



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
16 th – 20 th February	HALF TERM
Monday 23rd February	INSET Day – children not in school
Thursday 26th February	Sayers Croft Parents meeting 2.45pm – in the school hall
w/c Monday 2 nd March	Years 1 – 6 Parent Consultation Meetings – more details to follow
w/c Monday 2 nd March	World Book Day Week
Wednesday 11 th March	Year 6 Class Assembly – 9am
Friday 13 th March	Year 6 Houses of Parliament visit
Mon 16 th – Weds 18 th	Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential
Monday 23 rd March	Year 6 Junior Citizen Event
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip

Weekly Update

As we reach the end of the first half of the Spring term, it has been lovely to notice the days gradually becoming lighter – a sign that brighter days are ahead. Let's hope the weather follows suit as we move into the next part of the term!

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 23rd February for our staff INSET day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 24th February at 8.30am, ready for another busy and exciting half term.

Spelthorne in Bloom Poster Competition



2025 Winning Entry

Last week, this year's Spelthorne in Bloom competition was introduced to the children in assembly. The theme for this year is Trees and the judges are looking for vibrant, colourful images with trees, flowers and any natural elements which remind children of Spelthorne. Posters **must include the words "Spelthorne in Bloom"** and judges encourage imaginative designs. All posters must include the child's name, age and school **written on the back of the entry.**

All entries must be **no larger than A4** in size and not use gold or silver in their design. Computer generated posters are permitted as part of a separate category.

Entries need to be handed into class teachers, the school office or Mrs Stondzik by **Wednesday 25th February 2026**.

Welcome to Ms O'Connor

If you have visited the school office this half term, you may have noticed a new face. We are delighted to officially welcome Ms O'Connor to our school community as our new School Business Manager. She has already settled quickly into the busy routines of Clarendon school life and is becoming a familiar presence in the office. She comes with a wealth of experience in the role and we are very pleased to welcome her to our team.



The role of School Business Manager is a vital one. Ms O'Connor oversees the strategic and day-to-day management of the school's finances, budgeting and procurement, ensuring that our resources are used effectively to support teaching and learning. She also has responsibility for site management, health and safety, compliance, contracts and a range of operational services that keep the school running smoothly behind the scenes!

Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the book fair this week in school. The children have all been excited to explore new books, and we are confident we have raised great funds for the school. We will update you with exact figures after half term.

Mental Health Week

In school this week it has been Children's Mental Health Week. During the week children have been thinking about what good mental health means and how we can help keep ourselves mentally active and healthy. Children have also been thinking about 'belonging' and have created large class posters that will be displayed in school for all to see.

During the week we have thought about the following '5 ways to wellbeing':





Connect before school:
Say "good morning" to someone.



Be Active at playtime:
Play a game that gets you moving.



Take Notice after school:
Notice the weather or nature on your way home.



Keep Learning before bed:
Learn a new fact from a book or story.



Give at lunch:
Share a smile or help a friend.

Safer Internet Day 2026

This week in school we celebrated Safer Internet Day. As part of this Mrs Stondzik led an assembly where we talked about AI technology and how it is becoming increasingly part of all our lives.

This Safer Internet Day we are asking parents and carers to start a conversation about how to use AI safely and responsibly.

Use these top tips to help keep you and your loved ones safe online.

Enjoy going online together and talk regularly about your family's online lives

The internet is amazing and can help us all to access information and entertainment. Spend time online with your child to understand how they are using technology and talk together about the good and the bad parts of being online. Talk about your own experiences and find other opportunities to get the conversation started, like stories in the news. Make sure your child knows they can talk to you about anything that they see or experience online.

Understand where AI technology is being used and the impact it can have

From summaries on search engines, to voice assistants and photo editing tools, AI powered features are being added to many of the apps and devices we use day-to-day. Look out for information and warnings notifying you where AI technology is in use or where content has been created using AI. Help your child to recognise these too. Remember, AI can make some tasks simpler but may also collect data about you and your family, or share unreliable information, so consider how to use it safely and responsibly.

Recognise what safe and responsible use of technology looks like

To use technology, including AI, safely and responsibly, it's important to reflect on the potential impact it can have on yourself and others. How does your use of technology make you feel? How can you use technology with kindness and respect for others? Does your use

of technology benefit you or help you build skills? How might it affect you now, and in the future? Ask these questions of your own internet use, as well as your family's.

Stay informed with free resources

Young people have told us about the incredible ways they're using AI, but also about their worries for what it means for the future. Issues such as the environmental impact of AI, what it means for job prospects, and the threat of deepfakes can seem scary but remember, you don't need to have all the answers. Stay informed using free resources like those produced for Safer Internet Day and talk to your child about their concerns about new technology – you can always work together to find more information.

Know where to go for help if something goes wrong

Like any technology, using AI comes with risks. Some AI tools, like ChatGPT, have built-in reporting features where you can raise issues such as inappropriate or harmful content. Many social media platforms also allow you to report content you suspect has been created with AI. Additionally, AI generated content can break the law. If you see illegal images that show child sexual abuse (including AI generated images), you should report these to the IWF and on the platform where they are being shared. If someone creates an image of you or your child using AI these can also be reported on the platform where they are being shared, and AI generated nude images can be reported to Stop NCII (for images of adults) and Report Remove or Take It Down (for images of under 18s).

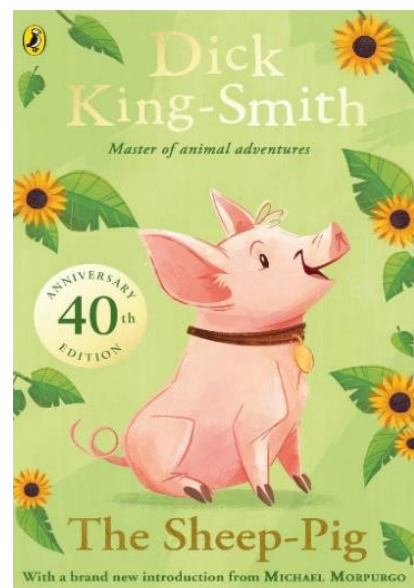
Book Review

Book review: *The Sheep-Pig* by Dick King-Smith

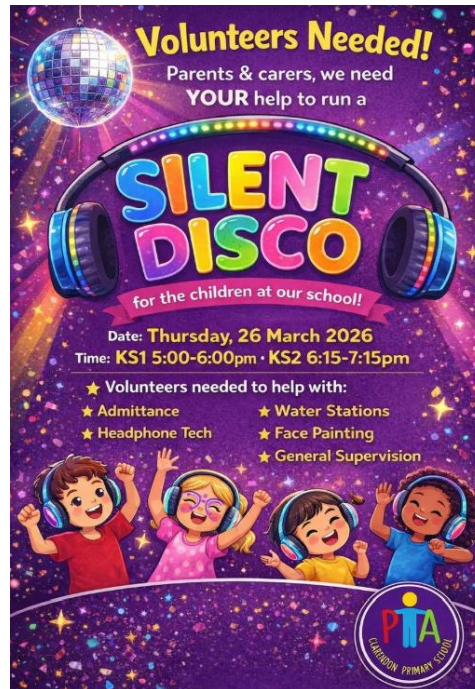
Have you ever met a pig who could herd sheep? In *The Sheep-Pig*, Babe is no ordinary pig. He's clever, kind, and determined to prove that even the smallest animals can do amazing things. When Babe arrives on Mr. Hoggett's farm, no one expects much from him—but with the help of the wise sheepdog Fly, he learns to herd sheep and surprises everyone around him. Babe is brave, full of surprises and inspiring.

The story is full of humour, adventure, and heart. Dick King-Smith brings the farm to life, giving each animal its own personality and making readers feel like they are part of Babe's world. There are funny and memorable moments and each animal has his own individual, quirky ways. Babe's courage, kindness, and determination make him a character you can't help but cheer for, and the lessons about friendship, believing in yourself, and trying your best shine through on every page.

The Sheep-Pig is perfect for children who love animals, exciting adventures, and stories that warm your heart. It's funny, touching, and inspiring—a story that will stay with you long after the last page. A perfect choice for Years 2 - 4 and a magical book to share with your younger children at bedtime.



PTA News



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 13th February 2026

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

The lucky winners were;

1. Mya S – Y3
2. Dexter O – Y1
3. Sebastian 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.

Weekly Attendance – Week ending 6th February 2026

1st Place – Year 2 with 97.1%
 2nd Place – Year 4 with 96.6%
 3rd Place – Year 6 with 95.3%

Half Termly Class Attendance

1st Place – Year 4 with 96.7%
 2nd Place – Year 6 with 95.9%
 3rd Place – Year 3 with 94.9%

Half Termly 100% Raffle

Ronnie W – Year 1
 Sofia C – Year 1
 Delilah G – Year 2
 Mya Sebastian – Year 3
 Liepa G – Year 3
 Manha A – Year 4

Weekly Achievers – 6th February 2026

Class	Names
Year R	Joshil S & Nicholas B
Year 1	Nylah J & Kabir O
Year 2	Kyron E & Sebastian L
Year 3	Bella C & Nikita N
Year 4	Jessica I & Francois EF
Year 5	Aariv S & Casey S
Year 6	Ranya K & Dolcie C

Community News



Bridging The Cosmos
 Motion Capture & Dance Workshop

Step into a world where **dance** meets **technology**! Use the **motion suit** to control your **character** and shape the **virtual world** with your **movements** and **watch a dance performance!**

Morning Session
 10:30 - 13:00
 Ages 7 - 11 years

Afternoon Session
 14:00 - 16:30
 Ages 12 - 16 years

No experience needed! Photography: Ruby Galabry

Mon 16 Feb
 FREE - booking required.
 Email or call:
 spelthornefamilycentres@surreycaretrust.org.uk 01784 241407

Stanwell Youth Centre
 Hadrian Way, Stanwell
 Staines, TW19 7HE
 Parking available on-site.
 Come by bus, bike or on foot if you can.

Logos: SCT, Families First, Spelthorne Family Centres, HOPE DANCE



Little Diamonds

Session 1: 10.30-12.00
 Session 2: 12.30-2.00

Please call to book a session 01784 241407

A smaller group for children with additional needs and the parents and carers who care for them. Offering fun activities, sensory resources; a chance to have a chat with other families and share ideas and experiences. Advice and support available from the Early Support Team & visits from other professionals supporting children with additional needs.

No food allowed due to underlying allergies.

Tuesday 28th October 2025
 Tuesday 17th February 2026
 Tuesday 7th April 2026



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Come and join us for coffee/tea on
Thursday 12th March at 1.15pm at
the Family Hub, Springfield Primary
School, Nursery Road, Sunbury, TW16 6LY



We will have Christine from the Autism Outreach Team with us to chat to you about Parent workshops, and we will be asking for your thoughts on content for further Coffee Mornings/Afternoons – eg Sleep, Food and so on.

The Spring - Expression of Interest form

