



Clandon CE Primary School

Roots to grow, wings to fly

Newsletter 25th September 2026

Reminders for the week beginning Monday 28th September

Monday	School tour for September 2027 prospective families Year 5 swimming
Tuesday	School tour for September 2027 prospective families
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Dear Families

We've had another excellent week of learning. This week we've also seen our wonderful community in action and staff have commented on how much support they feel families give to the school. Clandon PTFA met this week and their 'PTFA news' is at the end of the newsletter.

We cannot thank our families enough for your assistance, particularly regarding the 'no mobile phones on site' policy and also for following the front gate closure introduced this week.

School Uniform

Uniform has been in the spotlight this week with staff wanting to encourage the children to feel proud of being a pupil at Clandon Primary School. Part of this is ensuring children wear their correct uniform with pride. For PE children should wear a blue (logo or plain) t-shirt with black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers. For uniform days, a white top (logo or plain), Clandon blue jumper with dark grey bottoms and black shoes (black trainers are accepted if they are plain with no visible logos). Key Stage 2 are welcome to wear shirts and tie.

Snacks for Squirrels (children, not the animals 😊)

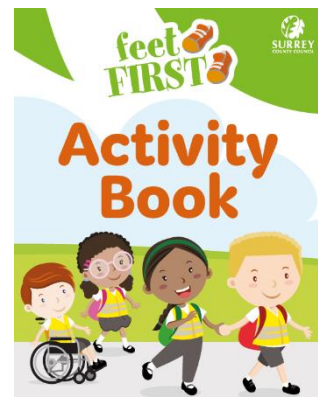
Squirrel class would be grateful of donations of snacks - fruit, snack bars, crispbreads, crackers etc. Please ensure foods do not contain nuts.

Feet First Training with Year 3 by Mrs Webb

Do you know your Green Cross Code?

On Thursday morning I donned my uniform and 'high viz' and came to school with my Surrey County Council colleague, Ms Ballantyne, to deliver 'Feet First Walking Training' to some of our Year 3 children. When I'm not teaching at Clandon, I go to schools around the county delivering training to other Year 3 groups in road safety - the Green Cross Code.

I've been doing this 'extra' job for a year now. I have always felt passionate about equipping our young people with the skills to keep safe on our very busy roads. It is a skill that is lifelong and so important. I think a few grown-ups could do with a



refresher in the Green Cross Code! How often do we see adults distracted with phones just stepping off the pavements without looking, or with headphones on, not hearing the traffic around them?

The Feet First training is designed to practically and theoretically teach Year 3s in the basics, ensuring that they know what to look out for, knowing what a safe place to cross is, identifying different types of road signs, walking in a good place on the pavement away from the kerb, being aware of vehicles – their lights, noises and speed.

I regularly 'go on' about keeping safe to all the children at Clandon in Celebration Assemblies and I make no apologies for doing that! The more regularly our children hear these safety messages, the greater understanding and the quicker they will remember to 'stop, look, listen and think' every time they are near a road or in a car park. As we approach the darker nights and mornings, I'm sure I'll go on about it even more – reminding children to wear bright colours or reflective strips on their coats, to take care in car parks when getting out of cars, to look all around and be vigilant!

I'm sure I'll be teasingly testing Year 3s and above on the Green Cross Code. The Year 3s who took part have been given a Feet First workbook and pencil with games and quizzes to remind them of their training.

I ask that you also take care when you are out and about and keep you and your families safe on our extremely busy roads and to be the good role models for our children. Thank you.
Mrs Webb.

Composer of the week– John Powell– British Composer



This week we have listening to the film scores created by composer and violinist, John Powell. You have probably heard a lot his work, without realising it! Some of his famous compositions are 'How to train your dragon', 'Minions', 'Happy Feet' and many others. He trained at London's Trinity College of Music, where he began his career composing scores for adverts for both English and French TV!

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
a tail like a monkey or
ears like an elephant?



With best wishes

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PTFA news

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA AGM and first meeting of the year. Your input was very helpful and we look forward to another year of fun events.

This year's committee and class reps are:

Chair: Lynn Yeo	2nd Hand Uniform: Sian Smith
Treasurer: Sally Hodgins	Woodlands Rep: Bev Birks
Communications: Dani Rixon	Squirrels Rep: Natalie Jones
Fundraising: Kerry Selves	Kestrels Rep: Dani Rixon

With your support, we raised £5,286.06 in 25/26, an increase of 101.4% from the previous year! We spent £2,797.45 on items including panto tickets, a climbing frame, netball hoops and a set of glockenspiels. Clandon PTFA are grateful to Your Councillor Community Fund (YCCF) for their contribution of £500 towards the sandpit. Raising money from outside our immediate school community is something we are keen to do. Clandon PTFA is now a registered charity. If know of any community organisations, businesses, trusts or foundations who might support us, please speak to any of the class reps or committee members.

A big thank you to Sally for sourcing, building (with Phil) and filling our new sandpit with 500kg of sand. We appreciate the amount of time and effort it took. It is a much anticipated addition to the playground which we hope the children will enjoy for years to come.

Christmas Cards

If you would like to have professionally printed Christmas cards and mugs, please **submit your designs with Cauliflower Card forms attached** to the Christmas project collection box in The Harbour (small room between playground and school hall) **by 3.20pm on Thursday 1 October.**



School Amazon Wish List

We have started receiving items from the school's Amazon wish list. There were no notes in the packages about who had ordered them. Thank you if you have bought something off the list, it is much appreciated. The wish list will be updated as the year goes on to include books for class libraries

Items do not have to be purchased from Amazon. If you don't have an Amazon account or already have an item on the list you would like to bring in, just mark it as bought elsewhere on the item and drop it into the school office.

This is the link to the school wish list: [Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

Information after the dates list:

- Families First Guildford – The Nurturing Programme course flyer
- MagiKats flyer
- Chertsey Museum October half term activities
- The Playday Project flyer

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	Prospective families	School tour
	Mon 28 th	Year 5	Swimming
	Tue 29 th	Prospective families	School tour
Oct	Mon 5 th	Prospective families	School tour
	Mon 5 th	Year 5	Swimming
	Tue 6 th	Kestrels	Winchester Science Centre trip
	Mon 19 th – Fri 30 th	Whole School	Half term
Nov	Mon 2 nd	Whole School	Flu immunisations
	Thu 5 th	Squirrels	Visit to Butser Farm
	Thu 12 th	Whole School	Individual Photos
	Thu 19 th	Woodlands	Visit to RHS Wisley Garden
Dec	Tue 15 th	Whole School	Pantomime at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre
	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

THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

Starting on

Friday 2nd October

10 weekly sessions, with a 2 week break for half term
09:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Guildford Family Centre

Hazel Avenue, Guildford GU1 1NR

The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment.

It is a tried and tested support programme to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

You should plan to attend each of the 10 sessions.



REGISTER AT: WWW.FAMILIESFIRSTGUILDFORD.COM/EVENTS

October Holiday Activities



Bat Attack!

Tuesday 27th Oct

11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Ages 5-12, £4.00

Get ready for Halloween by making this 3-D flappy bat to hang up!

Frankenstein Heads

Thursday 29th Oct

11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Ages 5-12, £4.00

Turn a small box into a monster Frankenstein head to decorate your house!

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/organizations/friends-of-chertsey-museum>

Or phone: 01932 565 764

All 5 year olds must be accompanied.

www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place



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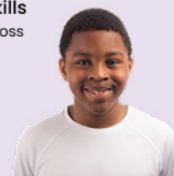
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- ✓ **Enjoy hands on activities and discussions**
A multi-sensory approach means better retention of knowledge



Secondary and GCSEs

- ✓ **Get the grades they need without the last-minute panic**
Our GCSE Support Programme supports the current curriculum throughout the entire GCSE course
- ✓ **Grow in confidence**
Our mentors and small groups help build communication skills and confidence in their own abilities
- ✓ **Develop life long, transferrable skills**
Interactive workshops and a multi-sensory approach develop thinking skills and problem-solving techniques relevant across the curriculum



Book a place

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THE PLAYDAY PROJECT



Tom Lewis & Helen Coulson – The Playday Project

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have some exciting news! 🎉

We are delighted to be looking at introducing a brand-new **Playscheme**, giving children the opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled holiday packed with **games, activities, creativity, friendship and lots of fun!** 🌈🎨⚽

We want to make sure we create a Playscheme that families will find useful and that children will love. **That's where we need your help!**

We've put together a short survey to find out **how much interest there would be in attending**, as well as which days, times and activities would work best for your family.

👉 **Please take a couple of minutes to complete our survey:** [Complete the Playscheme Survey](#)

Your answers will help us understand the level of interest and shape our plans for the Playscheme.

Don't worry — completing the survey does not commit you to booking a place. We're simply looking to gauge interest and find out what families would like.

We're really excited about the possibility of offering children a fantastic holiday experience where they can **have fun, make new friends and create some great memories!** 💛

📧 **Keep Me Updated!**

Would you like to be the **first to hear** when our Playscheme dates, activities and booking information are announced?

Make sure you complete the "Keep Me Updated" section on the survey and provide your email address! 📧

📺 **Follow Us on Facebook!**

You can also stay up to date with our latest **Playscheme news, announcements and updates** by following us on Facebook. 👉 [Follow us on Facebook](#)

We'd love to keep you in the loop! 😊

We'd really appreciate your feedback, so please take a moment to complete the survey and help us **bring our new Playscheme to life!**

Thank you for your support — we can't wait to hear what you think!

Kind regards,

Tom & Helen

The Playday Project

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