



**CLAIRE'S COURT  
JUNIORS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**16 January 2026 - Spring Term - Week 2**

## Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: ["Purpose, Pride and a Few Kit Bags"](#)

## Claire's Court Speaker Series: Josh Reynolds, MP

**SPEAKER SERIES: SAVE THE DATE**

**DATE**  
06 February, 2026

**TIME**  
6-8PM

**LOCATION**  
College Avenue

**Bar Available**  
PTA Cash Bar

**TICKET PRICE**  
Adults £5  
Accompanying children free (t:1)

**JOSH REYNOLDS**  
MP, MAIDENHEAD

Save the Date for a unique evening with Maidenhead's MP, Josh Reynolds!

He will be sharing his story so far in a fireside chat hosted by his former teacher, Mr. Richards. This is your chance to ask questions, get an insider's view of Parliament, and hear his vision for our local area.

Tickets are available now on the Claire's Court PTA [site](#).

## CLASS BULLETINS

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## **Awards**

**Responsibility:** Lyra 6J  
**Respect:** Winston 4B  
**Loyalty:** Daniella 5F  
**Integrity:** Max 6C



### **Lions Club of Maidenhead 41st Swimarathon - Braywick Leisure Centre**

Thank you to everyone who supported the swimmers from Claires Court who were participating in the Swimarathon event to raise funds for good causes in Maidenhead and also for the Lions Club on **Sunday 11 January**. If you would still like to donate, please find the Just Giving Page for Juniors Page [here](#).

### **Supporting Spelling at Home**

We would like to invite you to attend a short parent workshop entitled "Supporting Spelling at Home", taking place in the Mezz on Friday 6 February from 8.30 - 9.15am. Over the next few weeks, children from Y1-6 will begin bringing home Spelling Tins, which will contain flashcards for their weekly spellings. This workshop will explain how these tins will be used in school and, most importantly, how you can support your child with developing their spelling skills at home. We will demonstrate practical ways to use the flashcards and share simple strategies to help children practise effectively and confidently. We hope you will be able to join us.

*Jade Dockerill, Head of English*

## Books of the Week

This week, we have recommendations from Miss Walters, 2W Form Teacher. Take a look below...



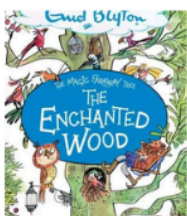
## Our Books of the Week

Rainbow Fish has glittering scales and is the most beautiful fish in the ocean. When his vanity gets in the way of friendships with the other ocean creatures, Rainbow Fish becomes lonely and isolated. He shares his beautiful scales and learns that connecting with others is much more important than being the shiniest fish.

### Why I Loved This Book

I love the message behind this book, and it's one of my favourites to share with the children. My sister and I read it many times when we were young, and the beautiful illustrations captured our imaginations.

Most of all, I love its simple but powerful message about sharing and connection.



When Joe, Beth and Frannie move to a new home, an Enchanted Wood is on their doorstep. And when they discover the Faraway Tree, that is the beginning of many magical adventures! Join them and their friends Moonface, Saucepan Man and Silky the fairy as they discover which new land is at the top of the Faraway Tree. Will it be the Land of Birthdays, the Land of Toys, or even the Land of Ice and Snow with its magic snowman?

### Why I Loved This Book

I absolutely love The Magic Faraway Tree series. As a child, I was drawn to the magic, the characters and the adventure in each story. I had a very active imagination, and I enjoyed picturing myself in the tree, exploring the different lands alongside the characters. It was a world I could easily lose myself in, which is why the series has always stayed with me - and I'm really excited to watch the upcoming film version too!

## 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 form for next steps. Mr Orme would especially welcome any boys who would like to give singing a go.

## 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. Please see below the next two sale dates at Juniors:

- **Friday 6 February**
- **Friday 13 March**

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Gate opening and closing times

To avoid missing the gate, please ensure children are on the playground by around 8.40am, when the whistle goes for lining up. If the gate is locked, please drop your child at the front of the school. The gate is open from 8.15am to

8.45am prompt, though it may be locked a minute or two early to allow staff to get to class on time. It is essential for safety that staff are in the classrooms promptly with the children.

At the end of the day, the gate opens at 3.30pm, closes at 4.00pm, and reopens at 5.00pm until approximately 5.10pm. On Fridays, pick-up arrangements are slightly different due to Click & Collect, but the usual arrangements for collection from After School Care remain the same.

### **Hot Drinks**

Please ensure that any hot drinks brought for children are fully consumed before entering the school site in the mornings.

### **End of Day Collections**

If you are collecting your child from the front office, please knock on the office door and ask the School Administrator, Mrs Gill, or the School Secretary, Miss Gerrish, to radio the class teacher to bring your child to the office. For safeguarding reasons, parents are not permitted to enter classrooms.

### **School Closure Policy**

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 circumstances for the closure we will also communicate via text message or email and separate communications will be sent directly from Vectare regarding coach operation.

### **Tub-To-Pub 2026**

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](#). 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!**

**A HUGE thank you to Max (6C) for collecting 130 tubs!**



### **Association for Families of Independent Schooling (AFIS)**

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](#).

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](#). 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 allowed to contribute their views, as part of the mission to give independent school parents a voice in the national education conversation and provide evidence.

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