



BE IN THE KNOW!



**16th October
2026**

This week's highlights:

It has been another wonderfully busy week at Claydon Primary School! Today, it was fantastic to see so many children wearing different items of red clothing to show their support for Show Racism the Red Card. It was lovely to see our school community come together to promote kindness, respect, inclusion and equality, while helping our children understand that racism is never acceptable.

Throughout the day, each phase took part in age-appropriate discussions and activities to explore what it means to be kind, inclusive and respectful towards everyone. Our youngest children in EYFS explored the message 'Our Hands Are Kind', while KS1 focused on 'Choose Kindness'. Lower KS2 considered the importance of 'Everyone Belongs', and Upper KS2 explored what it means to 'Be an Upstander' and to speak up when something is wrong. These are such important messages for our children to learn, and I hope we continue to see them reflected in the way we treat one another every day.

On Monday, KS1 stepped back in time for a fantastic Victorian Day, exploring what life was like for children attending school during the Victorian era. The children experienced some of the very different expectations of Victorian classrooms, including the idea that children should be seen and not heard, and the importance of working silently at their tables. They also had a go at rote learning, practising their 'sums' and reciting them repeatedly, just as children would have in Victorian schools.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all at our parents' consultations next week.

Mrs O'Connor
Headteacher

Student Spotlight

Superstar of the Week



Ducklings:	Luna
Wrens:	Ezri
Wagtails:	Reo
Robins:	Mollie
Turtledoves:	Alfie
Nightingales:	Freddie
Kingfishers:	Bella
Woodpeckers:	Posie
Cuckoos:	Oden
Jays:	Toby
Magpies:	Jack
Avocets:	Isla
Lapwings:	Eli
Barn Owls:	Tate
Snowy Owls	Oliver
Tawny Owls	George T
Kestrels:	Scarlett S
Marsh Harriers:	Dillon S

**Congratulations to all our Superstars
of the Week!**



Eco changemakers

This week, we're sharing some exciting environmental news about one of Britain's most beautiful woodland animals – the red squirrel!

Did you know that red squirrels are the UK's only native squirrel species? Sadly, they are now endangered, with only around 287,000 remaining in Britain. Their numbers have fallen dramatically because of disappearing woodland habitats, competition from grey squirrels and a disease called squirrelpox.

However, there is some brilliant news! This week, the Red Squirrel Recovery Network announced a new £250,000 fund to help protect these wonderful animals. Community groups will be able to apply for money to improve woodland habitats, organise wildlife activities and teach people about the importance of protecting red squirrels.

The project will support conservation efforts in areas including Northumberland, Cumbria and parts of Scotland, where red squirrels can still be found. It's hoped that by bringing communities together, we can give these endangered animals a brighter future!



Eco Challenge

Autumn is a brilliant time to look after wildlife! Could you create a small wildlife-friendly space in your garden, leave some fallen leaves for insects or pick up litter on a woodland walk? Every little action helps to protect our precious wildlife!

AUTUMN MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE 31/08/26 21/09/26 12/10/26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	Phat Pasty Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	 Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special
	Option Two	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Smokey Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
WEEK TWO 07/09/26 28/09/26 19/10/26	Option One	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork or Chicken Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce	 Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special
	Option Two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam & Coconut Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie	
WEEK THREE 14/09/26 05/10/26	Option One	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	Chef Shipka's Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	 Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special
	Option Two	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Cheese & Crackers	Fruit Medley	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	
AVAILABLE DAILY:		Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt					

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

AUTUMN MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE	Option THREE	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or baked beans	 Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special
	Option Four	Ham roll With carrot, cucumber and fruit	Ham roll With carrot, cucumber and fruit	Ham roll With carrot, cucumber and fruit	Ham roll With carrot, cucumber and fruit		
	Dessert	Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
WEEK TWO	Option Three	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket potato with tuna or cheese	Jacket potato with tuna, cheese or baked beans	 Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein Chef's Special
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Claydon's Enrichment Offers Autumn Term

Our enrichment clubs provide our pupils with a wide range of exciting and enriching opportunities, either during lunch or after school.



Choir Club

Year 4/5/6



Crochet Club

Year 5/6



Sudoku Club

Year 5/6



Numbots

KS1



TTRockstars Club

Year 3



Running Club

Year 4



British Sign Language

Year 5/6



Christmas Craft Club

All year groups

Is there anything else you would like us to offer your child at Claydon?

Please pass this on to Miss Munro or Miss Herod.



Think before you park

POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO SCHOOLS CAN PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK



DO NOT PARK ON THE FOLLOWING



Failure to follow these rules may result in a Penalty Charge Notice being issued.

Please park safely and be considerate of others.

#thinkb4upark



WILD halloween SESSIONS

GREEN LIGHT TRUST



WHEN:
27th & 29th
October
9.30 am-2.30pm

WHERE:

- Castan Woods, Ipswich
- Frithy Woods, Bury St Edmunds

Who are the Sessions for?

Our 'Wild 'Ween' sessions are for children aged 7-11.

A chance to make new friends, enjoy games, Halloween-themed nature crafts, woodland adventures and campfire fun.

For children with a love of the outdoors!

Cost- £37 per child (£30 for siblings) (includes small breakfast and snacks)

All of our sessions will be held entirely outside, so please ensure your child/children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

N.B - All sessions are 'drop off' sessions.

Frithy Woods



www.greenlighttrust.org



To Book your sessions, please scan the QR codes or contact info@greenlighttrust.org

Castan Woods



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Flatford Nature Day

Tuesday 27th October 2026

Join us at Flatford for our autumn Nature Day!

Lots of free, nature-themed activities to get stuck into including:

- Pond dipping
- Hedgehog trails
- Fun nature quizzes
- Hands-on arts & crafts
- Leafy and riverside strolls



...and much more!

Drop in activities 11am - 3pm



Enjoy the great outdoors around Flatford this October half-term
There will be something for all the family!

There is a charge of £6.00 for use of the National Trust car park for non-members.
Call Field Studies Council Flatford Mill on 01206 297110 for more details.



Field Studies Council



River Stour Trust



Dedham Vale National Landscape



RSPB



National Trust



Great Ouse National Landscape



FARMER JOHN'S MAIZE MAZE & PUMPKIN PATCH

Opening dates

FRI 2ND – SUN 4TH OCTOBER
FRI 9TH – SUN 11TH OCTOBER
FRI 16TH – SAT 31ST OCTOBER
10AM - 4PM
LAST ENTRY 3PM
NO BOOKING REQUIRED!



- pick your perfect pumpkin
- mega & mini maize mazes
- go karts
- giant bouncy tractor
- and more!

£8pp
Includes
all activities & a
FREE PUMPKIN
Per person



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CASTLE HILL AMATEUR PERFORMERS LITTLE PANTO OF HORRORS

In aid of cancer research

THURSDAY
29TH
OCTOBER
19:30

FRIDAY
30TH
OCTOBER
19:30

SATURDAY
31ST
OCTOBER
17:30

castlehillamateurperformers@gmail.com

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA
EVENTBRITE

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FOR DETAILS**

SAXONS JUNIOR CLUB

IN ASSOCIATION WITH **SUFFOLK
BADMINTON**

Are you looking for a fun, friendly and structured environment for your child to develop their badminton skills in Ipswich?

The Saxons Junior Club has been set up to help junior players take their game to the next level – with a mixture of coaching and match play.

AGES 8 – 17 years old	VENUE Ipswich School Sports Centre, Rushmere IP5 1DE	DAY Wednesday	TIME 18:00 – 20:00	COST £12 per session
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Head Coach: Ben Williams
Badminton England Level 2 Coach

To register your interest please email
saxonsjuniorbadminton@gmail.com

CALLING ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN!



We are seeking more Primary School aged children that love to **SING, ACT** and **DANCE** to come along and join our **BRAND NEW** Weekend School!!

**HIGH QUALITY MUSICAL
THEATRE TRAINING IN
IPSWICH EVERY SUNDAY**

Every Sunday during Term Time
10:00AM - 2:00PM
£7.50 per hour

Held at St Joseph's College,
IP2 9DR

We are seeking students who are
eager to learn and possess the right
attitude, rather than just those who
are the most skilled.



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YOUR FREE TRIAL
OR AUDITION
NOW!!



FREE TO TRIAL & FREE TO AUDITION!
NO NEED TO PREPARE ANYTHING - JUST TURN UP & TAKE PART!

AUTUMN DATES FOR THE DIARY



Further details will follow nearer the time

08/10/26	HARVEST FESTIVAL AT BARHAM CHURCH	10:00 GROUP A 11:10 GROUP B
12/10/26	CURRENT EYFS PARENTS COFFEE MORNING AND PHONICS WORKSHOP	09:15-10:15
13/10/26	INCLUSION TEAM DROP IN	14:15-15:15
15/10/26	EYFS PARENT TOUR (for Sept 2027)	09:30-10:30
15/10/26	YEAR 6 HILLTOP SHARING ASSEMBLY WITH PARENTS	14:30-15:00
16/10/26	WEAR RED FOR 'SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD'	
16/10/26	HSA HALLOWEEN DISCO	14.30-15.00 EYFS 15.30-16.30 KS1 16.45-18.00 LKS2 18.15-19.30 UKS2
20/10/26	PARENTS EVENING	15:45-18:15
22/10/26	EYFS PARENT TOUR (for Sept 2027)	09:30-10:30
22/10/26	PARENTS EVENING	17:00-19:30
23/10/26	PD DAY-SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
26/10/26	HALF TERM	
03/11/26	EYFS SCHOOL TOUR (for Sept 2027)	09:30-10:30
03/11/26	EYFS STAY AND PLAY	14:15-15:00
04/11/26	YEAR 1 EARLY READING/PHONICS WORKSHOP	09:15-10:00
05/11/26	FLU VACCINATIONS	08:30-12:30
10/11/26	EYFS PARENT TOUR (for Sept 2027)	09:30-10:30
17/11/26	BAND ACADEMY PERFORMANCE TO PUPILS	12:00-15:00
20/11/26	NON-UNIFORM FOR CHOCOLATE	
24/11/26	INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS	
26/11/26	EYFS SCHOOL TOUR (for Sept 2027)	
28/11/26	HSA CHRISTMAS FAIR	
02/12/26	INCLUSION TEAM DROP IN	14:15-15:15
07/12/26	KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE-NIGHTINGALES	14:15-15:00
08/12/26	YEAR 5 FABULOUS FINISH	09:05-10:05
08/12/26	KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE- WOODPECKERS	14:15-15:00
09/12/26	KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE-TURTLEDOVES	14:15-15:00
10/12/26	KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE-CUCKOOS	14:15-15:00
11/12/26	KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE-KINGFISHERS	14:15-15:00
14/12/26	EYFS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE-WAGTAILS	09:15-10:00
15/12/26	EYFS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE-WRENS	09:15-10:00
15/12/26	YEAR 3 CAROLS IN THE HALL	14:30-15:00
16/12/26	DUCKLINGS CAROLS AND CRAFTS	09:15-10:00
16/12/26	YEAR 4 FABULOUS FINISH	14:30-15:00
17/12/26	CHRISTMAS DINNER AND JUMPER DAY	
17/12/26	EYFS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE-ROBINS	09:15-10:00
18/12/26	LAST DAY OF TERM	