



Clandon CE Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Newsletter 18th September 2026

Reminders for the week beginning Monday 21st September

Monday	Year 5 Swimming
Tuesday	Ballet lessons starting today PTFA meeting at school 7pm – all parents invited
Wednesday	
Thursday	Year 3 Feet First Walking Training
Friday	

Dear Families,

What a fantastic week of learning we have had. Cricket lessons with Shine coaching are in full swing, our new Rabbits are more settled in class and enjoying the outdoor learning areas and it has been lovely to read some of Key Stage 2 descriptive writing from their English lessons.

A **big thank you** to all the parents who have supported our **no phones on site rule** and have also ensured that they are **off site by 8.55am** so we can close the gate promptly. We appreciate you supporting our safeguarding procedures.

Anglo Saxon Squirrels!

Squirrels have begun learning about the Anglo Saxons. They were given a warrior name and designed and made colourful shields with patterns and bosses to protect themselves in battle. They the practiced Saxon Army drills such as 'Form the Wall!' and 'Advance!' Mrs Gibson wasn't sure if Squirrels look scary enough though? What do you think?



Free School Meals Applications

The government has recently expanded eligibility for free school meals. We are actively encouraging ALL families to complete and return the application form so all children are able to access support in school promptly as and when needed. Parents who didn't complete the application form when their child entered school have today been sent a letter and form and these are in a brown envelope in your child's school bag. Please complete and return the form to the school office in the envelope. Please be assured that personal information remains confidential.

Christmas Cards Project

Please look out for order forms for the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project which are being sent home today. In the past, PTFA volunteers have helped the children to create their card designs at school. We found that many children wanted to spend longer on their designs than we could manage. This year, we are sending the forms home so that children who would like to create Christmas designs can take their time with them. If you would like to make an order of your child's designs, please return the order form with attached artworks to the collection box in the school office.



Medicines in School

We are always happy to give a child medicine if they need to take it during the school day. Parents will need to complete a permission form which is available on the Parents area of the school website under Forms ([Clandon C of E School - Forms](#)) or as a paper form on the school office desk. Medicines must be supplied in the original container and with a current prescription if the medicine has been prescribed by a doctor (i.e. not Calpol etc). For safety reasons, medicines must not be left in a child's school bag but should be handed to a member of school staff.

School Car Park

If you currently have permission to use the school car park for dropping off or collecting your child, please park properly and considerately so the car park isn't blocked for other users. There have been numerous occasions when cars are effectively abandoned at the entrance to the main part of the car park, causing a blockage in the smaller section. This means other vehicles need to queue to wait to get into the car park and often have to reverse out on to the road. Please park safely and considerately and be prepared to have to wait after you drop off your child for others to depart the car park.

Composer of the week- Johann Strauss



This week we have been listening to the 'Waltz King', Johann Strauss. The Austrian composer, conductor and violinist was born in 1825. He was renowned for popularizing the Viennese Waltz and composing over 500 works including waltzes, polkas, marches, and operettas. His most famous pieces included *The Blue Danube*, which was one of the songs we listened to this week.

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
live in a tree house
or a castle?



With best wishes

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Information after the dates list:

- Yvonne Arnaud Theatre – 'Spot's Birthday Party'
- Garden Explorers October half term club
- Little Kickers October holiday camp
- Seren Kids October half term camp

Dates for September 2026 to July 2027

New or updated events are shown in green

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
	Mon 14 th	Year 5	Swimming
	Mon 21 st	Year 5	Swimming
	Tue 22 nd	All parents	PTFA meeting 7pm all parents invited
	Thu 24 th	Year 3	Feet First Walking Training
	Mon 28 th	Year 5	Swimming
Oct	Mon 5 th	Year 5	Swimming
	Tue 6 th	Kestrels	Winchester Science Centre trip
	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



SPOT'S BIRTHDAY PARTY
at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre
Thu 29 Oct 2026 – Sat 31 Oct 2026

Spot is having a very special birthday party and everyone is invited! With party hats, songs, dancing and lots of interactive party games, this is going to be the best birthday party ever! Join Steve the monkey, Tom the Crocodile and Helen the Hippo to say a big HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPOT!

Based on the beloved Eric Hill classic 'Happy Birthday Spot', this brand new adaptation brings your favourite pup and his friends to life in an interactive and accessible show suitable for ages 2+ and their grown ups.

Spot's Birthday Party is particularly relevant for KS1, encouraging an interest in theatre, literature, free-flow play and encouraging communication, including with the use of Makaton – children are encouraged to copy and sign along.

<https://www.yvonne-arnaud.co.uk/whats-on/spots-birthday-party-2026>

Garden



Explorers

A nature based holiday club

Inspiring curiosity, creativity,
and a love of nature

October Half Term Holiday Club

Ages: 6-11 years

Monday 19th, Friday 23rd & Friday 30th October

Time: 9am - 3.15pm

Venue: The Therapy Garden, Normandy near Guildford

Price: £40 per day

Run by qualified, DBS checked nature lovers



Join us in our secure garden for exploring, crafting, bug hunting, planting, den building.. and so much more



"I loved being outside, getting dirty and finding all the bugs hidden in the gardens"

"The best bit was making and taking home our bird feeders"



Book now

www.thetherapygarden.org
admin@thetherapygarden.org
01483 813846

Little Kickers

October Camp



Guildford County School, GU2 4LU

Ages: 2-8

£40 per day or save £25 for signing up for all 4 days!

WEEK 1: MONDAY 19TH – THURSDAY 22ND

WEEK 2: MONDAY 26TH – THURSDAY 29TH

TIMINGS:

8:30 – 4:30

Early drop off (8am) late pick up (5:30pm) & half day options available

CONTACT:

guildford@littlekickers.co.uk | 07733555250

refer a friend for money off

10% sibling discount

10% off for returning customers

We are more than just football! Since opening our camps in Easter we have gotten busier and busier! We have something for everyone. At our camps we have lots of other activities, arts & crafts, baking, games, toys and so much more! If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us.



SEREN KIDS OCTOBER HALFTERM CAMP

Dates: 19th - 30th October 2026

Price: £50 (Discounts available)

Location: Rydes Hill School

Age Range: 4-13

Early Bird Discount
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Expires
24.09.26

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