



Clarendon Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

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2026/27 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;

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd September
Monday 26th July
Tuesday 27th July
Wednesday 28th July

Diary Dates

New dates added in red

Date	Event
Tuesday 13 th October	Guide Dog Visiting School
Wednesday 14 th October	Prospective 2027 Reception Parent Tours
Thursday 15 th October	Year 1 Toy Workshop – AM
Thursday 15 th October	Year 4 Roman Workshop – PM
19 th Oct – 30 th Oct	2-WEEK OCTOBER HALF TERM

Weekly Update

Yesterday, we came together as a school community to celebrate Harvest with a special Harvest Assembly. Each class from Year 1 to Year 6 shared a poem, story or reading that helped us reflect on the importance of Harvest and the reasons why it is celebrated. Mrs Jones also led the school in singing a range of Harvest songs and we all enjoyed a special event.



Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations for our Harvest collection. If you have not already done so, but are in a position to be able to donate then our collection will remain open until Tuesday 13th October. Your donations will then be passed onto the Manna Foodbank which provides

vital support to local families experiencing hardship. Whilst any non-perishable items are welcomed, please see the list below for the items that the foodbank is currently most in need of.

Crackers

Cartons of Long-Life Fruit Juice (full size)

Packs of Fruit & Nut Mix

Peanut Butter

Long-Life Full Fat Milk (Blue)

Liquid Soap - smaller size

Kitchen Roll (Smaller Rolls if Possible)

Shaving Foam/Gel

Deodorant for both Men and Women

Year 3 Time Travel to the Stone Age!

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic and immersive history trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum, where they stepped back in time over 5,000 years to experience life in the Stone Age.

Our adventure began with a visit from a Stone Age woman, who introduced the children to the daily challenges faced by people living thousands of years ago. The children enthusiastically practised their hunting skills through target activities, using an atlatl to launch arrows. They also discovered how Stone Age people used flints to light fires, built shelters for a nomadic camp, foraged for parsnips and fruit, and created artwork with charcoal on animal skins.

Some children even chose to decorate their faces with charcoal! This gave Mrs Bonner quite a shock when we returned to school looking more like a Stone Age tribe than Clarendon pupils!

The children also met a traveller from a more recent period in history and were invited in to explore her Iron Age house and garden. Here, they enjoyed making clay pots, grinding flour and preparing flat loaves. They also took on the challenge of whisking soured milk into butter. Despite their best efforts, the task proved a little too difficult and they ended up with thin cream instead!

Throughout the day, the children's curiosity, thoughtful questions and excellent engagement in every activity were a credit to them. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and demonstrated exemplary behaviour, making them wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Although it was the first cold and rainy day we have experienced for many months, the weather certainly did not dampen our spirits. It was a memorable day of hands-on learning

that brought our history topic to life and created many lasting memories. We are incredibly proud of Year 3 and all they learned on this exciting journey through time.



Is your child well enough for school?

The Department for Education has recently shared a helpful video for parents about illness-related school absence. The message is clear: while children should always stay at home when they are genuinely unwell, many common minor illnesses, such as a cough, cold, runny nose or sore throat, do not necessarily mean they need to miss school. The NHS advises that children can usually attend school if they are well enough to take part in normal activities and do not have a high temperature.

Every day in school is important for children's learning, friendships, confidence and wellbeing. Even occasional absences can mean missing valuable lessons and experiences. We encourage families to think carefully before keeping children at home and to contact the school if they are unsure whether their child is well enough to attend.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure that every child has the best possible opportunity to learn, thrive and succeed through regular school attendance.

Watch the video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_i5KxggkPTw

PTA News

Autumn Disco

Thank you to all the wonderful families who attended and volunteered at our Autumn Term Disco earlier this week. The children had a wonderful time being entertained by local DJ, **Mr M Events**, across two sessions and the event helped us raise over £500 for the PTA.

We're always very grateful when local businesses choose to work with us. Special thanks to **S J Smith Estate Agents** for sponsoring this event.

PTA AGM

Details of the coming meeting on Monday 2 November have now been sent out. Please do reach out to the Committee if you have any questions or would like to get involved in any way.

Everyone is welcome at the meeting, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Could you be our next Raffle Manager?

We're looking for someone to come on board and support the PTA with administering our raffles.

We were so lucky to have Y4 mum Jenny on board for several years, but as she's now taken a "raffle retirement" and the position is vacant. It would involve sourcing gifts from new and established donors and collating/distributing gifts after the draw.

Please get in touch if you're interested in this role.

Clarendon Quizmas

To kick start the festivities, the adults-only **Quizmas** fundraiser is back for 2026 on **Friday 27 November**. This has been a really enjoyable event in the past and we have lots of new families to welcome this time round.

Ex- Clarendon dad and former Quiz Master, Alex Stein, will be back to host for one night only, and the PTA volunteers will be keeping you fed and watered all night with a full bar service. More details below.

Sign up here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/quizmaz--2026>



Weekly Achievers - 2nd October 2026

Class	Names
Year R	Yunus J & Alexandra A
Year 1	Harper K & Vrisha P
Year 2	Macie-Mae R & Ronnie W
Year 3	Teddy P & Imaya EF
Year 4	Luis G & Alan A
Year 5	Aanika C & Mila-Rose R
Year 6	Aashirya R & Harmanveer B

Weekly Attendance - Week ending 2nd October 2026

1st Place – Year 4 with 100% *Well Done*

2nd Place – Year 3 with 97.9%

3rd Place – Year 1 with 95.9%

Reading Raffle - Friday 9th October 2026

The Winning Class with the greatest number of children being entered into the draw was Year 5.
The lucky winners were;

1. Aarnav R – Y3
2. Dexter O – Y2
3. Sikemi O – Y4

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

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.

Is your child starting school in September 2022?

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **2 November 2026** and **15 January 2027**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online
between
2 November 2026
and 15 January 2027



Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2026**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Apply online
Apply on time by
31 October 2026



Community News

Clarendon Family Centre are running a 4-week Parenting Puzzle course after half term (suitable for parents/carers of nursery/primary ages). If you are interested please contact the Family Centre directly.

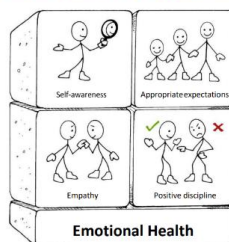
What is the Parenting Puzzle?

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

The Parenting Puzzle Workshops help 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



The Four Workshops

Workshop 1: Understanding Children's Behaviour, Listening and Communicating, Praise and Encouragement

Workshop 2: Praise and Guidance vs. Criticism, Child-led Play, and Positive Moments

Workshop 3: Boundaries and Parenting Styles, Time to Calm Down, Dealing with Stress and Conflict

Workshop 4: Choices and Consequences, Behaviour to Ignore, Putting the Puzzle Together, Looking after Ourselves

Practical information

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

10-20 parents are invited and there are two trained group leaders

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

Some groups provide a creche; check with group leaders beforehand

You need to come to all four workshops: they fit together like a puzzle

You will be provided with a copy of The Parenting Puzzle book to accompany the workshops.



How Parenting Puzzle Workshops have helped other parents

"So helpful to have ways of dealing with situations that happen on a daily basis"

"Wonderful!
Could do this every day"

"Better than expected, made me think differently about toddler behaviour"

"It was a completely new experience for me but after the first week I was completely relaxed"



Check out emotionalhealth.org.uk

The Nurturing Programme Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Where:

Clarendon Family Centre (on the grounds of Clarendon Primary School)
Knapp Road, Ashford TW15 2HZ

When:

Monday 2nd November - Monday 23rd November
9.30am - 11.30am
(booking is essential)

Contact details:

spelthornefamilycentres@surreycaretrust.org.uk
01784 424759 / 01784 241407



emotionalhealth.org.uk
Charity no. 1062514



Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Information for parents and carers



EcoKids Craft Camps

EcoKids Craft Camps are back this October half term! Children learn hands-on sustainability through a different upcycling project every day, from autumn wreaths to painted pumpkin pots and trick-or-treat bowls. Camps run 20th–22nd and 26th–30th October in Shepperton, in small groups led by Jacqui Collins, who has 15 years' teaching experience. Half days are £30 and full days £55, with sibling discounts. To book, email jacqui@vintagechicreloved.co.uk or call 07516 573 868 or log onto Class for Kids website and look for EcoKids Craft Camps.

Need fun, reliable childcare this holiday? Let your kids get creative the eco-friendly way through my EcoKids Craft Camps

I'm Jacqui, a Furniture Artist, a keen upcycler, former Assistant Headteacher and I love to teach. I've helped over 60 adults and nearly 40 children this year upcycle household items saving them from landfill.

Features and Benefits

- ✓ Small class sizes (max 8) so your children can learn a new skill
- ✓ A new upcycling craft is taught daily leaving with a beautifully upcycled item.
- ✓ Additional craft activities available using recycled materials
- ✓ Learn about sustainability and the circular economy
- ✓ Fully inclusive environment with an experienced SEN teacher
- ✓ 15 years teaching experience as well as development of the art curriculum in schools.
- ✓ Stunning studio on the banks of the River Thames, Shepperton.
- ✓ Half Day and Full Day Craft Camps are available with the option to extend the day to suit you (additional cost).

October Half Term Camp dates:
Week 1 - 20th to 22nd October
Week 2 - 26th to 30th October

£30 half day EcoKids Craft Camps 10am-12.30pm.
£55 full day EcoKids Craft Camps 10-3pm.
Discount available for 2 or more children.

Jacqui@vintagechicreloved.co.uk
07516 573 868

"Such a lovely class, my daughter loved it and made something sustainable to keep! Great welcome activity - thank you!" - Rachel
[vintagechicrelovedbyjacqui](https://www.instagram.com/vintagechicrelovedbyjacqui)

Camps run on a two week timetable with a different upcycling activity every day

What's on - Week One

Tuesday 20 October — Sustainable Autumn Wreaths

Get creative with our sustainable autumn wreaths made using fabric offcuts! Please bring a piece of fabric from home to keep things sustainable.

Wednesday 21 October — Trainer Glow-Ups & Shoe Upcycling

Bring your trainers back to life! Using decoupage and paint, children will give a pair of shoes a festive glow-up ready for the Christmas season. Please bring a pair of shoes to upcycle.

Thursday 22 October — Foraged Pine cone Table Decorations

A beautiful seasonal table decoration made from foraged pinecones. Children are welcome to bring a pine cone they've found themselves, but plenty will also be available on the day.

What's on - Week Two

Monday 26 October — Sustainable Autumn Wreaths

Back by popular demand! Another chance to make a beautiful autumn wreath using fabric offcuts. Please bring a piece of fabric from home to keep things sustainable.

Tuesday 27 October — Preloved Jewellery Making

Turn preloved jewellery into something new! Please bring a piece of jewellery with you, ideally with larger beads that are already threaded, ready to be transformed.

Wednesday 28 October — Pencil Case Upcycling from fabric

A no-sew, no-zip pencil case made from fabric offcuts, glued together and ready to fill with pens! A fun, simple upcycling project for all ages.

Thursday 29 October — Painted Pumpkin Pots

Paint your own terracotta pot ready for mini pumpkins! Children take home pumpkin seeds to plant in spring, watch them grow and hopefully have their very own mini pumpkins by next Halloween.

Friday 30 October — Trick-or-Treat Bowl/Tin Can Upcycling

Bring a bowl or tin can from home and transform it into your very own Halloween trick-or-treat basket — ready for a night of sweet collecting!

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BOYS FOOTBALL 2 Day October Camp

WHAT?

Technical development/1st
touch/receiving the ball.

Team games / combinations / 3v3,
Defensive techniques and
understanding.

Finishing & 4 aside transitions –
attacking and defending.

WHERE?

3G Pitch
ABBEEY
RANGERS FC
Addlestone
KT15 2QH

WHEN?

Wednesday 28th October
Thursday 29th October
(8.30am – 4.00pm)

AGE?

Under 5 (Reception)
Under 6 (Year 1)
Under 7 (Year 2)
Under 8 (Year 3)
Under 9 (Year 4)
Under 10 (Year 5)
Under 11 (Year 6)

DAILY COST?

£35.00



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