

# Clifton All Saints Academy Newsletter

## 19.01.2024

### **'Be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16 v 13-14**

On Wednesday, the children in Olive Class travelled to the O2 Arena to take part in the Young Voices concert. The children had an excellent time and sounded absolutely wonderful. It was great to see so many parents go along to support the children. We are looking forward to being treated to some of the children's songs in our Celebration Collective Worship next Friday. I would like to thank Ms Sykes, Mrs Francis, Mrs Cartmell and Mrs Hook for taking the children and arranging such a super trip.

Ash Class have been using the book Funny Bones to learn all about their bodies. The children have made skeletons, matched insects to their x-rays and ordered the funny bones characters from smallest to largest.

Cedar Class have been enjoying exploring our woodland area despite the chilly weather. The children have been learning about microhabitats and went on a bug hunt. As you can see from the pictures, a few creepy crawlies were found!

Maple Class have been looking at Barbra Hepworth in their Art lessons and have produced some stunning soap carvings for their sculpture unit.

Palm class had their residential information evening this week which was very well attended. The children met two of the instructors from Grafham Water and learnt about the accommodation, activities and timetable for the trip. There is lots of excitement building in Year 6 and I would like to thank Mrs Lines for organising this.

This week we welcomed Kim Pilgrim into school. Kim is a school improvement partner and a former HMI for Ofsted and brings a huge wealth of knowledge and experience with her. Kim spent time in all of our classrooms from Ash all the way through to Palm. As always, our children did us proud. Their behaviour is always exceptional and Kim commented on their conduct in classrooms and around school. We look forward to working with Kim to continue to strengthen the good work already happening in school and to secure the best educational outcomes for the children.

Parent Question of the month will resume next week after a hiatus - this month's question will focus on World Book Day. If you do have any topics that you would like to suggest for Parent Question of the Month please feel free to send Miss Byrne a message on Dojo with your suggestions. As always, we will publish the 'you said, we did' comments section in the newsletter at the end of the month.





## Diary Dates

### January 2024

22nd	Don Rae dance workshop (whole school) World Religion day
24th	Reception and Year 1 Dental health checks (all selected pupils have been contacted)
26th	Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics Competition

### February 2024

1st	EYFS & KS1 Open classroom (9am - 10am) Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition
5th - 9th	Children's Mental Health week
6th	Internet Safety day
13th	Lent Church Service (whole school 9.30am - 10.30am)
14th	PTA Valentines Event
15th	Clifton's Got Talent
<b>19th - 23rd</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>26th</b>	<b>Children back in school</b>

### March 2024

7th	World Book Day
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## Parents Evening - March 2024

Following the issues we experienced with the ParentMail booking system in November 2023, we are currently looking into additional options to make the process easier. As soon as we have more information we will let you know.



## Redborne School Sports Partnership

We have now signed up to the Redborne School Sports Partnership competitions for the 2023/2024 academic year.

Children from Year 1 - 6 will represent the school throughout the year at various competitions. Unfortunately, not every child will have the opportunity to attend every year.

### Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics

Our competitions start with our Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics Competition on Friday 26 January 2024. This will be made up of 6 boys and 6 girls across both year groups. Those children who have been chosen to represent the school will bring a letter home by the end of this week / beginning of week commencing Monday 22 January 2024. To enable your child to attend, please ensure you return the consent form by the date stated on the letter.

## Church Information

### All Saints' Clifton



Sunday 28th January

Church Hall

10:30am

- Craft activities for all the family
  - Stories and songs
  - Hot lunch
- No fixed cost- donations welcome
  - No need to book

Come and join the fun!

Contact [messychurch@clifton-beds.co.uk](mailto:messychurch@clifton-beds.co.uk) if you would like more info!

## Ivel Valley Weekly Bulletin

Please find below a link to this weeks Ivel Valley Bulletin. This contains various information which you may find useful.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKCBCC/bulletins/3849ba3>

Central  
Bedfordshire

Parent Insight

Lumi Nova



Lumi Nova

A therapeutic digital intervention (game) for childhood anxiety  
7-12-year-olds (facing difficulties with anxiety)

Parent Session

Wednesday 31st January 2024

4-5pm

Free to attend via Microsoft Teams  
Register for your place via the Microsoft Forms link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/VZPvrnqYEq>

Organised by the CBC North Localities Early Help Teams:

For more information, please contact

North Early Help - [northearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:northearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

South Early Help - [southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:southearlyhelp@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk)

# Before and After School Clubs Spring 2024

We are pleased to confirm that for the Spring term, we have the following clubs available:

## Before and After School Clubs Spring 1 Term 2023

	Drama Club	Multi Sports		Dance		Football Club	
	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday AM	Friday PM	Thursday	Friday
Ash			✓				
Birch	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Cedar	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Juniper	✓	✓		✓			✓
Maple	✓	✓		✓			✓
Olive	✓	✓		✓			✓
Palm	✓	✓		✓			✓

There are still spaces available at the Multi-sports and Football Clubs with booking still available.



Football Fun Factory continue their After School Football Clubs in spring 2024. The clubs will start week commencing Monday 8 January and finish on week commencing Monday 12 February 2024. Football clubs available are as follows:

KS1 Football Club	Thursday	3.20pm – 4.20pm
KS2 Football Club	Friday	3.20pm – 4.20pm

The clubs will be mixed boys and girls.

Cost per child: £21.00 for the half term (£3.50 per week)

Places are limited and bookings are to be made on [ParentPay](#)



### DRAMA CLUB – JANUARY 2024!

We are really pleased with how many children have shown an interest in our January. If you have signed your child up to take part, please remember to sign by making payment ASAP. Dini currently only has one slot available so if you like to take part in drama club please read the information from Dini below.

Dini can't wait to teach you all at Clifton All Saints Academy!

Professional TV and stage actress Davina, known as Dini, has been teaching for 20 years and teaches in many theatre schools including Emil Dale in Hitchin. Dini's classes centre around the 4 C's which are Confidence, Concentration, Communication and Coordination. These core elements help children thrive both in and out of school as well as have a lot of fun! Check out my website for more info on me <https://www.dinishowstoppers.com/>

When is it? Tuesday 3.30-4.30  
Who is it for? Year 1 to Year 6

How much is it? £55 for a 11 week term £5 per session Term commences Tuesday 9th Jan (no class half term)

Please email to secure your place before paying with child's name and your mobile number. It's first come first served, so be quick as I only have 20 places available for you little ones.

dinidee@hotmail.com  
07985587133

All payments to be made online to Miss D Dewrance  
09-01-29  
33415459

SPRING INTO MOVEMENT.  
LET'S DANCE!

## DANCE CLUBS CLIFTON ALL SAINTS ACADEMY

Enrol now for Spring term

Spring Term -

KS2 (years 3 to 5) –  
Thursday Breakfast Club  
8am - 8.50am  
(£3.50 per session)

KS1 (years 1 to 2)-  
Friday After School Club  
3.30pm - 4.20pm  
(£4.00 per session)



TO BOOK FOLLOW LINK IN THE PARENTMAIL TO REGISTER VIA OUR ADMIN SYSTEM

SPRING TERM - 12TH JANUARY TO 22ND MARCH 2024

# February Half Term Holiday Camps

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM**

**PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS**

**INSPIRING ACTIVITY**

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## YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMPS

Venue: **HENLOW COFE ACADEMY, SG16 6AN**  
 Dates: Monday 19th - Friday 23rd February  
 Ages: 5 - 12  
 Cost: **FULL DAY**  
 8:00am - 4:00pm  
 £30.72 a day

Additional info: Please note that we can only accept children in current year 1 - 7 classes as per our current Ofsted guidelines.

### PLEASE BRING

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

Mix it up this half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!  
 These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before – from dodgeball to fencing, lacrosse to gymnastics.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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 We've launched at our lowest rates. You can save up to £89 a week if you book now with our Early Booking offer and your exclusive code!

**FLEXIBLE PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

- Pay with Tax-Free childcare OR Childcare Vouchers
- Spread the cost with interest-free monthly payments
- Protect your booking with Flex

**EARLY BOOKING OFFER ENDS 31ST JANUARY, 2024**

# Shefford & Stotfold Children's Centre Timetable

## Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre Spring timetable All sessions are free to attend.

**Monday**

Breakfast Club 8.15-9.15am @ Shefford CC - All ages welcome  
 Stotfold Drop in 1.30-3pm @ Stotfold Library - All ages welcome  
 Brasserie 12.30-1.30pm @ Stotfold Library - Feeding support  
 SEND Stay & Play 10-11.30am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ Shefford CC  
 Perinatal Baby and Me 10-11.30am 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday @ Shefford CC  
 Revive 9.30-11am @ Birches Shefford - Bookable session

**Tuesday**

Tea & Toast 8.30-9.30am @ Arlesley Youth Centre All ages  
 BEP Stay & Play 9.30 - 11am @ Arlesley Youth Centre All ages  
 Stondon Drop in 9.30-11am @ Stondon Baptist Church All ages  
 Baby Days postnatal 6-week course 1pm-2.30pm @ Shefford CC  
 Parent Puzzle 6.45-8.45pm @ Shefford CC - Bookable courses

**Wednesday**

Breakfast Club 8.15-9.15am @ Shefford CC - All ages  
\*Breakfast Club, no need to book, activities, breakfast, and a place to meet  
 Keeping the Child in Mind 1-3pm @ Birches Shefford Bookable  
 Tea Club 3.15 - 5pm @ Shefford Children's centre - All ages welcome

**Thursday**

Childminder Rhyme Time 9.30-10.30 @ Shefford CC  
 Bump, Birth and Baby Stuff antenatal class 9.30-4pm @ Arlesley Youth Centre, monthly - Bookable

**Friday**

Breakfast Club 8.15-9.15am @ Shefford CC - All ages welcome  
 Shefford Drop in 9-11 @ Shefford CC - All ages welcome.  
 Brasserie 11-12.30 @ Shefford CC - Feeding support & social  
 Introducing Solids talk 1.30-2.30pm @ Shefford CC third Friday of the month, no need to book.

Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre  
 0300 300 8112 Mobile 0758588983  
 Shefford Children's Centre SG17 5XA

**Keeping the Child in Mind**  
 A nurturing 4-week course focusing on relationships within the family, and particularly the influence of parental relationships on children.  
 Bookable course call for more information.

**Drop ins.**  
 Support and information covering all aspects of your baby or child. Mondays at Stotfold Library, Tuesdays at Stondon Baptist church hall and Fridays at Shefford Children's Centre. All ages welcome. Self-weighing scales available.

**First Aid**  
 Emergency Paediatric First Aid - 2-hour course  
 Bookable course £10 cash per person to secure place @ Shefford Children's Centre. Certificate provided.  
 27<sup>th</sup> January 9-11am  
 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9-11am

**Military Drop ins**  
 Stay and play for military families, all ages welcome. Self-weighing scales available.  
 RAF Henlow Alternate Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.30-3pm @ The Hive  
 JFC Chicksands 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 1-2.30pm @ Gilbertine Centre

**One to one Support**  
 Our friendly team welcome you to pop by anytime to the centre if you would like support.  
 We support with parenting workshops, behaviour advice, managing relationships, Breast feeding info and support, Domestic abuse and parental conflict, budgeting, housing and so much more. Pop in for a cuppa and chat, call or fill out a request for services form.

**Need Project Food Bank Drop in**  
 Stotfold Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's 11-12.30 @ 36 High Street Stotfold  
 Shefford Every Wednesday 9.30-11am @ Methodist Church Hall Amphill Road Shefford

**Shefford Children's Centre School Lane, Shefford SG17 5XA.**  
 Open 8.30am to 4.30pm Located behind Shefford Lower School.

**Outreach Locations**  
 Stotfold Library Hitchin Road Stotfold, England SG5 4HP  
 Arlesley Youth Centre High Street Arlesley SG15 6SN  
 Stondon Baptist Church Baptist Church Hall Station Road Lower Stondon SG16 6LL  
 Stotfold Midwife Hub Rook Tree Lane Stotfold SG5 4DL 0300 300 8185

Find out what's on at your local Children's Centre  
 What do you think? Feedback  
 Would you like support? Self-ref here  
 Register to use our services.

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## Messy Play

**Ideal for children 18 months to 3 years old**

It's free to attend. No need to book A fun play environment for your child

**A fun Messy Play session for children**

- Promoting hand eye coordination
- Early reading and writing skills
- Fine motor skills

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
 1.30-3pm  
 @ Arlesley Youth Centre, High St SG15 6SN

**A place to play & talk to other parents and carers. Family workers will be here for support and information**

Shefford and Stotfold Children's Centre  
 Phone 0300 300 8112. Mobile: 07585 88983

# Information from External Organisations



Want to feel more confident to talk to your child about the challenges they face and how to keep themselves safe?

Then, join our:

### 'Parenting 24' webinar

This 45-minute online session will help you to learn more about violence against women and girls (VAWG), how it can start and develop and how to discuss this with your child (male or female).

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm**

Specifically aimed at parents with the purpose of:

- Understanding what VAWG is, who is affected and how
- Providing a space and platform to discuss why it is a problem
- Learning how to talk to our children about VAWG
- Raising our girls and boys in 2024

To reserve your place and register for the Zoom link, email: [jo@lawc.org.uk](mailto:jo@lawc.org.uk)

This webinar is fully funded by the Home Office in conjunction with Bedfordshire Police as part of the Safer Streets 5 initiative.



### Tackling VAWG across Bedfordshire schools

Luton All Women's Centre (LAWC) has been commissioned by Bedfordshire Police's Safer Streets 5 initiative to raise awareness of violence against women & girls (VAWG) with young people and adults across Bedfordshire.

By providing educational programmes that focus on changing attitudes and behaviour towards VAWG, we will increase understanding of why it happens and how it affects us. We also aim to give children and adults the confidence to prevent it from happening and responding to it safely and effectively.

LAWC can support your school by providing:

- VAWG workshops for Y5/6
- VAWG workshops for Y7/8
- Staff training to build knowledge, understanding and confidence to tackle VAWG within schools
- Online VAWG 'Parenting 24' webinars
- Online 'Raising Boys' webinars to develop male allyship and help keep boys safe

To find out more or to book sessions email [jo@lawc.org.uk](mailto:jo@lawc.org.uk)

There is no cost as all initiatives are fully funded by the Home Office in conjunction with Bedfordshire Police as part of Safer Streets 5.



Want to feel more confident raising your sons?

Then, join our:

### "Raising Boys" webinar

This 45-minute online session will help you to gain more understanding of violence against women and girls (VAWG), the challenges boys might face around this and develop your confidence to discuss the topic with them

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 1pm**  
**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm**

Specifically aimed at parents with the purpose of:

- Understanding male roles and new challenges
- Providing a space and platform for discussion
- Understanding the pressures that boys & men face
- Learning how we can change our narrative to help

To reserve your place and register for the Zoom link, email: [jo@lawc.org.uk](mailto:jo@lawc.org.uk)

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  - Enthusiasm, energy, and a positive approach to life
  - Teamwork and leadership skills
  - Performance and theatre skills
  - Physical coordination and expression
  - Social interaction skills and life-long friendships

We provide an inclusive environment in which each student is given the opportunity to grow and develop. We do not hold auditions and no experience is necessary. We offer payment plans and discounts for siblings. Most importantly, our classes are lots of fun!

#### Parent Testimonials

All three of our boys attend Drama Kids and absolutely love it! It has engendered a real love of drama in all of them! The sheer freedom and fun of it allows them to unwind and has helped build their confidence leaps and bounds. Thank you Drama Kids for helping our boys feel comfortable in their own skins! **Harpenden Parent**

"My kids have loved being a part of Drama Kids, they have different personalities, and it has brought out the best in all of them! Drama Kids gives every child the opportunity to take part equally and shine!" **Camboorne Parent**

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 26th March 2024

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For ages 10-17 years

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01234 214871 (general enquiries)

Children/Young People must be supervised at all times by Parent/Carer

And Finally...



I hope you have a wonderful weekend with your families.

Miss Byrne