



Clandon CE Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Newsletter 24th April 2026

Reminders for the week beginning Monday 27 th April:	
Monday	9.15am Kestrels to Tormead School for hockey taster session (Tormead providing transport) PE KIT AND SHIN PADS NEEDED
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	Woodlands visiting Clandon playground
Friday	

Dear Families

We've had a wonderful week making the most of our local community.

The whole school was invited to visit the lambs at Clandon Park, where they breed White-faced woodland sheep. Over the years, the team at Clandon Park have worked incredibly hard to grow the population of this rare breed, and now around 20% of the world's White-faced woodland sheep can be found in their fields. Amazingly, there are only four male sheep and over 400 females!

Each class had the chance to call the sheep in from the fields for feeding by shouting "SHEEP!" in a loud, high voice. Woodlands were so enthusiastic that they actually scared the sheep away!

Kestrels were especially lucky, as they got to see two lambs that were just 30 minutes old. The lambs were brought into the tent for a check-up in the "lamb-u-lance," which was a real highlight of the visit.





FUN OUTSIDE

Woodlands have also been visiting the local park this week. They had a fantastic time playing altogether.

Squirrels and Kestrels went to play rounders at Clandon House Gardens. Everyone had a brilliant time in the sunshine- look at that blue sky!



TORMEAD SCHOOL

On Tuesday, Kestrels were invited to visit Tormead Girls Secondary School. They took part in a chemistry lesson where they made slime and attempted to transfer patterns in an art lesson. All the children had a fantastic afternoon and were very excited that they got to wear lab coats!





WRAPAROUND CARE INVOICING:

Mrs Taylor has sent invoices to families who use breakfast or afterschool club every week. If this applies to your child but you haven't yet received your invoice, please check your junk mailbox in case it has gone in there. If the invoice is not in there either, please contact Mrs Taylor – jtaylor@shere.surrey.sch.uk. Invoices for ad hoc sessions will be sent out later in the term.

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.

<p>JUMP ON CLOUDS</p> 	<p>Would you rather?</p>	<p>SLIDE DOWN A RAINBOW</p> 
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With best wishes

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Information after the dates list:

- St John's Pre-school, Merrow flier
- Families First Guildford programme for parents and carers of children with autism
- Face Family First workshop flier
- Dads and tots play session flier
- Football trials flier
- Holiday HQ half term activities flier
- Tech Holiday Camp half term flier
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Dates for April to July 2026

New or updated events are shown in green

April	Mon 13 th	Whole School	Back to school for first day of summer term
	Tue 14 th	Whole School	Weekly ballet lessons start 12.30-1.00pm every Tuesday
	Thu 16 th		National school place offer day
	Thu 16 th	Woodlands	Clandon playground visit
	Mon 21 st – Wed 23 rd	Whole School	Lambing visits to Clandon Park
	Tues 21 st	Kestrels	Tormead masterclasses 1.00pm-3.00pm (Free event including transport)
	Mon 27 th	Kestrels	Hockey taster Day at Tormead 9.00am-11.00am (Free event including transport)
	Thu 30 th	Woodlands	Clandon playground visit
May	Wed 6 th	Whole School	Bake sale after school: Squirrel families' donations
	Thu 7 th	Woodlands	Peter Pan themed drama workshop
	Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	Year 6	SATs week
	Mon 11 th	Woodlands	Clandon Station visit
	Wed 13 th	Woodlands	Brooklands Museum trip
	Thu 14 th	Woodlands	Clandon Playground visit
	Wed 20 th – Fri 22 nd	Kestrels	Bentley Copse residential
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th	Whole School	Half term - school closed	
June	Mon 1 st	Year 6	Junior Citizen Event at Guildford Spectrum (travelling by train)
	Tue 2 nd	Years 4 and 5	World Games Day at Christ's College
	Thu 4 th	Woodlands	Clandon Playground visit
	Mon 8 th	KS2	Visit to Kew Gardens
	Wed 10 th	New YrR and Yr2 parents	Information Evening for parents of children joining in September 7.00-8.00pm
	Thu 11 th	Woodlands	Whole day visit to Shere
	Fri 12 th	Whole School	Mufti day for donations to the bottle tombola
	Mon 15 th	Woodlands	Visit to Clandon Park
	Wed 17 th	Year 5	Hockey tournament at Tormead School
	Wed 17 th	Year 6	Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral
	Fri 19 th	Whole School	PTFA Summer Fair after school
	Mon 22 nd	Woodlands	Clandon Church visit
	Thu 25 th	Woodlands	Clandon Playground visit
	Fri 26 th	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
Mon 29 th	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children	
Tue 30 th	Whole School	Move up morning	
July	Thu 2 nd	Kestrels	£5 Challenge after school
	Mon 6 th	Woodlands	Fire Service visit to school
	Thu 9 th	Woodlands	Clandon Playground visit
	Thu 9 th	Whole School	Reports sent home
	Fri 10 th	Whole School	Sports Day at West Clandon Recreation Ground
	Tue 14 th	Kestrels	End of year performance (morning)

	Tue 14 th		Full Governing Body meeting 7.00pm
	Wed 15 th	Kestrels	End of year performance (evening)
	Thu 16 th	Woodlands	Visit to RHS Wisley
	Fri 17 th	Whole School	Sports day back if Friday 10 th July is wet
	Mon 20 th	Year 6	Leavers' church service
	Mon 20 th	Kestrels	Class party 6.30-8.00pm
	Tue 21 st	Whole School	Mufti day
	Tue 21 st	Woodlands	End of term party with party clothes
	Wed 22 nd	Whole School	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm
September	Tue 1 st	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
	Wed 2 nd	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
	Wed 2 nd	New Reception	Settling in visits 2.30-3.30pm
	Thu 3 rd	Whole School	Back to school for first day of autumn term
	Thu 3 rd	New Reception	Settling in visits 10.00-11.00am
	Fri 4 th	New Reception	Settling in visits and lunch 9.00am-12.00pm
	Mon 7 th	New Reception	Starting school
Oct	Mon 19 th – Fri 30 th	Half term	
Dec	Fri 18 th	Whole School	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm
Jan	Mon 4 th	Whole School	Back to school for first day of spring term
Feb	Fri 12 th	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
	Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th	Whole School	Half term
Mar	Fri 25 th	Whole School	Last day of term - school closes at 1.30pm
April	Mon 12 th	Whole School	Back to school for first day of summer term
May	Fri 28 th	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
	Mon 31 st – Fri 4 th	Whole School	Half term
June	Mon 7 th	Whole School	Inset day – school closed to children
July	Wed 28 th	Whole School	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm



ST JOHN'S PRE-SCHOOL



FIND US AT THE ST JOHN'S CHURCH HALL IN MERROW

PLAY, LEARN, AND GROW TOGETHER

If you are looking for a happy, engaging environment to help support the physical, emotional and social development of your child then look no further. Our learning through play philosophy is at the heart of what we do.



MON-FRI
9.30-12.30
TERM TIME ONLY

JOIN NOW!

For more information visit our Facebook page (search for St John's Pre-school Merrow) or contact Amanda Bazley on 01483 454625 or email amanda.bazley@saintjohnspreschool.org.uk



EARLYBIRD PROGRAMME

Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird programme for parents and carers of autistic children aged under 6 years.

The six-session programme covers:

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

The EarlyBird programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

Friday 17th April 9.30-10.30am - introduction and registration

All sessions run from 9.30am-12pm:

- Friday 8th May
- Friday 15th May
- Friday 5th June
- Friday 12th June
- Friday 19th June
- Friday 26th June

The cost of the course is £35, but if you are experiencing financial hardship, please come and speak to us.

01483 566589
familiesfirstguildford.com/events



May 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long
£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	4 May 10am
Understanding Anger	4 May 7pm
Facing Defiance	5 May 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	5 May 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	11 May 10am
Anxiety Explained	11 May 7pm
Introduction to OCD	12 May 10am
What is ACT?	12 May 7pm
Decreasing Depression	18 May 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	18 May 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	19 May 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	19 May 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 May 10am
Improving Family Communication	25 May 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	26 May 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	26 May 7pm
FREE Getting a Good Nights Sleep	28 May 7-8pm

Drop-in stay and play for dads and their little ones



Dads & Tots Saturday, 16th May 10am - 11.30am

Guildford Family Centre
Hazel Ave, Guildford,
GU1 1NR

Join us in a relaxed and friendly space with games, activities and bonding time for dads and their kids under 5.

A great opportunity for dads to connect with other dads over a cuppa!



Drop in and join us on the day or sign up for free here:
GFFCDadsTots.eventbrite.co.uk



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26TH - 29TH MAY 2026

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"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

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WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future! Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

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