



Clarendon Primary School Newsletter

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2025/26 Term Dates

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

INSET dates, children are not expected to attend school on these days;

Monday 23rd Feb 2026
Monday 13th April 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Thursday 15 th January	Year 4 start swimming lessons
Thursday 15 th January	Closing date for 2026 Reception Applications
Friday 30 th January	Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 2 Class Assembly
Monday 16th – Friday 20th February	HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day – children not in school

Welcome Back!



Welcome back to a new year and a new school term. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break and would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year.

Despite the colder weather this week, hopefully it has not been too much of a shock to the system adjusting back to usual routines; although coming back to a full week with cold, dark mornings has most probably been a challenging adjustment for lots of us! It has been particularly cold this week and with this in mind, we ask parents to ensure that children are coming into school dressed appropriately for the cold temperatures. We recommend jogging bottoms for PE and thick tights for where skirts are worn. Whilst the buildings are warm, the children are outside for long periods of time during break and lunch times.

We are currently updating the diary dates which were sent out at the start of this academic year, which will include any events that have been added since then. These will be sent out next week. Please be reminded that any new dates or changes to diary dates are updated in the school newsletter. Further information about dates listed may not be sent out until a lot closer to the events.



Don't forget that we are collecting your clean and empty confectionery, biscuit and cracker tubs in school and we will donate them for you to a local Greene King pub so that they can be recycled to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please ask your family, friends and neighbours to help too and drop any off into the office by the end of January.

(See more detailed information about the scheme below)

Greene King's 'Tub2Pub', a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics, will be back in 2026!

From 1 Jan - 15 Feb 2026, its pubs, restaurants, and hotels will accept your clean and empty:

- Confectionery tubs
- Biscuit tubs
- Cracker tubs



We're all guilty of indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we are buying tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year!

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste and bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to any Greene King managed site in 1 Jan - 15 Feb 2026 to be recycled.

Simply leave your tubs with a Greene King staff member at the bar or welcome station within one of their locations.

All tubs will be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

<https://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/>

Vaping and Smoking Onsite

We kindly remind all parents, carers and visitors that smoking and vaping are strictly prohibited anywhere on the school site at all times. This includes school gates, playgrounds and during drop-off and pick-up times. Maintaining a smoke-free environment helps protect the health and wellbeing of our children, families and staff, and sets a positive example for our pupils. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our school a safe and healthy place for everyone.

Tissues

As we are well into the colder months, we continue to ask for your support in providing tissues for the classrooms. With coughs and colds doing their rounds, having extra boxes will make a big difference in keeping all classrooms well supplied. If you're able to pop a box or two of tissues into your next shopping trip, we'd be so grateful. Please drop them into the school office.

Thanks so much for your support!



Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Tournament

On January 8th 2026, our Year 5 and 6 team from Clarendon Primary School proudly represented the school at the South West London Primary County Championship, hosted at Twickenham School.

The children approached the competition with outstanding determination, teamwork, and pride throughout the day. Facing schools that were often bigger and more experienced, our team rose to

the challenge, playing all of their pool matches with commitment and resilience. While they did not qualify from the pool stages, they should be extremely proud of their performances, managing to win sets within individual matches and competing bravely against strong opposition.

A special shout out goes to Kamyar and Iris in Year 5, who demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and respect towards the referees throughout the tournament. Their behaviour was a credit to themselves and to the school, setting a fantastic example for others to follow.

Well done to all involved — this was a valuable and inspiring experience, and we are incredibly proud of how our pupils represented Clarendon Primary School.



PTA News

**Donate Unwanted
or Outgrown
CHRISTMAS
JUMPERS!**

Help raise funds for our school PTA by donating old, outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumpers!
Drop off donations to the school office
THIS WEEK ONLY. Thanks!

PTA
CLARENDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

The poster features a blue background with white snowflakes. At the top, a white banner contains the text 'Donate Unwanted or Outgrown CHRISTMAS JUMPERS!'. To the left is a snowman and to the right is a red gift bag. Below the banner, a girl and a boy are shown holding up their Christmas jumpers. The girl's jumper has a reindeer, and the boy's has Santa Claus. A circular logo for the PTA is in the bottom left corner. The bottom text encourages donations to the school office for the week only.

Reception 2026 Admissions

Do you have a child starting school in September 2026?

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 you will need to apply for a school place before **15 January 2026**.

You can apply online via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> from a smartphone or tablet as well as a laptop. If you are unable to apply online, you will need to request a paper application form via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. The Surrey Schools & Childcare Service can also provide impartial help in completing an application.

Applications received after the closing date without an exceptional reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for your child.

Surrey Admissions Team

Music Tuition

As you are hopefully aware, we offer one term of music tuition for all children in Years 1 – 6. Last term, Year 6 learnt the trombone and Year 3 were learning the trumpet in school.

Surrey Arts offer 10% off lessons and instrument hire for students continuing their learning the term following their tuition in school and parents/carers can apply via their website. [Apply and pay for children's music lessons - Surrey County Council \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk)

This term, Year 2 will learn the Ukulele and Year 4 will continue their tuition on the trumpet every Wednesday afternoon.

Attendance Reminder

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:

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.

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.

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.

Reading Raffle – Friday 9th January 2026

The Winning Class with the greatest number of children being entered into the draw was Year 6. The lucky winners were;

1. Stanley S – Y1
2. Vihan M – Y2
3. Luca C – Y6

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

STOP SMOKING ADVICE DROP-IN SESSIONS

Discover the free support from **One You Surrey** to help you quit smoking for good.



The service includes:

- ✓ Regular 1-to-1 appointments
- ✓ Free vapes and nicotine patches
- ✓ Carbon monoxide testing

One You Surrey will be at these 'What's Up?!' sessions:

- Tuesday 20 Jan – Clarendon Family Centre, 9:30–11am
- Tuesday 3 Feb – Buckland Family Centre, 9:30–11am
- Thursday 26 Feb – Stanwell Family Centre, 1:30–3pm

ONE YOU SURREY



National Autistic Society

Wednesday 14th January 2026

Access and advice to Autism support

Wednesday 14th Jan 2026, 1pm-2:30pm, Stanwell Family Centre

This session is for parents, carers and wider family members to hear about what is available to support families of Autistic children.

We are able to support pre and post diagnosis.

During this session you will:

- Learn about the help and support available from the Surrey Family Support Service
- Find out how you can access our support
- Learn more about The Mindworks partnership
- Be signposted to other local support
- Have the opportunity to join a Q&A session for information and advice

- To book your place: Call 01784 241407 or email spelthornefamilycentres@surreycaretrust.org.uk
- The session will be held at Stanwell Family Centre, Hadrian Way, Stanwell TW19 7HE



SOUNDSTEPS[™] MUSIC SCHOOL



Free Children Piano/Keyboard Taster Available Now

- Weekly 1 hour lessons available Monday to Sunday for children aged 5-13
- Children learn to read, write and play music in every lesson. we also provide keyboard at every lesson
- Termly Exams and certificate along with opportunities to sit at internationally recognised exams and perform at live events



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How Nurturing Programme Parent Groups have helped other parents

"I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now."

"We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer."

"The group was fun. It's the only two hours I have for myself each week."

"The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected."



Check out emotionalhealth.org.uk for more information on *The Parenting Puzzle* book and The Nurturing Programme

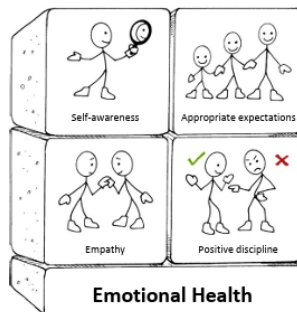
What is the Nurturing Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life.

A tried and tested programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

The Four Constructs of the Nurturing Programme



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The 10-week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers

Where:

Buckland Primary School,
Berryscroft Road, Staines TW18 1NB

When:

Thursday 15th January – 26th March 2026
(one week break at half term)

9.30am – 11.30am

Contact details:

For more information or to book a place:
Please call Spelthorne Family Centres on
01784 424759 / 01784 241407
or email
spelthornefamilycentres@surreycaretrust.org.uk

Alternatively, if your child attends Buckland Primary School, please speak to Emma Hawthorn, Welfare Officer.



emotionalhealth.org.uk
Registered charity 1062514



The Nurturing Programme

Information for Parents and carers

How to get the best out of family life



Practical information

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with a relative or friend

There are ten 2-hour sessions with a tea and coffee break

8-10 parents are invited and there are two trained group leaders

Some groups provide a Creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all ten sessions as they fit together like a puzzle



What does it cover?

Over the 10-week Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

Understanding why children behave as they do

Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)

Exploring different approaches to discipline

Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children

Learning the importance of looking after ourselves





Spelthorne Parkies
Support Group

Charity Spinathon

*Come and take part!
Support those with Parkinson's*

**RAFFLE
PRIZES**

Wednesday 28 January
8am - 8pm

Eclipse Leisure Centre
knowle Green
Staines, TW18 1AJ

Working in partnership with

