



30 January 2026 - Spring Term - Week 4

Principal's Blog

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: [**"Play is Not a Luxury - It's a Higher Form of Learning"**](#)

This week at Nursery...

One of the most popular traditional stories, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, was the focus story for the Beehive class this week.

They explored porridge oats, recreated the story, made bears and went on a number hunt looking for images from the story, e.g. 3 bowls, 5 trees, 3 spoons etc. Miss Green said that the children were so engaged with the activity and worked really well in their pairs.





Dance

Miss Rowan had the children practising their stretching and creative movement this week.



Forest School

Last week, the children were developing their balance by walking across long sticks. This week, their challenge was to cross the ditch, using the sticks to balance on. Not one child hesitated. They all showed they were happy to take a calculated risk and were brave enough to try it.



In addition, Mr P took them for a walk into the Thicket to an area called The Witch's cauldron. This is a large basin-like hole which the children love to explore. Mr P provided them with lots of sticks to build with.





Bumble Bees

The class has been focusing on transport this week. The children explored various sensory media with cars, aeroplanes and trains.





Cookery

The Claires Court Pizza Parlour was open for pizza making.



Dance





PLEASE BOLT THE GATE - EVEN IF YOU ARE JUST COMING IN TO DROP OFF; IT IS FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN. Also, if the magnet isn't connected, it completely confuses the system and the next person can't get through on the intercom.

- Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February - Half Term for Beehive class
- Wednesday 25 March - **NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

PTA Summer Party - 27 June 2026

The PTA Summer Party date has now been confirmed as Saturday 27 June in the grounds of the Junior School. Please **SAVE THE DATE** further details will follow in due course.

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.

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. For further information, please visit 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. Tubbs 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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