



Clarendon Primary School Newsletter

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2025/26 Term Dates

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 13 th October	Year 3 Chiltern Open Air Museum
Monday 20 st October	Parent Consultation Meetings (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 and Y6)
Tuesday 21 st October	Parent Consultation Meetings Y3 ONLY
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parent Consultation Meetings (Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6)
Friday 31 st October	Closing date for Year 6 secondary school applications
27 th Oct – 31 st Nov	HALF TERM

Weekly Update

Harvest Celebrations

Thank you so much for all the kind donations which have been sent in for the Manna foodbank this week. Your generosity will make a real difference to those in need within our community. On Wednesday, we celebrated Harvest in school with a special assembly. Each class shared a reading, poem or song with the rest of school as part of the celebration. If you haven't yet had the chance to contribute, there's still time — donations will be accepted until **Monday, 13th October**. Every item helps, and we're so grateful for your continued support and kindness.



Nut Free School

A gentle reminder that we are a nut-free school to help keep all our children safe. Please ensure that no products containing nuts are brought into school, including spreads, snacks, or any products that list nuts as an ingredient. This also applies to tubs or mixed selections of chocolates and biscuits, which often contain nut varieties. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.



Scooters and bikes



We would like to remind all parents that, following concerns raised about children riding scooters and bikes too quickly when leaving school, we are introducing new safety measures. From **Monday**, all children must **get off their bikes and scooters before entering the school gate in the morning** and **must not ride them again until they are outside the school gate at the end of the day**. This rule is in place to ensure the safety of all pupils and families on site. If children are seen riding their bikes or scooters within the school grounds, they will be asked to come off immediately. Thank you for your

support in keeping our school environment safe for everyone.

Chertsey Museum Workshops - Year 1 and Year 4

Year 1 Toy Workshop

This term in Year 1, we have been exploring the fascinating history of toys. To mark the end of our topic, we had a visit from Chertsey Museum. The day began with an exciting look at various toys from the past, followed by a quiz to test what we had learned. Our guide was very impressed with how much we knew! After that, we were split into groups and took part in a variety of activities. We had the chance to play with toys that were popular in the past, sort toys by the materials they were made from, and even make our own spinning pictures. It was a fantastic way to end our topic, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the toy workshop.



Year 4 Roman Workshop with Chertsey Museum

Year 4 took part in an engaging and informative Roman workshop led by Chertsey Museum this week. The session offered a range of hands-on, practical activities that really brought the topic to life. Pupils explored a fascinating collection of artefacts, gaining insight into what everyday life was like in Roman Britain.

The opportunity to handle historical objects and ask thoughtful questions sparked the children's curiosity and helped to deepen their understanding of this important period in history. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and enriching learning experience for everyone involved. The children represented the school maturely and responsibly and this experience will hopefully pay dividends in their understanding and interest of their topic; The Romans in Britain.



Andrew Cope 'Spy' Books - Safeguarding Information

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

- If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.
- It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.
- We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Nurture Ambassadors Update

By Miss Robinson (SENCo), Rex (Y6), Mark (Y5), Dolly-Ann (Y4), Malik (Y3), Delilah (Y2), Omar (Y1)

This week, we welcomed Rex to the team because, sadly, Adi has moved house to a different area. He will be greatly missed. However, I am sure that Rex will be a good addition and he is taking his Nurture Ambassador role very seriously!

'Resilience' was the key word at our meeting, on Wednesday! We continued talking about changes/transitions and how they can make us feel anxious. I explained that being resilient means that we are taking control of the situation and we are not going to let things get the better of us. Practising resilience techniques and self-care can help us to cope in difficult times of change. The children made a fortune-teller/chatterbox that can be used to teach them words and phrases that will help us to feel more resilient. They were quite fiddly but they didn't give up and are now preparing to teach the other children in their class how to make them. We also made some 'resilience' bookmarks which can be cut out and stuck onto card, or laminated, to make them stronger. We talked about how yoga can help to keep us calm so that we can deal with the challenges of day-to-day life; the children are keen to have a go at these yoga poses, back in class! Maybe you could try doing some simple yoga, at home, with your child. Also practise using 'I know I can....' phrases whenever your child is tempted to say 'I can't do that!' It may take time but, if we all think positively, we can teach ourselves to be more resilient, making stressful times a little bit easier to manage.

Reading Raffle - Friday 10th October 2025

The Winning Class with the greatest number of children being entered into the draw was Year 4 & Year 6.

The lucky winners were;

1. Frank P – Y5
2. Isabella-Rose H – YR
3. Aashirya R – Y5

They all won a choice of reading book...well done to them and to everyone who was awarded a raffle ticket this week.

Class Weekly Attendance Award - Week ending 3rd October 2025

Joint 1st Place – Year 4 & Year 6 with 98.6%

2nd Place – Year 3 with 96.3%

Weekly Achievers - 3rd October 2025

Class	Names
Year R	Lyla S & Ella K
Year 1	Tillie E & Alex H
Year 2	Sanvika S & Ziyaan K
Year 3	Holly D & Fletcher H
Year 4	Dolly-Ann M & Zach M
Year 5	Bella C
Year 6	Aarav R & Rahim M

Attendance Reminder

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES REGARDING ATTENDANCE FROM SEPTEMBER 2024

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (**which do not have to be consecutive**), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of **£160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days**. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of **£160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days**. **There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days**. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then **you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996**.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Head teacher.

Community News

October Holiday Activities

Egg Carton Animal Portraits
Tuesday 28th Oct
11am-12pm or 2-3pm
Ages 5-12, £4.00
Come along to the museum and create an animal portrait from an egg carton!

Spooky Skeletons and Witches' Potion
Thursday 30th Oct
11am-12.30pm or 2-3.30pm
Ages 5-12, £4.50
Create a paper skeleton decoration and then mix up a witches' potion!

All 5 year olds must be accompanied.
Booking is essential for all activities

Book online at:
<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk> or
by phone: 01932 565 764

For All The Family

1st Saturday of the month
1.30pm-3.30pm

Museum Makes

Join us for a fun family craft activity where imagination meets history in a hands-on experience for all ages!

FREE DROP IN SESSION

Chertsey Museum, 33 Windsor Street, Chertsey KT16 8AT
chertseymuseum.org

Runnymede
Windsor Great Park

ST JAMES
Senior Boys' School

Join us on our
Open Morning
and discover what makes our school in Ashford so unique.

Tuesday 11 November
9.00am - 10.30am

Book now:

stjamesboys.co.uk
St James Senior Boys' School,
Church Road, Ashford, Surrey TW15 3DZ

Welcoming open minds and open hearts