



Autumn 1 2025 Newsletter John Clifford School



Welcome back and thank you for a lovely half-term. The children have been their amazing selves, and they make every day a pleasure to be here at John Clifford School.



This term, we welcome Claire Shaw, our new Chief Executive Officer. Claire has visited John Clifford School on several occasions, and you may have had the opportunity to meet and talk to her on our morning gate. Claire has a passion for our school and school improvement, and we look forward to working closely with her. Welcome to the JC Community.

What have we been up to since September?

There's been a lot of Maths going on since we got back. The children across school have been loving the focus, the battles and the interactive teaching.



Don't forget that there is now a TTRS and Numbots Star of the Week in our weekly celebration assembly.

All children in KS1 and KS2 have their own username and password for Numbots and TTRS.

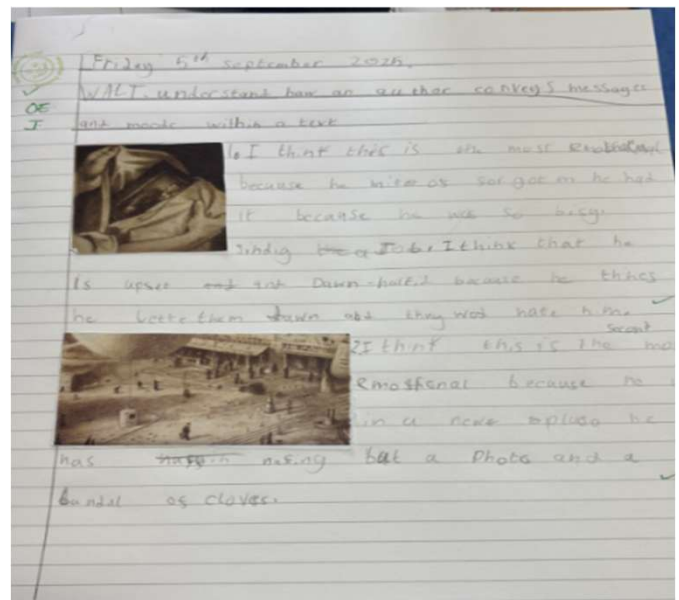
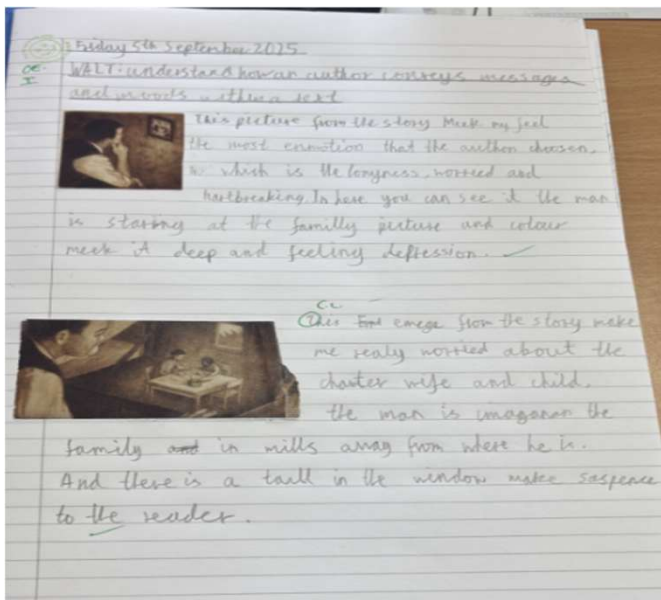
Please encourage your child to log on regularly to increase their number fluency and build a positive attitude towards maths.

More Maths in Foundation Stage

Our Nursery children have been sorting objects by colour, shape and size, focussing on objects that are the same, that match and are different. Well done to all of our children who have settled into routines and learning so well.



There has also been a lot of writing too. Here are examples of Year 6 responding to the imagery in Shaun Tan's book, 'The Arrival'.



The Hive

The children of The Hive were also very engaged in retelling stories and considering the effectiveness of adjectives to create an understanding of characters. Here they are retelling Little Red Riding Hood.

A Dedication to Safeguarding

We are committed to keeping children safe and whilst all staff are trained in safeguarding, we have six Dedicated Safeguarding Leads. These adults are specifically trained in child protection and safeguarding and are there for the children and their families. Our safeguarding leads are available to you all and can be contacted via the School Office email should you need to discuss anything.



Mrs Waring



Mrs Allcoat



Mrs
Jacques-
Tolley



Miss Birch

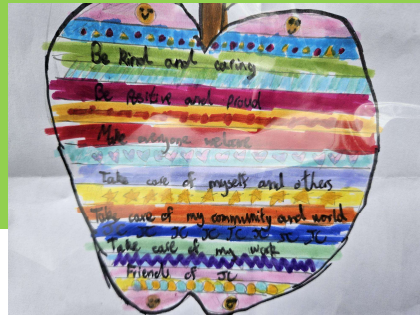


Mrs Keeling



Mrs
Roberts

It has been apple hunting time at John Clifford School and this week the children have been busy scouring the site for apples. Thank you to everyone involved and special thanks to Emma for keeping the fundraising fire burning.



New Beginnings

Next half term will be my last and whilst there will be much to celebrate, I am pleased to be handing over the reins to Mrs Hannah Roberts. Mrs Roberts will start at John Clifford School in January 2026, enjoying her first day with staff on an INSET training day.

Happy Half-Term Everyone. Stay safe and see you Monday, 3rd November 2025.