



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"](#)

Claires 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 (1:1)

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 Claires Court PTA [site](#).

In the Beehive class this week, they are looking at the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. This traditional story is always a favourite with the children as it is familiar and can be reenacted in all different ways.



Miss Green has introduced various media so that they can construct the houses. This has allowed the children to learn and develop:

- fine motor skills and dexterity by handling small blocks (Lego, wooden bricks) and gross motor skills by lifting and moving larger materials like crates, tires, and planks.
- early numeracy through counting bricks, exploring shapes, and understanding spatial reasoning (concepts like "above," "behind," or "next to"). Children also learn about measure and weight by comparing the sizes and heaviness of different materials.
- the use of technical vocabulary (e.g., "attach," "stable," "balance") and fosters conversational skills as children negotiate and share ideas.
- collaboration and teamwork as children work toward a shared goal. It also builds resilience when structures collapse and children must try again.
- curiosity to investigate how different materials behave (e.g., wood vs. plastic) and explore real-world concepts like gravity, balance, and cause-and-effect.
- their imagination, eg. Where a stack of blocks becomes a castle, car park, or spaceship, often linking with role-play.



Bumble Bees

The Bumble Bee class has been 'Down on the farm' this week. They have enjoyed various sensory trays with animals in, creating animal footprints and washing the tractors.



PE

In PE this week, Miss Reeves played a game of 'What's Inside'. The children chose an animal from the bag and then moved their bodies like that animal.



- Wednesday 21 January - Forest School starts.
- Friday 23 January - final day for booking February half term nursery care (Beehive class only) Please see the letter with the link for booking [here](#)
- Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February - Half Term for Beehive class
- Wednesday 25 March - **NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

FROM THE OFFICE

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.

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

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](#). 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!**

Association for Families of Independent Schooling (AFIS)

Claires 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, Claires 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.