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Weekly message

Yesterday, Cleveland Road celebrated all of the cultures that enrich our school. We dressed up, ate food from different cultures and enjoyed some performances. Thank you so much to all of our parents who donated so much of their time and cooked some amazing dishes for us all to try. Thank you also if you came to celebrate Cleveland with us – you truly made it a fabulous event.

In the last week of this half term, we will be holding our autumn term parent-teacher meetings. Please make every effort to meet with your child's teacher. This is one of the most important meetings of the school year. Following on from the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions at the start of the term, these meetings will give you an opportunity to find out how your child is settling into the new school year and to discuss your child's learning. You will also be able to talk through your child's targets and how you can support at home.

Please ensure that you have booked an appointment using the electronic booking system. If you need support making your booking, don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

Book Fair

The book fair will be at Cleveland from **Thursday 8th October until Wednesday 14th October** it's packed with exciting new titles, colourful journals, and fun stationery for children of all ages! The fair is in the **dining hall**, and both **cash and card payments** are welcome. It's a fantastic opportunity to encourage a love of reading and support our school at the same time—every purchase helps earn rewards for new books for our classrooms.

Come along and find your next great read!

Diary Dates

Monday 5th October

Maths Parent Workshop for parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (9am - 10am in lower hall)

Monday 12th October

Maths Parent Workshop for parents of children in Years 1 and 2 (9am -10am in lower hall)

Wednesday 21st October

Parent-Teacher Meetings, 1.45pm- 7.00pm

Secondary School Admissions

If your child is in Year 6, you now need to apply for a place at your preferred secondary school. All applications need to be completed online. The deadline for completion is

31st October 2026.

Further details about this process and how to complete the application can be found on the Redbridge website, here:

[Apply to start secondary school](#)

Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at our school, please come to the school office and collect an application pack. These will be available until **Friday 9th October**.

Mobile Phones

We kindly ask parents and carers not to use mobile phones while in the playground. This helps us to maintain a safe and attentive environment for all the children.

Parking

Just a friendly reminder when dropping off and collecting your children, please be mindful not to block or park across residents' driveways. We need to make sure we keep the driveways clear, allowing residents to enter and leave their property without any disruption.

Calling All Young Writers: Enter the BBC 500 Words Challenge 2026!

Do you have a brilliant imagination, a funny story to tell, or an exciting adventure waiting to be written? Then the **BBC 500 Words Challenge 2026** is the perfect opportunity for you!

The BBC's famous story-writing competition encourages children to create an original piece of fiction in **500 words or fewer**. There are no limits to where your imagination can take you. You could write about a magical world, an unexpected journey, a mysterious creature, or even a talking piece of toast!

Taking part is a fantastic way to:

- Develop your creative writing skills
- Build confidence as a storyteller
- Let your imagination shine
- Share your ideas with a national audience
- Have the chance to win exciting prizes and recognition

Whether you already love writing stories or are keen to have a go for the first time, this competition is open to everyone. The judges are looking for creativity, imagination, and a story that captures the reader's attention.

Important Dates

Competition opens: Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 08:00

Competition closes: Friday 6 November 2026 at 21:00

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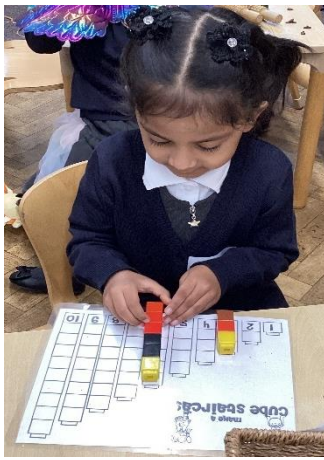
Reception

Reception children have settled in positively. They have loved exploring the different areas in the classroom and outdoor area, demonstrating increasing confidence and independence in their new environment. They are beginning to build relationships with the staff and their peers, they are also becoming familiar with our routines and have enjoyed eating a delicious healthy lunch. The children were very excited to receive a surprise visit from the Gruffalo, they got the opportunity to take pictures and make some Gruffalo crumble.



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"Oh no, It's the Gruffalo" Marwa RY

"I made Gruffalo crumble" Gurfateh RY

"Look the egg is so big" Venelina RY

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Year 1

The Year 1 children are now well settled into their new classes and have already begun their second learning journey in English, with the wonderful book, *The Way Back Home* by Oliver Jeffers.

For our stunning start, we explored some of the key themes within the story, including friendship, teamwork and problem-solving. The children's creativity truly flourished as they used the Nudel Kart to bring their ideas to life and create their own unique designs. There was a real buzz of excitement as the children worked together, solving problems, sharing ideas and, most importantly, having lots of fun!

After all that excitement, the children settled down and gazed up at the different constellations projected around their classroom. They began to unpick clues and make predictions about what the story and its characters might be about.

The children are super excited to continue their adventure and discover where their new story will take them!



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'I made a car with my friends and we went for a ride' Hakeem 1Z

'I loved building things with my friends' Mirha 1B

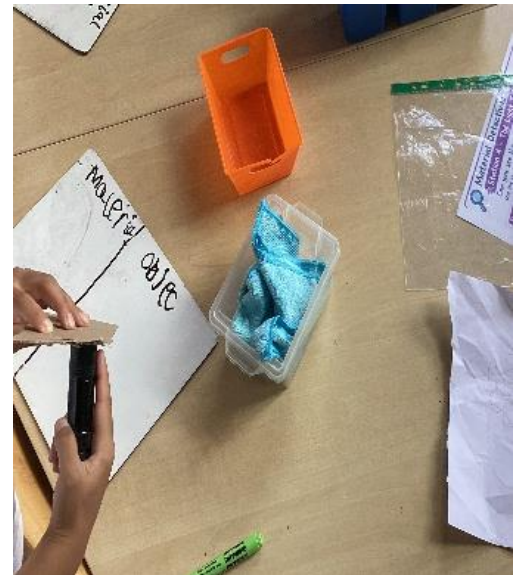
'I liked looking at the stars' Arya 1SB

'I built a power circuit house' Arin 1RB

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Year 2

Year 2 stepped into the role of Material Detectives this week as they explored the fascinating properties of different materials. Through a range of hands-on investigations, the children tested materials for their texture, flexibility and waterproof qualities. They enjoyed making predictions, observing changes and using scientific vocabulary to describe their findings. The children also discussed how the properties of materials make them suitable for different purposes. It was wonderful to see our young scientists working collaboratively, asking questions and developing their curiosity about the world around them.



"We learned that materials have different properties." Saadhana 2S

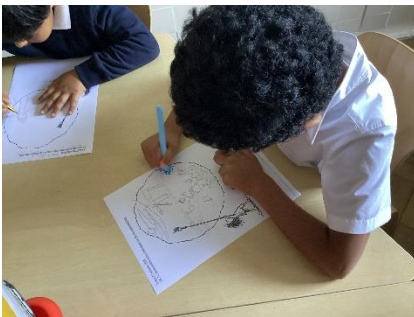
"I found out that some materials are waterproof." Siaka 2S

"We learned about how different things feel." Inaaya 2E

"You cannot make a water bottle using fabric because the water will leak out." Kabir 2KA

Year 2

Inspired by our English text *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds, Year 2 explored pointillism in their art lesson. Using lots of colourful dots, the children filled a single dot with their own imaginative designs and ideas. They enjoyed experimenting with patterns, colours and shapes, discovering how one simple dot can become something unique and creative - just like Vashti!



"I drew a transformer and uses pointillism to colour it in" – Bhuvit 2KA

"I like pointillism because I learnt about new artists like Georges Seurat." Warisha, 2GA

"I can mark different drawings and paintings using pointillism." Safan, 2GA

"I made a dragon with dotted wings and there was a mystical creature he was trying to eat!" – Mikail 2KA

"My beach had palm trees and the sea. I used lots of blue and yellow" – Kavya 2KA

"I enjoyed painting and using lots of different colours and like the really bright colours." Arya, 2GA

"I loved using two primary colours and making a new colour" – Ava I 2S

"I made my dot into the world!" Muhammad Ali Z 2E

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Year 3

Year 3 recently had their first school trip - an unforgettable visit to the Redbridge Central Library. They explored shelves filled with endless stories, picking out plenty of exciting books to read and even took some home! The librarians had emailed our families a special code so that they could pre-register their children and collect their brand-new Redbridge library card during our visit. And even borrow 20 books if they wanted. Then our children sat in the special reading corner under the tree of knowledge and the librarians read a selection of stories related to our new text *The Lost Happy Endings*, which Year 3 just started.

The second thrill came when they visited the newly renovated Redbridge Museum upstairs. It contained all our local history – from the early Stone Age and even the remains of the famous Ilford Mammoth up until our recent history. And everything in between! Standing before the ancient artifacts and fossils, our children enjoyed the hands-on activities for the interactive exhibitions. This was linked to our History topic of Prehistoric Britain.

It was an afternoon full of wonder, learning, and imagination – a perfect mix of history and adventure! Like the best learning at Cleveland. So, make sure that you visit our local library and museum. Extend your learning beyond our classroom environment. Let us know what you find.





Afia from 3S said, “I liked the museum inside the library, especially the things that people used in ancient times in Britain.”

Autumns from 3RS said, “I really liked looking at the prehistoric objects that we are studying about now in History; my favourite part was reading inside the tunnel.”

Qayyum from 3S added, “I enjoyed the museum visit. I could not believe that they had fossils of mammoth’s teeth! I also liked the way they displayed all the children’s books downstairs.”

Mustafa from 3RS stated that, “I especially liked when the librarians read the fairy tales. The Gingerbread Man was so good.”

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Year 4

Last week, our Year 4 learners took a giant step toward becoming safer, more independent road users during an action-packed Pedestrian Training Day led by road safety experts. The sessions were extremely informative, packing vital, life-saving skills into practical, hands-on activities. Both the children and the adults accompanying them walked away having learned a wealth of new ways to navigate our busy modern streets safely, making the event an invaluable experience for our entire school community.

The day kicked off with an interactive workshop where trainers shattered common myths about road safety. Learners quickly realised that staying safe involves much more than just looking both ways before crossing. The experts introduced advanced concepts tailored for Year 4, including the dangers of silent electric vehicles and the importance of using the upgraded "Stop, Look, Listen, and Think" framework to judge vehicle speeds accurately.

Following the classroom theory, our young pedestrians headed out into the local community to put their new knowledge to the test. Under the watchful eyes of the experts, the children took turns leading small groups to identify safe crossing points, negotiate tricky junctions, and master the art of making eye contact with drivers. It wasn't just the children who gained fresh insights; the teachers and parent volunteers also discovered modern safety guidelines that surprised many adults, proving you are never too old to learn.

We want to extend a massive thank you to our road safety team for such an engaging, impactful day. We are incredibly proud of how maturely our Year 4 learners handled the training, and we are confident they will use these essential skills every single day to stay safe on their journeys.





“It taught us important rules so that we don’t injure ourselves when we cross the road, like STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK” Baani, 4C

“We learned about PELICON crossings which means PE- pedestrian LI – lights and CON – controls. And also, zebra crossings” Rayan, 4C

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Year 5

Exploring Islam Through Art

This term, the children have been learning about Islam in Religious Education (RE), exploring some of the key beliefs, traditions and practices of Muslims around the world.

As part of their learning, the children were very fortunate to welcome a professional artist into school for a special Islamic art workshop. They explored the beautiful patterns, shapes and designs often found in Islamic art and learned how artists use these to create intricate and meaningful pieces.

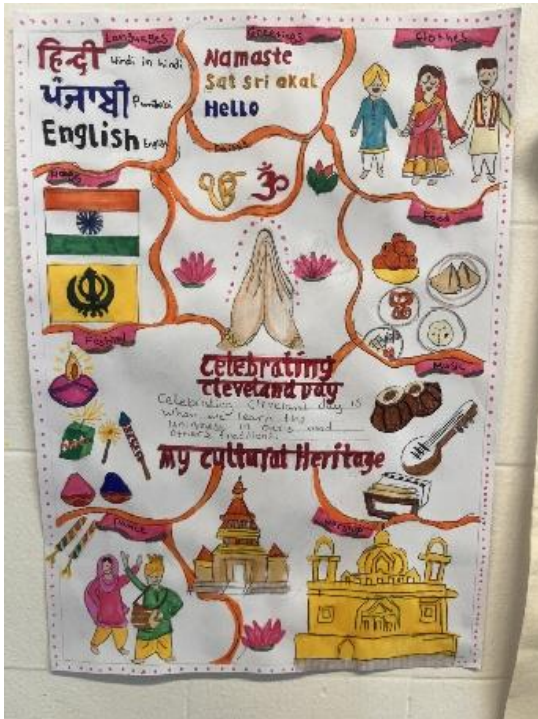
The children then had the opportunity to put their learning into practice, creating and curating their own artwork inspired by Islamic artistic traditions. It was wonderful to see their creativity, enthusiasm and attention to detail as they developed their own designs.

The workshop provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of Islam while expressing their learning creatively. We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful and imaginative work they produced!



Year 6

Year 6 proudly celebrated **Cleveland Day** by sharing and celebrating the rich diversity of cultures within our school community. Each child created an informative and colourful information sheet about their own culture, exploring traditions, food, clothing, languages, celebrations and other aspects that make their heritage special. It was wonderful to see the children learning from one another, showing pride in their identities and developing a deeper appreciation and respect for the many different cultures that make our school community so unique.



"I love wearing my salwar kameez! It makes me feel confident." Heer

"It feels like home when I wear clothes from my culture." Afsa

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Commendations

Commendations are awarded, each week, to children who have demonstrated the 5Cs in all aspects of school life.

		Week Beginning 21 st September 2026		Week Beginning 28 th September 2026	
Year	Class	Teacher Commendation	Peer Commendation	Teacher Commendation	Peer Commendation
R	RY	Marwa	Raeyah	Aliza	Khantushig
	RN	Ira	Mofarayola	Nafisah Zahra Sethi	Badri S Nair
	RA	Yuet Ying	Fariha	Alaya	Zakariyya
	RB	Amani	Sahibjeet	Hassan	Mansirat
1	1B	Sai	Mirha	Eliza	Freya
	1Z	Ismaeel	Jannat	Khadija	Hakeem
	1SB	Zayyan Baig	Aisha M	Kayden Rouf	Aisha Ahad
	1RB	Arin	Syeda	Sanaya	Tajus
2	2KA	Avinoor	Mirha	Eliza	Dunya
	2E	Harris	Hafsah	Um E	Esa
	2GA	Aadhan	Mehram	Aaira	Cecily
	2S	Siaka	Danish	Ayaan	Ava Bhandari
3	3C	Prisha	Safan	Abdul-Hadi	Aisha
	3A	Saanvi	Hadaya	Khirad	Rafan
	3S	Quaayum Mustafa	Mahin	Zayan	Yaqub
	3RS	Fatima	Aun	Rayaan A	Sofia
4	4C	Aly	Kiswa	Aisha C	Daniyal
	4N	Ashar	Gegeen	Moha	Almeer
	4F	Yahya	Rayan S	Mehojabeen	Maryam
	4S	Kaarmika	Arun	Alisha Rahman	Burhan Muhammad
5	5G	Sulaiman	Aizah	Yoshika	Safwan
	5PR	Daneen	Hussain	Khadeerah	Safah

6	5J	Imran	Hakshaya	Safiya	Imran
	5WR	Aksa Ahad	Fateh Singh	Gurnoor	Sofwana
	6B	Muhammad Subhan	Royan	Faryal	Usayd
	6K	Aleena	Hamza	Tayybah	Maira
	6H	Izaan	Sarim	Redwanul	Fatima Adil
	6S	Alvi	Minsa	Sami	Farisha

Citizen of the Week

Many congratulations to our *Citizens of the Week*. These children have demonstrated, throughout the week, the qualities of a great citizen – considerate, caring, concern for others, generosity of spirit. These children go the extra mile to support other children and adults in class and in all aspects of school life. We are enormously proud of them.

Week Beginning 21 st September 2026		Week Beginning 28 th September 2026	
Year	Name	Year	Name
Year 1	Khadija Asif	Year 2	Navid Ahmed
Year 5	Naman Singh	Year 3	Saanvi Agarwal
Year 6	Jasmin Kambo	Year 4	Anaya Rasheed

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Attendance Awards

Every Monday we celebrate the class with the best attendance. This class is awarded the coveted attendance trophy, which they keep in their class all week. You can help your child's class win this trophy, simply by ensuring they are in school, on time, each and every day!

	Week Beginning 21 st September 2026	Week Beginning 28 th September 2026
Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	RN – 98.47%	2GA – 99.31%
Year 3 & Year 5	5PR- 98.28%	5WR – 99.33%
Year 4 & Year 6	4F – 98.67%	4C – 99.31%

Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) Awards

We are delighted to announce this week's winners of our *Modern Foreign Languages* award. Many congratulations to all the children who have been given the Spanish commendation this week for demonstrating excellent attitudes to learning in their Spanish classes.

	Week Beginning 21 st September 2026	Week Beginning 28 th September 2026
Year 1	Muhammad Mustafa Ali	Hasan Alli
Year 2	Mehjabin Kazi	Arba Kaza
Year 3	Saanvi Agarwal	Gavin Jot Singh
Year 4	Helen Zarei Kordshouli	Yahya Syed Hussain Wasti
Year 5	Muhammad Abdul Matin	Fatima Aslam
Year 6	Mustafa Fozdar	Ishika Ghosh

Reading Awards

Reading at home is an essential part of the children's reading lives – children who read widely and often, for pleasure, in their own time, so better in all areas of learning.

Week Beginning 21 st September 2026			Week Beginning 28 th September 2026		
Nawfal	5G	Bronze	Ilyas	6B	Bronze
Yoshika	5G	Emerald	Aaleyah	6B	Bronze
Bushra	5G	Emerald	Samara	6B	Bronze
Maesha	5G	Gold	Nihan	6B	Silver
Iman	5G	Gold	Ziyarah	6B	Ruby
Yahya	4F	Sapphire	Faryal	6B	Amethyst
Ayaan Soji	4F	Sapphire	Ayeza I	5G	Silver
Max	4F	Emerald	Safia	5G	Emerald
Ashar	4F	Silver	Aroua	4F	Silver
Aly	4C	Bronze	Ayan Habib	4F	Bronze
Hayyan	4C	Bronze	Aisha Hussain	4F	Ruby
Minsa	4C	Bronze	Maryam	4F	Ruby
Muntaha	4C	Gold	Rayan Siddiqui	4F	Ruby
			Mohammad	4N	Bronze 2
			Abeer	4N	Amethyst
			Rania	4N	Diamond
			Mehreen	4N	Diamond
			Abiha	4N	Diamond

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			Somprity	4N	Diamond
			Anaya	4N	Diamond
			Jayden	5WR	Silver
			Liyana	5WR	Gold
			Inaya	5WR	Gold
			Sumayyah	5WR	Emerald

Science Awards

Well done to the children who have been nominated for a Science Award due to their exceptional work and efforts in Science.

Week Beginning 21 st September 2026		
Year	Name	
Year 2	Inaaya Mahmud	Well done to Inaaya for being a fantastic budding scientist! She confidently investigated the properties of different materials using her sense of touch and was able to clearly describe several properties and explain why they make materials useful. She listened carefully, answered questions thoughtfully and showed great curiosity throughout the lesson. Keep asking questions and exploring like a scientist!
Year 3	Zakariya Noor	Zakariya in 3C has been awarded the Science Award for his enthusiasm and effort in lessons. He has worked hard to use the correct scientific vocabulary and can confidently identify different nutrients and explain their importance. He impressed us with his thoughtful contributions, correctly identifying ketchup as a sugary food and recognising that raisins belong in the fruit and vegetables group because they are dried grapes. Keep being enthusiastic, keep asking questions and keep up the great work. I am so proud of you!
Year 4	Azaan Ahmed	Azaan has been awarded the Science award for his enthusiasm and impressive understanding of the subject. From the very first lesson, he has displayed a positive attitude and a thirst to expand on his already vast knowledge of the different concepts. While studying Forces, Azaan showcased a deeper understanding of how solids liquids and gases function and their importance in the world we live in. His motivation led him to research the topic further and was very eager to share his findings with the class. Well done.

Week Beginning 28th September 2026

Year	Name	
Year 1	Zayan Chowdhry	Zayan has proved himself to be very inquisitive Scientist this week. He has asked questions and provided valuable insight into our new topic about seasonal changes. Zayan was able to compare the spring and summer seasons thoughtfully and wrote clear, descriptive sentences to show how the two are alike and different. His work shows a growing understanding of seasonal changes and he was able to assist other students with their learning. Well done Zayan!
Year 5	Sumayyah Mohmed	This week's Science award goes to Sumayyah for her consistently positive attitude and enthusiasm towards Science. She always shows great interest in our learning and approaches scientific activities with curiosity. Sumayyah has also taken on the responsibility of watering our plants every morning as part of our ongoing investigation, showing fantastic commitment and care. Well done Sumayyah, and keep up the brilliant work.
Year 6	Royan Khan	Royan in 6B has been awarded the Science Award for her amazing research into Charles Darwin and evolution. She has shown the curiosity and investigative mindset of a young scientist, asking thoughtful questions, researching independently, and using evidence to deepen her understanding. She approaches her learning in Science with lots of enthusiasm and determination which is fantastic to see. Royan can explain and present her research clearly and link her learning to real life and think about Big Questions. Well done!

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