



12 December 2025 - Autumn Term - Week 13

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: ["Lethal Mutations - When the Direction of Government Policy is fundamentally flawed"](#)

Claire's Court is a founding partner school for the Association for Families of Independent Schooling (AFIS). AFIS is the only membership organisation that brings together families who choose and value independent education in the U.K. and British international schooling. Their work supports their member families, and the wider sector, by championing choice, fair representation, and greater access to independent education.

You can join AFIS here: <https://www.afis.org.uk/register>

AFIS Members can save money from day one with heavily discounted prices from local businesses, and well-known brands such as Waterstones, Clarks, Booking.com, Theatre Tickets Direct, Tastecard, and many more. Just in time for gift giving this holiday season!

Also, AFIS has commissioned the University of Chichester to conduct research investigating "what are the demographic profiles of independent school families and why do they choose independent education for their families?" With AFIS, Claire's Court wishes to make sure as many families as possible are given the opportunity to contribute their views, as part of the mission to give independent school parents a voice in the national education conversation and provide evidence.



**Christmas has arrived in a flurry
of glitter and fake snow.**

Dates to remember

- **Monday 15 December (am)** - Smartie Artie Christmas entertainer. The PTA have treated the children to a Christmas entertainer. This is an annual event and the children absolutely love it. We will also have a special visitor today, more details to follow!
- **Tuesday 16 December** - Christmas show. Please see letter [here](#)
- **Wednesday 17 December** - Last day of term for Beehive class - NO after school care on this day for any children. Pick up is at 3.30pm
- **Thursday 18 December and Friday 19 December** - Last two days of term for the Bumble Bees class
- **Thursday 8 January** - Nursery and the whole school reopens on

Contact - *report absences, drop off, pick up, medical appointments*

Please contact **both** juniors@clairescourt.net and tda@clairescourt.net if you need to make any changes to drop off, pick up, report absences, or if your child has an appointment. If you need a response on the same day, please contact the **school office at Juniors** on **01628 327400** as teachers do not always get to check their email throughout the day.



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!

Tub-To-Pub 2026

As the season of over-indulgence (and excessive plastic) is upon us, Mr Wragg will once again be collecting plastic Celebrations / Heroes / Roses / Cracker tubs to be recycled and raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Further information can be found at [TUB2PUB](https://www.tub2pub.co.uk/). Last year the school collected 127 tubs which was fantastic, 52 more than the previous year and potentially 127 less tubs going to landfill. Overall, the campaign collected 240,000 tubs raising £10,916 for Macmillan. Tubs should be handed into Form Tutors or the staff room with the final collection being 6 February 2026. **It's an environmental win-win!**

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