



# Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are pleased to inform you that the building work for our Additional Resource Provision (ARP) has now been completed, and the facility will be formally handed over to the school shortly. We are delighted to have this new provision and look forward to welcoming the first pupils in the Summer Term. The building has been named York House, in recognition of our school saint, St Margaret Clitherow, who was from York. Father Albert will bless the building at a later date.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality remain an area of concern, as our current figures are not as high as they should be. Please ensure that children attend school whenever possible; absence should only occur in cases of vomiting, diarrhoea, or a high temperature. School begins promptly at 8:35am, with gates opening at 8:00am for breakfast club, and all children should be in school by 8:30am to be ready for learning. Pupils arriving 30 minutes after the register has closed will be marked absent for that session. Where lateness or absence continues to be an issue, we will contact parents, and the Education Welfare Officer from Brent Council may become involved—something we are keen to avoid. Please refer carefully to the attendance table provided, which highlights the significant impact that time off school can have on your child's learning.

## Getting your child to school on time really matters. Did you know .....

If in a school year your child is late everyday...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3-5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

**You should not take your child on holiday during term time.  
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.  
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity**

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Heath  
Headteacher

Should you have any queries please contact us on: [admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)  
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## ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 12<sup>th</sup> January – 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Year 1 87–%  
Year 2 98–%  
Year 3 99–%  
Year 4 91–%  
Year 5 97–%  
Year 6 95–%

**Whole school overall – 94%**  
**Congratulations to Year 3 for the best attendance**

**EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF 96%**

## ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 19<sup>th</sup> January – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Year 1 72–%  
Year 2 90–%  
Year 3 97–%  
Year 4 88–%  
Year 5 97–%  
Year 6 97–%

**Whole school overall - 90%**  
**Congratulations to Year 3, 5 & 6 for the best attendance**

## Prayer for Commitment

Lord,  
Teach me the value of true commitment.  
Help me to stay faithful to my promises,  
Dedicate myself fully to my responsibilities,  
And persevere even when challenges come.  
Let me understand that commitment shapes  
my character,  
Builds trust with others,  
And brings purpose to all I do.  
Guide me to honour my commitments with  
integrity and  
love.  
Amen.

## Certificates Winners

### Year 1:

Julia, Benedict, Jessica

### Year 2:

Aliyah, Denitsa

### Year 3:

Daria, Kira, David

### Year 4:

Hadassah, Andra, Joshua

### Year 5:

Victor, Kidus, Jenna

### Year 6:

Shannon, Maya, Calvin

## FORTHCOMING DATES

27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Maths Cafe
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Maths Cafe
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 6 Maths Cafe
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Maths Café
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception Maths Cafe
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Maths Cafe
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Gunnersbury Park Museum
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb- Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half-Term

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

## Managing medicines

We will **only administer medicines provided by parents/carers**. The school **does not** provide any medicines.

Prescription and non-prescription medicines will only be administered at school:

- When it would be detrimental to the pupil's health or school attendance not to do so **and**
- Where we have parents' written consent

The only exception to this is where the medicine has been prescribed to the pupil without the knowledge of the parents.

Pupils under 16 will not be given medicine containing **aspirin** unless prescribed by a doctor.

Anyone giving a pupil any medication (for example, for pain relief) will first check maximum dosages and when the previous dosage was taken. Parents will always be informed.

The school will only accept prescribed medicines that are:

- In-date
- Labelled
- Provided in the original container, as dispensed by the pharmacist, and include instructions for administration, dosage and storage

The school will accept insulin that is inside an insulin pen or pump rather than its original container, but it must be in date.

All medicines will be stored safely. Pupils will be informed about where their medicines are at all times and be able to access them immediately. Medicines and devices such as asthma inhalers, blood glucose testing metres and adrenaline pens will always be readily available to pupils and not locked away.

## Head Lice and Nits Information

We would like to take this opportunity to provide some information about head lice and nits, as they are a common occurrence among young children and their families.

Head lice are tiny insects that live on the human scalp and are spread through direct head-to-head contact. They do not jump, fly, or swim, and their presence is not related to hygiene or the cleanliness of hair.

### **What You Need to Know:**

- Head lice lay eggs (nits) close to the scalp, which hatch within 7 to 10 days. The empty eggshells move further down the hair shaft as the hair grows.
- Itching and scratching may not occur immediately and can take 2 to 3 weeks to develop after contact.
- Head lice are most commonly spread among children due to close play and interaction.

### **What You Can Do:**

- We encourage all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly for signs of head lice and nits.
- If head lice are found, prompt treatment is recommended using a fine-toothed detection comb and, if necessary, medicated treatments available from pharmacies.
- Regular hair care and early detection can help to minimise the spread of head lice.

Please note that exclusion from school is not required, and children can continue to attend as normal. We appreciate your support in ensuring that head lice are managed effectively and encourage open communication if you require further advice.

For more information, you can visit the NHS website at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>