success. Preparation for next year's Talent Show begins now!

Miss O'Neill



The school talent show was an amazing experience for both the performers and the audience. With an extraordinary mixture of dancing, singing, reading, live music, and even a celebrity judge, this was a day never to be forgotten!

The teachers may have claimed all the raffle prizes, but the show was an opportunity for students to share their talents with the world (or at least part of it!)

All seventeen acts had the audience clapping to the beat, singing along, or even wiping a proud tear from their cheek.

Although this was the first time St Clements has held a talent show, it was marvellously successful and I look forward to seeing some new acts next year!

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Yr 10 Taster Day—CWA

On the 23rd June, some of our year 10 students went for a taster day at The College of West Anglia. They experienced different courses such as Hair and Beauty, Childcare, Catering, Brick Laying and Engineering. They all had a great day.



Geography Trip

On our recent Geography fieldwork trip to Hunstanton, Year 10 pupils had the opportunity to apply their class-room learning to a real-world environment. Throughout the day, students developed valuable geographical skills by collecting and analysing a range of physical and human geography data.

After arriving in Hunstanton, pupils began their physical geography investigations along the coastline between the Lighthouse and Old Hunstanton Beach. Working in teams, students carried out a variety of data collection activities, including:

- Measuring beach profiles to investigate changes in beach shape.
- Conducting wave counts to examine coastal processes.
- Investigating longshore drift using oranges as tracers to track sediment movement.
- Producing detailed field sketches of coastal features and sand dune environments.

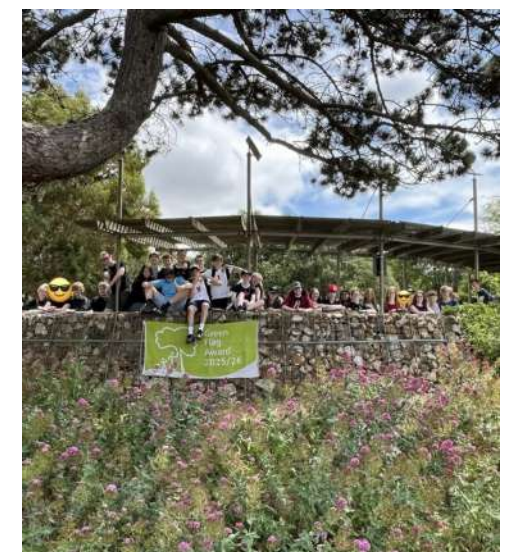
They showed great enthusiasm when collecting data and discussing how coastal processes shape the Norfolk coastline.

Following lunch, pupils turned their attention to human geography. Walking towards New Hunstanton, students completed a series of environmental quality surveys to assess different areas along the seafront. They then continued into the town centre where they gathered data on pedestrian and traffic flow, created land-use surveys and, carried out questionnaires with members of the public.

These activities helped students explore how people use and manage coastal environments and provided valuable evidence that will be used in future GCSE Geography lessons. The data collected will support pupils in developing their fieldwork enquiry skills and preparing for GCSE examination questions.

Throughout the day, students represented St Clement's exceptionally well. Staff were impressed by their positive attitude, mature behaviour and willingness to engage with all aspects of the fieldwork programme.

We would like to thank all students for their excellent conduct and look forward to seeing the outcomes of their investigations in upcoming lessons.



Hunstanton



Bringing Scientists To You

Students spent the day at Springwood for the UEA Bringing Scientists To You Day. Students completed five workshops with specialist scientists in their fields. Including lo-tions and potions (pharmaceuticals), robotic programming (computer science), unknown substance (chemistry), oil spill (environmental scientists) and problem solving (mathematics)

Miss Fox



Yr 10 Paintball Trip

Year 10 students went to Combat Paintball in Thetford to celebrate their achievements this year. They were split into 4 teams, red team, green team, blue team and black ops. Three games put each team up against each other with the final game involving all 4 teams. Fun was had by all, especially the students shooting their Head of Year, Mr Reynolds, in the brightly coloured hi-vis!



Bronze DofE

Last week, Year 9 students headed to Thetford forest for their Bronze DofE expedition. This involved 2 days of being self sufficient (walking, cooking and camping). The students did very well to complete their expedition in 30 °C heat. Thank you to Mr Reynolds, Mr Pack, Miss Towler and Mrs Spurrier for making the expedition possible.



Silver DofE

At the end of June, Year 10 and Year 11 students travelled to the Lincolnshire Wolds for their Silver DofE expeditions. Year 10 were doing their practice expedition and year 11 their qualifying expedition. Students challenged themselves with more hilly terrain than they are used to and all of the students successfully completed the expedition.



Moulin Rouge

Some photos from our trip to see Moulin Rouge, at the Piccadilly Theatre, London!
Our lovely GCSE Drama students had a great time and the show was amazing!

Mr Schwarz



Music

The Summer Term has been yet another busy time for the music department, with students taking part in a range of performances across the school and the Trust. Anna, Violet and Alyssia performed at the WNAT Vocal Evening, singing a trio on the stage at Springwood, and performing beautifully. Ollie then represented the school at the WNAT Piano evening, with another great performance again at Springwood. This led us onto the first St Clement's Talent Show - details available elsewhere in the Newsletter. The range of students performing, both as soloists, duets or groups, including the Year 10 band at the start, dancing groups, singers, pianists, solo dancers, solo singers, solo singing and piano, clarinet, storytelling, small band - the list was endless, and was lovely to see the students supporting each other so well. Next, we had the school concert, where our singing groups, wind and string bands, transition band (featuring Year 6 students) and again a different range of woodwind and vocal soloists performed to their families and friends - a relaxed evening of music where everyone could showcase what they have been learning with their instrumental and singing teachers. The Tuesday Singing Group also performed to the Year 6 students as part of their transition day. This group is mainly Year 7 singers with a few older students as mentors, hopefully inspiring our new students to come and take part. Finally, we had the WNAT Community Music Week, where a stage is set up on the field at Springwood, and performers from across all schools in the Trust (Primary and Secondary) as well as local groups come together to perform to each other. Monday evening saw our Transition Band and School Band take part performing with style and grace. Tuesday night was the Rock and Pop evening, where Winnie and Lily reprised their Talent Show performance to great acclaim, and Wednesday saw the "Tuesday Singers" performing not only the SpiceGirls MegaMix, but also joining with all of the other schools in three joint pieces. Another triumphant and successful performance.

I am very proud of each and every one of the students who give up their time to rehearse, practise, and perform. I wish I could mention you all by name and that I had some photos to share. However, your performances throughout the year have been amazing, and you should all be very proud.

Watch out for more announcements for next year - it's going to be fantastic.

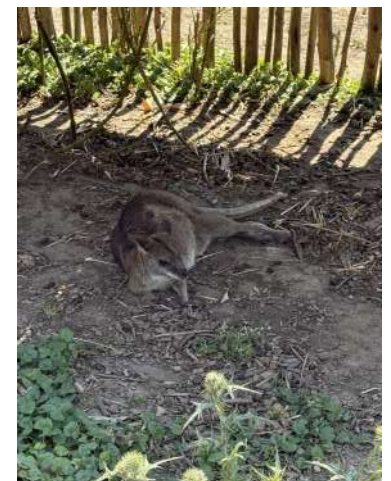
Miss Kemp



Super Learning Day

On Friday 10th July, we held one of our Super Learning Days. With years 7's at Banham Zoo, year 8's at Pleasurewood Hills, year's 9 and 10 had the school to themselves. The year 9's had a day of various activities, including talks about being safe in the water.

Unfortunately, due to the heat, the year 10 students had a last minute change of plan. Mr Osler quickly came up with a plan to keep them busy, ending the day with a tug-of-war. I think all students had fun!



Food Bank Donation

Y8 completed a collection for Foodbank:

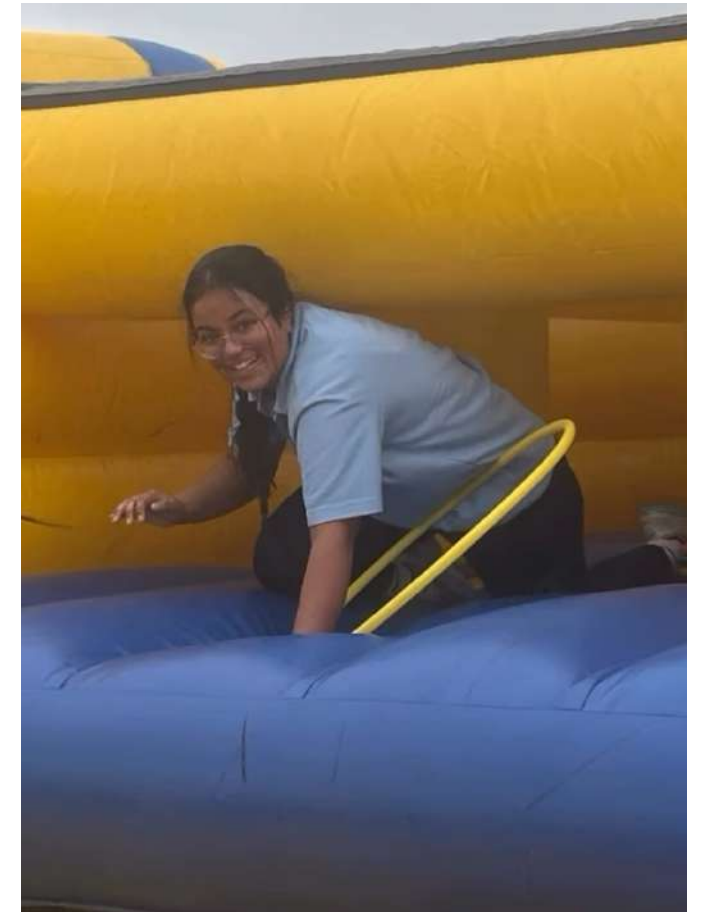
"Thank you for your incredible fundraising efforts in support of King's Lynn Foodbank. You donated 181.8kg, beating last year's collection by 20.1kg!!"

This is amazing, well done!



Year 9 Festival

Year 9 students celebrated the end of Key Stage Three with our Festival on the field. Teams competed in a range of physical activities. A fitting way to mark the end of the year and congratulate everyone for their hard work. Our thanks go to all our sponsors including Day Secure, without whom the event would not be possible. As you can see great fun as had by all.



On The Field



Physical Education

MiniGEAR

I attended the MiniGEAR – which is a 1.9km course. It is a run that all people can do but mostly kids do it. The run is just for fun really and starts after the Gear 10k run finishes. At the mini gear you get people of all ages to line up at the start line to form a massive race. Once the start signal sounds you all start running towards the end. If you don't know where to go there are marshals which are pointing you in the right direction. It started and finished on the Tuesday Market place. The people that took part in the mini gear with me from St Clements High School were: Isaac (Y8), Dean (Y8), Lilly (Y8), Limmar (Y8), Emily (Y8), Isobel (Y8), Charlotte (Y8), Leon (Y7), Lily (Y7), Hattie (Y7), Dani (Y7). Well done to everyone that took part – a great effort by everyone!

During the race there were a lot of amazing performances and great runners. All of the St Clement's team did really well in running the mini gear with some great times and PBs (personal bests) and we all showed great determination. From our team Isaac came in first, and I was very pleased coming in second at around 7 mins – PBs for both of us!! I'm not sure of everyone's finish times but I know there were some other PBs from St Clement's on the day – well done to all the team!

I think one thing we could improve on is getting to the start earlier because there were a huge amount of runners and we started nearer the back and had to make up for the time we spent at the back before the race had started. The strengths that were shown were our running abilities and determination. Our attitude to the race was also really good and we put in a lot of effort during this race.

A positive was the weather, which turned out really good for us - it wasn't a scorching hot day but it wasn't a really cold day or raining so it was a good temperature for us to run in. The atmosphere at the mini gear was excellent because there were loads of people there cheering you on whilst you were running. It was overall a really fun and enjoyable experience and I would definitely do it again.

I would like to thank Miss Towler and Mr Reynolds for organising this for us to take part. I would also like to congratulate Miss Towler, Mr Reynolds, Miss Fox and Mr Arndt for completing the Gear 10k run – well done!

Joshua Simms, Year 8



Year 7 Girls Rugby Festival

Our students recently tackled a brilliant day of touch rugby at the WN Rugby Club festival! Representing the school with fantastic teamwork and resilience, the team threw themselves into learning the game and supporting one another on the pitch.

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A highlight of the trip was meeting Rugby 7s star "GB Georgie", who gave our players some extra inspiration. To beat the heat, the organizers set up a creative lunchtime pitstop where students got to customize their own sunglasses with pens and gems which were a huge hit with everyone.

The students thoroughly enjoyed every moment, despite the warm weather. A huge thank you to WN Rugby Club for hosting such a memorable day; we look forward to partnering with them again next year to bring this fantastic experience to even more year groups!



Year 9 Netball Exhibition Match and Sponsorship

Following their participation in this year's U14 County Netball tournament, our Year 9 netballers expressed a strong desire for a dedicated team uniform. We are delighted to share that local business Dodman Ltd kindly stepped forward to sponsor a complete team kit, providing versatile options including netball dresses, matching shorts, and polo shirts.

To mark the occasion, we welcomed governor and from Dodman Ltd Mark Foster, to watch the Year 9 squad play an exhibition match. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to compete during the Summer term, and they certainly delivered, displaying a remarkably high standard of play.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Dodman Ltd for their valuable sponsorship and look forward to seeing our students represent the school in their new kit during the upcoming netball season.

Rounders



Physical Education

Terrington Primary Sports Day

On Thursday 3rd July, a team of year 9 pupils were selected to support Terrington St Clement Community School's annual sports day.

Despite the heatwave, all of the students gave it their all and had a great day and had lots of supporters there to cheer them on. There were some fantastic displays of teamwork, sportsmanship and fun for all the teams involved from both schools.

Each age group competed separately but represented their house team. The children participated in various events which tested their throwing, jumping and running skills, with the volunteers from the high school ensuring everything ran smoothly,

Sadly, the hot weather meant that the event had to be cut short with children only having one attempt at each event which was a shame.

At the end of the day, the team of students from St Clements High were given the opportunity to announce the results and overall house winner. Congratulations to Merlin!

Chloe Baker, Year 9

Inter-House Athletics

Unfortunately this was one of a number of events this term to be impacted with the extreme heat. The field events went ahead as planned, but the track events were reduced to sprints and relays. Despite this, the competition was strong. The top performers went forward to complete two additional events to determine the winner of the Vitrix & Victor Ludorum Awards.

Victrix Ludorum

1st - Millie Lynch, 56.6%

2nd - Emily Swinburn, 52.7%

3rd - Willow Neal, 51.7%

Victor Ludorum

1st—Reuben Bullock, 48.3%

2nd—Oscar Rivett, 46.5%

3rd—Michal Niedzielak, 45.9%



Summer Term

WN Athletics

Last year this event was cancelled due to rain, this year the conditions were near perfect. St Clements had competitors in every event. The following students won their individual events and are individual West Norfolk Champions; -

Mabelle Chadderton	- Y7 800m
Ruben Harrowing	- Y7 100m
Millie Lynch	- Y9 200m & 800m
Louis Partridge	- Y7 800m
Emily Swinburn	- Y9 Discus
Alice Todd	- Y10 Javelin
Casey Ward	- Y9 300m

Over the course of the athletics season, the following students have set new school records;

Ruben Harrowing	- Year 7 Boys High Jump - 1.45meters
Arthur Howes	- Year 8 Boys 300m - 45.75secs
Joshua Simms	- Year 8 Boys 800m - 2mins 35.91s
Amy Crittenden	- Year 9 Girls High Jump - 1.35metres
Casey Ward	- Year 9 Girls 300m - 46.35secs & 80m Hurdles - 13.8secs
Millie Lynch	- Year 9 Girls 200m - 28.31secs & 1500m - 5mins 30.71secs
Millie Lynch, Poppy Foster, Ruby Easthall & Emily Swinburn	- Year 9 Girls 4x100m Relay - 58.88secs
Reuben Bullock	- Year 10 Boys 300m - 42.94secs



Physical Education

YEAR 10 SLD (Cancelled Top Link Festival)

Unfortunately the planned Primary School Top Link Festival run by year 10 students, as part of the sports leader award, was cancelled due to the extreme hot weather.

This gave us the opportunity to run an additional Inter-House Competition. The day involved rounders, cricket, cup stacking and tug of war. The students entered into the spirit of the day giving their all for their houses and making it a close competition, split only by a penalty shoot out all star tug of war.

<u>FINAL RESULTS!</u>		
<u>PLACE</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>DECISION</u>
1st	YOUSAFZAI	TUG OF WAR WINNERS
2nd	ATTENBOROUGH	
3rd	TURING	HIGHEST SCORING TEAM
4th	PARKS	

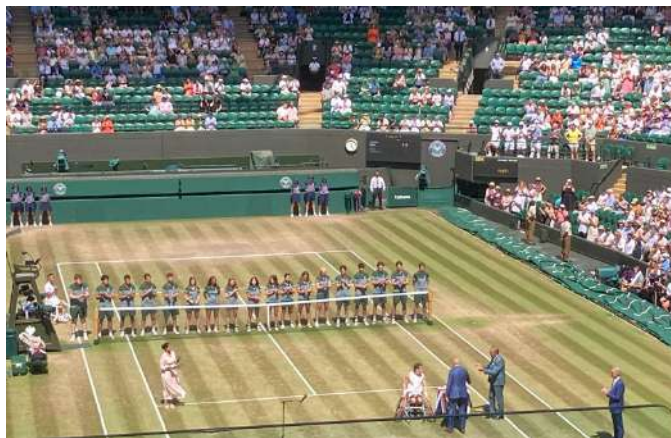
Wimbledon

On Sunday 12th July we attended Wimbledon. AFR, SCO & 8 students took their seats in court 1 to watch the Men's wheelchair singles match with local athlete Alfie Hewett unfortunately losing in straight sets to the current seed 1. We stayed for the following celebrations for 50 years of wheelchair tennis. Following this we watched a close fought match for the boys final with 16 year old Jordan Lee (USA) coming out on top and sharing his celebrations with his brother on the court. Some stayed to watch the Ladies invitational doubles and others went to Henman Hill to watch the start of the Men's final.

Being the final day of the tournament there was less chance to catch matches on the outside courts but we did manage to spot Sinner warming up when we saw some big crowds gathering. Many students also either visited the gift shop and/or the museum and brought strawberries and cream to ensure they got the full Wimbledon experience.

Summer Term

Wimbledon 2026



PE Presentation Evening Award

On Wednesday 8th July, we celebrated the success of students in PE this year. GB Swimmer and Broadcaster, Rachael Latham was our guest speaker for the evening, and presented the awards to students. Speeches were also given by Zara Eastwood, Esme Little, Stanley Daisley and Harry Day, speaking of their experiences and fond memories of sport in school. Miss O'Neill's dance team opened the evening, performing a heartwarming and uplifting piece to When I Grow Up from Matilda the Musical, which they performed at the Talent Show. Our successes in PE are only possible with the support of dedicated members of staff. Thank you to Mrs Wood, Mr Pack, Miss Fox, Mr Brown, Ms Bell, Miss O'Neill, Miss Towler and Mrs Colgan for their commitment to clubs and fixtures throughout the academic year, as well as Mr Feaviour and Mr Scott for helping to deliver the PE curriculum. We are lucky to have a strong partnership with students, parents, carers and the school. Thank you to Mr Willingham for his full support, ensuring the subject is valued and able to flourish. Thank you to all who attended and congratulations to students who received an award.

End of year walk

Our annual End of Year Fun Walk once again proved to be a fantastic way to celebrate the close of another successful school year. This much-loved tradition, which has been part of school life for over twenty years, brought together all students in Years 7, 8 and 9 for a memorable day of fresh air, exercise and community spirit.

Students completed a countryside route of just over eight miles, enjoying the beautiful local scenery while spending time with friends and staff outside the classroom. The walk is always a wonderful opportunity to promote health, wellbeing and resilience, with everyone encouraging one another along the way. Staff members also took part, making it a truly whole-school event and reinforcing the strong sense of community that makes our school so special.

The success of the day would not have been possible without the generosity of our local farmers and landowners. Year after year, they kindly open gates and allow us access across their land, enabling us to follow our traditional route. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support and hospitality, which is greatly appreciated by everyone involved.

As part of the event, each student donated £1, raising valuable funds for charity. This year's chosen



charity was **Water Safety UK**, helping to support important work in promoting water safety awareness and preventing drowning. We are proud that our annual walk continues to make a positive difference beyond our school community.

We would also like to thank the local Police for their ongoing support in helping to ensure the event ran safely and smoothly.

After completing the walk, students were welcomed back to school by the ever-popular ice cream vans waiting on the playground a well earned treat after such an impressive achievement!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Fun Walk another outstanding success. We look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition for many years to come.



Messages

A message from our pastoral team -

Has your child outgrown their school uniform? We're asking parents and carers to support our school community by donating items in good condition.



We're Collecting:

- School blazers
- School ties
- PE kit (tops, shorts, joggers, trainers)

School shoes ✨ **Why Donate?**

Your pre-loved uniform can make a real difference to another family.



Water Safety

As we approach the end of the summer term, it is important to us to make sure that all of our pupils have an enjoyable, but most of all safe summer holiday.

Every year around 312 people drown, on average that's one person every 22hrs, and drowning significantly increases during the summer holiday period, with teenaged and young adult males being most at risk.

To help our pupils to make good decisions about their own safety in the holidays many of our pupils have been learning about drowning prevention, and the RLSS UK, the drowning prevention charity, have asked us to share these important water safety tips with you to help you and your family to stay safe this summer:

1. Make sure your children know how to swim and basic water safety skills. The holidays are a great time to have some catch up lessons or join a Rookie Lifeguard or lifeguards, or lifeguards trained to UK standards. If possible, only swim where there are lifeguards. Keep children under constant supervision, it only takes a few seconds to drown, and the lifeguards have a lot more people to supervise than you do.

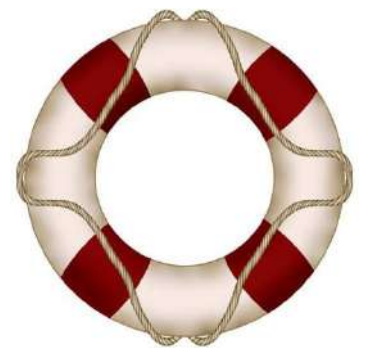
2. Lakes, quarries, rivers and reservoirs These water sites claim many lives during the summer months, largely due to the water temperatures remaining very cold once you are slightly away from the edge. Never swim at these locations unless it is part of a regulated outdoor activity.

3. Follow the Water Safety Code Whenever you are around water:

- Stop and think - look for the dangers, always read the signs
- Stay Together - Never swim alone. Always go with friends and family
- Float - if you fall in, float or swim on your back Throw something in that floats to anyone who falls in.
- In an Emergency: Call 999 or 112 and shout for help

Have fun, and a very safe summer holiday.

Mrs Ambrose-Bone

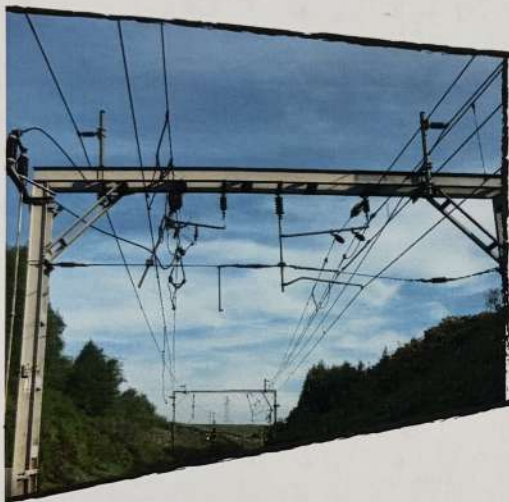


Rail Safety

Top tips for Living Switched On



Unsafe behaviour around railway tracks, stations, overhead line equipment and level crossings lead to severe, life-threatening and criminal consequences.



Do not touch or go near the electric rail or overhead line equipment.

If you have an emergency, make a member of the station staff aware.



Remember that your actions do not only affect you but family, friends and station staff.

We can all enjoy life's adventures when we spot signs of danger look out for our friends and always stay Switched On



Messages

What's on at the Kings Lynn Family Hub In July...

Find more information



www.norfolk.gov.uk/familyhubs

Mondays

Sally from Kids will be available 27th July between 10:30 and 1:30pm to support parent carers with their young person SEND needs. Sally can support with:

- Accessing appropriate services
- Navigating the SEND Local Offer
- Help with emotional and practical support needs

Tuesdays

Matilda Lawrence from Leeway Domestic Abuse Services on the 14th July between 10am and 1pm. Tilly can support with:

- Emotional Support
- Practical guidance
- Referrals to other domestic abuse services.

Thursdays

Emma from the Department of Work and Pensions on Thursdays between 10am and 2pm. Emma can support parent/carers with:

- Benefit related queries
- Finances difficulties and debts
- Childcare funding

Fridays

Susan from the Crisis Resilience Team on Friday 10th and 24th July from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Susan can support with:

- Emotional support and advice during a child's crisis
- Help creating safety and coping plans
- Signposting to local support services

Fridays

Katie from Norfolk Community Law Service (NCLS) on Friday 24th of July 12:30pm to 4:30pm. Key services include:

- Family Law and Court Support
- Welfare Benefits
- Debt and Money Advice
- Immigration advice

Up and coming events and activities

Join Danii from SEN Socials and Early Help Community Worker Georgie on the

11th of May 2026 10:30pm to 12:30pm

For a cuppa and an informal chat about all things SEND parenting. **No diagnosis needed!** Children are welcome and there will be an activity each session provided by **Voices Through Art!** Please contact

sensocialsdownham@gmail.com for further information or to request a social story and venue walk through.

Messages

Finding us from the station

Address: Saint Augustine's
Healthy Living Centre,
Columbia Way, King's Lynn.
PE30 2LB

What3words: //sport.bits.bunny

Telephone: 01553 669651

Bus Route 2: 12 mins

Walk: 15 mins

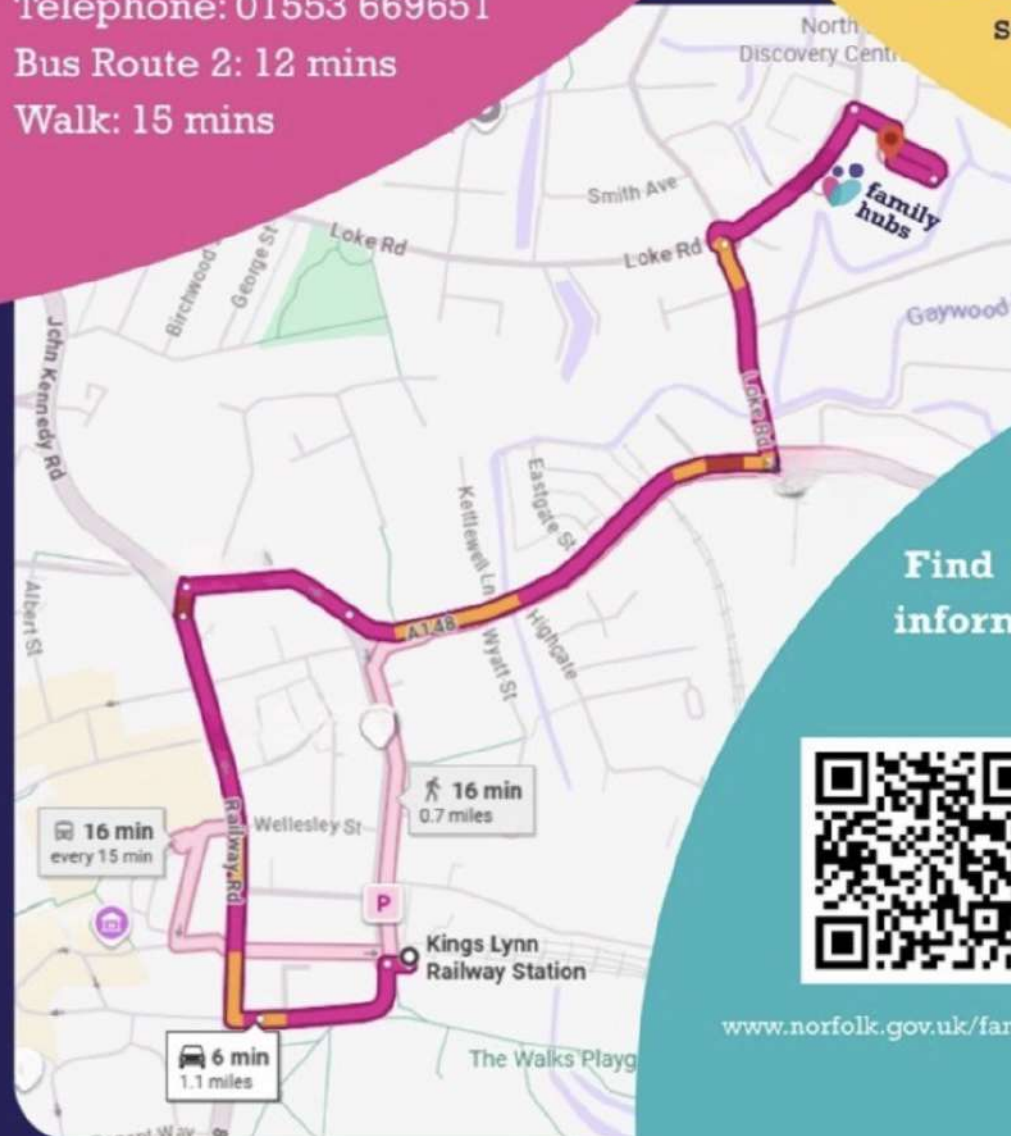
How to get an appointment:

Call our public line on
01553 669651 and let
one of our advisors
know the date
and time you
would like to
book in to
see us.

Find more
information



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Year 8 Casting Challenge



Year 8 students were invited to design their own medals, three winners were selected from each high school across West Norfolk Academies Trust. These students came together to cast their designs in Aluminium under the watchful eye of Mr Hellard from SKF Coopers Engineering. The students packed their 3D printed patterns in sand and then the liquid aluminium was poured into the cavity created. Once the metal had cooled it was time for the moment of truth and the medals could be revealed.



Year 8 Casting Challenge



Once removed from the casting boxes, the new medals needed to be cleaned up and finished by hand. Mr Hellard then had the difficult job of selecting the winners. The students enjoyed completing a process that is used in industry but is rarely seen in schools today. All students were a great credit to their schools. St Clement's was brilliantly represented by Charlotte, Henry and Dean shown above.

Our thanks go to SKF Coopers Engineering for supporting this project for the second year running, hopefully we are inspiring some future Engineering Apprentices.

Young Carers

Drop In for Young people, Parents and Carers

Meet a **Community Worker** near you for information, advice, or just a chat. You can also call your local **Family Hub** on **01553 669651**, **Mon–Fri 8:45am–4:30pm**, to speak with an advisor.

Hunstanton Green – summer fun	30 th July, 6 th , 20 th , 27 th Aug	11:30am – 1:30pm	Lex, Georgie, Sarah
Cornerstone Church, Nuture Café South Lynn	11 th & 25 th Aug	10am – 11am	Lex
Hunstanton Library	21 st Aug	9am – 10:30am	Lex
Kings Lynn Library – Booked Appointments	22 nd Aug	10am – 12pm	Lex
Dersingham Library	13 th Aug	12:30pm – 2pm	Lex
Gaywood Library	18 th August	9:15-11:15am	Georgie
Marshland Hall	27 th August	1pm - 2:30pm	Georgie
SEND café (Family Hub)	10 th August	10:30am - 12:30pm	Georgie
Downham Mkt Library	26 th August	3:00pm-4:30pm	Sarah
Mini Methwold, St. George's Hall Complex	24 th August	9:30am-11:00am	Sarah
ECFS Stay and Play Downham Market	25 th August	9:30am-11:00am	Sarah

For K/L library booked appointment email cspartnercommunitywest@norfolk.gov.uk



YC's can also register with Caring Together charity to get access to more free events during the holidays on- hello@caringtogether.org or by telephone 0345 241 0954



From All at St Clement's High

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