

3 October 2025 - Autumn Term - Week 5

Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here: ["Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures" – World Health Day 2025](#)

Dear Parents and Friends,

Thank you so much for contributing so fully in the parental questionnaire published by ISI to inform their inspection of the school this week. The visit was part of the normal 3-year cycle of full inspections* the team of 11 inspectors covered all parts of the school, from Nursery to Sixth Form. The evidence gathered over their 3 days with us is then reviewed by the Reporting inspector, undergoes quality assurance and the resulting draft report is sent back to us for a clerical accuracy check before publishing in 5/6 weeks time.

*Focussed Compliance and Educational Quality Inspection (EQI)

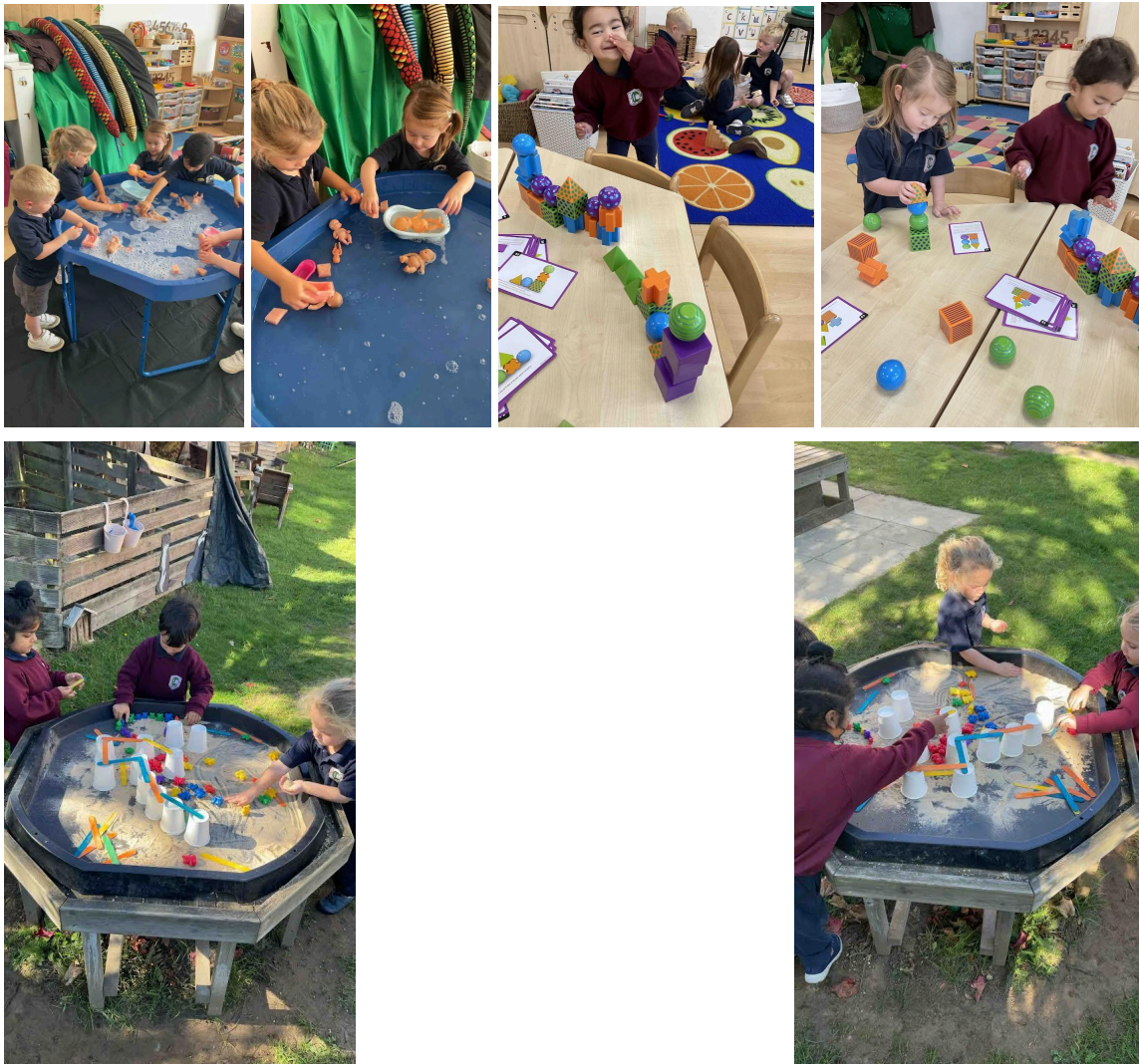
James Wilding

This week at Nursery...

Sequences of the day have been the focus this week with the children thinking about all the different activities they are part of during the day. From washing, cleaning their teeth, eating a meal, to getting dressed, going to nursery or going to bed.

Learning how time works and routines provides a sense of security and predictability for children, fostering emotional well-being and reducing anxiety.

The skill is also crucial for laying the foundations for language and literacy as it teaches time-based vocabulary and the skill of storytelling and comprehension. It also supports following an instruction, a map or even a recipe.



Traditional stories are a great opportunity to teach order of events and sequences. The children have loved exploring the porridge whilst retelling the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Having the opportunity to be creative independently is something the children love to do. They have access to the creative trolley everyday where they can

choose their media. The adult often provides a subject which they can create. This week Miss Green gave them black paper, chalk and some photographs of The Northern Lights. (The children also learnt Aurora Borealis). They were then left to create. The effects were beautiful.



Forest School

Thinking about the colder weather arriving and food not being available, our thoughts turned to the animals and birds in The Thicket.

The children created feeders and then went to The Thicket to distribute them.





Bumble Bees

Our two year olds have loved learning about Harvest this week. There has been a lot of digging for vegetables then cleaning them.

They have explored with all the senses, sweetcorn, carrots and potatoes and then recreated them using various creative media.

With the start of Autumn, there has also been exploration of leaves and autumnal colours.







Dates to remember

- **Tuesday 7 October** - Individual photos. If your child does not attend on this day you can bring them in for the photo.
- **20 - 31 October** - October Half Term (3 & 4 year olds)
- 13 November - To celebrate World Nursery Rhyme Week, the children will come dressed as their favourite character. (letter to follow next week)

Reminder: Please email juniors@clairescourt.net to report any of the following: **Absences, Medical or other appointments, Changes to pick up arrangements.** If your message requires a **same-day response**, please **contact the school office directly**, as class teachers may not be able to check their emails during the day.

Term Time Absence

Refer to our [Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy](#). Holidays during term time are discouraged and will be **unauthorised** excluding exceptional occasions. For any absences during term time that **are not** medical or sickness, please complete the [Term Time Holiday Request Form here](#).

Road Safety Reminder – College Avenue Site

Please take extra care when dropping off and collecting children. We've observed some concerning behaviour, including vehicles exiting incorrectly, and children running across the car park or toward the road. For everyone's safety, please use entry and exit points correctly, keep children close, avoid letting them run ahead, and always bolt the nursery gate. Thank you for helping keep our site safe.

Last Chance to buy Fireworks Tickets in advance!

[Buy your Fireworks tickets](#) by midday **Monday 6 October** so you don't have to queue at the gate on the night. Your (eldest) child will be given your tickets to bring home on Thursday 9 October, then simply arrive wearing your wristbands and show them as you walk past the queue! You are also guaranteed food and can collect it anytime after 5pm, whereas tickets bought at the gate on the night can only collect food after 6.30pm. Furthermore you will secure discounted ticket prices, so [book them now](#)! Please note lost or forgotten wristbands will be charged £1 for replacements. Further details about the event can be found in the dates section below.



Burger or hotdog
included with
your ticket.
(Vegetarian options
available.)

CLAIRES COURT PTA PRESENTS
FIREWORKS NIGHT
SAT 11 OCTOBER
5 - 9PM
CLAIRES COURT JUNIORS

BOOK HERE



Low noise fireworks from 7.15pm
Plus stalls and activities provided during the evening

Online Tickets

Adult £9, Child £5,
Family £25
(2 adults and 2 children)

Price on the gate

Adult £10, Child £6,
Family £30*
(2 adults and 2 children)

Prize for the best pumpkin,
bring it on the night!

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*On gate tickets cannot be guaranteed food. Strictly no dogs allowed either in cars or on site

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