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# 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 Claycots School Community,

As we reach the end of the half term, I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you. Our children continue to demonstrate engagement, curiosity, and resilience and we are rightly proud of all their achievements.

The half term has been very busy with a wide range of events happening to enhance children's learning across the curriculum. Year 6 visited the Natural History Museum, an opportunity that undoubtedly expanded their understanding of scientific exploration and historical context. Year 3 children took part in an engaging Roman workshop, bringing historical learning to life through interactive educational experiences.

Our children's talents have been showcased through various performances and competitions. Our school choir participated in the prestigious Young Voices event, representing Claycots wonderfully. Our children have also taken part in a range of PE fixtures, participating enthusiastically in football matches and tenpin bowling competitions, demonstrating teamwork and sporting spirit. Some of our Year 5 and 6 children also completed their Bikeability programme, learning crucial road safety and cycling skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

We are immensely proud of the national recognition our school has received this term. Our breakfast club was featured on Good Morning Britain and in the national press, highlighting our commitment to supporting children's nutrition and wellbeing through the free breakfast club pilot scheme. We were further honoured by a visit from Minister Olivia Bailey and Leaders from Slough Borough Council, who witnessed first-hand the exceptional work happening within our school community.

Parent consultation meetings took place this week and provided an opportunity to discuss progress so far this year as well as targets and next steps. If you were unable to attend these meetings, please do speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to arrange an alternative time. On a personal note, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Heather Varley, one of our dedicated family support workers at the Town Hall Campus. After eight years of service, Heather is pursuing her lifelong dream of becoming a cabin crew member with British Airways. Her commitment and compassion have been instrumental in supporting our families and staff, and we wish her every success in her future endeavours.

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 take a look at all of the amazing learning that is happening in our wonderful school.

A reminder that school is closed for staff training on Monday 23rd February. Have a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing you for the new half term on Tuesday 24th February.

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.

### After School Clubs

Spring term clubs will run until the final week of this term w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

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

### 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.**

### 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) Y5/6	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

The Eco after school club took place this half term at the Town Hall campus. We built bug houses, made bird feeders, researched birds that visit our school site and took part in the RSPB School Birdwatch. On the final session we had a visitor from Young Climate Warriors who talked to us about climate change and the changes we can make to make a difference to global warming. The club will be running at the Britwell Campus after half term – look out for details on Arbor!

**From 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March** our Eco Council will be taking part in The Big Plastic Count to highlight how much single use plastics we use in school. By counting each piece of plastic packaging discarded over one week we can help uncover the scale of the UK's plastic usage. You can also take part at home – it is free and all the resources are available at [Sign up | The Big Plastic Count](#).



### **Parking at Ice Arena**

Charges for parking at the Ice Arena come into force later this month, however we have been assured by Parking Services at Slough Borough Council that there will be free parking for parents at drop off and pick up times. For further information please call Parking Services on 07564046010.

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## Breakfast Club - Town Hall

Last week, the children enjoyed Fun Week at Breakfast Club. We saw 824 children attend throughout the week at Town Hall. The children really enjoyed the start to their mornings and were all exceptionally well behaved, especially considering it was outside of their usual routine and significantly busier than normal. Well done to all who attended.

Just a few reminders regarding Breakfast Club:

- Breakfast Club door opens at 8:00am and closes at 08:30am sharp – please ensure children are dropped off no earlier than this time and by their adult to the door.
- Food will stop being served to the children at 08:20am.
- Breakfast Club is free to all children.
- There is no need to book your children into Breakfast Club.
- A variety of healthy breakfast options are available each morning – please let us know if your child has any new dietary needs or allergies.
- Children are expected to follow the same behaviour expectations as they do during the school day, to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone.
- All bikes and scooters must be dropped off at the Bath Road gate bike rack before children are then brought into Breakfast Club.
- Please continue to use the staff car park when dropping your children at Breakfast Club. The allocated time is from 07:55am to 08:15am. We are still receiving complaints that some people are parking outside the Breakfast Club gate, blocking other cars from entering or leaving, and preventing the Lego staff from accessing their own car park. The children's safety is paramount.

We hope you have a wonderful half-term holiday, and we look forward to seeing the children return on Tuesday 24th February.

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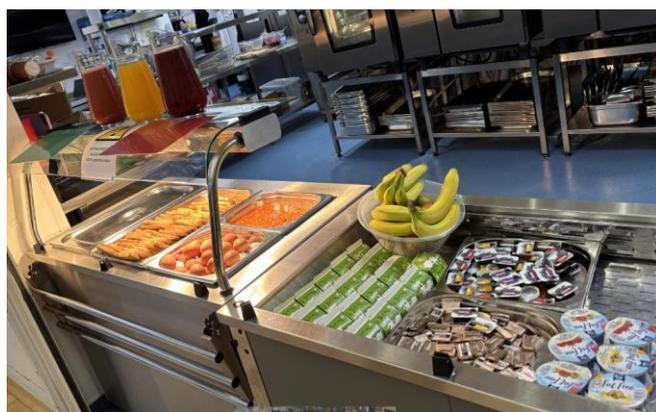
The Breakfast Club Team

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### Breakfast Club - Town Hall and Britwell

🎬 Britwell and Town Hall Breakfast Clubs have been having a blast with their themed movie mornings — and the children absolutely loved them! Just a little reminder: Breakfast Club is open to all children from 8:00am, and you don't need to book — simply pop into the main school hall. We can't wait to see those smiling faces bright and early! 😊 ✨



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## Spanish Day – 09.03.2026

We are pleased to announce that on Monday 9th March 2026 we will be holding a special Spanish Day and Flamenco workshop for KS2 pupils.

We will have a singer and dancer, giving children a wonderful opportunity to experience Spanish culture first-hand. As part of the Spanish curriculum, pupils will learn about Flamenco and have the chance to try the dance themselves.



## **Attendance**

Recent data analysis shows that the lowest attending year groups are Nursery and Reception. Regular attendance in the Early Years is essential for building the foundations of learning, confidence, and routine. We are increasingly concerned about the impact that poor or irregular attendance can have on our youngest children at this crucial stage, as even short or frequent absences can disrupt progress and make it harder for children to settle.

Strong attendance enables children to develop early communication skills, build positive relationships, and fully engage in daily learning experiences. We do understand that children become unwell and have to take time off school, but we ask all families to prioritise attendance wherever possible and to contact us if you require any support. By working together, we can ensure every child receives the best possible start to their education.

## **Reporting Attendance**

To help us keep our records accurate and monitor any patterns of illness within the school community, please remember to provide a specific reason when reporting your child's absence, for example:

- cold
- cough
- diarrhoea
- sickness bug
- sore throat
- or any other relevant details

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

## Family Support

### Britwell Events

**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](mailto: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](mailto:familysupportbw@claycots.com) or [familysupportth@claycots.com](mailto:familysupportth@claycots.com) if you require help.

Tuesday – 9am – 10am - Admin support for parents/carers

Thursday – 9am – 10am – School uniform drop in

Friday - 9am – 10am – Drop in coffee morning

### 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

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## Family Wellness



**Try Healthy, Feel Happy**

Berkshire East

# Family Wellness

**Stronger Together**

**Your family's wellbeing matters.**

Our Family Wellness Support is here to make healthy living easy, fun, and affordable. We'll explore how small changes can make a big difference, whether that's:

- Getting active in ways that fit into everyday life.
- Cooking tasty meals without breaking the budget.
- Building positive routines that make parenting feel a little lighter.

**Call: 01753 572958**  
or  
**email**  
[office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk](mailto:office@homestartberkshireeast.org.uk)



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## Trunks Across The Thames



As the Art Lead at Claycots, I am delighted to share a wonderful opportunity for our whole school community to be involved in an exciting and meaningful project.

Trunks Across the Thames is a community art initiative supporting Thames Hospice, helping to raise vital funds to improve the quality of life for children who are seriously ill. Schools take part by donating to the charity in exchange for decorating a large elephant sculpture, which will feature in a majestic public art trail across the local area. After the event, the sculpture will be gifted back to the school as a lasting reminder of our involvement.

We will also be holding various fundraising events—watch this space!

et ready for a trunk-full of fun!!

I would love all parents, carers, and families in the Claycots community to get involved and support this fantastic cause. Any donation, no matter how small, will make a meaningful difference and help us to reach our fundraising goal.  
Trunks across the Thames 2026 - Art Trail by Thames Hospice

Mrs Kauser Art Lead, Claycots

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## Well Done Archie!

Congratulations to Archie who worked hard and accomplished a half green belt in Karate on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026!



## Library Half Term Activities

# A feast of family fun at Slough Libraries

Make the most of your half-term break with our free creative activities.

### Origami bookmarks

A simple papercraft for children aged 5+ to fold and design their own bookmark. Drop-in.

**The Curve, Monday 16 Feb, 2-3pm**

**Langley Library, Tuesday 17 Feb, 11am-12noon**

**Cippenham Library, Wednesday 18 Feb, 2-3pm**



### Story and stretch

An interactive story time for under 5s, with lots of movement to get families active. Parents and carers - please be prepared to join in with your child.

**Langley Library, Wednesday 18 Feb, 10.30-11am**

No booking required.

### Storybuilders

Young storytellers can delve into our collection of props and pictures to inspire their tales. For children aged 5+. Please arrive at the start time.

**The Curve, Thursday 19 Feb, 11am-12noon**

**Cippenham Library, Thursday 19 Feb, 2-3pm**

**Langley Library, Friday 20 Feb, 2-3pm**



### LEGO® drop-in

A big pile of bricks plus a child's imagination will inspire amazing creations.

For children age 5+.

**The Curve, Tuesdays 4-5pm**

### Make your own book

Personalise the pages of your very own mini book with words, colour and plenty of imagination. Drop in for children aged 4+.

**Cippenham Library, Saturday 14 Feb, 2-3pm**

**Britwell Library, Thursday 19 Feb, 11am-12noon**

**The Curve, Friday 20 Feb, 2-3.30pm**

**Langley Library, Saturday 21 Feb, 1.30-2.30pm**



### Pop-up play

Have fun with family board games and puzzles for the little ones.

**Cippenham Library, every first and second Saturday, 11am-12noon**

### Chess for all

Come and enjoy a match.

All abilities and ages welcome.

**The Curve, Saturdays,  
11.30am-12.30pm**



### Visual art workshops

Join artist Fakhria Nezami for free art workshops in the Curve Gallery, and enjoy her exhibition - Manifestation of Art. Drop in, suitable for all.

**The Curve, Tuesday 17 Feb, 2-4pm**

**The Curve, Wednesday 18 Feb, 2-4pm**

February is the month we are celebrating fantastic food. Liven up mealtimes with our selection of cookery books or learn how to grow your own with our gardening titles. Borrow up to 30 books with your library membership, plus access books online.

[www.slough.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.slough.gov.uk/libraries)



Throughout the month, children can take part in our 'Guess the dish' quiz. Test your knowledge of global food. Ask library staff for a quiz sheet.

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# The Curve Half Term Activities

Coming to Curve Venue, Slough

## Comedy Club 4 Kids



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'The perfect way to entertain the whole family'  
Three Weeks

Ages 6+ years and their grown ups!



**comedy 4 club kids**

**Thursday 19 February at 2pm**

£12 Standard | £10 Under 16s



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# The Curve Half Term Activities

**CURVE VENUE PRESENTS**

**£4**  
Per  
Session

or £12 for 4

# CURVE EXPLORERS

**WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY**

From 9.15am to 4pm

**Ages 5+ years**

**Drumming**

**Singing**

**Arts and Crafts**

**Digital Animation**

**60 min Fun Filled Workshops**

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## Virtual Coffee Morning



# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire

## Virtual Coffee Morning Eating and Movement

**Friday 13th March - 10:00 - 11:00am**

**Join our online informal discussion.**

### What to expect?

Respectful and supportive discussion including:

- What works for your family at meal times
- What are your concern areas around eating
- How do you support your child with eating
- How you handle food centric activities and celebrations
- Encouraging affirming movement
- Eating out

**25 spaces  
available!**

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.



**Sign Up Today!**

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/awaiting assessment/diagnosed)

**To book your place contact GEMS:**



[Gems.4Health@nhs.net](mailto:Gems.4Health@nhs.net)



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