



Summer Newsletter

East SILC Jack Clark School

July 2026

MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERSHIP

Message from the Executive Principal

As we reach the end of another successful year at East SILC Jack Clark, we are delighted to share this edition of our summer newsletter, celebrating the many achievements, experiences and milestones our learners have enjoyed throughout the year. From outdoor learning, Preparation for Adulthood visits and Bikeability sessions to music performances, wellbeing projects and exciting visits into the community, our learners have continued to impress us with their resilience, enthusiasm and growing independence.

We are also incredibly proud of our recent **Ofsted report**, which recognises the strength of our provision and the positive experiences of learners across East SILC. We are thrilled that the dedication, care and hard work of our staff has been recognised, reflecting the commitment shown every day to ensuring the very best outcomes for our children and young people.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited to welcome new learners and staff to our Jack Clark community and to continue building on the many successes of this year.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. Together, we create a positive, caring and ambitious community where our learners can thrive. We hope you enjoy reading about the many highlights from the year and wish you and your families a safe, happy and relaxing summer break.

Louise Quinn
Executive Principal

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Message from the Head of School

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term at Jack Clark, I would like to take a moment to celebrate the many achievements of our learners and reflect on what has been another fantastic year.

We are incredibly proud of all that our children have accomplished this term. Their progress, resilience and enthusiasm for learning continue to inspire all of the staff here every day. It has been wonderful to see them grow in confidence, develop new skills and embrace new experiences.

This term has been filled with exciting opportunities beyond the classroom. Our visits to the Arium and YAMSEN music events were real highlights, giving learners the chance to explore new environments, enjoy music and nature, and represent the school so positively in the wider community.

We have welcomed Wellbeing with Animals back into school at the request of the School Council; we love that the children are able to have a say in what they want to happen in school. These sessions support emotional wellbeing, communication and confidence, and it has been wonderful to see the joy, curiosity and gentle interactions with the animals shown by the children.

We have made the most of the lovely weather this term, particularly through our outdoor learning and physical development activities. The Balance Bikes and Bikeability sessions have been a huge success. Learners have loved developing their skills, building confidence and most importantly, having fun outdoors alongside their peers on the bikes.

Transition has been a key focus this term, and we are pleased to share that transitions to new classes and school sites have gone incredibly well. Our learners have managed with the changes made to their usual routines and we are confident that they are well prepared for the new school year. As we look ahead to September, we are excited to be welcoming 24 new children into our Jack Clark community. We are also delighted to welcome three new teachers to our staff team: Sophia Lyons, Milly Balls and Beth Brady. We know they will be fantastic additions to our team.

I need to say big Thankyou to all of the staff for their tremendously hard work especially those who are leaving the SILC -Amy Rushton, Adele Mensah and Aimee Clements.

On our return to school in September, please do look out for the electric box outside school, which we hope will soon be transformed into something bright and colourful. A mural artist will be working from a design created by BFG Class, giving our learners the opportunity to contribute to and take pride in a piece of artwork within our local community. We are excited to see this come to life.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our families and carers for your continued support this year. Working together ensures the very best outcomes for our learners, and we are grateful for the strong partnerships we share.

We wish you all a happy, safe and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year at Jack Clark.

Vicky Fisher
Head of School

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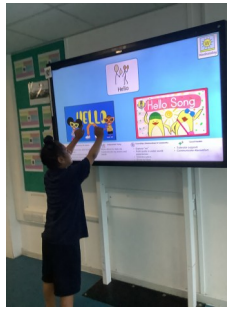
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Paddington

Paddington's Class have been working very hard this term. We have enjoyed exploring 'Come Fly with Me' and 'Let's get moving' topics, listening to lots of interesting stories and creating lots of artwork linking to our stories. We have been exploring new sounds in our phonics groups, through sensory exploration.



We have also been on visits on the minibus to visit our local area on PfA trips. We have been to Tropical World, Thorner Park, Leed's Gymnastic Centre and Fearnville Leisure Centre for our swimming sessions.



Kipper

Kippers have had an amazing summer term! We have been working really hard learning new phonics sounds and have also made some great progress with our number lessons in maths, focusing on simple addition and subtraction, 1-1 correspondence and counting backwards. As always, we have been loving our food technology sessions and are all becoming much more independent engaging with different food preparation skills such as spreading and scooping



safely, some of us have even been super confident in trying new foods! A highlight for Kipper Class has definitely been the visit from the animals where we enjoyed brushing, stroking and caring for them using our kind hands. We also really enjoyed the sensory disco and did some great dancing. I am so proud of the progress everyone has made this year!



Elmer

We have had a jam-packed term in Elmers exploring our "Holidays" and "Transport" topics. The children have been amazing mathematicians exploring number, addition, subtraction and data handling. In English, we have enjoyed listening to stories and bringing them to life through role-playing train drivers, flying paper aeroplanes and exploring sensory trays linked to beaches and the sky. In science, we have used our senses to explore day and night thinking about what we may see and



we have looked at push and pull forces and the effects of objects when we use these forces on them. In art and DT, we have explored colour mixing and materials. As the weather has become warmer, we have enjoyed practising our kitchen skills by using utensils to make ice cream sundaes. We have gone on some fun action-packed trips: playing together in Thorner Park and going for ice cream at the Milk Churn as well as having the opportunity to meet and groom animals who visited school.



BFG

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a very musical year in BFG class. In the autumn term, Sophie from Artforms, keyboard in hand, taught us all the songs for the YAMSEN Christmas Concert at Pudsey. To those who came, I'm sure you will agree it was a wonderful event and the learners sang beautifully. In the spring term, we were invited to perform in Ilkley as part of the Wharfedale



Music Festival, along with other children who were much older. We dressed up as pirates to sing our pirate song and performed with bags of confidence! This summer term Sophie has been back to teach



us songs ready for to sing at the King's Hall in Ilkley on the 14th July. This is always a lovely concert where we sing with both adults and children and there is even a band; we are really looking forward to this. It really has been a very tuneful year!

Zog



We have had an amazing and busy summer term in Zog Class. The Zog Team have thoroughly enjoyed watching the progress of all our learners. Throughout the year, we have seen their independence and social skills blossom, and it has been lovely to see the many different types of communication being used.



Zog Class has enjoyed lots of exciting experiences, including a trip to Tropical World to look at the different animals; they walked around beautifully. We also took part in bike ability sessions using

balance bikes and enjoyed meeting and petting animals in the school hall. Our topic this term has been Transport, and we have enjoyed sharing stories including "Car, Car, Truck, Jeep" and "Maisy Goes by Plane." We investigated pushes and pulls, which was lots of fun. We took turns testing different forces using a variety of items, including suitcases, pushchairs, ride-on cars and push-and-go vehicles.

It has been a fantastic year in Zog Class, and we are very proud of everything our learners have achieved.

Tigger

Tiggers have had a fun-filled summer term! We have enjoyed exploring our 'Come Fly with Me' and 'Let's get Moving' topics and have loved exploring our sensory stories linked to these. We also had lots of fun going swimming at the beginning of the term and everyone did brilliant listening to ensure we had a happy and safe time. For our PFA trip we went to Home Farm and loved meeting all the farm animals, especially the piglets, and had a go at sitting on a tractor! The class team are so proud of how hard you've worked this year and the progress you have made!



Supertato

Supertato Class have had a brilliant summer term. This term we have focused on transport and holidays. In Literacy, we have been enjoying Shared Attention sessions, predicting new stories, practising writing skills and creating descriptive sentences. In Understanding the World: Science we have liked learning about different forces and taking part in scientific experi-

ments. This term we have enjoyed visiting Tropical World and the Milk Churn as part of Preparation for Adulthood. We have also enjoyed experiences from Wellbeing with animals and using balance bikes.

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



Musical Recital

We recently had a special visit from Leeds Song Interactive Recital. Children from BFG and Supertato Classes thoroughly enjoyed engaging with the songs delivered by singers and a pianist. Children had opportunities to explore sensory experiences and props which they found exciting. The children had a fantastic time!



Rotary Club - Cannon Hall Farm

Heartfelt thanks to The Rotary Club for inviting a group of 8 learners to Cannon Hall Farm. We were treated to a guided tour around the farm with plenty of opportunity to feed the animals. We explored the exciting park area and were even treated to an ice cream and treats from the farm shop. Thankfully the weather was kind to us only raining while we were on the bus.



The football trip

Six of our learners were kindly asked if they wanted to represent Jack Clark in a football tournament. We excitedly went to Fives, in Seacroft, where we took part in six different football activities.

We worked hard as a team, with great listening skills, to follow instructions and build up our football skills. We completed all six tasks amazingly, finishing the tournament with a certificate. Well done team JC



PFA Trips

Our learners have been busy building confidence, independence, and real world skills through a fantastic range of Preparation for Adulthood (PFA) trips this year. From meeting animals at the farm and Tropical World to practising communication at the ice cream shop, every visit has offered

meaningful opportunities to learn beyond the classroom. Our learners have ventured into Leeds to visit White Cloth Hall, Leeds Market and Corn Exchange, developed physical skills at a gymnastics

centre and let off steam at soft play. We have also squeezed in a few visits our favourite playground at Thorner Park. We are all so proud of how confident and independent everyone has

been on these trips.



Gruffalo

It has been another busy and fun-filled term in Gruffalo Class! We can't quite believe we're already in the summer term. Looking back to September, we are incredibly proud of the progress our learners have made.

This term has been packed with opportunities to learn both in and out of school. A particular highlight was our trip to Temple Newsam Farm, along with our surprise visit from some special animal guests in school. Our trips to soft play and The Arium were

fantastic opportunities for the children to build confidence and have fun together as a class. Back at school, we have been busy exploring, creating, and discovering through hands-on

play. From cooking and developing life skills to expressive arts, sensory stories, and outdoor exploration, every experience has encouraged a love of learning in a fun, wonderfully messy, and meaningful way!

It has been wonderful to see how our learners have grown together as a class.

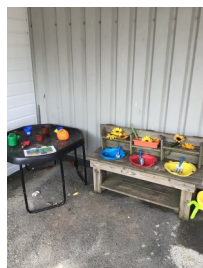
Gruffalo Canopy:

This summer term, we have been working hard to further develop our outdoor play and provision opportunities, creating an engaging environment for our learners. We have been incredibly lucky to have our new outdoor canopy installed, allowing us to enjoy outdoor learning in all weathers—rain or shine!

Our outdoor provision has quickly become a much-loved learning space. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into a wide

range of sensory and messy play experiences, particularly when exploring and creating in our sand and mud kitchen areas.. We are excited to continue developing our outdoor area even further, ensuring it remains a space where

our learners can continue to explore, create, and learn through play.



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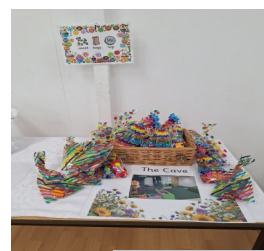
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Church Visit



Roundhay Evangelical Church visited our school to share exciting, interactive stories. We love dressing up, singing and using the different props

Summer Fair Success



Our summer fair was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see so many families come along to support the event. The atmosphere was fantastic, with children thoroughly enjoying the activities, games and time spent together with friends, families and staff.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation, bought raffle tickets and joined us; your support makes such a difference. The money raised will go towards further developing our outdoor play provision for the children.

Bikeability



This term we have really enjoyed having the balance bikes and Bikeability come into school. All the classes have had the opportunity to join in with a number of sessions developing their balance and coordination on the bikes on the playground. This was a very popular activity and it was lovely seeing the children grow in confidence each session!

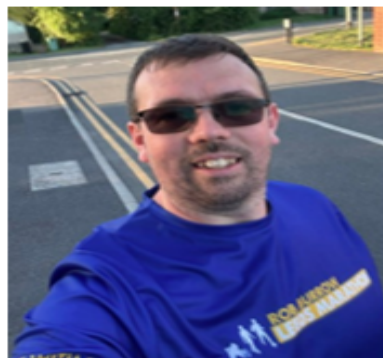
Wellbeing with Animals

The children asked at our school council if we could have the animals back in school so everyone was very excited when they came to visit us again in June. The children



loved getting to meet Wendy the pony, Micky and Cream the goats and Mabel the dog. The children enjoyed stroking and brushing the animals and even walking the goats. We hope they come back to visit us next year.





Matthew's fundraiser for the East SILC to help fund SEND residentials

This year, I'm stepping well outside my comfort zone by taking on not one, but two marathons – the Rob Burrow Leeds Marathon on 10 May 2026, followed by the Altra Yorkshire Marathon on 18 October 2026. To put that challenge into perspective, the furthest I had ever run before starting this training journey was just 10k.

I've chosen to fundraise for East SILC, a Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school that does incredible work supporting its learners. East SILC offers residential trips across the UK and abroad, but for many SEND learners these opportunities are often out of reach due to the additional costs and support required.

Your donation will directly help cover vital elements such as accessible accommodation, specialist staffing and fully inclusive activities, ensuring learners can take part safely, confidently and with dignity. By supporting this cause, you're not just helping to fund a trip that may be a once in a lifetime experience – you're helping to build self-belief, create lasting memories, and show SEND learners that they are valued, included and deserving of the same opportunities as everyone else.

Every donation, no matter how big or small, makes a real difference and brings these experiences closer to reality for East SILC learners. If you're unable to donate, sharing this page would still mean the world.

Thank you for reading. Thank you for caring and thank you for helping make a difference.



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Ofsted Report 2026

We are delighted to share our 2026 Ofsted report with you. We are incredibly proud of this report and hope that you will be too. The report recognises the strength of our provision, the positive experiences of our learners, the strong relationships between staff and learners, and the high aspirations we hold for every young person.

This outcome is a reflection of the dedication, skill and commitment of our staff team, who work tirelessly every day to support our learners and their families. It also reflects the invaluable partnership we have with our parents and carers, whose support plays such an important role in our learners' success.

Most importantly, the report celebrates our wonderful learners, who continue to inspire us with their achievements, resilience and determination. You will also be able to read the report attached via the Ofsted Reports website here: [Ofsted Report Website](#)

Thank you for your continued support of East SILC. We hope you enjoy reading the report and sharing in this significant achievement.





Important Dates

Please make sure you make a note of these important dates in your diary

Friday 17th July	Break Up Summer Term
Tuesday 1st September	Training Day
Wednesday 2nd September	Training Day
Thursday 3rd September	Return To School
Friday 5th September	New Learners Starting School
Friday 23rd October	Half Term Break
Monday 2nd November	Return to School
Monday 30th November	Training Day
Friday 18th December	Christmas Break

NURSING CONTACT INFORMATION

We would like to ensure that you have the Inclusion Nursing Service Contact Details, should you need to contact a member of the team during the holiday.

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