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NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Spring Term 2

11.03.2026 - TH Year 1 Spring Walk – Salt Hill Park

11.03.2026 - TH Year R Odds Farm Trip

12.03.2026 - BW Girls Football Competition – Arbour Park Stadium

16.03.2026 - BW Year R Odds Farm Trip

26.03.2026 TH Year 6 Natural History Museum Trip

27.03.2026 - End of Term – Children will finish at 12:30pm - Non-Uniform Day!

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Message from our Headteacher

Dear Claycots School Community,

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term, I hope that all our families had a wonderful break.

It has been a busy first week back and I am delighted to share some of the exciting developments and achievements that have been taking place across our school.

Today, we welcomed our governors to school for Governor Day, an occasion that provides invaluable opportunity for our governing body to engage directly with school leaders and gain deeper insight into our strategic direction. Throughout the day, governors met with leaders from across the school to discuss our progress against our school improvement plan, examining the initiatives we have implemented and the impact these are having on our children's learning and development. These conversations are instrumental in ensuring that we maintain rigorous oversight of our school's performance and continue to drive forward the improvements that matter most to our community.

Our Year 3 children participated in a Roman Workshop at the Town Hall this week, an immersive learning experience that brought their history curriculum to life in an accessible and engaging way. Year 5 completed their Bikeability programme at the Town Hall giving them the opportunity to develop essential cycling skills and road safety awareness, fostering both confidence and independence. These experiences exemplify our commitment at Claycots to providing children with learning opportunities that extend beyond the classroom walls.

As we start a new half term, I would like to remind parents of the process for raising any concerns. We are committed to maintaining a respectful and supportive environment for all members of our school community - children, staff, and families alike. I would therefore respectfully remind parents and carers that should concerns arise, it is essential that these are addressed through appropriate channels rather than approaching other children or parents/carers directly. I would encourage all parents and carers to familiarise themselves with our Parental Conduct Policy, which outlines the procedures for raising concerns and demonstrates the courtesy and professionalism we expect from all members of our community in their interactions with school staff. This can be found on our website or accessed via the link below:

[Parental Conduct Policy](#)

I look forward to continuing our partnership with you as we work together to support every child at Claycots.

Looking ahead to next week, we are delighted to be celebrating British Science Week. Children will participate in a range of science-focused activities, with workshops scheduled for Thursday and Friday. Year 4 will have the particular pleasure of engaging in Lego workshops, combining creativity with scientific thinking. Please do check the calendar which can be found on the school website and access via this newsletter for further information on upcoming events.

You can see more examples of what is going on in school on social media, We are on X, 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.

Kind regards,
Sarah Mijatovich - Headteacher

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Parent Information

Gate Information

School Gates

AM Gates

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

PM Gates

Open: 15:10pm - 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.

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

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. Please let us know if your child has any new dietary needs or allergies.

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

Spring term clubs will run until the final week of this term w/c 23rd March 2026.

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

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Parent Information

Slough Borough Council Park Funding

The UK government is investing in Slough through a Pride in Place fund. Part of this investment is to be used in parks for improvements to play & sport facilities for children.

Salt Hill Park and Chalvey Recreation Ground are some of our preferred parks and we would like to gather your views about improving them. Please share your views using the links below:

[Park Improvement - Salt Hill Park](#)

[Park Improvement - Chalvey Recreation Ground](#)

We would really appreciate your feedback to the Local Authority regarding this matter and encourage you to speak with your children about what they would like the Local Authority to put in place for the children in our local area.

Last Day of Term

The last day of term will be Friday 27th of March 2026.

Children will have an earlier finish of 12:30pm.

The last day of term will be a Non-Uniform Day.

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World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March 2026**, Claycots School will be celebrating **World Book Day**.

Children are encouraged to dress up as a character from their favourite book.

Our amazing catering team have also rustled up a special World Book Day–inspired menu, which all children are invited to enjoy!

World BOOK DAY

Once upon a time, There was a young child called Sam. He sat and ate lunch with Mr Gruffalo everyday.

- ★ The Gruffalo BBQ Chicken Burger (G,SS)
- ★ The Gruffalo Halal BBQ Chicken Burger(G,SS)
- ★ Wimpy Kid Potato Wedges
- ★ KPop Southern Style Cheese Burger(G, SS,M)
- ★ The Mad Hatters Green Salad
- ★ Dr Seuss Egg Mayonaisse Sandwich(G, E,S)
- ★ Unicorn Academy Sprinkle Rainbow Cake(G,E)
- ★ The Hungry Caterpillar Fruit Salad

Special dietary needs will be catered for.
Allergens: Gluten, Soya, Sesame Seeds, Egg, Milk

Thursday 5th March

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World Book Day

Children should have also received their World Book Day £1 Book Token, there are lots of different books that are available, get yours whilst stocks last.

WORLD BOOK DAY
The reading for fun charity

THURSDAY 5 March 2026

DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER

BEGINNING READERS
Cymru yn unig Wales only
Eire amháin Ireland only

EARLY READERS

FLUENT READERS
Eire amháin Ireland only
Eire amháin Ireland only

Choose your £1 book for free!
EXCHANGE YOUR TOKEN AT ASDA, TESCO, SAINSBURY'S AND MOST BOOK SHOPS with your World Book Day® book token

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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.



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Attendance

The Importance of Attending School on Mondays and Fridays

We've noticed that Mondays and Fridays can sometimes be tricky days for attendance, but they play a big role in helping children feel settled, confident, and connected. When pupils miss these days, they often miss key introductions to new learning at the start of the week and valuable consolidation activities at the end. Regular attendance on Mondays and Fridays helps children keep their routines steady, maintain friendships, and stay fully engaged with their learning. Thank you for supporting your child in being in school every day—it truly makes a difference.

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Family Support

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 or familysupportth@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.

Regular events

Britwell Campus:

Tuesday, 9.00am to 10.00am - Admin Support for Parents/Carers

Thursday, 9.00am to 10.00am – School Uniform Drop In

Friday, 9.00am to 10.00am – Drop In Coffee Morning

Town Hall Campus:

Monday, 8.45am to 9.30am - School Uniform Drop In

Tuesday, 9.00am to 10.00am - Admin Support for Parents/Carers

Thursday – 8.45am to 9.45am - Stay and Play Hour (Booking is Required)

Friday 8.45am to 9.30am - Drop in Coffee Morning

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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!

Get 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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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



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