

Newsletter

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East SILC Jack Clark



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REMINDER

School reopens on the Wednesday 3rd of September 2025
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As we reach the close of another amazing school year at the East SILC, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on some successes this term.

This year marked the first time learners from Roger Cannon have taken GCSEs in mathematics and English Language, demonstrating not only exceptional progress but real grit and determination, often working very far out of their comfort zones to access and take the exams. We look forward to celebrating their results in August.

The East SILC hosted the Spectrum music festival, the first ever SEND friendly festival in Leeds in June 2025. There was an amazing line up of bands/artists, food vans and merchandise with a fantastic turn out of around 300 festival goers, including plenty of East SILC learners and families as well as other young people and adults with SEN. Spectrum would not have happened without the tireless work of East SILC staff and the generous sponsors. Inspired by the success of Spectrum the team are planning more events as well making Spectrum an annual event.

Another highlight was Prom, held at Thorpe Park Hotel. Seventy-five learners from years 11-14 attended and it was truly magnificent evening of sharp dressing, busting moves and above all togetherness.

East SILC Employment Village at John Jamieson was officially opened on 27th June 2025 to provide learners with work experience opportunities in the café, shop and garden and for meaningful practical play and social skills development.

We have been overwhelmed by the support of the East SILC community, particularly the generosity of our parents/carers in our summer fairs which have raised over £2000! The money will go towards resources and equipment to benefit our learners.

Sadly, we lost a key member of our John Jamieson community, Ans Butt from 16+4. Ans was a loving young man who loved school and the people around him. His smile would light up any room and his love for WWE was known all around school. Our love goes to Ans' family and everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Ans.



As we look forward to the summer break, I want to wish our learners, families and staff a safe, restful and happy holiday. We look forward to welcoming learners back from 3rd September 2025, ready for another year of exceptional learning and experiences.

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Message from Head of School

It has been a fantastic end to the school year at Jack Clark and we have many highlights to celebrate and share with you from the summer term in this newsletter.

First and foremost, I need to say how delighted I am with the progress that the children have made in school this year, from those who have started at Jack Clark this year, to those who have had several visits to their new school site and are ready for the next stage in their education at the East SILC. The children have had lots of opportunities to develop their skills and knowledge both in school and in the local community and we are extremely proud of them.

We have added to the places that we visit as part of our Preparation for Adulthood lessons to include The Milk Churn, The Arium and the Leeds Gymnastic Club this term and all of them have been a big success! In school we have continued to offer a broad and balanced curriculum with includes our weekly ArtForms music sessions led by Sophie, swimming lessons at Fearnville Leisure Centre and opportunities for sensory regulation at Kids Zone.

We are always keen to have visitors in school and this term has been no exception. We have had Leeds Lieder come in to perform music and songs, had Liz Penwith from the British Library deliver some sensory story sessions and the Roundhay Evangelical Church come in to tell stories.

From September the school will have an additional 10 children on roll at Jack Clark and will have a new classroom called Zog Class. Work has been completed to transform The Hub, which has previously been used as a meeting space, into a classroom and to provide us with an extra outdoor play area. Furniture and resources have been ordered and we are really looking forward to seeing the children using this new space.

We are pleased to be welcoming some new teachers in the autumn term; Aimee Clements who has previously worked at the Whitkirk Partnership and Temple Moor Partnership, and Abigail Hewitt, who has worked at the Roger Cannon site. Aimee and Abi have both spent time at Jack Clark over the last few weeks getting to know the children and the routines. We are looking forward to having them both as part of the Jack Clark Teaching Staff Team. Tom Franks, who has taught at Jack Clark for a number of years, is moving to the Bridge Community Church to teach our Post 16 learners; although we will miss him, we are pleased that he will have the opportunity to work with our older learners as it is something that he was keen to do. Tina Emmerson, Teaching Assistant is also moving site and will be working at John Jamieson from September; we know she will be amazing in her new role. Many of you will know Sarah Diprose, our Behaviour Support Worker, who has supported the children both in school and at home by delivering Parent Workshops, Sarah is sadly leaving the Jack Clark Team to start a new job as an Inclusion Outreach Officer. We wish Sarah every success in her new role.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community and for your kind donations when we do charity events. Your participation and support make a significant difference in creating a positive and enriching environment for our children which was clear to see when so many families and friends joined us for the Summer Fair last week.

We are always here to listen to your feedback and suggestions, so please feel free to contact us in school.

I would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and enjoyable summer holiday.

Kind regards

Vicky

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TIGGERS

Tiggers have had an amazing summer term! We have enjoyed lots of learning through water play and sensory exploration and have spent lots of time making the most of the sunny weather. A highlight of the term has definitely been our swimming trips - we all did really well at transitioning to the swimming baths and had lots of fun in the pool. Tiggers are also making so much progress with their communication and independence skills, we have done lots of work to develop effective ways we can communicate our needs and wants - well done Tigger class!













Supertato

Supertato Class have had a brilliant term. They have particularly enjoyed reading and role-playing from our stories in literacy. They have really loved the story 'The Hundred Decker Bus'. We have explored different countries from around the world in geography and experienced eating the different types of food eaten in each country in food technology. We have learnt about different types of forces and have enjoyed taking part in scientific experiments. Over the term, we have learnt about different cultures and religions in special assemblies. Some learners have had a fantastic time experiencing operatic music live for the first time.

It has been a great pleasure to teach Supertato Class, they have all made fantastic progress over the year.

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Kevin Kelly Windows Toy Donation

We were delighted to receive a donation of over £600.00 worth of new sensory toys for the children from Kevin Kelly Windows. The children have really enjoyed playing with them. The unicorn bubble machine, air toobz and the wooden vending machine were firm favorites! A very big thank you to Kevin Kelly Windows for their generosity.



Chocolate Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated chocolate when we held our Non-Uniform Day on Friday 6th July. We were able to make lots of raffle prizes which we used to raise money at our Summer Fair.





Elmer Class

Elmer Class have been working very hard this term. We have enjoyed exploring our 'Dinosaur' and 'Come Fly with me' topics, learning through a variety of sensory activities. Our favourite activity was saving dinosaurs trapped in jelly and ice. We have been exploring new sound in our phonics groups and developing our communication skills in our communication groups, working hard to use 'I want' and 'I see' sentences daily. We have also enjoyed the sunny weather, engaging in water play and eating ice lollies to keep us cool.

Our favourite lesson this term has been art, exploring different ways we can create artwork using the printing method. A favourite of ours was using herbs and fruits to create colourful pieces of art.













Sports Day

All the children have loved joining in our Sports
Day last week. The classes took it in turns to
participate in a number of activities including a
penalty shoot out, relay races, hurdles and a
bean bag toss game. It was lovely seeing them
work together in small teams and how proud
they were getting their certificates. Well done!!



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Gruffalo

We've had a fun packed term in Gruffalo class. We can't quite believe we've reached the summer term already and when we think back to September, we couldn't be more proud of the progress that the children have made.

Some of the standout moments of this term include the out of school visits that the children have taken part in. Most of the children were doing this for the first time and others had only been out on the buses previously, so to visit The Arium and John Smeaton Gymnastics was a super achievement. The children thoroughly enjoyed both visits and got so much out of the whole experience. The big slide was definitely very popular at the Arium along with the big sand pit. The children also really enjoyed our gymnastics session where the got to explore and use a range of equipment, especially the wooden rings and the trampolines.

With the weather improving it has also meant we have been able to take lots of our learning outside. From water play and sorting in maths, to planting seeds in science, the children have

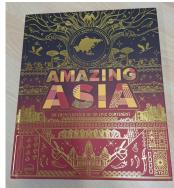
enjoyed it all.



British Library

This terms free book from the British Library is Rashmi Sirdeshpande's beautiful book "Amazing Asia." The pictures in the book are wonderful and we know that the children will enjoy looking at them with the adults in school. A big thank you yet again to the British Library for always considering us when they hand out free books to schools.









YAMSEN

Over the year, classes have taken part in YAMSEN music and choir sessions. Learners have thoroughly enjoyed singing songs and using a variety of musical instruments. Some children have had the opportunity to take part in concerts throughout the year to show the songs they have been singing in YAMSEN choir.

School Council

We want to say a huge thank you to all the members of our school council this year. They have made brilliant contributions and have come up with some great ideas. They have also helped name our new class next year which will be called 'Zog' class. This year they have also raised a lot of money through supporting with events in school. This term they all loved helping run our ice cream stall which raised over £50 for our school!

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Kipper Class Article

We've had such a wonderful end to the school year! The topics this term has been Lets get moving with lots of exploration of vehicles and forces like gravity and air resistance in science as well as some brilliant books for literacy. "100 Decker Bus" was definitely a class favourite! A highlight this term has been our Preparation for Adulthood trips where we enjoyed bus trips to The Milk Churn Gelato Café and The Arium play area. The leavers were such fantastic ambassadors for Jack Clark School, being polite and waiting their turn for the climbing frame. We're so proud of how mature they were and they did amazing listening when it was time to leave, finding their adults and transitioning back onto the bus in a calm and timely manner. Well done Kipper Class. Thanks you for such an amazing year.

BFG

We have been very busy with our learning this term in BFG Class. After Easter we learnt all about dinosaurs and found out interesting dinosaur facts. We headed out into nature and learned about and named different trees identifying them by looking at their leaves. We also made our dinosaur dioramas which were a huge success! After the half term break we continued with our learning, finding out all about gravity in science and completing our NSPCC pants project. We have also been improving our musical skills on the keyboard and learning songs with YAMSEN for the Ilkley Concert. We have also studied different countries and cultures- we loved Greek dancing and making a Greek salad!



Leeds Lieder Article

We were extremely fortunate at Jack Clark, to have the wonderful Leeds Lieder come to school in May to provide the learners with a performance of different musical songs mixing renditions of classical opera, vaudeville and folk songs. The learners were blown away by the talent of the performers and even helped to correctly infer the meaning of a very dramatic opening number sang completely in German!

One learner even said it was the best performance he had ever seen. High praise indeed.

A huge thanks to Leeds Lieder and we look forward to them hopefully returning next year.

JC Cannon Hall Farm

In June, a group of learners from across East SILC had a wonderful time at Cannon Hall Farm. We enjoyed feeding different animals and playing on the adventure playground. Thank you to The Rotary Club for this amazing experience.





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Paddington Class

What a fantastic final term we've had in Paddington Class! The team have thoroughly enjoyed working with all our learners, and it's truly heart-warming to see their confidence blossom. As we reflect on this school year, it's remarkable to acknowledge the incredible progress everyone has made.

This term, we've dived into the exciting world of dinosaurs and loved listening to various stories. Our class has a real passion for books, and it's wonderful to see them so engaged in exploring different stories throughout the year. We've also loved our transport topic, learning about various vehicles and how they move.

In maths, our focus this term has been on money; the learners have had a blast buying different items from pretend shops.

We've also kept active with plenty of sports activities, honing our ball skills and enjoying the lovely weather. Outdoor learning has been a highlight, with our time in the park filled with fun—dressing up, building with blocks, and cycling around on the playground.



Jack Clark Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who joined us in school last week for the Summer Fair. It was a wonderful afternoon where we were able to make the most of the good weather by using the sand pit, drinking slushies and eating ice pops! We raised the incredible amount of £487.64. The School Council will help to decide how this should be spent. Thank you for your generosity.



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