



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 13th April 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 23 rd March	Year 6 Junior Citizen Event
Tuesday 24 th March	Rocksteady Concert
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 3 Natural History Museum Trip
Thursday 26 th March	Year 4 final swimming session
Friday 27th March	Last day of Spring Term – School finishes at 2pm
30th March – 10th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 13th April	INSET Day – Children not in school
14 th – 15 th April	Life Bus Workshops in school
Thursday 16 th April	Y5/6 Catch-up swimming (letters sent to relevant families)
Friday 17 th April	Y5 trip to the Science Museum
Friday 24 th April	PTA Treat Sale and Uniform Sale
Wednesday 29 th April	Year 5 class assembly

Weekly Update

Spelthorne Cross Country Event

The conditions were perfect for a team of 22 children from Years 3 – 6 to proudly represent Clarendon at the Spelthorne Cross Country competition, at Hazelwood on Tuesday afternoon. Competing against 7 other Spelthorne Primary Schools, the children demonstrated fantastic determination, resilience and teamwork throughout the event. Each and every one of them showed our school values in action, supporting one another, trying their very best and representing the school with excellent sportsmanship. We are incredibly proud of all their achievements and the positive attitude they displayed. Special congratulations go to Dolly-Ann (Y4) and Stanley (Y6), our two medallists who achieved outstanding results in their races, finishing in 3rd and 6th place respectively and earning well-deserved medals. What a great event, well done everyone!



Year 4 Sayers Croft Residential

The conditions were also perfect for our annual Year 4 trip to Sayers Croft this week. Watch this space for the children's recounts of their time away which will be showcased in next weeks newsletter.

Non-residential Year 4 group

A group of children who did not attend the residential this week had a fun-packed activity week in school. This included team games, a park visit, cooking and a campfire. Again, we will share their recounts with you next week.



The trip of a lifetime – Year 6's trip to the Houses of Parliament

We started walking to the station; it was a 45-minute train ride to Waterloo and then we began walking to the Houses of Parliament. We saw the beautiful front of the building, then we walked around to the back and waited for our guides to come and get us. Once the guides arrived, all four groups were put together until we split off again into two different groups.

My group made our way to the hall and, right before we entered the House of Lords, we were told about the Magna Carta and the history of MPs, including how often the king visits the Houses of Parliament. Then we went inside the House of Lords. There was a debate happening, which was very interesting.

After that, we made our way to the House of Commons, where the king is not allowed. This is to protect parliamentary independence and make sure the monarch cannot intimidate representatives of the people. We entered the House of Commons and they showed us where the sceptre is placed, which is a symbol of the King. Then we continued walking, went out of the building, and then back into the main building again. When we returned to the main area, we looked up at an arch that had a painting on it. Our guide told us that when the tide is at its highest, the painting lights up and makes a rainbow.

We joined the groups in Westminster Hall and had a photo. That hall was the exact place where Queen Elizabeth II's coffin was placed for people to pay their respects. Then we made our way back to where we had started. We went into another hall and were each given a clay number. On our table there was a bag with an object inside, and we had to guess what the objects were by feeling them before taking them out of the bag. Once we named them all, we had to try and figure out where they should go.

Our leader then gave half of the group a bill. First, the MPs in the House of Commons look at a bill, then it gets passed to the House of Lords so they can look at the problems with it. If the House of Lords cannot accept it, the bill gets passed back and forth until both houses are happy. This is called parliamentary ping pong. It is called a bill until it becomes a law, but it can only become a law if the king signs it. Once both houses agree, it gets sent to the king. If the king doesn't sign it within a certain time, it would create a resolution.

Next, we were told that each MP has a different colour in the post box to show which party they belong to. Our MP is Lincoln Jopp, and his colour was blue because he is part of the Conservative Party. Red is the colour of the Labour Party, and green is for the Green Party. At the table we had a parliament cut-out of Lincoln Jopp, and we put the colour blue on his box. When he came through to the House of Commons, we signed blue and that was delivered to him.

After all of that, we made our way back to the train. We ate our lunch on the way and then went back to school. That was the end of our trip to Parliament. In conclusion, it was amazing, breathtaking, a once-in-a-lifetime experience and I'm very happy that I got to go.

By Eliza Huda



Break and Lunchtimes

We have recently been talking with the children about what makes playtime enjoyable for them, and they shared that having a variety of activities really helps keep them engaged. In response, we have ordered a wide range of new equipment based on their ideas, as we continue to focus on making break and lunchtime even more fun and stimulating for everyone. On Thursday, we introduced some new dressing-up costumes, and the children had a fantastic time letting their imaginations run wild!

If you have any dressing-up items that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for donations, as the children absolutely love using them. We are also looking for suitable short

books, joke books, Guinness World Records books, or similar items for our gazebo reading area.

If you are able to contribute, please send any donations to the school office. Thank you for your continued support!



Eid Mubarak



We would like to send warm wishes to all our families celebrating Eid. May this special time be filled with joy, peace and togetherness, and may your homes be filled with happiness and celebration.

Eid Mubarak to everyone in our community!

Morning drop off!

We have noticed that an increasing number of children are arriving at school well before the gates open at 8:30am. We understand that early arrival is sometimes necessary; however, we kindly remind parents and carers that children must be supervised until the school gates are opened.

We have also observed children using the Year 1 playground and equipment during this time, at times in an unsafe manner. For safety reasons, no playground equipment should be used before school.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that children remain supervised and do not use any equipment while waiting for the gates to open. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

Community Spirit in Action!

Last Friday afternoon, a group of our Year 6 pupils; Jessie, Poppy and Harper, showed wonderful initiative and kindness by choosing to go litter picking in the local area. This was entirely their own idea—no one asked them to do it, and it wasn't part of a planned activity. They simply wanted to make a positive difference in their community. We are incredibly proud of their thoughtful actions and the care they have shown for the environment. What fantastic role models they are!



Book Review

Book Review: *Call Me Lion* by Camilla Chester

Have you ever wanted to dance like nobody's watching? Leo has. Dancing is his absolute passion, and he dreams of performing for others. But there's one big challenge: Leo has **selective mutism**, which means speaking to people is extremely difficult for him. This makes everyday life a struggle, especially when he wants to share his love of dance.

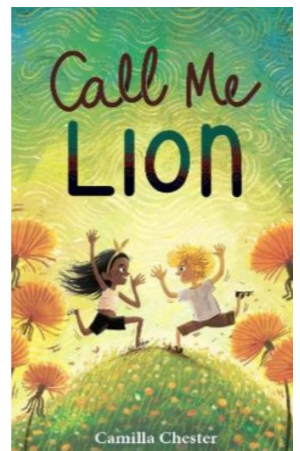
Everything changes when Richa moves in next door. She's confident, fun, and full of ideas. Slowly, a wonderful friendship begins to grow between them. With Richa's support, Leo starts to believe in himself and discovers that being brave doesn't always mean speaking out loud—it can mean finding your own way to shine.

This book is a heartwarming story about **friendship, courage, and following your dreams**. Camilla Chester explains selective mutism in a way that's easy to understand, helping readers learn about something many people don't know much about. The story is full of energy and positivity, especially in the exciting dance scenes that will make you want to get up and move!

If you enjoy stories about overcoming fears, making new friends, and never giving up on what you love, *Call Me Lion* is the perfect read. It's inspiring, uplifting, and will leave you smiling long after you've finished the last page.

Star Rating: ★★★★★ (5 out of 5)

A brilliant, feel-good book that reminds us everyone has a voice—even if it's not always spoken.



PTA News

PTA Fundraiser - Easter Crafting Kits

In the run up to Easter, the PTA has some delightful Crafting Kits for sale as part of its fundraising this term, see details below.

Please contact your class rep or order online at www.pta-events.co.uk/clarendonpta



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 20th March 2026

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

1. Tilly E – Y1
2. Sebastian R – Y5
3. Joshua S – 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 13th March 2026

- 1st Place – Year 6 with 98.9%
 2nd Place – Year 3 with 98.7%
 3rd Place – Year 2 with 96%

Weekly Achievers - 9th March 2026

Class	Names
Year R	Nelly R & Archie O
Year 1	Leo G & Nabil A
Year 2	Sanvika S & Jad S
Year 3	Chay C & Mollie T
Year 4	Zachary C & Leela C
Year 5	Iris H & Ronnie S
Year 6	The whole class

Community News

Thomas Knyvett College Presents...

THE WIZARD of Oz

24th March - 27th March
 Main Hall: 7pm - 9:30pm
 Tickets: £5

REFRESHMENTS & RAFFLE

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MAXIMUM CLASS SIZES OF 8



31.3

MAKE A SUSTAINABLE EASTER WREATH YEAR
1-6 10AM YEAR 7+ 1PM

1.4

UPCYCLED EASTER BASKETS (FOR CHOCOLATE
HUNTS 🍫) 10AM KIDS AND TEENS

2.4

UPCYCLED EASTER BUNNY
PLANTERS 10AM KIDS AND TEENS

4.4

ADULT, TEEN OR CHILD UPCYCLED PLANT
POT PAINTING 10AM AND 12PM

9.4

PARENT AND TEEN FURNITURE PAINTING
WORKSHOP. 10.30AM RIVERHOUSE BARN
ARTS CENTRE WALTON



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