



Spring Term Newsletter

Number 473 – 6th February 2026



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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the last newsletter for this half term.

Parents' Evening

Firstly, I would like to remind you that Open Evenings take place on Monday (2nd March) and Monday (9th March). Letters have been sent home today with appointment times.

It is vital that we see every parent so if you cannot make your appointment then please contact your child's teacher to rearrange. I would also ask that you kindly let us know if you cannot attend as a matter of courtesy rather than just not turning up.

I cannot stress how important it is that you attend these meetings and take the opportunity to support your child's education. Research shows that support and assistance at home has a huge impact on children's progress. I am sure you have been able to see how hard the staff works with your children and the dedication and commitment they have in wanting the best for your children. I would continue to urge you to ensure you listen to your child read daily and support them in any way you can. Teachers always comment on how easy it is to see when a child has a good level of support at home. I know many parents are busy with work and other commitments but even a short period of time every day really can make a big difference. It is when we work in partnership that we have the most success!

Homework

Homework in this school is set by class teachers to ensure that learning is embedded and that children can further practise new skills. It is set with a purpose in mind and the expectation is that all children complete this set work. While most parents are very supportive and always ensure that homework is completed, we are finding an increase in the number of children who do not complete homework. Any child failing to complete homework will be asked to complete this work during playtime. We ask for all parents to support us in ensuring that homework is completed.

Booster attendance

We strongly encourage parents to take advantage of the school's free booster classes by ensuring your child attends all sessions. Children invited to these boosters have been thoughtfully identified by their teachers as needing a little extra support to strengthen key skills and build confidence, and the sessions are designed to be positive, encouraging, and highly effective. Regular attendance is vital, as each lesson builds on the last and missing sessions can limit your child's progress. By committing to the full programme, you are giving your child the best possible chance to catch up, feel more confident in their learning, and thrive in the classroom.

Maths Cafes

We have been holding weekly Maths Cafes from 2:30 p.m. – 3.00pm in your child's classroom.

Each week, a different class is scheduled to participate, ensuring that every class across the school experiences a Maths Cafe session once per term. Please take note of the date and we look forward to welcoming you and sharing the joy of maths together!

Reading Cafes

Reading Cafes will take place again for all classes next half term. See Forthcoming Dates for details.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on 5 March 2026. The theme for this year is **Reading for Fun**. Research shows that Young people are more likely to read if they see it as a fun, entertaining and social thing to do. We want to encourage children to develop a love of reading and we ask that children come to school on **Thursday 5th March** with a book that they are currently reading or a book that they have loved to read previously. We will also ask children to come to school on Thursday 5th March dressed as their favourite book character.

We will also have an author visit on Wednesday 4th March when Molly Arbuthnot will come and share her book with us. There will also be an opportunity for parents to purchase a copy of her book after school on the day.

Brent Libraries

Brent Libraries run many events throughout the year to encourage children to read more and to help foster a love of reading in children. All of these events are free.

CAFOD Support during Lent

Our school will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk in support of CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development. This important Lenten fundraising event helps communities around the world who are experiencing poverty and hardship, with funds supporting essentials such as clean water, food, healthcare and education.

As part of our Lenten journey, pupils will complete a sponsored walk in school. Alongside supporting a global charity, this event also links closely with our focus on health and wellbeing. Walking together promotes physical activity, time outdoors, and positive mental wellbeing, while also helping children understand how small personal actions can make a big difference to others.

We will be asking children to collect sponsorship from family and friends. Further details, including sponsorship information, will follow shortly. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Fairtrade

Over the next few weeks, our school will be taking part in a whole-school focus on Fairtrade. During this time, pupils will be learning what Fairtrade is, why it matters, and how our everyday shopping choices can have a positive impact on farmers and workers around the world. Fairtrade ensures that producers receive a fair price for their goods, work in safe conditions, and that communities benefit through investment in education, healthcare and local development.

As part of this initiative, we are inviting every child to take part in a small act of generosity. Please could each pupil bring in one Fairtrade product to donate to our food bank collection. Suitable items include Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar, rice, chocolate, biscuits, or other clearly **labelled Fairtrade goods**.

Please send donations into school by **Friday 27th February**. Thank you for your continued support in helping us put our values into action as a school community.

Volunteer Readers – Plea for Help

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteer readers to come into school and read with our children. Your support would make a huge difference in helping our children develop their reading skills and foster a love for books. If you are interested and have some time to spare, please contact the school office for more details. We would greatly appreciate your help!

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support.

Mrs Heath

Headteacher

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

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| 10 th February | Reception Maths Cafe |
| 12 th February | Year 4 Maths Cafe |
| 12 th February | Year 3 Gunnersbury Park Museum |
| Monday 16 th Feb - Friday 20 th Feb | Half-Term |
| 25 th February | Year 3 Reading Cafe |
| 2 nd March | Open Evening |
| 3 rd March | Year 4 Reading Cafe |
| 4 th March | Author Molly Arbuthnot in school |
| 5 th March | World Book Day |
| 9 th March | Open Evening |
| 10 th March | Reception Reading Cafe |
| 17 th March | Year 2 Reading Cafe |
| 18 th March | Year 5 Reading Cafe |
| 20 th March | Year 3 class assembly |
| 23 rd March | Year 5 to National History Museum |
| 24 th March | Year 1 Reading Cafe |
| 26 th March | Mass – St Margaret Clitherow |
| 1 st April | Last Day of Term - 1:30pm finish |

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

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 26th January – 30th January 2026

Year 1 –90%
Year 2 –95%
Year 3 –91%
Year 4 –91%
Year 5 –95%
Year 6 –96%

Whole school overall –93%
Congratulations to Y6 for best attendance

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 2nd February – 6th February 2026

Year 1 –93%
Year 2 –98.3%
Year 3 –91%
Year 4 –98%
Year 5 –98%
Year 6 –96%

Whole school overall –95%
Congratulations to Y2 for best attendance

**EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF
96%**

Certificates Winners

Year 1:

Crissel, Mia-Rose, Mia

Year 2:

Skyla, Alexandra

Year 3:

Michael, Amalia, Rio, Ezra

Year 4:

Ernest, Isabella, Dennis

Year 5:

Lucia, Nissi

Year 6:

Blanca, Rebecca, Joanna,
Nadia, Amelia