



Spring Term Newsletter

Number 475 – 20th March 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this letter finds you well and that you have enjoyed a pleasant week. I want to share some of the wonderful learning experiences that our students have engaged in during these last few weeks at St Margaret Clitherow School.

Irish Dancing Workshop

On Monday 16th March, which was the day before St Patrick's Day, our Year 5 children were given the opportunity to participate in an Irish Dancing workshop hosted by Mitchell Brook School. The children were treated to a wonderful display of Irish dancing by a world class Irish dancer and had the opportunity to learn some Irish dancing steps and to perform these steps in front of the other school invited. We even got some healthy fruit snacks, in the Irish colours, to bring home with us. It was a very enjoyable trip.

Neurodiversity Week

This week is recognised as Neurodiversity Week, a time when we celebrate the unique qualities and differences that each of our students brings to our school community. Mrs Kailou led a whole school assembly where neurodiversity was celebrated in all its forms. We aim to foster an environment of inclusivity and understanding, and the children were engaged in various activities throughout the week to promote this important message. Your support in encouraging conversations around neurodiversity at home would be invaluable.

Reading Cafés

We have been delighted with the support we have received from parents for our Reading Café events so far. The children have really enjoyed having a parent come in to class and read with them. Thank you to all the parents who have made time in their often very busy and hectic lives to come and share the joy of reading with their child. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to come in yet take note of the date for your child's class next Reading Café event and we look forward to welcoming you and sharing the joy of reading together!

Swimming

As you may be aware, we hope to offer swimming lessons to all children from Year 3 to Year 6. We are lucky to be able to offer this at a very reasonable price in comparison to having lessons privately. We do need payment in advance to ensure that we can go ahead with this offer.

Anti-Racism Workshop

We encourage as many people as possible to join us on Monday at 2:00pm for this fantastic workshop. See the Jotter message for more details.

Cricket

For the past few weeks, all of our children in Year from Year 1 to Year 5 have been given the opportunity to participate in cricket lessons. The children are really enjoying these sessions and are developing some valuable cricket skills.

Pi Day

On Friday 14th March we celebrated Pi Day in school with an Assembly led by Mr Pridding. Thank you to Mr Pridding for organising this.

Year 3 Assembly

Today, Friday 20th March, we enjoyed a wonderful assembly by our Year 3 children. The children remembered their lines and taught us about all about the Seasons. It was a very uplifting assembly with lots of beautiful singing.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all the parents who have applied for the Parent Governor position. The closing date was today. The statements will be sent out on Monday and you will be able to cast your vote from **Tuesday 24th March**. Voting papers will be available from the office.

Reminders on mobile phone use during visits to school

In order to safeguard all children and uphold their right to privacy, we kindly ask that parents and visitors do not use mobile phones while on school premises during visits or events.

In line with our responsibilities under UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018, we must ensure that images or recordings of children are captured and used appropriately, and that all pupils are protected from potential misuse of personal data.

While photography and filming may still be permitted at designated events such as special assemblies, this will always be clearly communicated in advance. Any images or recordings taken must be for personal use only and **must not** be shared on social media or other public platforms, in order to protect the privacy of all children.

To further support safeguarding and minimise risks:

- Mobile phones must not be used during visits to classrooms.
- All parents will be asked to turn their mobile phones off before entering the classrooms
- Phones must remain out of sight till the end of the visit.

This measure forms part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe, secure, and respectful environment for every member of our school community.

At collection time, we kindly ask that parents refrain from using mobile phones. This enables staff to ensure a safe and efficient handover of children and allows important information to be communicated where needed.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in supporting these important safeguarding procedures. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

St Margaret Clitherow Feast Day

We will celebrate the feast day of St Margaret Clitherow with a mass at school on **26th March at 11.00am**. Father Albert will be celebrating mass with us. All parents are invited.



Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support.

Mrs Heath

Should you have any queries please contact us on: admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk
iheath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk or bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk



News Items



FORTHCOMING DATES

23 rd March	Year 5 to National History Museum
24 th March	Year 1 Reading Cafe
26 th March	Mass – St Margaret Clitherow 11am
27 th March	iRock concert for parents
1 st April	Last Day of Term - 1:30pm finish
20 th April	First Day of Summer Term
4 th May	Bank Holiday
7 th May	Polling Day – School Closed
11 th -14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week

Please check out the calendar on the jotter for dates and times of events.

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 9th March – 13th March 2026

Year 1 –97%
Year 2 –95%
Year 3 –97%
Year 4 –92%
Year 5 –98%
Year 6 –99%

Whole school overall –96%
Congratulations to Y6 for best attendance

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 16th February – 20th March 2026

Year 1 –94%
Year 2 –98%
Year 3 –90%
Year 4 –90%
Year 5 –93%
Year 6 –94%

Whole school overall –93%
Congratulations to Y2 for best attendance

**EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF
96%**

Certificates Winners

Year 1:

Eddie, Mia Rose, Noah, Milan

Year 2:

Kajtan, Denista

Year 3:

Eric, Aliyah, Ezra, Rafael

Year 4:

Mia G, Alicja, Jett

Year 5:

Marysia, David, Maya

Year 6:

Antos, Nhea, Mia-Rose, Angelina

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school's safeguarding team:

Mrs I Heath- Designated Safeguarding Lead

Miss B Nolan-Designated Deputy Safeguarding Lead

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

For any matters concerning safeguarding outside of school hours or during the holidays please send an email to:

safeguarding@clitherow.brent.sch.uk