



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

Please note that there was a typo in the diary dates sent home last week and the date for the World Book Day dress up should have said Friday 6th March (I know some parents have asked why we do the dress up the day after the official World Book Day but this is because we are unable to do it on a Thursday because of the Year 4 children swimming).

NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 26th March – PTA Disco

Saturday 27th June – PTA Summer Fair

Date	Event
Friday 30 th January	Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 2 Class Assembly
w/c Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
w/c Monday 9 th February	Book Fair in school – more details to follow
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 th February	Reception Class Parent Consultation Meetings – 2.30-6.00pm
Thursday 12 th February	Reception Class Parent Consultation Meetings – 3.30-5.30pm
16 th – 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day – children not in school

Weekly Update

It has been another busy week in school. Although we are often in and out of classrooms, it has been a pleasure to walk around the school to visit classes and talk to the children about their learning this week. The excellent behaviour of the children has been evident throughout, with pupils showing focus, respect and pride in their learning. Classrooms have been full of exciting and inclusive learning experiences, and it has been wonderful to see children persevering with challenges, supporting one another and showing determination to 'do their best to achieve their best'. We are incredibly proud of the positive learning culture seen across the school.

In assembly this week, we explored the power of perseverance and talked about the fact that learning isn't always a straight or simple journey. Using the challenge of solving a Rubik's Cube, we showed the children how it can take lots of tries, mistakes and adjustments before things finally click into place. The children loved seeing how each attempt helps us learn something new, even when it doesn't work first time. It was a great reminder that with patience, positivity and determination, we can keep improving and enjoy the journey along the way.

Book Review

2026 is the Year of Reading! At Clarendon we have always placed a special focus on developing a love of reading across our school community but this year we will be going even further. Reading plays a vital role in children's learning, imagination and confidence, and we're excited to celebrate it in different ways throughout the year. As part of this focus, our newsletters will now include regular book reviews to help families discover great reads for children of all ages. We'll also be promoting reading through a range of initiatives across the year, and we look forward to working together to nurture lifelong readers.

Please take a look at this week's book review of ***Chocolate Cake* by Michael Rosen** from Mrs Barrett.

Chocolate Cake by Michael Rosen is a fun and silly book that you will enjoy reading. It tells the story of a child who finds a delicious chocolate cake and tries very hard not to eat it... but the cake is just too tempting!

The words in the book are playful and sound like someone talking, which makes it great to read out loud. Michael Rosen repeats words and stretches out the moment before the cake is eaten, making the story exciting and funny.

The pictures help bring the story to life and show just how tasty the chocolate cake looks. You can almost smell it and taste it! The story feels very real because many children know what it's like to want a treat and try to be sneaky.

Overall, *Chocolate Cake* is a lovely book that makes children laugh. It is short, enjoyable, and perfect for young readers. This book is a great choice for story time and is sure to leave children smiling—and maybe craving chocolate cake too!

Definitely one of my favourites!!



Maths Challenge Reminder



New Year – New Challenge

A class challenge

Which class can earn the most coins between
Monday 12th January and Monday 2nd February?

Prizes to be won

Remember if you play **Garage** you earn 10 coins for
each correct answer.



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 23rd January 2026

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

The lucky winners were;

1. Aiden L – YR
2. Sanvika S – Y2
3. Muhammad G – Y1

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

Weekly Attendance – Week ending 16th January 2026

1st Place – Year 4 with 99.3%

2nd Place – Year 3 with 98.7%

3rd Place – Year 1 with 94%

Weekly Achievers – 16th January 2026

Class	Names
Year R	Adyan SC & Vrisha P
Year 1	Seyi T & Tillie E
Year 2	Louie WS & Leo D
Year 3	Liepa G & Sikemi O
Year 4	Amaris M & Zian H
Year 5	Lewis P & Aashirya R
Year 6	Michelle F & Stanley E

Community News



Parents Supporting Parents

By volunteering just a few hours each week you can transform the lives of young children and their parents in your community.



As a Home-Start volunteer you could make a BIG difference to a local family

If you are a parent, a carer, or maybe a grandparent, you know just how tough family life can be at times. And we know it too. Our volunteers, who have parenting experience, help families with all sorts of problems, from the everyday to the overwhelming. Challenges such as:

- Loneliness and isolation
- Relationship difficulties
- Multiple children under 5
- ill health, disability or special needs
- Lone parenting
- Coping with bereavement
- Mental health
- Children's behaviour



Our next training course starts Tuesday 29th January, sign up today!

What do volunteers actually do?

Our volunteers will usually visit a parent in their home once a week for a couple of hours. How they help is really down to the needs of the family. Some might need a sympathetic ear, a shoulder to cry on, someone to have a laugh with. Others may need help keeping appointments or accessing local services and connecting with their local community. Our volunteers can provide an extra pair of hands to help people cope with everyday parenting situations, or practical help with activities like playing or reading stories.

Home-Start's approach is very personal and friendly and this often reassures parents that what they're going through is not unusual, that they are not alone.

I started volunteering with Home-Start in March 2024 & I have loved every minute. I first thought I'd struggle with the commitment because life can be busy and ever changing, but with good communication with your family you can work around both of your schedules, really making it the most rewarding volunteering I've done. If you're considering volunteering, I really do encourage you to go for it, not only will you change the life of a family in need, but you'll also learn new things & meet some lovely people along the way.



"Grateful to have been supported by this fantastic charity! So selfless and special! Helped me through tough times and gave me confidence in my parenting. My children adored the volunteer and were sad when our time ended with them"

Contact us to find out more!

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TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY, 7PM - 8PM

eduthing.co.uk

CLICKING WITH CONFIDENCE: HELPING CHILDREN STAY SAFE ONLINE

FREE Parent & Carer Online Safety Webinar

eduthing in conversation with
IT Services for Education **SCREENSAFE**

We are excited to again be celebrating the upcoming Safer Internet Day by hosting a virtual parent & carer support session with Anna Sarjantson, ScreenSafe and experts from the eduthing Professional Learning team, and you're invited!

Join us in conversation as we explore the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:

- Q Artificial Intelligence - What to know and how to support your children and young people
- Q Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety
- Q Top Tips and Tricks for Parents & Carers
- Q Particular Apps or Features to be aware of!
- Q Interactive Q&A Session



ABOUT SCREENSAFE

I started Screen-Safe to help more parents, carers, teachers and anyone working with children, have access to support, the information they need now and the tools they need for the future when it comes to keeping our children and young people safer online. As a parent myself, I know just how challenging and sometimes, overwhelming it can be to navigate the digital world our children are growing up in. The online world can provide incredible opportunities but also some serious risks, especially where children are concerned.

We want them to be able to recognise the risks, be able to call out fake profiles or misinformation and have the confidence to say NO and get away from anything or anyone online that doesn't feel right or safe to them.



ABOUT EDUTHING

eduthing are a leading technology provider to schools across the UK. As well as providing technical support to ensure teaching and learning runs smoothly, eduthing work with teachers, parents, carers and students with Computing, EdTech and Online Safety support and workshops.



We are passionate about ensuring the safety of children and young people when they experience the online world and immerse themselves in a safe and measured way.

SESSION REGISTRATION

Click here to register for the upcoming session:

<https://eduthi.ng/SIDW-2026> Please note that this is a live session.



[Click here to book your place](#)