Clifton Green Primary Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026 Issue #06

This Week's Certificate Winners

Congratulations to our award winners!

Excellence Award	Nurturing Award
Nursery: Hannah	Nursery: Lottie
Reception: Thomas	Reception: Lola
Year 1 Field Maple: Vania	Year 1 Field Maple: Tosia
Year 1 Beech: Frida	Year 1 Beech: Lucas
Year 2 Holly: Lena	Year 2 Holly: Mia
Year 2 Hawthorn: Archie	Year 2 Hawthorn: Mila
Year 3 Alder: Lara	Year 3 Alder: Aleksander
Year 3 Laurel: Abel	Year 3 Laurel: Umar
Year 4 Silver Birch: Frankie	Year 4 Silver Birch: Matthews
Year 4 Horse Chestnut: Evelyn	Year 4 Horse Chestnut: Cyrene
Year 5 Ash: Jocelyn	Year 5 Ash: Leo
Year 6 Elder: Olivia	Year 6 Elder: Grace
Year 6 Rowan: Albie	Year 6 Rowan: Grace

Better Never Stops...

Why Attendance Matters

Every day in school builds learning and friendships. Missing just one day can impact progress and wellbeing. We know that attending school regularly will increase confidence, well-being and achievement.

Our whole school attendance this week is **93.1%**
Last weeks 91.2%

Our School Target **94%**

Weekly Class Attendance Stars

- Gold-Silver Birch=96.7%
- Silver-Horse Chestnut=95.7%
- Bronze-Laurel= 95.0%

Well-Being 🌙 Darker Evenings: Keeping Safe and Well

As the clocks go back and the evenings get darker earlier, it's a good time to think about keeping ourselves safe and looking after our wellbeing during the winter months.

Keeping safe: Remind children to wear bright or reflective clothing when out and about, use well-lit routes, and take extra care when crossing roads. Talk about the importance of staying with a trusted adult and making sure someone knows where they are.

Looking after our wellbeing: Darker evenings are a lovely opportunity to enjoy cosy family time. Try a family games night, baking together, reading a favourite story, making a den, doing some drawing or crafts, or enjoying a family film. Getting outside for a walk during daylight hours and keeping regular sleep routines can also help us feel happier and healthier.

💡 Need some winter activity inspiration? There are lots of fun, free and low-cost ways to enjoy time together without spending lots of money. Take a look at the ideas below and find something new to try as a family! nhs.uk/healthier-families

In the UK, the clocks go back this Sunday, 25 October 2026. ⏰



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Good Luck and Thank You!

Lewis



Our HLTA

- SUPPORTING
- ENCOURAGING
- GUIDING
- HELPING
- MAKING A DIFFERENCE

TEAMWORK
PATIENCE
HELPFUL
INSPIRING
KIND

POWERED BY COFFEE

We know you will make an amazing teacher! This is not goodbye, it's see you later!

Our Computer Tech

- FIXING PROBLEMS
- CREATING SOLUTIONS
- KEEPING US CONNECTED
- SUPPORTING LEARNING
- TECH EXPERT

- TECH SUPPORT
- PROBLEM SOLVER
- PATIENCE
- EXPERT HELP
- LEGEND

Thank you, Emily!

Our wonderful TA



Thank you for all your hard work, care and dedication over the years.

We wish you lots of luck in your new role!

Kind
Caring
Inspiring

With love from everyone at Clifton Green

A special visit to Clifton Green



We were delighted to welcome visitors to our school and Children's Centre. The visit went really well, and Georgia Gould MP, Minister of State for School Standards, was very impressed with both. A wonderful opportunity to share the fantastic work happening across our school community!

Pictured left to right:

1. **Maxine Squire** — Assistant Director of Education, City of York Council
2. **Cllr Danny Myers** — Clifton Ward
3. **Cllr Claire Douglas** — Council Leader
4. **Paul Prest** — Headteacher, Clifton Green
5. **Georgia Gould MP** — Minister of State for School Standards
6. **Jenny Smith** — Assistant Head, Clifton Green
7. **Rachael Maskell MP** — York Central

Our very own polling station!







This week, pupils cast their votes for our Pupil Leadership Team at our very own polling station.

Rachael Maskell MP and Georgia Gould MP, Minister of State for School Standards, thought it looked fabulous!

Pupil voice in action

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PUMPKIN COMPETITION

A huge thank you to everyone who entered our **Pumpkin Competition!**

There were some **amazing entries** this year, and we are so proud of the creativity, imagination and effort shown by our pupils (and their parents 😉)!

We think this might just have been our **best year yet!** The standard was incredible, and choosing our winners certainly wasn't easy!



OUR WINNERS

EYFS

Winner: **Aria**

Second place: **Tommy T**

KS1

Winner: **Reggie**

Second place: **Tosia**

KS2

Winner: **Albie**

Second place: **Frankie**

Well done to everyone who took part!

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Harvest Festival



We had a fantastic time at St Luke's Church for our Harvest Festival celebrations!

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support and generous donations to York Foodbank.





MISS JARMAN delivered all your donations to the York Foodbank warehouse.

You made us proud!

Well done to all the children at CGPS for representing our school so fabulously during the Harvest Festival celebrations. We are so proud of you all!

Thank you for being such a wonderful school community!

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BONFIRE PARTY LUNCH

Thursday 5th November

SPECIAL MENU CHANGE

This special lunch will replace the usual menu for the day.

Bonfire Burger
(beefburger)

or

Rocket Bonfire Burger
(veggie burger)

Served in a bread bun with

Blazing Potato Wedges and Spark & Crunch Sticks

followed by...

Toffee Apple Blaze Brownie



ANOTHER FUN LUNCHTIME

NYES Catering

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KS1 Christmas Songs

Year 1 & Year 2

We know it feels a little early to be thinking about Christmas, but after half term our festive preparations will begin!

We'll be learning:

- We Three Kings
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas
- Away in a Manger

It would be lovely if you could spend some time listening to these songs together at home so the children become familiar with the tunes and words before we start practising in school.

Thank you for your support!



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Congratulations, Miss Stoakes!



Yorkshire 10 Mile completed!

Personal best beaten by 6 minutes!

10K in 1 hour 1 minute

Raising money for Linkage Community Trust Ltd – Minster provision.

We're all so proud of you!

You can still donate to support her fundraising:

Support Miss Stoakes here and donate!

YORK Learning

Supporting Children with Communication



Boost Your Child's Communication Skills



Would you like to support your child with their listening skills or to talk with confidence?
This lively course helps you build stronger communication and storytelling skills with your child through play and everyday moments.

FREE COURSE

5 Weeks

Date
Starting: Wednesday 4th Nov 2026 at 9.30am

Location
Clifton Green School, Kingsway North, YO30 6JA

To book visit **l.yorklearning.org.uk/communication**
or call **01904 554277**

FAMILY LEARNING

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

Funded by UK Government

CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

New Light learning

Positive Futures Parenting Support Course



FREE online parenting support

Build strong, positive relationships with your children.

Half term can bring changes to routines and busy family days. If you're feeling stressed or overwhelmed, you're not alone.

Our evidence-based programme offers a friendly, supportive space to explore children's emotions and behaviours, build confidence and discover practical approaches to everyday family life.

For parents and carers of children aged 4–16 in York

Starts Tuesday 3 November at 6.30pm

Seven-week course • Online • FREE

Final few places remaining — apply soon!

APPLY HERE

newlightlearning.org.uk/programmes/positive-futures-parenting

CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

for Reception Starters for 2027

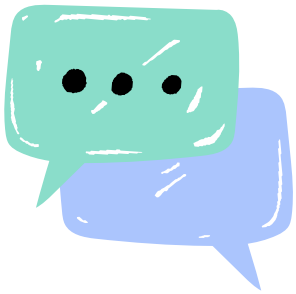
Tuesday 17th November

4pm – 5pm

Come and look at our amazing school for your child's next chapter!

Learn ★ Grow ★ Belong

Have Your Say: School Admissions for 2028–2029





CITY OF YORK COUNCIL

City of York Council and some local academy trusts are inviting families to share their views on proposed school admission arrangements for the 2028–2029 academic year.

What does this mean?

Admission arrangements explain how school places are allocated, including how applications are prioritised when a school has more applicants than places. The consultation also includes the proposed number of places available at each school in its year of entry.

This is an opportunity to read the proposals and give your feedback before decisions are made. It is not an application for a school place, and parents, carers and other interested parties are welcome to respond.

The consultation runs from 12 October to 24 November 2026.

To view the draft documents and share your views, visit:

www.york.gov.uk/AdmissionsConsultation

Select the parents, carers, stakeholders and interested parties survey to submit your response.

If you need paper copies of any documents, please email education@york.gov.uk or call 01904 551554.

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DANESGATE COMMUNITY

STRIVE - THRIVE - ACHIEVE

You may have noticed some recent building work taking place at Clifton Green since the start of the term in September!

We are absolutely thrilled to introduce 'Danesgate Reach', an exciting new initiative developed in close collaboration with the Senior Leadership Team at Clifton Green and the Local Authority. This brilliant new venture provides the Danesgate Inreach and Outreach teams with a central hub right in your local community, serving to support primary-aged pupils from mainstream schools across the city through in-school guidance as well as short-term, dual-registered interventions.

Please rest assured that this project will have no impact on your child's day-to-day experience at Clifton Green. Our facility operates completely separately with repurposed, newly renovated classrooms and its own designated entrance and reception.

New signage will be going up shortly near the main school reception area to mark our space.

Over the weeks following the October half term, we will gradually begin moving our classroom resources, staff, and pupils into the Danesgate Reach hub. We are truly looking forward to being based within your school community! I

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to speak with your child's teachers or say hello to our team if you see us around.

Thank you

Chris Nichols

Danesgate Community Headteacher

Clifton Green Primary

Nursery Admissions

Do you have a little one you would like to start nursery or know someone who may be interested?



We can take on children aged 3+ at our nursery provision and can provide 15 hours or 30 hours childcare.

If you are interested please fill out our Google Form link for our

Expression of Interest

and we can add your child to our waiting list.

Nursery Expression of Interest form

Register your interest here



Clifton Green Primary School

Look, Say, Sing and Play Group



FREE PLAYGROUP

For children aged 0–3 years

Every Thursday

8.45am – 10.00am

Come along with your little one!





How to find us

Access via the main path that leads towards the school office.

CLIFTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

AN UPDATE ON WRAPAROUND CARE

Investing in quality care, enriching experiences and happy children

At Premier Education, we are committed to providing high-quality, engaging and reliable Wraparound Care (WAC) that supports families, complements the school day and gives children a positive start and end to their day. We understand that changes to childcare costs are important to families, and we would like to explain the reasons behind our recent adjustment to after-school session prices, as well as provide further information about our booking fee.

Why have our prices increased?

Since taking over the provision, we have continued to review the costs involved in delivering a successful, sustainable and high-quality Wraparound Care service.

The cost of running childcare provision has increased in several areas, including:

- ***Food and refreshments:*** Rising food costs, while continuing to provide children with suitable, enjoyable and nutritious refreshments.
- ***Resources and equipment:*** Investing in sports equipment, games, arts and crafts materials and other resources needed to keep children active, creative and engaged.
- ***Quality staffing and safeguarding:*** Ensuring appropriate staffing, training and safeguarding procedures are in place to provide a safe and supportive environment for every child.
- ***Enriching experiences:*** Developing a varied programme of activities that gives children opportunities to learn new skills, build confidence, socialise and have fun.

Following a review of these costs, the full after-school session price has increased from £9 to £11. This adjustment helps us meet the rising costs of delivery while continuing to invest in the quality and variety of experiences available to children.

Understanding the £1.25 booking fee

The £1.25 booking fee is a standardised fee set by Premier Education's head office and applied nationally across our services. Our booking system offers families flexibility and convenience, allowing you to manage your childcare arrangements and make changes when needed. We understand the importance of keeping childcare costs manageable, so we recommend booking your child's sessions for the full term in one transaction wherever possible. This means you will only pay the £1.25 booking fee once, rather than paying it separately for multiple bookings made throughout the term. Additional separate bookings may incur further fees.

Introducing our brand-new enrichment programme

We are excited to introduce our brand-new enrichment programme, designed to provide children with a wider range of engaging, purposeful and age-appropriate activities.

Premier Education

How to book wraparound care

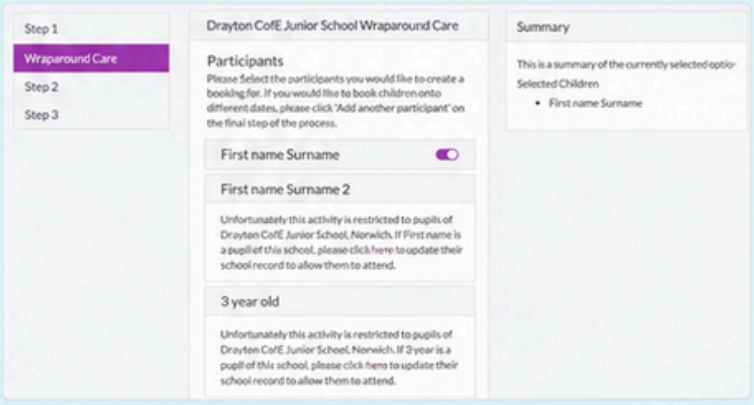
A guide for Clifton Green families

Use Premier Education's School Finder to find Clifton Green Primary School. Add Breakfast Club, After School Club or both, then continue to the Family Portal checkout.

Before booking: select a class for each child. School and age restrictions apply.

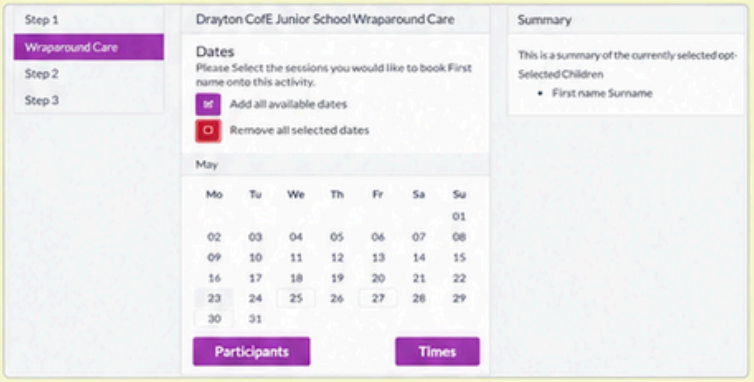
1. Select your children

Choose the children you would like to attend from My Family.



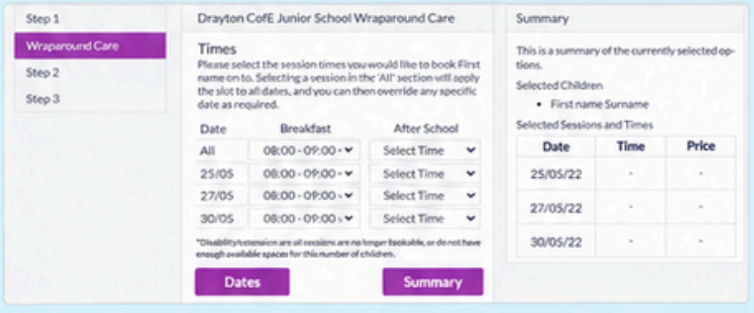
2. Choose your dates

Select the available dates you need on the calendar.



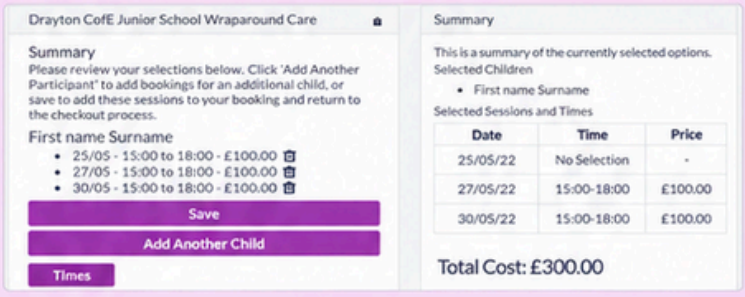
3. Choose your times

Select a time for each session. Use "All" to apply the same time to every date, then adjust individual dates if needed.



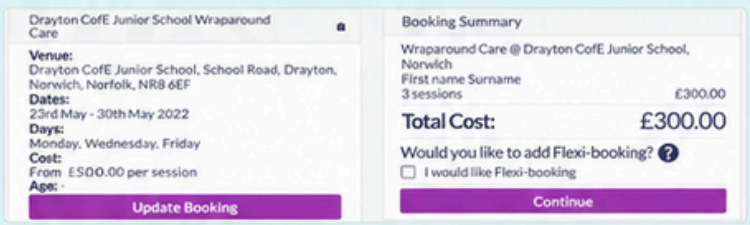
4. Check and save

Review your dates and times, then click Save to add them to your checkout order.



5. Complete checkout

You can still amend your booking after saving. When you are happy, click Continue and complete the remaining checkout steps.



Saving your sessions is not the final step — please complete checkout.

Screenshots are examples from the provider's guide. School details, dates, times and prices shown are illustrative.

Local Information

Useful information for families



Sing Education Newsletter

Music this term at Clifton Green Primary School

In partnership with the RSMF

A message from your music teacher

What a brilliant start to the year in music! I've been especially impressed with Year 2's excellent memory for lots of songs from around the world. Year 3 have also really wowed me with their rhythm reading skills. It was great seeing EYFS meet 'Mr Nana', and helping him sing! Finally, Year 6 have impressed me with their four-part rhythm ensemble! Let's carry on the brilliant learning next half term!

Miss Orrell



What have we been doing in extra curricular?

Year 2 Ocarinas - I'm really impressed with our lunchtime club: learning a new instrument; reading rhythm notation and learning new songs to play! Keep up your hard work!

Violin Club - We've been learning (or reminding ourselves) of how to play open strings on our violins. Special shout out to all the Year 3s starting for the first time. Remember: Greedy Dogs Always Eat!

The Little Yorkshire Coffee Company

HOLLY TAYMAR'S HALLOWEEN KIDS GIG

THE KNAVESMIRE COFFEE SHOP

SUNDAY 1PM - 3PM | **01** | **NOVEMBER 2026**

We are collecting for Dogs Trust

GREAT COFFEE & HOT CHOCOLATE

FREE FACE PAINTER

(Donations to Dogs Trust)

LIVE MUSIC

Holly Taymar brings the tunes



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

Give those outfits a second outing!

BRING + SWAP TREAT TABLE

Bring your unwanted trick or treat goodies, swap them for stuff you like!

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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Safer Schools

Your voice matters

A University of York research project

Parents and carers of primary-aged children are invited to share their views on challenging behaviour, including sexist and sexualised language and the influence of online figures who promote negative attitudes towards women and girls.

Your experiences will help researchers better understand these issues.

5–10 minutes
To complete the survey

End of November
Survey closes

Have your say

Complete the Parent/Carer Survey

Click Here

Questions about the project?
Contact Dr Abby Gilsenan
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Thank you for your support.

