



**CLAIRE'S COURT  
JUNIORS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**05 December 2025 - Autumn Term - Week 12**

## **Principal's Blog**

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: ["Surviving Christmas with All I Want for Christmas is You" - Mariah Carey](#)

## **Claire's Court TV - Christmas Report**

[https://clairescourt.uk.schooltv.me/wellbeing\\_news/special-report-surviving-christmas](https://clairescourt.uk.schooltv.me/wellbeing_news/special-report-surviving-christmas)

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## **Awards**

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| <b>Responsibility:</b> | <b>Max 6L</b>   |
| <b>Respect:</b>        | <b>Bee 5F</b>   |
| <b>Loyalty:</b>        | <b>Iqra 4HT</b> |
| <b>Integrity:</b>      | <b>Simon 3H</b> |

## **Juniors Drive**

We kindly ask all parents to follow our procedure for coach access on the school drive. If you are entering from the mini roundabout by the Thicket Car Park and a coach is leaving the site, please pull into the National Trust car park to allow the coach to exit safely.

The 'Bus Lane' on the main drive is reserved for coaches only when they are arriving or departing. During these times, please move across to the opposite

side of the drive to give them priority. At all other times, this lane may be used as normal.

### **Non-Fiction November - WINNERS**

Congratulations to the winners of our Non-Fiction November competition. Children were tasked with creating a piece of work about a historical person, place or event. We had some incredible entries including work on Jane Austen, The Egyptians and even a model of a viking ship! Well done to everyone who took part.

**Alexander - Reception**

**Henry M - Y6**

**Ophelia - Y4**

**Reggie - Y3**

**Isabella - Y5**



### **Important: Activity Sign-Up Deadline**

Reminder! Activity bookings will close on **Monday 8 December**. A brief guide to show how to book activities is found here: [Activities Guide](#). **Please ensure your child is either signed up for a club or marked as going home.**

### **Tempest Photography - Christmas Orders**

A reminder that the whole school photograph taken on Wednesday 30 April is still available to view and order via the [Tempest Orders website](#).

For assistance, please call 01736 752411. Option 3 - Place an order. Option 5 - Customer services. If your order is intended as a Christmas gift, we recommend

placing your order before **5 December** to give the best chance of receiving your photograph/s before the Christmas holidays. Thank you for your continued custom with Tempest Photography.

## 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 underprivileged 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!

## 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](mailto: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 staff recommendations.

Last week we had recommendations from Miss Murphy and this week take a look at Mr Grist's recommendations!



## Our Books of the Week

Join Sarah and Mr Pottifer in their magical plant shop where fantastical creatures grow on trees! It's nearly Christmas Day when an unexpected visitor arrives - it's Santa, and he needs their help! His reindeer are in bed with Antler Flu and without them, he can't deliver his presents on time...



### Why I Loved This Story

This is a really fun Christmassy story with a lovely message at heart, the smallest reindeer of all saves the day! Not only is it a heartwarming tale, but it is a very funny story too! Isla (my daughter) loves this book and we've read it every night for the past week! I love doing all the different voices too - although Mr Pottifer looks very familiar!



The Wild Robot is the story of Roz, a newly manufactured robot who becomes a castaway on an island with no human inhabitants when the ship transporting her sinks during a hurricane. The other crates holding the robot cargo are destroyed, but Roz remains the sole survivor. When she is accidentally activated by some curious otters, Roz awakens to find there is no one there to assign tasks to her. She is free to explore the island and needs to learn how to survive.

### Why I Loved This Story

This book was full of adventure and I loved getting to know Roz! The book showed us how we don't need to fear things/people just because they are different to us and how if we give everyone a chance amazing friendships can be formed! The ending was a real cliffhanger - but there's two more books and a film to enjoy when you're done!

## Christmas Tree Recycling

Riverside Tree Care is offering free local Christmas tree collections in exchange for a donation to Thames Hospice. It's a simple, sustainable way to clear out your tree while supporting a great local cause. See the flyer to book your collection!



## END OF TERM AND CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES INFORMATION



### 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. The preferred list is available to view on their flyer [here](#).

Can we suggest the following year groups donate:

*Please remember we are a nut-free school.*

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| Year R | Children's Chocolate Selection Packs, Boxes of Chocolates |
| Year 1 | Christmas Biscuits/Cakes/Mince Pies                       |

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| Year 2 | Christmas Puddings ( <i>please ensure Best Before date exceeds December</i> ) |
| Year 3 | Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, 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!

### **Friday 5 - Saturday 6 December - CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP** 🎄

Thank you so much to everyone who ordered their Christmas tree via the PTA website to support the boat club. Please collect your tree from Claires Court Senior Boys (SL6 8TE) at the following times:

- Friday 5 December: 4.45pm-5.45pm
- 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](http://www.adacharity.com)

Available to view online: [www.stlukeschristmastreerail.co.uk](http://www.stlukeschristmastreerail.co.uk)




## 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.

## Friday 12 December - Claires Court Santa Fun Run

Start your morning with festive fitness! Open to all pupils, parents & staff and led by Mr. Jost and Mr Richards.

- **Where:** Senior Boys' Reception
- **When:** Meet **7:20 am** | Run **7:30 am** (Sharp!) | Back **8:00 am**
- **Routes:**
  - **3.5km:** Walk or Run.
  - **5km:** Runners only (must finish within 30 mins).
- **Dress:** Festive gear essential—Santa hats, tinsel, & antlers!

**PUPILS:** You must complete the consent form to participate.



### **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** will be served at Juniors and **all children are automatically booked in** for Christmas Lunch and the £5.25 payment will be charged to your cashless catering account **UNLESS you have already opted out, the deadline for opting out has now passed.** There will be no other meal options available, so if you have opted out, your child will need to bring a packed lunch.



## 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

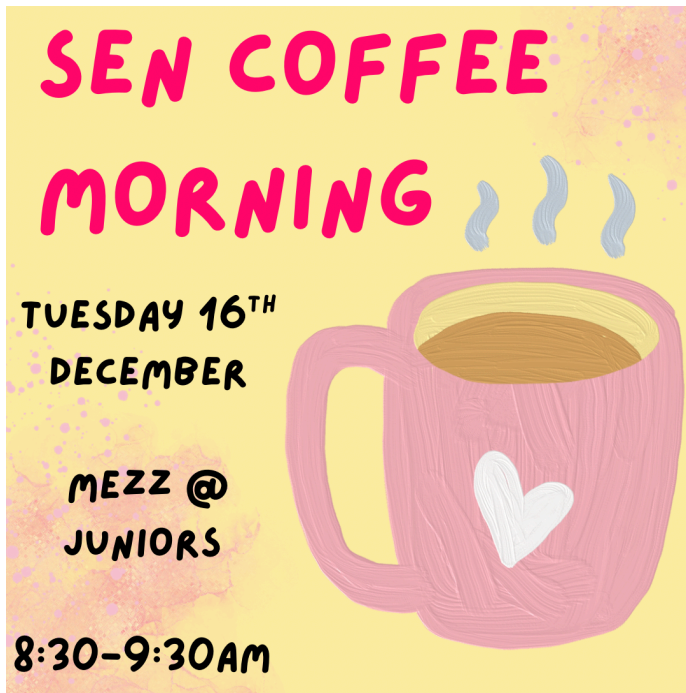
*ACCOMPANIED WITH*

Soft Drink & Cracker

### **Tuesday 16 December - SEN Coffee Morning**

Join us for an informal meet-and-greet with the Learning Development Department (LDD). It's a great opportunity to connect with our team as well as other parents of children with SEN in a relaxed and welcoming setting. Please use this [link](#) to let us know if you will be attending.





### **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 3 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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