

CLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – MORE CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

From September 2026, the Government has expanded eligibility for Free School Meals, meaning that more children will be able to receive a free school lunch every day. If your family receives **Universal Credit**, your child may now be eligible for Free School Meals. Applying is quick, easy and confidential. Free School Meals can help families save money on household food costs, with children receiving a free meal during the school day. For many families, this could mean significant savings over the course of the school year. We encourage all parents and carers who receive Universal Credit to check whether their child is eligible and submit an application.

To find out more and apply, please visit:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals

Please don't hesitate to contact the school office if you require any assistance with your application.

INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS

The photographer will be here on the morning of Wednesday 30th September. Families who'd like to include pre-school children in the photograph need to be here between 8:00 and 8:30am. There will be a bit of a wait until school starts so we ask for your patience, but based on experience in past years, if we're going to offer those with preschool siblings, it's the only way to get through them all before we need to set up for lunch. Before School Club is open for anyone who wants to use that facility for after the photo is taken. Details on our website! **Children with siblings in school will be taken as a family group. If you do not want your child to have their photograph taken, please email the school office.**

ORCHESTRA – Year 5 and 6

Lots of the children played to Mr Dean on Tuesday afternoon this week. Those who didn't get to play – either because the time ran out or because they didn't have their instruments, will get their opportunity on Friday morning this week.

APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL – DEADLINE

The deadline for Secondary School applications is 31st October. For information and to apply online, please see <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/homepage/422/applying-for-a-secondary-school-place>

It is essential that you do not miss this deadline – Kenilworth School has been oversubscribed in recent years and if you miss the deadline, it's extremely unlikely your child will be offered a place.

We strongly recommend that you apply by Friday 23rd October – this should help you avoid any last-minute hitches or IT problems. We've had children have to go to schools in other towns previously, where parents missed the deadline.

Date	Event
1 September	Parent Portal opens for Secondary School Applications (Children moving year 6 to year 7)
31 October	Deadline for applications considered as on-time
1 March	National Offer Day (for on-time applications)

CKC

We just want to reiterate our apologies for the confusion around CKC charges recently. In addition, the move to MCAS has not been quite as smooth as we'd like. We're working to resolve those issues. We are due to increase the cost, which we have tended to do once every two years, to keep up with inflation, but we will notify parents about that soon.

SCHOOL WEBSITE – CALENDAR DATES

Our school website is updated regularly. For information and calendar dates please check there first.

PARENTS BOOK CLUB

Next meeting is **Fri 18 Sep at 8pm** in **The Green Man** pub to discuss summer reading. New members are very welcome. Just come along on Fri 18th or join the WhatsApp group on https://chat.whatsapp.com/DNg00Jz0m3sLljoTRuuWlp?mode=gi_t. We meet every 6-8 weeks, day of the week varies but it's normally the pub for a drink and chat. Once we've chosen a book and date for the next meeting that will go in the newsletter too. Or speak to Selina K (Y5, Y2) or Lucy G (Y5, Y1 and TEEM). Past books have included: Four Winds by Kristin Hannah, The Marlow Murder Club, James by Percival Everett, Hamnet, A Good Girls Guide to Murder and some Jilly Cooper.

TEEM NEWS

A reminder that the AGM is taking place on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm at school. We'd love to see lots of you there! All parents are welcome to attend to see what goes on or/and to get involved.

The following are available for election/re-election:

Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee members

The uniform shop is up and running, we are particularly well stocked in 5-6 jumpers and Cardigans so please do visit www.teemclinton.org.uk to order your autumn supplies! If you are looking to donate uniform, we are looking for ages 9-10, 10-11 in particular. We are always looking for clean Clinton logo jumpers, Cardigans, polos & PE shirts in these sizes! Thanks, TEEM Clinton

Yours sincerely,
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HEADTEACHER