



Clandon CE Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Newsletter 21st November 2025

Reminders for the week beginning Monday 24th November:	
Monday	Open Morning for prospective parents
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Christmas Fair 3.00-4.30pm

Dear Families

A chilly week at Clandon School but school is buzzing with the warmth of children learning.

As you may be aware, Forest School is back! We are delighted that the tree work is complete. However, the heavy machinery has thoroughly churned up the ground which is now extremely muddy. ALL children must wear wellies to Forest School for the time being and we recommend two pairs of socks or thick socks to keep feet warm.

Imago, the school photographer, visited school shortly before half term. We would normally have expected to receive the photos by now but the company has let us know that, due to staff sickness, processing has been delayed. They hope to have the photos to us mid-week next week and we will send them out to you once we receive them.

Kestrels' World War 2 Experience at Henley Fort:

Kestrels had a sunny but cold day on Monday for their visit to Henley Fort on The Mount in Guildford, as part of their learning about the second world war. Henley Fort served as headquarters to the Surrey Home Guard during WW2. Home Front, at Henley Fort, is an exciting living history experience offering students a practical insight into the lives of those who lived during WW2 in Surrey.

The children took part in Home Guard and A.R.P (Air Raid Precaution) training, where they had to learn how to throw grenades, put out fires, evacuate civilians safely from a shelter and many more exciting activities. Kestrels were a credit to our school, showing our Clandon Way towards each other and the members of staff at Henley Fort.



Robins' Farm Visit:

Robin Class visited Worthy Earth Farm on Tuesday. You will recall from Badgers' visit there a couple of weeks ago that Worthy Earth Farm is a working farm growing and supplying organic food for various restaurants. It was a frosty, crisp morning so everyone warmed up by toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate. Robins helped Farmer Cody to make a new path between the vegetable beds using woodchip. Everyone enjoyed a turn on the rope swing and visiting the chickens!

We are grateful to the Countryside Trust charity which gave us a donation towards the WASP bus transport to Worthy Farm.

Christmas Fair:

Next Friday – **Friday 28th November** – the PTFA will be holding the Clandon School Christmas Fair. There is still time to sign up to help out on the day.

Thank you to everyone who brought a bottle to school today to donate to the bottle tombola, in return for wearing mufti. If you forgot to bring your donation, don't worry; donations of bottles with drinkable contents will be accepted up to Wednesday of next week.



Indulge yourself in Christmas Joy at Edwins Garden Centre

Discover Edwins Garden Centre

Family-run and rooted in the community, Edwins is your local spot for all things garden and home. With two welcoming locations in Woking and Clandon Park, Guildford, we offer everything from seasonal plants and soil to houseplants, gifts, pet supplies, and more.

Christmas at Edwins

Join us at our Woking branch for our **Black Friday Late Night Shopping event**, 5-8pm, where you can enjoy **free mince pies and hot chocolate**, plus **20% off all gifting and Christmas ranges**. It's the perfect chance to shop local, find something lovely, and get into the festive spirit. Follow us for updates and new arrivals: [@edwinsgardencentre](https://www.instagram.com/edwinsgardencentre).



Christmas Tree:

We are looking forward to our Christmas tree being delivered from Edwins Garden Centre next week. A massive thank you to the team at Edwins who, for many years, have supported Clandon School by donating a Christmas tree. We really appreciate their generosity. Edwins will be hosting a Black Friday shopping evening at their Woking branch.

Would you rather ... ?

The children have been introduced to our weekly "Would you rather" question in celebration assembly today. Have a chat with your child about their preferred scenario.



**Would you rather
have sharp teeth like
a crocodile or a forked
tongue like a snake?**



With best wishes

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The Newlands Federation

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Information included after the dates list:

- Loseley Fields Stay and Play sessions for preschoolers with SEN flier
- Online meeting for people with autism flier
- Festive Fun at The Hive
- Tech and Stem Christmas holiday camp at Send Primary School flier
- Santa Fun Run flier

Dates for Autumn 2025 to July 2026

New or updated events are shown in green

November	Tue 4 th	Badgers	Visiting Worthy Farm in Frensham
	Wed 5 th	Whole School	Parent Teacher Meetings
	Thu 6 th	Whole School	Flu immunisations and National Child Measurement Programme for YrR and Yr6
	Thu 6 th	Whole School	Hot chocolate and doughnut sale after school
	Mon 10 th –Fri 14 th	Whole School	Anti-bullying week – wear odd socks to school
	Mon 10 th	Kestrels	World War II day
	Tue 11 th	Rabbits	Pizza Express Visit
	Tue 11 th	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Remembrance service at war memorial
	Thu 13 th	Woodlands	Visiting Wisley
	Fri 14 th	All parents	Meet the teacher coffee morning 8.45–9.30am
	Mon 17 th	Kestrels	Visiting Henley Fort
	Tue 18 th	Robins	Visiting Worthy Farm in Frensham
	Fri 21 st	Whole School	Mufti day for donations to the bottle tombola
	Sat 22 nd	Whole School	Forest School Open Event 1.00–3.00pm
	Mon 24 th		Open Morning for Sept 2026 prospective parents
Fri 28 th	Whole School	PTFA Christmas Fair after school	
December	Tue 2 nd	Whole School	Pantomime visit to Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in Guildford
	Wed 3 rd	Squirrels & Kestrels	Movie Night
	Fri 5 th	Whole School	Reserve date for PTFA Christmas Fair
	Thu 11 th	Woodlands	Nativity performance
	Fri 12 th	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day, Reindeer Run and Christmas Lunch
	Wed 17 th	Squirrels & Kestrels	Carols in the Wilderness
	Thu 18 th	Woodlands	Christmas Party day
	Fri 19 th	Whole School	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm
January	Mon 5 th	Whole School	Back to school for first day of spring term
	Tue 27 th	Whole School	Bake sale after school: donations from Woodlands families
February	Fri 6 th	Whole School	Disco for children
	Mon 16 th –Fri 20 th	Whole School	Half term – school closed
	Mon 23 rd	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
March	Tue 10 th	Whole School	Hot chocolate and doughnut sale after school
	Fri 27 th	Whole School	Easter Bunny visiting school
	Fri 27 th	Whole School	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm
April	Mon 13 th	Whole School	Back to school for first day of summer term
May	Wed 6 th	Whole School	Bake sale after school with donations from Squirrels families
	Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th	Whole School	Half term – school closed
June	Fri 12 th	Whole School	Mufti day for donations to the bottle tombola
	Fri 19 th	Whole School	PTFA Summer Fair after school
	Fri 26 th	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
	Mon 29 th	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
July	Wed 22 nd	Whole School	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm



STAY & PLAY FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH SEN

Hosted by Pond Meadow Staff & Waverley Family Centre



10.00-11.30 WEDNESDAYS TERM TIME
STARTING 11/9/24

LOSELEYFIELDS, WAVERLEY
FAMILY SUPPORT CENTRE,
GU7 3TB
01483 532239 / 01883 340922




A focus on very isolated people



As part of the Autism Friendly Communities project we are keen to focus on the needs of autistic children, young people and adults who are very isolated.

What we mean when we say 'very isolated'



There are autistic people who enjoy a more solitary life, and whilst others may feel they are isolated, they are fairly happy.

There are also children, young people and adults for whom the outside world does not feel safe and they spend most, if not all, their time at home.

They would like to connect with others but issues like anxiety, fatigue and burnout have a huge impact on them.

We have set up an online meeting on Tuesday 25th November from 7pm to 9pm to discuss this issue.

If you are very isolated yourself, or support someone who is you are very welcome to join us. The meeting is hosted by members of the Autism by Experience team who have experience of feeling very isolated.

We will explore things like:

- Creating safe community spaces for people
- Online networks for very isolated people and their families/supporters
- Helping people to connect with others through shared interests

There is no need to book your place in advance, just click the link below to join on the evening:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88540258810>

The meeting will take place on Zoom, and there will be no pressure on anyone to speak at the meeting - it's okay to just come along and listen. It's also okay to keep your camera off.

For more information email: afc@autismbyexperience.co.uk



Festive Fun

at **The Hive**



Monday 22nd December
10:00 - 14:00

Park Barn Drive 
Guildford
GU2 8EN



Join us for this **FREE**, family-friendly event with activities including:

Santa's Grotto	Panto Dames
Raffle	Arts & Crafts
Playrangers	Live Music
Karaoke	Grilled Food
Fairground Rides	Face Painting
Children's Lucky Dip	Balloon Animals





CHRISTMAS 2025

TECH & STEM CAMP

WITH TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!



Inventions



Movie Making



Tech Fun



Robots



DIY STEM



Snow Science



SCAN ME

Send Primary School, GU23 7BS
AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY

www.nextthing.education

CHRISTMAS CAMPS 2025

What's on?

Different activity theme each day, please check website for your specific camps activities



Rocking Robots



Festive Filming



Magical MINECRAFT



3D Baubles



Tech Fun

Take Home NEW STEM Inventions & Science Creations!






29TH - 30TH DECEMBER £39.99 PER DAY

WHAT TO EXPECT:

This Christmas, leap into a world of wonder — build robots, bring Lego creations to life with animation, craft decorations with 3D pens, film festive masterpieces, embark on epic Minecraft quests, and experiment with their own Christmas bath bombs and magical snow!

GET £5 OFF WITH CODE BELOW

SNOWS

Valid on single-day bookings only. Not applicable to 5-day offer.

★★★★★

"Would recommend this even if your child isn't into technology"

Sonal Amin - Stanley Park School

★★★★★

"The activities sounded amazing and he loved them all!"

Suzie Mendes - Westles Primary

★★★★★

"Our two children loved making the electronic contraptions"

Rachel Stone - King's College School

LIMITED SPACES! BOOK NOW

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In aid of **Challengers**

Registered Charity Number: 1095134

Guildford SantaFun Run

Join us and make a difference!

Sunday 7th December 2025

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Stoke Park, Guildford



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In aid of **Challengers**



-  Festive fun for all the family
-  2.5km, 5km & 5km canicross
-  Support an amazing local charity
-  Prizes for best dressed



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to sign your family up today!