



Clarity Independent School

12th December 2025

Headteacher's Newsletter



Dear Parents and Care-givers,

As we approach the end of what has been a wonderful autumn term at Clarity, I am excited to reflect on, and share, the achievements and experiences we've had.

Despite the shorter days and colder weather, this term has been filled with learning, personal progress, and memorable moments for all our pupils. All our staff have been continually impressed by the dedication of our pupils, who have approached their learning with enthusiasm and curiosity, and have each achieved brilliant things.

Pantomime Trip

As the festive season nears, one of the highlights of this term has been our annual pantomime trip. This year's performance of *Aladdin* was a huge success, filled with laughter, magic, and plenty of audience participation that our pupils thoroughly enjoyed. I would like to give a special "Well-done!" to those pupils for whom this was their first school trip or pantomime experience. Stepping into something new can feel daunting, but these children showed courage and resilience and should feel incredibly proud of themselves for conquering any worries they may have had.

Children's Progress

This term, like every term, all our pupils have done amazingly and have come so far both academically and personally. Special congratulations to the following pupils, who have achieved exciting new leadership roles:

Lexie - Head Girl
Boedy - Head Boy
Harry - Food Tech Assistant
Iris - Librarian
Holly - Office Assistant
Alfie – Friendship Champion



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Attendance ✓

This term, we are delighted to share that a quarter of our pupils have achieved outstanding attendance of over 95%, which is a wonderful achievement that deserves recognition! Your commitment to ensuring your children attend school regularly is making a real difference to their learning and wellbeing.

We understand that family life can be challenging at times, and we're here to support you. If you're experiencing any difficulties with attendance, please don't hesitate to reach out, we're here to help. Thank you for your continued support in helping our pupils succeed.

Afternoon Tea for SANDS




In December, we had a lovely and very successful afternoon tea fundraising event. We chose to support SANDS, a charity very close to many hearts. SANDS do incredible work saving babies' lives and ensuring that when the heartbreaking loss of a baby occurs, everyone affected receives the compassionate support and care they need during such a difficult time.

The afternoon was made even more special by your company as parents and caregivers - the children (and all of us!) always love it when parents and caregivers come to see them at school. The children practised their new Leadership roles and were all so helpful. The variety of delicious cakes brought in by both our wonderful staff and pupils (with your support) was amazing, and everything looked (and tasted) absolutely scrumptious! I'm delighted to share, that together, we raised a fantastic total of £98.90. This is truly remarkable, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part, our staff for their hard work in organising, our parents for their generous support and contributions, and our pupils for their enthusiasm and effort.

Science

We are very proud of the children who sat their first Entry Level Science exams this term! The results will be released in August with the rest of their modules, so we can look forward to hearing about them then. This week, our pupils also had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a heart dissection practical led by Mr Powell. The anticipation in the run-up to the session was palpable, and it certainly lived up to expectations! It was a joy to see every pupil so deeply engaged and focused throughout the activity. Their curiosity and enthusiasm brought the learning to life, and the experience provided an invaluable opportunity for them to develop their scientific understanding in a truly memorable way.

Christmas Events

As we get closer to  "... the most wonderful time of the year..." , the festive spirit has truly come alive here at Clarity. Our school is looking very festive now that we've put up all our Christmas decorations . The twinkling lights, colourful displays and seasonal touches throughout the building have really helped everyone, staff and pupils alike, get into the Christmas spirit. We've had some wonderful Christmas activities this term too such as Christmas films, quizzes, cooking and more!



Clarity Post Box



I'm also delighted to introduce a new addition to our school – a beautiful red post box! This has been set up especially for our Christmas card postage, and the excitement around it has been wonderful to see. We have had several special 'Elf-helpers' who will sort through the post and deliver cards to the correct classes each day. The post box will make several other appearances throughout the year as the children practice various types of writing, sending their letters to a variety of magical places...story scenes... imaginary characters... and beyond...!

Policy updates (and summary of changes)

Thank you to those parents who have commented on our updated Behaviour Policy. The updated policy is now published live on our website www.clarity.essex.sch.uk/policies.

Upcoming dates for your diary:

Tuesday 6th January 2026 - Staff INSET day

Wednesday 7th January 2026 – We welcome the children back to school after the Christmas Holidays

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'.)

As always, we all want to send a huge thank you to all of you for all the wonderful support you give the children, staff and whole school. We couldn't do this without you. 🌸

We wish you all a wonderful, blessed, warm and healthy Christmas and a Happy new Year, from all the staff at Clarity!



Yours sincerely,

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