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CLAYCOTS SCHOOL



# NEWSLETTER



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### End of Summer Term 1

#### End of Half-Term

Friday 22nd May 2026

#### Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May 2026  
(School will be closed)

#### **School Closed**

**25/05/2026 - 29/05/2026**

### Start of Summer Term 2

Monday 1st June 2026

Please check our School Calendar for up-and-coming school trips.

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*Read More on our website*

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## Message from our Headteacher

Dear Claycots School Community,

As we reach the end of another half term, I am pleased to share with you a selection of recent events and achievements at Claycots.

Our children have enjoyed a range of visits and experiences this half term including the excitement of the Harry Potter tour at Warner Brother studios for Year 5 and a visit to the theatre in London to watch a performance of Matilda for Year 4. Year 3 and Year 2 enhanced their learning in class by visiting Whipsnade Zoo and the Living Rainforest.

We have also had a successful term of sporting events including a wonderful performance of dance at the Curve as well as excellent results for our netball and football teams. You can keep up to date with all the fabulous learning and events that are happening at Claycots by following us on social media. We are on X (@ClaycotsSchool), 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.

Our Year 6 children completed their National Tests this half term showing great resilience and focus. We look forward to receiving the results in July and sharing them with parents and carers.

As we look ahead to the remainder of the summer term, please may I remind parents of the importance of adhering to our established protocols regarding conflict resolution. It is important that any concerns or incidents involving children are addressed by speaking to staff members rather than through direct approaches to children or families on the playground. This ensures the safety and comfort of all members of our school community.

If you wish to send communication for the attention of an individual member of staff, please use the enquiries inbox rather than emailing directly to individual staff members' personal school emails. This inbox is monitored by office staff and members of the Senior Leadership Team and using it helps us ensure that communication is properly recorded, monitored, and responded to in a timely and appropriate manner.

Finally, I would like to wish you a restful half term and I look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Sarah Mijatovich  
Headteacher

## Parent Information

### 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 allowed 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

As we are now in the Summer Term, children in Years 5 and 6 who have Walk Home Permission will be allowed to walk home independently after their club finishes at 4:30pm.

### 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 via the link below.

[Homepage - In-2-Care](#)

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### Congratulations

Football Success at yesterday's competition 🏆 ⚽

We are delighted to share some fantastic news from yesterday's football competition, where both our Britwell and Town Hall teams delivered outstanding performances against a number of local schools.

The Town Hall Team won all of their matches, finishing top of their group with a perfect 15 points and an incredible 28 goals scored. The Britwell Team also remained unbeaten, winning every match to secure 12 points and scoring 13 goals.

Even more impressively, neither team conceded a single goal throughout the entire competition – a truly remarkable achievement that reflects their teamwork, determination and skill.

As a result of their success, both teams were awarded gold medals and received a trophy, making it a day to remember for everyone involved.

A huge thank you to Mr Oyalegan (TH Team) and Mr Arko (BW Team) for their excellent preparation, coaching and support, and to Miss Lee for providing invaluable first aid assistance and encouragement throughout the day.

We are incredibly proud of all the children for their outstanding effort, positive attitude and excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to everyone involved on this fantastic achievement!



### **Walk to School Week**

We are excited to announce Claycots School will be holding our annual **Walk to School Week** from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026. We will be running activities to encourage sustainable travel to include a “Bling Your Bicycle/Scooter” competition and a walking bus to be run one day during the week at each campus. The walking buses will be staffed by Claycots staff and will highlight the benefits of walking at least part of the school journey for those children who usually travel by car. Further details will be sent out in the summer term!

### **Child Pick UP**

If someone else will be collecting your child, please inform the school office by **2:30pm** so we have sufficient time to notify the Class Teacher.

If you are collecting your child due to a Parent/Carer’s doctor appointment, please inform the office ideally at least 24 hours prior to your appointment.

### **Car Park Access for Breakfast Club**

Please note when accessing the car park for breakfast club there is a **5mph** speed limit in the Town Hall car park. Pedestrians crossing the car park should use the marked walkway - when pedestrians are crossing the car park, they have right of way over vehicles and drivers must stop to let them cross safely.

### **Parking Reminder for All Parents and Carers – Britwell Campus**

We have recently been made aware of concerns regarding cars stopping or parking on the yellow lines outside the school. These restrictions are in place to keep the area clear for pedestrians and to ensure that children can cross safely during busy drop-off and pick-up times.

When vehicles block these areas, it reduces visibility, restricts access for families walking to school, and creates unnecessary risk for our pupils.

Please support us in keeping the school environment safe by following the parking guidelines.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe space for all members of our school community.

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### Get involved

#### Bitesize Bookworm Competition

For all our wonderful readers and writers, please follow the link for more information on how to win great prizes for the school and yourself. All you need to do is write about your favourite book.

[Bitesize Bookworms Competition | TGJones](#)

#### uSports Holiday Camp

Join the fun this May and Summer holidays at U-Sports Multi-Sports Camp! A fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, learn new skills, and enjoy a range of sports in a safe and friendly environment.

Multi-Sports Holiday Camp

# Slough Camp

CLAYCOTS (TOWNHALL) PRIMARY SCHOOL

uSports

**MAY & SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Age Group	Time	Price Per Day
5-12 Year Olds	to 3pm	£27.50
4 Year Olds	to 1pm	£21.50

U-SPORTS.CO.UK/HOLIDAY-CLUBS/SLOUGH-SPORTS-CAMP

Benefits: ✓ TFC payments Accepted ✓ 10% Sibling Discount ✓ Multi-day 5over 1rate ✓

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## Summer Reading Challenge



**THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE WILL START  
ON SATURDAY 4TH JULY**

**YOU CAN ENROLL ONLINE OR GO TO THE FOLLOWING  
LIBRARIES**

**THE CURVE/ CIPPENHAM/BRITWELL OR LANGLEY LIBRARY**  
[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

### Author Visit – Kimba

We are lucky enough to be having the famous poet Kimba coming to perform at Claycots School for our KS2 students. Kimba will be visiting both campuses and will be performing and signing books. You can purchase the books online (an email has been sent to parents with the link for the books).

Britwell Campus - Monday 8th of June 2026

Town Hall Campus – Tuesday 9th of June 2026

## Attendance

We would like to remind all families of the updated Local Authority Penalty Notice guidance regarding leave of absence taken during term time. These changes apply nationwide and came into effect for any absences starting after 19th August 2024, including if you move school or house.

### First Offence

A first Penalty Notice issued for unauthorised term-time leave or irregular attendance will be:

- £160 per parent, per child (28 days to pay)
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days

### Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first, a second Penalty Notice will be:

- £160 per parent, per child (28 days to pay)
- No reduction for early payment

### Third Offence Onwards

Within 3 years of the first), a third offence will not result in a Penalty Notice. Instead, the case will be taken directly to the Magistrates' Court. Fines can be around £2,500 per parent, per child. A guilty verdict may result in a criminal record and may appear on future DBS certificates due to failure to safeguard a child's education.

### Important Reminders

- Penalty Notices are issued per parent, per child. For example, if three siblings are absent, each parent would receive three fines (totalling £960).
- We do not authorise leave of absence during term-time. The school may authorise up to 5 days in exceptional circumstances, but this would be at the discretion of the Headteacher and would require supporting documentation.
- Penalty Notices may be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 weeks.
- Five consecutive days of term-time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice.

Please ensure you communicate with us regarding any planned absences. Taking a child out of school without notifying the school is considered a safeguarding concern and may require the school to report the child as missing in education to the Local Authority.

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## Parent Information

### Allergies/ Medical Conditions

Please ensure the school has up-to-date information regarding children's allergies and medical conditions. Any changes must be communicated in writing to [enquiries@claycots.com](mailto:enquiries@claycots.com)

### Urgent health and safety alert: play sand

#### Asbestos in consumer products information page

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) have published a page on gov.uk containing [guidance for consumers and businesses on consumer products containing asbestos](#).

The page provides disposal guidance for both businesses and consumers, including early years settings, along with health information. Settings should review the linked [list of contaminated products that are subject to recalls](#) and where products are identified in the setting follow the guidance to ensure their safe disposal.

If you have concerns about a product that you think might contain asbestos but has not been re-called [contact the Citizens Advice consumer service](#).

## Family Support – Regular Sessions

### **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

## Family Support



Keeping children safe online

### Parents' Guide: Growing Up with Phones and Taking Photos

Many children do not realise that photos they take, even if never shared, can be automatically stored online.



**Your Phone Saves More Than You Think**

Most smartphones can automatically save photos online if backup is switched on and the phone has Wi-Fi or mobile data.

**This means:**

- Photos can be uploaded as soon as they are taken
- They are no longer just on the phone
- They can stay online even if deleted from the device
- If someone gets into the account, they can see and download these images.

**Avoid taking images you would not want shared.**



A trusted resource that supports open, honest conversations between parents and children about sensitive topics and how to stay safe.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

**Parents** please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

**Skips Educational** Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



[www.skipssafetynet.org](http://www.skipssafetynet.org)

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## Community Events

# Britwell Family Fun Day in the Park!

**Friday 29 May, 12noon-4pm**

**A Safe & Joyful Afternoon for All Ages!**

- Football Tournament**  
(Safe Play Areas!)
- Animation & VR Fun**  
(Hygienic & Monitored)
- Storytelling & Crafts**
- Music & Games**

**FREE EVENT**

**Britwell Parish Council Community Centre,  
Long Furlong Drive SL2 2PH  
[communitysafety1@slough.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety1@slough.gov.uk)**



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## Community Events

The below workshop will be for children 5 years +

**£4**  
Per  
Session  
or £12 for 4

**CURVE VENUE PRESENTS**

**CURVE EXPLORERS**

**TUESDAY 26 MAY**

**Ages 5+ years**

**DJ Skills**

**Arts and Crafts**

**Street Dance**

**60 min Fun Filled Workshops**

**Try Something New!**

**From 10am to 5pm**

**CURVE VENUE**  
The Curve, William Street,  
Slough, SL1 1XY

 [curvevenue.uk](http://curvevenue.uk)  
 01753 303 035

[www.slough.gov.uk](http://www.slough.gov.uk)  
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## Reading Cloud

Login to the Readingcloud.net to see what books your Child has taken out from the School Library and when they are due back

There is lots of fun activities to do, as well as searching for the latest books!

When you login, just add your Child's barcode, which is their username and password - you can get this from your Child's Class Teacher

Happy Reading!

