



Clarendon Junior School March 2025 Newsletter

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Message from Emma Brown



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your continued support and dedication to our school community. Your involvement plays such an important role in creating a positive and vibrant environment for our children to grow and thrive.

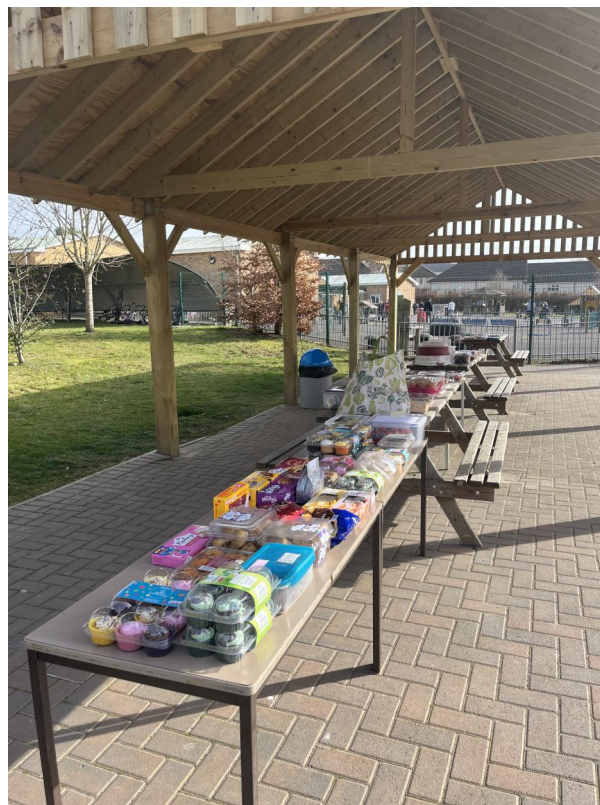
A special thank you goes out to all those who baked, donated, and purchased cakes for our Red Nose Day fundraiser. Your generosity and enthusiasm helped raise important funds for a fantastic cause, and we are so grateful for your efforts in making this event a success!

I wish you all a Happy Easter when you get there and hope you enjoy spending time with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all back for our new Term on the 22nd April.

Warmest regards,

Emma Brown

Events in school



Red Nose Day

We had a fantastic day last week celebrating Red Nose Day. A huge thank you to all of you who either baked, donated or bought cakes. We are very proud to say we raised a total of £638.35 across the federation, so thank you to all of you for your support.

Legoland

The children in Year 5 had a wonderful day at Legoland last Monday. Thank you to all our staff who accompanied them and those who went on rides multiple times with the children!

World Book Week

World Book week was full of amazing activities for all the children to be involved in. All the children took part in a 'West End' workshop based on the book, 'George's Marvellous Medicine' and really enjoyed it. World Book Day was a huge success and it was amazing to see such a love of reading from all our children and staff! Thank you to all of your support and to our committed staff who made it a fun week for all.

Extra Curricular Clubs Term 5

Our extra curricular clubs will change for Term 5 and they are going to be the following:

- *Film Club with Miss Hayday, all years, (maximum 20 children)*
- *Computing Club with Mrs Longbourne, years 3-6, (maximum 16 children)*
- *Art Club with Miss Davies, years 5-6, (maximum 20 children)*
- *Art Club with Miss Gillatt, years 3-4, (maximum 20 children)*

There will be a limit on the number of places. This is a reminder that once the clubs have started there is no option to be added during the term. Please make sure your child wants to do the club, as we have had some drop out and therefore the space is wasted. Please assume that unless you have heard otherwise, your child has a place in the club you have selected.

Adult online courses

Here are three helpful online courses to support adults' wellbeing and confidence from Family and Community Learning online.

You can either join the courses via the QR code on the fliers or by completing details using this link: [Enrolment - Work Wiltshire](#)

Please note that they need at least 7 days notice to join up before the course start dates.

This is so that learners can join a Welcome meeting plus have a quick chat to make sure that the courses are suitable before joining.



Family and Community Learning



Online course

Booking closes
Tuesday
25 March

Discovering Wellbeing

Tuesday 1 April 12.30pm - 2.30pm

- Take more control of your wellbeing
- Learn coping strategies for difficult times
- Know when and who to ask for help

Contact familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
or call the FaCL team on 01225 770478
Visit <https://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-and-community-learning/> or scan the QR code



Our courses are free if you are 19+ years old, resident in the UK/EU for over three years (some immigration status exempt, including resettlement schemes), have a Wiltshire postcode, and meet any of the following criteria: earn less than £25,000 pa, in receipt of benefits, military family, foster carer/care leaver/carer, have a disability.

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Family and Community Learning Confidence building courses online



JOIN THE CONFIDENCE BOOSTING COURSES TO HELP YOU MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES AND BRIGHTEN UP YOUR TOMORROW!

Discovering Confidence

1 x 2 hour online session

Tuesday 15 April 12:30-2:30pm

**Book your place by 8 April*

- Identify ways to improve your wellbeing
- Take steps to build your confidence



Confidence and New Directions

5 x 2 hour online sessions

Tuesday 29 April 12:30-2:30pm

**Book your place by 22 April*

- Learn to increase confidence and self esteem
- Develop ways to manage everyday stress

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Email: familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk
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Family and Community Learning



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Friday 25 April

Helping My Child Build Concentration and Resilience

- Explore how the environment affects concentration
- Discover how words can help develop resilience
- Develop ways to support concentration and resilience

Online
Friday 2 May 10:00-12:00

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Reading tips

20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day will...

Improve focus and concentration	Be exposed to 1.8 million words a year	Encourage a love for learning
Have a world of imagination and creativity opened to them		Learn how to develop empathy
Have stronger writing skills	Have a broad vocabulary	Improve test results
Improve and strengthen memory	Have better general knowledge	Improve critical thinking skills
	Improve communication skills	Have reduced stress levels

Silly School Education

Here is another reminder why reading is so important for our children!

Uniform Expectations



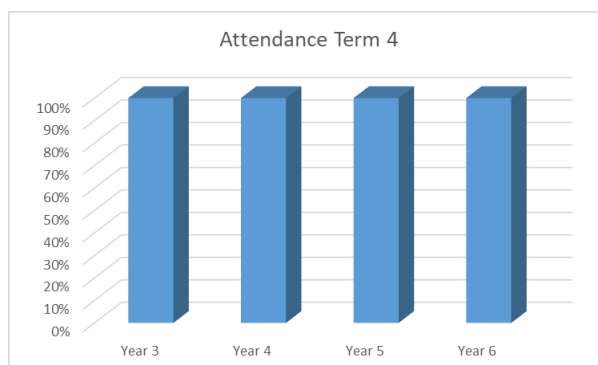
We do encourage school uniform because we feel it helps our children to develop a sense of belonging to our school, and we believe it also makes life a little easier for parents! Our uniform is as follows:

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with our school logo*
- Grey or black trousers, pinafore or skirt*
- White / blue polo shirt / blouse*
- Sensible flat [safe] black shoes [not trainers]*
- Blue check gingham dresses in the Summer*

Please order directly from our supplier - Brigade www.brigade.uk.com

We have noticed some children are starting to wear jewellery in school. This is a reminder that children should not be wearing any jewellery in school unless they have their ears pierced where they are allowed to wear a small pair of studs. Can we please ask that you check before your child/ren leave in the morning that they are not wearing any - thank you.

Attendance Update and Absence Reporting



The government have made changes to attendance for school pupils which have come into play from September 2024. A letter was sent out from school prior to the summer holidays summarising these changes. Maintaining a high level of attendance in schools is a high priority and will be monitored more stringently by local authorities. Absent requests from parent/carers will continue to be looked at individually, however there is a chance that the request will not be authorised. We will continue to work with you around this matter and the changes that have come in from the DfE.

If your child is too unwell to come to school, please email the office on absence@clarendon-jun.wilts.sch.uk to report the absence. Any planned absences, for example holiday, wedding or visiting another school, please follow procedure and complete leave of absent forms. You can also call the office, where you will be directed to the absence reporting line. Please note, if we don't hear from you by 9.30 am then a member of the attendance team will need to make contact with you to ensure everything is ok.

Safeguarding update



We have had an increase of incidents reported about online safety. Please take time to read the following advice for parents and carers about supporting your child around this complex matter. [Teaching Your Child about Internet & Online Safety | NSPCC](#)

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD:

Mrs Emma Brown and Mrs Lisa Ashford-Smith

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Westall and Mrs Wendy Riordan

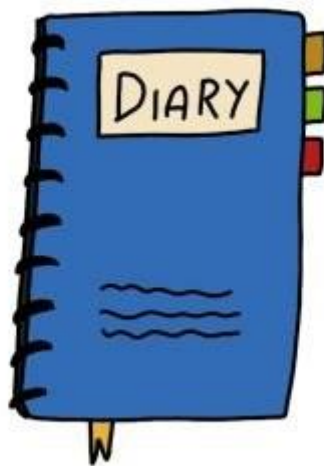
Nominated Governor for Safeguarding, Whistleblowing, Filtering and Monitoring and Online Safety:

Mrs Chantelle Adams

Deputy Teacher for Looked After Children:

Mrs Emma Brown and Mrs Lisa Ashford-Smith

Dates for your diary



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Tuesday 25th March - Personal and Online Safety Talk Year 6

Easter Disco - 3rd April, LKS2 Y3 and Y4 3:15 - 4:00pm, UKS2 Y5 and Y6 4:15 - 5:00pm

Friday 4th April - Dandelion Day and End of Term 4 at 1pm

Tuesday 22nd April - Start of Term 5

W/C 12th May - SATs Year 6

Sports Day - 21st May (details to follow and parents/carers welcome)

Friday 23rd May - End of Term 5

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