



Spring Term Newsletter

Number 476 – 1st April 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of a productive and rewarding spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for their continued support. Our pupils have demonstrated resilience, enthusiasm, and a real commitment to their learning.

We are proud of the progress made across all year groups, both academically and personally. It has been a term filled with enrichment opportunities, and the children have represented the school exceptionally well.

The last few weeks have been extremely busy here at school. We have completed all of our parents' meetings and if you have not attended, please speak to the class teacher to arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

On Thursday 26th March, we celebrated Mass for the Feast of St Margaret Clitherow. All children gathered in the hall as Fr Albert celebrated mass with us. The children listened as Fr Albert spoke about what makes a saint. They sang and read beautifully. Thank you to the family members who joined us for this special occasion.

We continued with our preparations for Easter in school this week as our children in Years 1 to 6 visited the church to take part in the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to the parents/siblings who accompanied the children. Children in Foundation Stage visited the Stations of the Cross in our prayer room.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Thank you so much for your generous support with our recent food bank collection. We are incredibly grateful for the donations sent in—your kindness is making a real difference to families in need within our community.

We would also like to thank anyone who has supported the Big Lent Walk so far. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to donate, we would be very grateful for any support you are able to give no matter how small. Please use the link below:

<https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-margaret-clitherows-fundraising-page2026/donation-amount>

York House

When we return to school on Monday 20th April, we will also see the opening of York House, our Additionally Resourced Provision as the first children join. This marks a significant milestone for our school community, as we expand our provision to better support pupils with additional needs. The new space has been thoughtfully designed to create a nurturing, inclusive environment where every child can feel safe, valued, and ready to learn. We are excited to welcome our new pupils and look forward to seeing them thrive as part of our school.

Term Dates

A reminder that our schools set their own term dates and these are usually different from the Brent Council school term dates. We always send term dates to you via the Jotter and in the newsletter. It is also available on our school website.

Attendance

Your child's attendance information for the academic year so far has been sent home with your child today. If their attendance is causing concern and is below 90% you will be invited in to meet with me to discuss ways, we can work together to improve attendance. Please adhere to the Easter holiday dates and do not extend the school holidays either before or after.

As we move forward into the break, I encourage you to take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy quality moments with your loved ones. Whether you have plans for travel, exploration, or simply relaxing at home, I hope you find joy and rejuvenation in these moments together.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter and we look forward to seeing you all back here on **Monday 20th April**. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Heath

May God bless you at Easter,
And keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith it takes,
To make your dreams come true.
May His love and wisdom always help,
To guide you on your way.
May His light shine down upon you now,
To bless your Easter Day.

Easter Blessings

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Easter.



Community Dates

2nd April - Maundy Thursday

3rd April - Good Friday

5th April - Easter Sunday

6th April – Easter Monday

For information on Mass times at English Martyrs during the Holy Week and Easter, please click on the link below.

[English Martyrs Mass Times Holy Week and Easter](#)

As a Catholic community, we prepare to commemorate the central events of the Christian faith—the death and resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Before arriving at Easter Sunday, we journey through Palm Sunday and Good Friday. During Mass, we reflect on the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and we give thanks for the new life made possible through His redemption of our sins.

Easter invites us to humility. Throughout Lent, we have fasted and prayed in order to deepen our relationship with God, while also becoming more attentive to the needs of others.

As we enter the Easter break, let us continue to pray for those who have yet to encounter the sacrificial and generous love of Jesus. May we also grow in gratitude for the peace, comfort, and hope we receive through the promise of eternal life in God's presence.

Vouchers- Edenred vouchers will once again be available for the Easter holidays. Please look out for an e-mail regarding this if you have not been given a voucher already. Voucher sent to your email has a validity of three months. Remember that the vouchers have a use by date of three months. Please let the office know if you have changed your email address.

Summer uniform- When we return after Easter the children should wear their summer uniform. This consists of a yellow checked dress for girls, and a yellow polo shirt and school trousers or shorts for boys. Winter uniform should not be worn. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear. Uniform checks will be carried out at the start of the term so please make sure you make any necessary purchases over the holiday.

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

20 th April	First Day of Summer Term
20 th April	Year 3 Swimming starts
20 th April	Year 4 to Brent Museum
21 st April	Year 6 Swimming starts
22 nd April	Year 5 Swimming starts
23 rd April	Year 4 Swimming starts
27 th April	Year 2 to Kew Gardens
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 23rd March – 27th March 2026

Year 1 97-%
Year 2 95-%
Year 3 98-%
Year 4 97-%
Year 5 95-%
Year 6 98-%

Whole school overall 97-%
Congratulations to Y3 & Y6 for best attendance

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF
96%

Congratulations to the following 38 children who had 100% attendance in the Spring Term

Reception -Emanuel, Aletheia

Year 1 - Benedict

Year 2 -Vaani, Denitsa, Raegan, Ethan, Joshua, Roshanna, Amanda, Aliyah

Year 3, Eunice, Alicja, Amelia, Araya, Ezra, Kamil

Year 4 Adrian, Jett, Kyi-On, Caiden, Evelyn, Joshua

Year 5 Victor, Maya, Benjamim, Jeremiah, Nissi Trudy

Year 6 - Angelina, Maya, Kaleb, Shannon, Isaac, Kaleb, Rebecca, Cheryl, Joanna, Mia-Rose

Summer Term 2026

Monday 20th April 2026 First Day of Term

Monday 4th May 2026 **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Summer Half Term - Monday 25th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026

Friday 17th July 2026 LAST DAY OF TERM

Monday 20th July 2026 **INSET – Staff Training Day**

Tuesday 21st July 2026 **INSET – Staff Training Day**

School Day – 8.30 – 3.20 (R-Y6) Soft Start from 8.30am- 8.35am
Gates open at 8.00am – FREE Breakfast for all children R-Year 6
NURSERY – (8.45am – 11.50am) and (8.45am – 2.55pm)

ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY TERM DATES 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September INSET – Staff Training Day

Wednesday 2nd September INSET – Staff Training Day

Thursday 3rd September FIRST DAY OF TERM

October Half Term: Monday 19th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026

Friday 18th December 2026 LAST DAY OF TERM

Christmas Holidays : Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4th January 2027 INSET – Staff Training Day

Tuesday 5th January 2027 First Day of Spring Term

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2027 - Friday 19th February 2027

Wednesday 24th March 2027 **LAST DAY OF TERM**

Thursday 25th March 2027 **ACADEMY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Easter Holidays – Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2026

Monday 12th April 2027 First Day of Term Summer

Monday 3rd May 2027 **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Summer Half Term - Monday 31st May 2027 - Friday 4th June 2027

Tuesday 20th July 2027 LAST DAY OF TERM

Wednesday 21st July 2027 INSET – Staff Training Day

Thursday 22nd July 2027 INSET – Staff Training Day