



**CLAIRE'S COURT
JUNIORS**

Weekly Bulletin

21 November 2025 - Autumn Term - Week 10

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: ["Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths" – Arnold Schwarzenegger](#)

CLASS BULLETINS

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Awards

Responsibility:	Tori
Respect:	Mrs Stephens
Loyalty:	Ranulph
Integrity:	Tibby

School Closure

Following the flurry of snow we saw on Wednesday morning, a reminder that if school is closed due to weather conditions or any other reason, an announcement will be posted on our website, so please check there as your main source of information. Depending on the circumstance for the closure we will also communicate via text message or email and separate communications will be sent directly from Vectare regarding coach operation.

Trainer Donations

Claire's Court Juniors are supporting **Maidenhead Nomads**, a community-focused sports club that uses our facilities. Committed to providing inclusive access to sport, they are collecting all types of sports shoes, including

trainers, football boots, rugby boots, and more, to be distributed to under-privileged children in UK primary and secondary schools.

Please donate any unwanted sports shoes in any size. Bring them into school and drop them in the labelled **"Trainer Donation"** box outside the Junior Sports Hall office. If your child is at a Senior school, please drop the trainers off at the front office so they can be transferred to the Juniors site. Thank you!

Pupil Voice

Pupil Voice has highlighted on several occasions that having snacks available in the dining room would be appreciated. In response, steps have been taken to make this possible, and we are pleased to announce that **fruit is now available for purchase** in the dining hall at **morning break**.

Chess Lessons

Looking to sharpen your strategy and level up your game? Mat Dydak, an expert player, offers **1:1 chess lessons every Friday to Year 2 to Year 6 pupils!** Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, this is a fantastic opportunity to boost your skills and have fun while doing it. If you'd like more information, please contact the school office juniors@clairescourt.net.

Books of the Week

We're excited to launch our new *Book of the Week* feature, put together by **Miss Dockerill**, our Head of English, and **Miss Murphy**, our School Librarian. Each week, we'll be sharing two recommendations: one from a member of our Lower Juniors team and one from our Upper Juniors team.

To start things off, we're sharing Miss Dockerill's recommendation for this week.



Our Books of the Week

A tiny acorn feels restless and curious - different from the others. When a storm sends him tumbling away, he faces adventure and change.

Why I Loved This Story

This story celebrates gratitude for growth and unexpected twists that can shape who we become. It reinforces a growth mindset and appreciation.



Jack has a deadly allergy to the sun, which confines him to the shadows. His condition is suddenly getting worse, and only his missing scientist dad can help him. A frantic search, that reveals shocking rumours and dark secrets, ensues. Can Jack find his dad in time? You'll have to read it to find out!

Why I Loved This Story

This book was full of twists and turns, it really kept me on the edge of my seat! Not only is this book full of suspense, it also has some really meaningful messages at its core. Jack's friendship with Beth shows us what it means to be a good friend and it tackles the impact of stress in an age appropriate way.

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Non-Fiction November - JUNIOR COMPETITION - The closing date is Monday 1 December.

Create a piece of work based on a historical person, place or event. Competition is open to all year groups. For Reception to Y2, the maximum is 50 words. Years 3 - 6, the maximum is 100 words. Make sure you put your name and class entry. **Please hand your entries to Miss Murphy, our Librarian.**



NHS BERKSHIRE HEALTHCARE 'DROP-IN' FLU CLINICS - 18 & 27 November, 5 December

NHS Berkshire Health will be holding drop-in flu clinics for those who missed the school immunisations at Foundation House, Windsor at the times shown below:

Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE


We are holding drop-in clinics
for your child's flu vaccination
on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

If you haven't completed a
consent form yet, you can
complete one using the
information sent by your child's
school or complete one at the
clinic with one of the team



Goto the address below to share your
views and ideas

 cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

***REMINDER* - FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER - [PTA QUIZ](#) - 6pm-8pm - Book your tickets now! - Only 2 tables remaining**

It's time to dust off those thinking caps, rally your friends, and get ready for a fantastic night of fun, friendly rivalry, and fundraising at the annual Claires Court PTA Quiz Night! Come on down to College Avenue from 6-8pm on Friday 28 November.

Hosted by our brilliant Quizmasters, Mr Richards and Mrs O'Clee, this is your chance to form a team (up to 10 people per table), have some fun, and raise funds for the PTA! We'll have a bar run by the PTA selling refreshments, and you're invited to bring your own picnic dinner or takeaway to enjoy during the evening. Tables cost £100 (max 10 people) or £10 per person. Don't miss out on this great community event. Book your tickets and table online now at www.ccpta.org.uk!



END OF TERM AND CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES INFORMATION

Listed in date order



24 NOVEMBER - 15 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

We are again collecting non-perishable foodstuffs for the Salvation Army, Maidenhead. The preferred list is available to view on their flyer below and, although the usual tinned food items and pasta are mentioned, they would welcome some 'luxury' items such as chocolate selection packs, festive biscuits, and Christmas puddings (please ensure the date exceeds December). In addition, they are collecting non-food items such as toiletries and hygiene

products. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HELP US FEED LOCAL HOMELESS & FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS

THE SALVATION ARMY
Maidenhead

TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every day, homeless people and families in our community go to bed hungry. Your donation helps us provide groceries to those who need it most.

MOST NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Canned vegetables, beans & soup
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Mince pies (best before after 25/12/25)
- Chocolate Selection packs
- Christmas Pudding - small, medium and large
- Nice boxes of Christmas biscuits
- Boxes of chocolates (200-300g)

LEARN MORE:
www.salvationarmy.org.uk/maidenhead

DROP OFF LOCATION:
The Salvation Army
East Road
Maidenhead
SL6 1PJ

Can we suggest the following year groups donate:

Please remember we are a nut free school.

Year R	Children's Chocolate Selection Packs, Boxes of Chocolates
Year 1	Christmas Biscuits/Cakes/Mince Pies
Year 2	Christmas Puddings (<i>please ensure Best Before date exceeds December</i>)
Year 3	Tea, Coffee, UHT Milk
Year 4	Canned Vegetables, Beans and Soup
Year 5	Rice, Pasta, Cereal, Porridge
Year 6	Non-food items such as toiletries and hygiene products

The 'hampers' will be outside the dining hall for Upper Juniors and by the Lower Juniors entrance, for Lower Juniors, from **Monday 24 November up until Monday 15 December** and Captain Westwood-Payne - Commanding Officer, Salvation Army is popping along on Tuesday 16 December to collect all items donated by our pupils and staff. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Tuesday 2 December - PTA Christmas Jumper Swap

The PTA are excited to be running our Christmas Jumper Swap again this year, following its great success last Christmas! Children always enjoy choosing a different jumper to wear, and it's a wonderful way to celebrate sustainability and Christmas thriftiness together.

If your child has a Christmas jumper they would like to donate, please could they bring it in by **Friday 28 November**. In return, they will receive a token to use when selecting a jumper from those donated **Tuesday 2 December**. Please may we ask that all jumpers are clean and in good condition and if you have any larger or adult-size Christmas jumpers you're happy to donate, we would be very grateful. If, on the day, there isn't an appropriate jumper available for your child, they will still receive a small Christmas treat as a thank-you for taking part.

Wednesday 3 December - [CC Sailing Christmas Wreath Making Evening](#)

CC Sailing department and the PTA warmly invite you to a Christmas Wreath Making evening on Wednesday 3rd December at Senior Boys. Ticket price includes: drinks, nibbles, an oasis ring and small decorations. Bring your own foliage and clippers and any additional decorations that you would like to add to your wreath. Book [here](#) via the PTA website.



CLAIRE'S COURT
SAILING CLUB



Christmas FUNDRAISER

Tickets at
£35^{pp}



Mulled wine
and mince
pies
included

DATE & TIME
3rd December 2025
18:30-20:30

**Book by Wed
26th Nov**



CC Sailing Department and the PTA warmly invite you to a Christmas Wreath making evening with drinks and nibbles.
(Oasis ring and small decorations provided, BYO Foliage and clippers.)



Claire's Court Senior
Boys, SL6 8TE

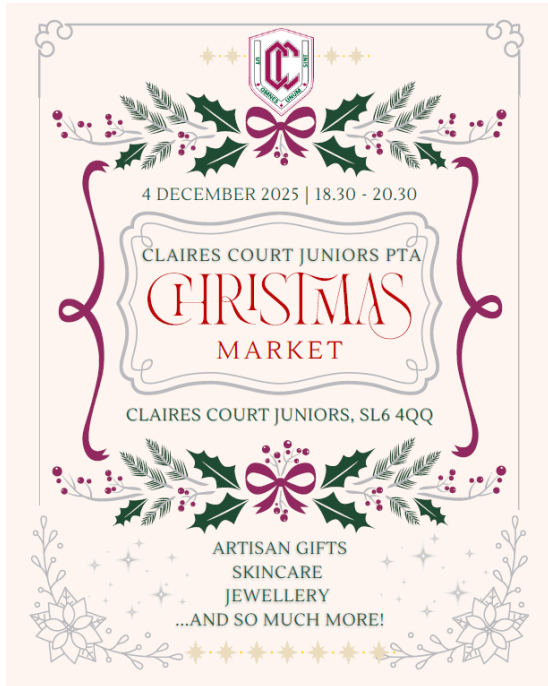


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Thursday 4 December - [PTA Christmas Market](#) - 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Join us for our annual Christmas Market and enjoy some festive shopping! Whether you're looking for that special, unique present or some perfect stocking fillers, there's something for everyone. All ages are welcome.



Friday 5 December - PTA Nearly New Uniform Sale

All Nearly New Sales are on a **Friday morning from 8.15am to 8.45am** and take place in the PTA Nearly New Uniform shop in the Stable block, upper Juniors playground. Payment is by card only and **NOT** cash. Our next sale is **Friday 5 December**. If you have any good quality branded uniform you wish to donate to the PTA please drop off at the school office. Thank you.

Friday 5 - Saturday 6 December - Christmas Trees For Sale

Get your Christmas tree and support the Claires Court Boat Club this festive season! **How to Order:** visit our [PTA website](#) and order by **Tuesday 25 November**. Pick-up from Claires Court Senior Boys (SL6 8TE) Friday 5 December (4.45pm-5.45pm) or Saturday 6 December (10am-12pm).



Friday 5 to Sunday 7 December - ST LUKE'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Please pop along to St Luke's (St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX) to view all the decorated trees on display. You will also find four Claires Court trees from Juniors, Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Sixth Form. Buy a token and vote for your favourite decorated tree, and help raise funds for St Luke's chosen charity this year, Alzheimer Dementia Support.

St. Luke's Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 December

St. Luke's Church - Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX

You are invited to visit our beautiful church, full of beautiful trees

- ⊗ Friday: 10 am - 7 pm
- ⊗ Saturday: 10 am - 7 pm
- ⊗ Sunday: 12 (noon) – 5.30pm
- ⊗ Closing service: 6pm on Sunday

Refreshments daily ~ Produce Stall ~ Raffle

Supporting: Alzheimer Dementia Support

An independent, local charity helping people living with Dementia in Windsor, Maidenhead, Ascot, Slough, Langley and surrounding villages.
www.adacharity.com

Available to view online: www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk

Alzheimer's Dementia Support Local Support & Information Since 2012



Wednesday 10 December - YR-6 Christmas Shopping Event

Following the success of last year's Christmas Present Project, the Junior PTA is delighted to offer pupils the chance to purchase a 'surprise' gift for their family again this year. The shopping event will take place **during the school day on Wednesday 10 December**. Each gift costs **£6** and will be **gift-wrapped** ready to take home. Please complete the [Google Form here](#) and make payment via the [CC PTA Payment Portal](#) by **Friday, 21 November**. It's a fun and festive way for pupils to choose a special gift for their loved ones! **Thank you to those who have submitted your orders, a letter has been sent to those who have not yet completed the form. The form will close at 5pm today.**



Friday 12 December - Christmas Jumper Day (pupils are invited to wear their festive jumper on Christmas lunch day for a **£2 donation** for Save the Children - payment is via the Payment Portal or cash to the Form Tutor).

Christmas Lunch - OPT OUT by 28 November. Christmas Lunch will be served at Juniors on Friday 12 December and **all boys/girls are automatically booked in** for Christmas Lunch and the £5.25 payment will be charged to your cashless catering account **UNLESS you opt out** using this [Juniors Christmas Lunch Opt Out Form](#) by **Friday 28 November**. There will be no other meal options available that day, so if your son/daughter is opting out he/she will need to bring a packed lunch. Please also use this form to tell us of any dietary requirements he/she may have.



Christmas Lunch 2025

Roast Turkey, Pigs in Blankets,
Cranberry Sauce & Gravy

OR

Butternut, Kale and Apricot Roast
(Vegetarian, Gluten/Dairy Free)

SERVED WITH

Roast Potatoes, Honey Parsnips,
Petits Pois & Country Vegetables

FOLLOWED BY

Gingerbread Snowmen, Spiced
Wrapped Muffins or Mini Yule Loaf

ACCOMPANIED WITH

Soft Drink & Cracker

W/C Monday 15 December

Study/Guided Play will be available between 4-5pm and After School Care between 5-6pm Monday-Tuesday. There is no after-school provision at all on Wednesday 17 December. *Early buses only* from Monday-Wednesday leaving Juniors at 4pm.



Tuesday 16 December - [Juniors Carol Service](#) - 2.30pm - 3.30pm at All Saints Church, Maidenhead, SL6 4HE

All parents are welcome to attend. We would appreciate an indication of how your son/daughter will be travelling home after the service, so that we can book the right transport. Parents are welcome to pick up from the church, or pupils can travel back to school. Please complete the form [here](#) by **Wednesday 10 December**.

Wednesday 17 December

End of Autumn Term with a full day of lessons, early bus only leaving Juniors at 4pm. There is no after-school provision at all on Wednesday 17 December. Parents 'end of term letters will be emailed home.

W/C Monday 22 December - Wednesday 24 December

The school will be closed during the Christmas Holidays and the office will not be staffed until Monday 5 January 2026. If you require assistance, please telephone 01628 327700 where all calls are monitored during holiday periods

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