

Friday 4 July 2025 (Summer Term Week 10)

Principal's Blog

Please read the latest blog from Mr Wilding here:

FROM THE OFFICE.....

As this is the last bulletin from the office we would like to wish all our families a lovely summer break!



Final Week Uniform Arrangements

Tuesday - YR - Y2 - Full School Uniform Wednesday - Y3 - Y6 - Full School Uniform Thursday - Y6 - Full School Uniform

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Head Girl & Head Boy end of term words

What an amazing year it has been at Claires Court - we have loved having the opportunity to be Head Boy and Head Girl. We just want to say thank you to all the teachers at Claires Court for supporting all of us through our highs and lows. They have equipped us with all we need to carry on our school journey with important life skills and confidence. Without them, we wouldn't be who we are today! We could not be prouder of all the children that have taken part in events across the year - from music, sport, academics and art. From the summer fete to fireworks night, the PTA have helped out and put on many fun events so we would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication. We are proud of our year 6 friends, who are such a lovely group and wish those moving on to new schools all the very best. We also want to thank Mrs Kirby for making our school experience fun and exciting; the teachers who gave up their sleep and time by coming on trips and letting us have fun like on PGL, and sports tours. We will leave Year 6 with lifelong memories.

Finally, we hope you have an amazing summer holiday and a well deserved rest.

Amaya K and Harry H Head Girl & Head Boy

The hot weather continues...

Therefore so does the wearing of a Sports kit for next week.

Rabbit Award

Awarded for kindness, helpfulness and compassion doing the right thing without being asked, it is what makes our school a wonderful environment. This week's Rabbit award winner is:

- ★ Mila (RH) for being so kind and always looking out for her friends, she has lovely manners
- ★ Serafin (5D) for helping another child feel better by helping them to calm down when they were upset. It made them feel a whole lot better.

Art

Welcome to the <u>Claires Court Online Art Exhibition</u>! Step into the wonderful world of art created by our brilliant **Year 1 to Year 6** students. This collection highlights the fantastic projects and artistic explorations the pupils have undertaken throughout the term.

MFL

The children have all risen to the challenge of learning a new language this term, their third one this year! Well done everyone! Click on the link in your child's

class bulletin to find out about some of the songs and videos we have watched in French to help us with our learning.

End of Term Arrangements

- End of Summer Term w/c Monday 7 July Early buses only. Monday to Wednesday Guided Play is available until 5pm and After School Care until 6pm.
- Thursday 10 July Last day of term is a full day of lessons ending at 3.30pm (Lower Juniors)/3.45pm (Upper Juniors). There will be <u>no</u> click and collect, please park on the external field for normal collection. Please note no After School Care is available on Thursday. END OF TERM letters will be emailed home on this day.
- All Clubs/Activities commence Monday 8 September.

Lockers

Please ensure all lockers are emptied for cleaning over the summer. May we politely ask that if your child might not be in on the last day of term, please ensure this is done prior to their last day in school. Anything left unnamed will be given to our PTA for their uniform sales or disposed of. We currently have tables with lost property items displayed on by our sports hall. Please check here for anything you may be missing.

Holiday Club

Our Holiday club is open from 14 July to 22 August, and your child/children and their friends are very welcome to join us, every day/a few days or weeks/or even just for one day, to suit your preference! They will have a fun-filled time, socialising, enjoying structured games, sporting activities and creative art and craft. Supervised by our amazing staff which include Claires Court teachers and our Nurse.

There is the opportunity to book swimming, and specialist days for the older children (Year 4 and above) including Cookery, Art and Craft, a variety of Sports, and Adventure, plus days of kayaking on the River. More details can be found on our **website**, or feel free to email **holidayclub@clairescourt.com** for further information.

Term Dates for 2025-2027

Please find shared the <u>Claires Court Term Dates</u> for the next two academic years. These can also be found on our website in the <u>Parent Hub</u>' under <u>Term</u> <u>Dates</u>'.

Chess Words from Mr Hogg

And so the end of year comes, and with it some sad goodbyes, some grateful thanks, and some happy introductions.

After over 15 years of early starts from Sussex every Friday, Mr Tuck is retiring from teaching chess at Claires Court.

Jonathan Tuck has been a great servant of the school and its pupils, helping them to achieve their very best in the Royal Game. Whilst many tutees have gone on to represent Maidenhead, Berkshire and even England; they have represented themselves and our school at the same time with great distinction. They have demonstrated those analytical and creative skills that all those who love chess come to appreciate in every walk of life.

From September, he will be passing the baton to **Mat Dydak**, a highly experienced chess coach and tournament player. Mat brings with him over 35 years of competitive chess experience. He runs ECF-rated tournaments at the Ostrich Chess Club in Colnbrook (<u>www.sloughchessacademy.com</u>) and currently teaches both individual pupils, and in several other local schools.

We welcome Mat to Claires Court, and I can thoroughly recommend these lessons from September - though I do remind parents that they are on a first come, first served basis. Please enquire through the school or via <u>mat.uramovski@gmail.com</u>.

Mat will also be helping coach at our CCJ Chess Club. Some of our pupils have met him already and enjoyed working with him. I can see them going from strength to strength.

My thanks go out to Mr Dennis and Mrs Goford who continue to help make our Chess Club so successful and a place to explore chess and play against friends from all years; and I look forward to seeing Mr Dennis at the <u>Maidenhead Junior</u> <u>Chess Club tournament(s)</u> planned for this Saturday (and for many Saturdays into the distant future), at Claires Court Juniors. This, of course, includes our PTA Chess Festival in November.

Claires Court really is a great place for Chess, and I am so proud of all those young people who play the game.

It has been an honour to have had the chance to be involved for so many years, and I will continue to follow your progress as I myself begin a new adventure.

As former World Champion Grandmaster Garry Kasparov once said, "The only way to fail for me is not to try."

I can certainly attest to that!



Instrumental Tuition for 2025/26

Please see our <u>Instrumental Tuition Leaflet</u> and if you are interested in booking any one to one music lessons for your son for next year please complete the <u>Music Tuition Booking Form</u>.

Calling all singers!

Do you want to find your voice, have fun and build confidence? Mr. Orme has space for more singing pupils and would love to hear from you! Whether you want to work towards singing grades or just de-stress from your academics, singing lessons can benefit you- and stimulate other areas of learning and creativity. Discover your potential and give it a try! Register your interest with the Google<u>form</u> for next steps. Note this is for years 3 to 6 only.

Summer Reading Challenge

Please see <u>here</u> a letter with further information on the Summer Reading Challenge.

Library Books

Make room for new books and return your overdue loans to the school library! We currently have a very large number of overdue library books, so please return your books before the end of the school year so pupils can continue to read and enjoy them next term. Any books that are overdue by more than a school term will trigger a token replacement charge, invoiced to pupil accounts. This will apply to loans from the autumn and spring terms. Thank you for your support. **CONGRATULATIONS:** 1S, 1K, 5F and 6O for having returned all their Library books for this term

House Winner: To be announced next week

The house winners for the summer term are invited to a disco on Thursday 10 July at lunchtime, where they will have a sweet treat. Good luck!



Friday 5 September - Back to School BBQ

Saturday 11 October - PTA Fireworks