



Clarity Independent School

Friday 27th March 2026

Headteachers Newsletter



Dear Parents and Care-givers,

As we come to the end of this term at Clarity Independent School, I just wanted to share how wonderful the pupils are! They've worked so hard, supported one another, reached out in friendship to new pupils, and filled the school with such positive energy. It's been a truly lovely term, full of achievements; large and small. And with the days getting longer and the weather finally starting to brighten up, it feels like the perfect moment to pause, celebrate all we've done together, and look forward to an even sunnier term ahead.

Charity Afternoon Tea, Thursday 26th March 2026



Our charity afternoon tea was an absolute highlight of the term, bringing together parents, pupils, and staff, to raise money for the Hopefield Animal Sanctuary; a wonderful cause. It was so lovely to see everyone relaxing, chatting, and enjoying the chance to spend time together while supporting such a meaningful cause. This year, we learnt about Hopefield Animal Sanctuary, an organisation that does incredible work caring for rescued and vulnerable animals, and how we can support them in the work they do.

The atmosphere was full of kindness and community spirit, and thanks to everyone's generosity, we are delighted to share that we raised a grand total of **£138.42!** What a fantastic achievement, thank you to all who came along and contributed.

Children's Progress and Awards



Our pupils have had a fantastic term, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. They have worked hard, shown great determination, and continued to grow in confidence and skill across all areas of school and personal life. We also had some particularly special achievements this term, so, an extra well-done to the following pupils for their impressive accomplishments:

1. Alfie (Stingrays) who has won a Bravery Award for going to the dentist and having treatment, despite being nervous and returning to school afterwards!
2. Matilda for achieving her Green Pass award for School Trips!



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Disabled Students'
Allowance



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3. Daisy Gregson for already achieving her Green Pass award for School Trips despite only being at Clarity for one Term!

Headteacher Awards 🏆

Each half term and end of term, we love recognising the fantastic effort and positive attitude shown by our pupils through our Headteacher's Awards. These awards are a special way for us to highlight those children who have gone above and beyond, whether through hard work, kindness, perseverance, or personal growth, and are displayed on the Headteacher's Noticeboard in the main reception, along with our school [website](#). A big well-done to the following pupils for their outstanding achievements this term:

1. Iris for amazing creativity when creating Black Out Poetry!
2. Lexie for outstanding work on her Nature title page!
3. Jack for amazing creativity when creating Black Out Poetry!
4. Matilda for her excellent artwork on Animal Farm!
5. Martha, 1. For her brilliant Science work and 2. Incredible puzzle skills!
6. Alfie (Horses) for settling into Clarity so well and brilliant participation in his new lessons!
7. Astrid for overcoming fears, joining a new classroom and settling into Clarity!

A huge well-done to everyone, it has been a real joy to watch our pupils flourish, support one another, and continue to shine.

Attendance ✅

This term, we have been delighted to welcome two new pupils, both of whom have started on gentle settling-in timetables. This approach helps our new learners feel comfortable, confident, and fully supported as they work towards building up to full attendance. Although this naturally impacts our overall attendance figures, we are pleased that our whole-school attendance has remained consistently above 75%.

We also want to celebrate the brilliant attendance across the rest of the school as well. Eight pupils have achieved over 95% attendance this term, with **four pupils reaching an amazing 100%**, a fantastic accomplishment! Over the last thirty days, this positive pattern has continued, with six pupils achieving 100% attendance. A huge thank you to all parents and caregivers who help make this possible, especially by arranging medical appointments around school times where they can and taking day trips and holidays outside term time. Your efforts really do make a difference. With brighter weather and lighter days ahead, we are hopeful that attendance will continue to improve, and we truly appreciate your ongoing support in encouraging the importance of daily attendance with your child.

Exams ✅

Mock exams have continued this term for our pupils in Tigers and Horses, and we are incredibly proud of the focus and determination they have shown throughout. These assessments can be challenging, but everyone has approached them with such maturity and commitment. Well-done to all the pupils who continue to do an excellent job, your work is truly paying off.

Staff News 👤

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Dianne Spencer to the Clarity team this term. With many years of experience working with children, (and even a background as a police officer!), Dianne brings a wealth of knowledge, calm reassurance, and a wonderfully positive attitude to our school. She has already shown her



kind, upbeat nature and has settled in beautifully, quickly becoming a valued part of the Clarity family. We are so pleased to have her with us.



New pupils

We are very happy to welcome Alfie and Astrid to Horses class this term. They have both settled in wonderfully, and we are so proud of how well they have adjusted to life here at Clarity. It has been lovely to see them starting to make new friendships at their own pace, and embracing all that school life has to offer. We look forward to watching them flourish and continue to grow with us.



Swimming Next Term

We are delighted to confirm that swimming will continue next term. Sessions will once again be held at the Girls' County High School, and we are very pleased to have Andy returning as our swimming teacher. Girls and boys will have separate swimming lessons in groups. To help everyone feel confident and prepared, the first session on Wednesday 15th April will be an introduction to the pool area, giving pupils a tour and a gentle guide so they know exactly what to expect before lessons begin the following week. As we all are aware, many of our Clarity children find advance rehearsal and 'walk-throughs' immensely helpful in their navigation of any new social event; therefore, although they will **not** be getting changed and into the pool on this first occasion, they **do** still need their swimming kit bag on this day, with costume, towel etc. as a practise-run and to provide opportunity to resolve any concerns / questions before the lessons start. We have found this practise-run to be fantastically successful in leading to them being involved through the proceeding weeks. We're very much looking forward to another great term of swimming.




Upcoming dates for your diary (more details to follow):

- Monday 13th April: INSET Day
- Tuesday 14th April: Pupils return to school
- Tuesday 16th April: Speech and Language Therapist Visit in school
- Thursday 23rd April: Occupational Therapist Visit in school
- Monday 4th May: Bank Holidays
- Thursday 7th May: Careers advice sessions
- Wednesday 13th May: Occupational Therapist
- Friday 22nd May: Break up for half term holiday

Information from the Local Authority:

1. More details of everything on offer from Essex County Council can be found on the Essex Local Offer website: <https://send.essex.gov.uk/>. (Click the purple box 'Search for Support Groups and Activities'.)

Thank you all, as always, for your incredible support. We truly couldn't do any of this without you.

Yours sincerely, 

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