

January 2026

CLAYCOTS SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Spring Term

End of Term- 13/02/2026
Finish time- 3.15pm

INSET DAY – 23/02/2026

Children Return to School – 24/02/2026 at 8:30am

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Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all, and a warm welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable break. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back into school and to see Claycots once again full of energy, enthusiasm and smiles.

There is much to look forward to this half term, with a number sports fixtures, visits and workshops and exciting events and opportunities planned across the coming weeks. We will also be holding Parent Consultation Meetings in the final week of this half term.

I would like to take this opportunity to share a few reminders with parents and carers at the beginning of the new term.

Reporting Absence

If you are calling the school to let us know your child is ill, please provide us with details of your child's illness and keep the office updated each day that your child is absent.

Parking

Please can I remind you to park considerately at drop off and pick up as we often receive complaints from our neighbours regarding blocked driveways or dangerous parking.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform for school and for PE. All of your child's belongings should be clearly named so that lost property can be returned quickly and easily. At the end of term, we are always left with unclaimed lost property, largely because items are not labelled.

We also hold a stock of pre-loved uniform in school, and this can be collected from our Family Support Hubs at each campus on a Thursday at Britwell or a Monday at Town Hall.

Please do check the parent information section of our website for more details in a range of areas: claycots.co.uk

You can see more examples of what is going on in school on our X (formally Twitter) feed @ClaycotsSchool. We are also on Instagram and Facebook so please do follow us and look at all the amazing learning that is happening in our wonderful school.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Kind regards,

Sarah Mijatovich

Headteacher

Parent Information

Gate Information

School Gates

AM Gates

Open: 8:20am - Close: 8:45am

PM Gates

Open: 15:00pm - Close: 15:30pm

Electronic Gates

Please do not push, pull or squeeze through the electronic gates. These gates are automated, and doing so can cause the gates to become damaged.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is **free** and there is no need to book, just turn up on the day between **8am – 8.30am**.

As a polite reminder, children are not permitted to bring their own food to eat in breakfast club.

TH Staff Car Park

Parents can use the staff car park to drop off children for breakfast club between 7:55am and 8:15am.

Parents will not be given entry to the staff car park after these times.

After School Clubs

Clubs will begin on Monday 12th January and will run up to and including the final week of this term w/c 23rd March.

Pupils in year 5 and 6 must continue be collected after their club and cannot walk home unaccompanied due to the shorter days.

Wraparound Care

We also work with an external company at our Town Hall campus, In2Care, which provides wrap-around care for parents. Bookings can be made via their website, and they offer both block bookings and same-day bookings before 12pm. Please see the link below to visit their website and book your sessions

Spring Term Club Timetable

BRITWELL CAMPUS

12 Jan – 23 Mar	13 Jan – 24 Mar	14 Jan – 25 Mar	15 Jan – 26 Mar
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Drawing/Colouring Y4/5/6	Martial Arts KS1	Gymnastics KS2	Basketball KS2
Homework Y5/6	Dodgeball KS2	Martial Arts KS2	Dance Y1-6
IT Coding (Scratch) <u>Y5/6</u>	Netball Training <u>(Netball Team Only)</u>	Invasion Games KS1	Football Training <u>Football Team Only</u>
	Arts & Crafts KS1	Musical Instruments (Bhoomwackers) KS2	Sing UP Young Voices KS2
			IT Y3/4

TOWN HALL CAMPUS

12 Jan – 23 Mar	13 Jan – 24 Mar	14 Jan – 25 Mar	15 Jan – 26 Mar
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Drama Y1/6	Dodgeball KS1	Gymnastics KS1	Gymnastics Training <u>Gymnastics Team Only</u>
IT Y3/4	Football Boys & Girls KS2	Dodgeball KS2	Hockey KS2
Sing UP Young Voices KS2 <u>Previous participants only</u>	Basketball KS2	Football Training <u>Football Team Only</u>	Football KS1
	Multisport KS2	Basketball KS1	Invasion Games KS2
	Eco Club KS2		
	Musical Instrument (Bhoomwackers) KS2		

Eco News

Eco after-school club will be running at the Town Hall Campus every Tuesday 3.30pm-4.30pm from Tuesday 13th January to Tuesday 10th February and spaces are filling fast! We will be carrying out a variety of eco themed activities starting with taking part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch – children can also take part in this at home via this link

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>



Attendance

We have seen that a high number of children did not return to school following the Christmas break due to extended holidays. In many instances, the school did not receive prior notification regarding these absences.

Can we kindly remind parents/carers that a Withdrawal from Learning Request Form must be completed at least two weeks in advance of any planned absence and should be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation, such as flight confirmations or any other relevant evidence.

We would also like to remind you of the Local Authority Penalty Notice changes, which came into effect nationwide on 19 August 2024:

First Offence - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days Reduced to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence - Within 3 years of the first offence, the second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for early payment.

Third Offence onwards - Within 3 years of the first offence, the third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in Magistrates' Court can show as a criminal record and also on the parent's future DBS certificates due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education.'

We really appreciate your support in helping us maintain good attendance so that children can make the most of their learning.

Family Support

Britwell Events

Online Safety- This is an information session for parents in keeping your children safe online - **Friday 16th January 9am – 10am in the Family Support Room.**

Triple P Positive Parenting Programme – If you would like to learn strategies and new ideas regarding managing your child's behaviour, and to get the best out of family life please email familysupportbw@claycots.com for more information. Course dates have not yet been confirmed.

Other - As a reminder, the Family Support Team can assist with admin support, food bank vouchers, school uniform and more. Please email familysupportbw@claycots.com or familysupportth@claycots.com if you require help.

Town Hall campus regular events

Family Support Town Hall Campus Regular Events

Monday	08:45-09.30	School Uniform Drop In
Tuesday	09:00-10:00	Admin Support for parents/carers
Thursday	08:45-09:45	Stay and Play Hour (Booking is required)
Friday	08:45-09.30	Drop in Coffee Morning

Online Safety



Online Safety Event for Parents.

*Find out how to keep
your children safe online.*

Friday 16th January

9am - 10am

in the

Family Support Room



Triple P- Positive Parenting Program



'TRIPLE P': POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM

WHAT IS TRIPLE P?



Triple P is a parenting program. The course doesn't tell you how to be a parent, it's more like a toolbox of ideas. You choose the strategies you need. You choose the way you want to use them. It's all about making Triple P work for you!

WHAT DOES TRIPLE P DO?

The three Ps in 'Triple P' stand for 'Positive Parenting Program'.

Triple P helps you:

- raise happy, confident kids,
- manage misbehaviour,
- set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
- encourage behaviour you like
- take care of yourself as a parent
- feel confident you're doing the right thing.



WHAT'S INVOLVED?



7 Week Course - 4 Sessions (1 per week) in a small group in Claycots and 2 individual telephone meetings. Then a final meeting to celebrate the completion.

When?

Places are limited! If you would like to be considered for a place, please email familysupportbw@claycots.com



Letter From Slough Borough Council

Road works

Dear Resident,

Re: A4 Bath Road and Farnham Road works – Cycleway improvement works

We would like to let residents know that highway improvement works will be taking place from Monday 12 January 2026 as part of the A4 Cycleway and Destination Farnham Road schemes.

The work in this area is expected to last for around six weeks, from Monday 12 January to Friday 21 February 2026, and will affect:

- A4 Bath Road, between the Huntercombe Lane crossroads and Goldsworthy Way
- Farnham Road, between Whitby Road and Salt Hill Way

What work will be carried out?

The improvements will include new kerbs and tactile paving, upgraded street lighting, new road signs and markings, drainage works, a new cycle lane, and resurfacing of both the road and footpaths.

How will this affect you?

You may notice some noise and disruption whilst the work is taking place, and there may be minor delays, particularly during busier times of the day. However, access to homes and businesses will be maintained at all times.

Some stages of the work, such as resurfacing, may require temporary road closures or diversions. Where possible, these will be carried out overnight and for a limited number of nights to reduce disruption.

Pedestrian access will remain available throughout the works, with clearly signed temporary routes and crossing points provided when needed.

Once this section of work has been completed, the contractor will move on to the next part of the scheme. For more information about the scheme please visit:

<https://www.slough.gov.uk/major-highways-projects/a4-cycle-lane>

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and would like to thank residents for their patience and cooperation while these important improvements are carried out.

Yours sincerely,

Freda Fearon

Technical Administrator



Slough Homeless - Our Concern

Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC) are appealing for men's winter clothing and emergency items to support people experiencing homelessness during the colder months. Items needed include:

Gloves

Hats

Scarves

Thermal clothing

Blankets

Jackets

If you have any gently used items (clean and in good condition) that you can donate, please drop them off at:

📍 [SHOC, 323 High Street, Slough, SL1 1TX](https://www.google.com/maps/place/323+High+Street,+Slough,+SL1+1TX)

Thank you for your kindness and support — it will make a real difference.

*Thank
you*

SHOC



④ WINTER CLOTHING & EMERGENCY ITEMS NEEDED

To donate clothes, ensure they are gently used, clean, and in good condition. We are looking for men's winter clothing at the moment. Your donation will go directly to those who are homeless in your community



DROP-OFF LOCATION

SHOC, 323 High Street, Slough, SL1 1TX
www.Sloughhomeless.org.uk