



Welcome back to a brand-new term! It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and energy. They have settled back into their learning and school routines seamlessly, and the school is already buzzing with productivity.

## 2026: The National Year of Reading



As we move into 2026, we are thrilled to celebrate the National Year of Reading. This year, our focus isn't just on literacy skills, but on fostering a genuine love for reading.

We want to encourage our pupils to follow their passions, whether that is space, sports, animals, or art, and use reading as a tool to explore those interests. Our goal is for children to read because they *want to*, not because they have to.

- **Grand Re-opening:** Our Year 6 librarians have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to get our school library organised. We are excited to announce it will be open to all children during **Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes**.
- **Mobile Library:** The mobile library returns next week! Please check under beds and behind sofas for any library books to **be returned** by Monday so they can be swapped for fresh titles.
- **Library for Schools Project:** We are delighted to share that we have been accepted into this prestigious project. This means we can look forward to **brand-new books and furniture** arriving soon to refresh our reading spaces!

## Online Safety in 2026

Supporting children and parents to stay safe online is a major priority for us this year. Our Year 5 and 6 children should have had a talk yesterday led by PCSO Jess Comer but unfortunately due to illness she was unable to attend so this session will be rearranged. There is an online talk for parents next Wednesday evening (details below) with further assemblies and workshops for all year groups and parents planned for later in the year.



It has been brought to our attention that a number of vehicles are stopping or parking on the **yellow zig-zag** lines outside the school gates during drop-off and pick-up times. While we understand that the mornings can be a rush, these markings are there for a vital reason: **visibility**.

When cars park on the zig-zags, they create blind spots that make it incredibly difficult for children to see oncoming traffic and for drivers to see small children stepping into the road. Please help us keep all our pupils safe by parking legally outside our school.

Finally, a quick reminder that extra-curricular clubs start next week. Please sign up via Arbor.

Mrs Cowgill and Mr Turull



**INTERNET SAFETY TALK FOR PARENTS ONLINE (NOT IN PERSON)- WEDNESDAY 14th JANUARY 6.30PM - 7.30PM**

We'd like to invite you to a parents' evening "*It is never going to happen to my child... ?*" which aims to raise awareness of Child Exploitation, use of social media app and gaming. The session will be run by Andri Nicolaou from Avon and Somerset Constabulary.



**Content:**

- Overview of online risks (gaming and social media).
- Exploitation of children online / offline.
- Top tips on starting a conversation with your child about the exploitation/grooming and how to work together to use the internet safely.

[click here for microsoft teams link](#)



Date Collection - Please remember to check Arbor to ensure that all of your child/ren's details are correct i.e contact details, medical conditions - it is important that all information we hold is up to date.

There are a number of outstanding items for Chestnut class which require payment such as swimming lessons (in trips) which start on the 16th January and Trumpet lessons (in school shop) which also start next week - please can you check your child's account.



All lunches should be booked through SchoolGrid by Thursday 12pm in order for your child to have a school dinner the following week. We are unable to order hot lunches on the day, so please ensure you book in advance.

The Catering team have also requested that dietary requirements such as allergies are correct in SchoolGrid to ensure that this is reflected in the meals available to your child.

If you haven't yet logged into SchoolGrid and require log in details, then please let the School Office know and we can resend you a link to get set up.

**Governor Vacancy**

We currently have vacancies on our Local Governing Body (LGB). The LGB is made up of Governors from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences, and they are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school. You do not need to have any experience or prior knowledge, as training will be offered. We would be delighted to hear from you; please contact Claire Smith via the school office.



## **Certificates of the week**

### **Head Teachers Award**



Congratulations to Jaz, Humphrey, Jake, Ida and Damon for receiving the Head Teachers Award this week.



### **Doodle Maths**

The children who accumulated the most stars this week are Esme, Joshua, Elizabeth, Stanley, Hudson and Arlo.



TT Rockstars this week are Flossie, Louie and Harlen.



### **Other Awards**

Lainie and Clemmie showed their gymnastic certificates and medals while Addy shared her swimming certificate.





## After School Sport at CLUTTON PRIMARY

### Welcome to Future Stars at Clutton Primary School

Future Stars Coaching is delighted to bring our award-winning after school clubs to your school! Our after school sports clubs are designed to keep children active, happy,

and learning new skills in a safe, supportive environment. Whether your child is trying a new sport or building on their favourites, there's something for everyone.



Club at your School

## SPORTS ZONE KS1

EVERY WEDNESDAY: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

STARTS: 14/01/26



### Why Choose Future Stars?



Qualified,  
DBS-checked coaches



Safe, supportive,  
& fun environment



Wide range of activities,  
skills, drills & games



### How to Book Your Child's Place

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [WWW.FUTURESTARSCOACHING.CO.UK](http://WWW.FUTURESTARSCOACHING.CO.UK)

Spaces are limited - book early to avoid disappointment!

Scan to book





### **Notices**

- **Allergies** - We have a number of children within school with allergies. To minimize the risk of accidental exposure and to ensure a safe learning environment for these students please do not send any foods that contain shellfish or nuts into school with your child. We understand that this requires an extra measure of caution, and we truly appreciate your cooperation in helping us protect these children.
- **Lost Property** - Please label all items of clothing brought into school. Any unclaimed unnamed items of lost property will be added to the Swap and Drop Shop rail at the end of every term.
- **Reception Admissions** - please remember that the date for parents to apply for a place for their child in Reception for September 2026 is January 15th.
- **School Lunches** - Please remember to book lunch before midnight on Thursday for the following week via SchoolGrid.
- **School Office** - Please be aware that on Friday afternoons the school office is unmanned between 12pm and 3pm. If you need to speak to someone on that day then please call before 12pm. You can communicate with us via email at [office@clutton.mnsp.org.uk](mailto:office@clutton.mnsp.org.uk) and we will endeavour to reply later.
- **School Uniform** - If you are unsure of the school uniform policy then please follow the link to the uniform page on the website [School Uniform](#).
- **Drop and Swap Shop** - The rail of donated uniform in the office is always available to parents. Please feel free to take anything you like.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **JANUARY**

Monday 12th	Mobile library at school (please return any borrowed library books)
Wednesday 14th	Internet safety talk for parents <i>"It is never going to happen to my child... ?"</i> 6.30pm ONLINE
Monday 19th	Year 6 residential meeting for parents - 3.15pm

#### **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday 10th	Year 3 and 4 trip to the Roman Baths Year 5 trip to We Are the Curious
Wednesday 11th	Year 6 gymnastics competition @ Writhlington 12 - 3pm
Thursday 12th	Chestnut Class Learning Exhibition to parents 2.30pm