



# 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 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

## Diary Dates

### NEW DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Disco

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Summer Fair

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

## Weekly Update

### Welcome back Mrs Keenan

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs Keenan back from maternity leave. She will be working in Year 2 alongside Miss Chang-Taylor as well as providing HLTA support across the school.

### Online Safety

As we approach Safer Internet Day, an annual, global event promoting the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology by children and young people, we are pleased to be able to invite parents **to join an online parent and carer support session** being hosted by our IT support providers Eduthing.

This year the Eduthing team are fortunate to be joined by Anna Sarjantson from ScreenSafe and will be exploring the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:

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

Registration is free **but parents and carers will need to register** for the session using the link:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/e-1ekEQcQyqHbEn2-wEYJw#/registration>

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.

## Book Fair

We are delighted to invite you to our Scholastic Book Fair, which will arrive in school before half term. The Book Fair will be held in the Year 1 classroom after school from Tuesday 10th February to Friday 13th February.

Not only is this a great opportunity to purchase some high-quality books to enjoy at home, but you will also be supporting the school, as every book purchased earns rewards. These rewards will be used to buy new books for our class libraries.

Please note that, like last year, we will not be accepting cash at the Book Fair. Instead, credit and debit card payments can be made using a card reader that is being loaned to the school by Scholastic.

Before the fair, the children will be given their World Book Day voucher, which they can use at the Book Fair to receive a £1 discount on a book of their choice.

Please click the link below for more information about the books that will be available at the fair;  
<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair. Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Evans

## Book Review

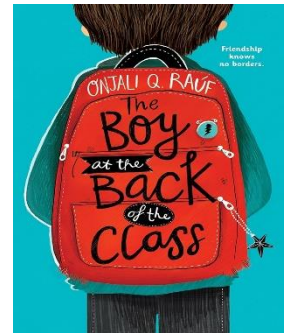
Please take a look at this week's book review of *The Boy at the Back of the Class*  
By Onjali Q. Raúf

*The Boy at the Back of the Class* is a powerful and heart-warming story that is perfect for primary-age readers. Told through the eyes of a kind and curious child, the book follows a class who notice that a new boy, Ahmet, always sits quietly at the back of the room and never seems to smile or speak.

As the story unfolds, we learn that Ahmet is a refugee who has had to leave his home because of war. Through friendship, kindness, and some big (and sometimes funny!) ideas, the children try to help Ahmet feel safe and welcome in his new school.

This book gently explores important themes such as friendship, empathy, courage, and standing up for others. Although it talks about serious topics, it does so in a way that is thoughtful, hopeful, and suitable for younger readers. There are also moments of humour that will make children laugh and keep them engaged.

We highly recommend *The Boy at the Back of the Class* for our school community. It is a wonderful book to spark discussions about kindness, inclusion, and how small actions can make a big difference.



## PTA News

**Volunteers Needed!**  
Parents & carers, we need  
**YOUR** help to run a

**SILENT DISCO**  
for the children at our school!

Date: **Thursday, 26 March 2026**  
Time: **KS1 5:00-6:00pm • KS2 6:15-7:15pm**

★ Volunteers needed to help with:

- ★ Admittance
- ★ Headphone Tech
- ★ Water Stations
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ General Supervision

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## Maths Challenge Final Weekend!



### New Year – New Challenge

A class challenge

Which class can earn the most coins between  
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

The lucky winners were;

1. Eric H – Y3
2. Navdha C – Y6
3. Arthur R – Y3

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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Year 6 with 95.9%

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Year 3 with 95.8%

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Year 2 with 95.7%

## Weekly Achievers - 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Class	Names
Year R	Reginald W & Ethan F
Year 1	Ella H & Omar S
Year 2	Sanvika S & Aarnav R
Year 3	Ruhi P & Evie G
Year 4	Lucie B & Finn H
Year 5	Harmanveer B & Bella C
Year 6	Tobias C & Brain P

## Community News

### Protection against chickenpox for children from January 2026



<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2025/12/17/what-is-the-mmr-vaccine-and-is-my-child-eligible/>



## Stay'n'Play for Dads Wednesday, February 4th

Clarendon Family Centre, 1pm - 2.30pm  
1 Knapp Road, Ashford, TW15 2HZ

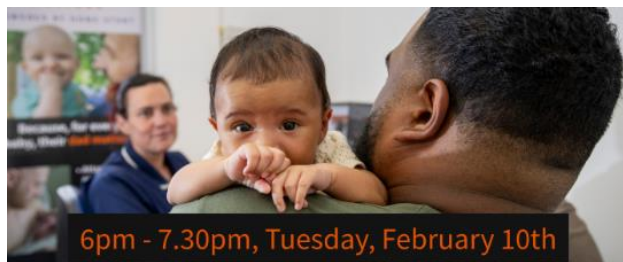
Dads – bring your little ones along to join us for a FREE stay'n'play session! Open to all dads and their kids under 5 – it's a relaxed and friendly space for games, activities and bonding time. A great opportunity for dads to connect with other dads over a cuppa!

Sign up for free here: [StaynPlayFeb4.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stay-n-play-feb-4)

*This session is only open to residents of Spelthorne, however Dad Matters Surrey regularly runs other events for new dads, so please follow us for other opportunities.*



[homestartsurrey.org/dad-matters](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stay-n-play-feb-4)



6pm - 7.30pm, Tuesday, February 10th

## New Dad Workshop Online

Calling all dads-to-be and new dads with babies under 12 weeks old. We're excited to be working with Spelthorne Family Centre to offer a FREE New Dad Workshop, designed to support you through the early days of parenthood.

This relaxed and supportive session will cover:

- Bonding and attachment
- Mum's & dad's mental health and wellbeing
- Where to go for help, advice, and support
- Coping with a crying baby
- Supporting your partner

Whether this is your first baby or you're just looking for reassurance, this workshop is a safe space to ask questions, build confidence, and connect with other dads.

Sign up for free here: [NDWFeb10.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-dad-workshop-feb-10)

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[homestartsurrey.org/dad-matters](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-dad-workshop-feb-10)  
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