



Clandon CE Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Newsletter 17th July 2026

Reminders for the week beginning Monday 20 th July	
Monday	Year 6 Leavers' Church Service 2.30pm Kestrels Class party 6.30-8.00pm
Tuesday	Whole School mufti day Woodlands end of term party with party clothes
Wednesday	Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm
Thursday	SUMMER HOLIDAYS ...
Friday	

Goodbye Mrs Beattie (We couldn't resist the photo!)

It is time to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Beattie as she leaves the Newlands Federation.

Mrs Beattie has led with kindness, inclusivity, fairness and a nurturing approach that has made a lasting difference to our school community. Her innovative ideas have inspired and engaged children and families, creating opportunities that encouraged children to come to school with enthusiasm and confidence.

She has always been a caring and supportive leader, encouraging staff, celebrating successes and bringing warmth, fun and compassion to everything she does. Her dedication to our children, families, and colleagues has been unwavering and the positive impact she has made will continue to be felt for many years to come.

Mrs Beattie leaves behind a remarkable legacy and, while she will be greatly missed by everyone at the Newlands Federation, we are excited for her as she begins this new chapter. We wish Mrs Beattie every happiness and success in the future and thank her for everything she has given to our school community.

A Message From our Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers

As the Summer term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Executive Head, Vicky Beattie, for her many years of leadership at our schools in Clandon and Shere. Her fantastic contribution now means that our schools are in a much better place and well established for the future.

Vicky joined Shere as Head in September 2015, became joint Head of Shere and Clandon in September 2019, and was instrumental in the formation of our Newlands Federation. Vicky has



led both schools with the utmost professionalism and enthusiasm and, notably, increased Clandon's Ofsted rating from Requires Improvement to Good.

I know she will be sorely missed and it is clear that our loss will be her new employer's gain! Therefore, on behalf of our school communities, I would like to wish her good luck in her new endeavour.

Our new Executive Head, Tom Dell, will be starting in September and we very much look forward to him joining the Federation.

And finally, I do hope that all of you have an enjoyable summer.

Trevor Skerrett
Newlands Federation Chair of Governors

This week's end of term Clandon School news

Dear Families

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement has made such a positive difference to the children's learning and wellbeing.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence, develop new skills and embrace every learning opportunity with enthusiasm. They have worked incredibly hard, shown resilience, curiosity, kindness and determination, and should all be very proud of everything they have achieved. From exciting classroom experiences to memorable trips, creative projects and everyday successes, they have made fantastic progress across all areas of their learning.

Thank you for everything you have done to support your child's learning at home and for entrusting us with such amazing children each day. It has been a privilege to be part of their journey.

I hope you all have a happy, relaxing, and well-deserved summer break. I wish you and your family all the very best, and I know the children will continue to thrive as they move on to their next adventure.

The Wizard of Oz

A huge well done to Kestrel Class on their fantastic performance of *The Wizard of Oz*! Every child worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, practise their songs and dances and step onto the stage with courage and confidence.

They all conquered their nerves and gave a performance to be proud of. Every single child is a success and they should celebrate everything they have achieved.

The Kestrels staff are immensely proud of each and every child, and we are sure their families are too. Thank you to everyone who supported the children throughout their rehearsals and helped make the performance such a memorable occasion. What a wonderful way to celebrate all their hard work!



Woodlands at Wisley:

Children in Woodlands enjoyed a lovely sunny visit to RHS Wisley this week. They explored all the wonderful plants in the garden, saw a giant mole made from Lego and even braved the glass house.



Sports Day

What a fantastic Sports Day we have had this afternoon! Thankfully the weather has been very slightly cooler than it would have been last Friday.

A **huge** thank you to the parents who kindly gave up their time to help put up the gazebos and equipment before the event. Your support was greatly appreciated and helped everything run smoothly.

Thank you also to all the families who came along to cheer on the children and to our wonderful staff, whose enthusiasm and hard work ensured the afternoon was such a success.

Most importantly, a huge well done to every child who took part. You all showed fantastic determination, resilience, teamwork and sportsmanship, giving every event your best effort. We are incredibly proud of you all.

It was a lovely afternoon, filled with encouragement, smiles, and celebration. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a memorable occasion.

Thank you from the PTFA:

Lynn and Sally would like to thank everyone for their support this year. With your help, we have funded tickets to the Panto at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, a new climbing frame in Woodlands and a set of glockenspiels among other items. We hope to install a sandpit in the playground in the near future.

Jon is continuing his challenge to run 10 ultramarathons in 10 months during the summer holidays. If you would like to support him and raise money for Clandon PTFA and White Lodge Centre, please visit <https://givestar.io/gs/jons-10-in-10-for-sen>

We are grateful for all the parents and teachers who volunteer at PTFA events; we couldn't do it without you. If you would like to find out more about raising money and organising fun activities for the children, please come along to our first Clandon PTFA meeting and AGM at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd September at Clandon School. All are welcome!

Louise and Sian are retiring from the PTFA as their children are leaving Clandon. We appreciate all you have done as class reps, in fundraising, and managing second hand uniforms. Thank you for all your contributions over the years and we wish you all the best for the future.

Finally, good luck to all our Leavers. We hope you will look back on your time with your friends at Clandon with fondness. We are all very proud of you and hope you go on to great adventures.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and fun summer!

Summer Sports Camp at Shere School:

We are delighted that Mrs Saunders' husband will be running a Sports camp at Shere during the summer holidays. Booking details are on the flier →



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 endless days of sunshine or snow?	
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With best wishes

Victoria Beattie and Hannah Dawe

Headteacher and Head of School

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Family First Magazine [Family First – Issue 3 2026 – Family First](#)

Information after the dates list:

- Wildlife Aid open weekend 18/19 July
- Sonic Social event at Lockwood Studios
- Code Camp holiday activities
- Table tennis taster session
- Garden Explorers holiday activities
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Dates for July 2026 to July 2027

New or updated events are shown in green

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



THIS WEEKEND

Wildlife Aid
FOUNDATION

OPEN Weekend

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July
10am – 5pm
Randalls Road, Leatherhead, KT22 0AL
£5 per person, under 5's go free
For more information visit www.wildlifeaid.org.uk

Would you like to try table tennis?
Free taster session for all
by Guildford Table Tennis Association

Christ's College, Larch Avenue, Guildford, GU1 1JY

Saturday 15th August 2026 from 2pm to 5pm



Beginners welcome.

Wear comfortable sports clothes, trainers and bring a water bottle.
Bats and balls provided. Stay for as long as you want!

Come down to practice, play and have fun!



If you have any questions, please email Adam at the below email address.

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Website: <https://guildford.ttleagues.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GuildfordTableTennis>




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AUGUST 8th • £5 ENTRY
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Kids of Kane 1-3pm
Kids of Kane Party

Afternoon Session • 3pm-7.30pm
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Sonic Social Evening
7.30pm - Close
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Ages: 6-11 years

July dates: Friday 24th Monday 27th & Friday 31st July

August dates: Monday 3rd, Thursday 20th & Friday 21st August

Time: 9am - 3.15pm

Venue: The Therapy Garden, Normandy near Guildford

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