



**CLAIRE'S COURT  
JUNIORS**

# Weekly Bulletin

**13 February 2026 - Spring Term - Week 6**

## **Principal's Blog**

Please read Mr Wilding's latest blog: ["The Author, The Village and the Paradox of Independence"](#)

## **PTA AGM**

All parents are warmly invited to our PTA Annual General Meeting from 9.15-11am on Friday 27 February at Claire's Court Juniors Sports Hall. There will be pupil presentations and updates on projects for which the PTA have kindly provided funding. Coffee and pastries will be provided.

## **CLASS BULLETINS**

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## **Awards**

**Responsibility:** Arthur (RJ)  
**Respect:** Sebastian (4B)  
**Loyalty:** Dulcie (2S)  
**Integrity:** Evie (3P)

## **Holiday Club - Mini mids Claire's Court Reception**

### **- From Year 1 Claire's Court and external**

Our Holiday club is open for half term, and your child/children (and their friends) are welcome to join us. They will have a fun-filled time, socialising, enjoying structured games, sporting and creative activities. We have days of combined

activities and there is also the opportunity to book a full day of Art and Craft, and/or a chance to compete in our pancake day race. More details can be found on our [website](#), or feel free to email [holidayclub@clairescourt.com](mailto:holidayclub@clairescourt.com) for further information.



**AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION AGE AND UP!**

## holiday activities

### Half-term Holiday Club

Our fun-filled holiday camps are run by fully trained and experienced staff at our Juniors site.

**Prices from £38 per day 9am - 4pm**

**Extended sessions available at a small additional cost**

**Love and Kindness Theme** 

**Monday 16 - Friday 20 February**  
Mini Mid\*, Mid Club (Year 1 - 2) and Kool Club (Year 3 - 6) all week.  
Sporty fun plus arts and craft-themed activities along with games and free play!



**Tuesday 17 February - Arts and Craft Xtra** 

 Art and Craft Xtra - Time to get creative and have fun with your artistic talents. Create Valentine and seasonal artwork to impress!

\*CC reception students only



To book go to [www.clairescourt.com/holiday-club](http://www.clairescourt.com/holiday-club)

### Books of the Week

This week, we have recommendations from our **Reception Class Teacher, Mrs James...**



## Our Books of the Week

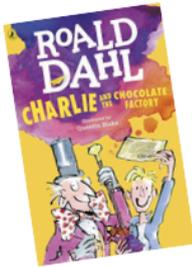
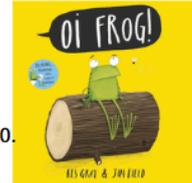
Jam-packed with the silliest of animals, this bestselling rhyming story will have the youngest of readers in fits of laughter.

Cats sit on mats, hares sit on chairs, mules sit on stools and gophers sit on sofas. But Frog does not want to sit on a log. Jam-packed with animals and silliness, this original rhyming story is guaranteed to get children giggling!

### Why I Loved This Book

It is a rhyming book which helps with early literacy skills but more importantly it is funny and silly !! The children love it and they can join in with the rhymes and love the hilarious pictures in the book too.

There are 2 more books in the series, Oi Dog! and Oi Cat!. Both equally worth a read !!



Charlie Bucket's life is about to change forever, thanks to one miraculous moment!

Willy Wonka, chocolate maker extraordinaire, has hidden five golden tickets in five ordinary bars of chocolate, and any child who finds one will get the chance to visit his incredible factory.

And Charlie has found one . .

### Why I Loved This Book

The chocolate filled adventure is a laugh out loud read, full of imagination and adventure. Charlie is a kind, sweet, loving boy who wins a golden ticket to the chocolate factory of the eccentric Willy Wonka. It is the kind of book that you can't put down !

## Upcoming local booky events

Please see details [here](#) of some upcoming author events being organised by Four Bears Books, a local independent bookshop in Caversham.

## German Word of the Week

Our latest Word of the Week is here, designed to expand vocabulary and spark curiosity! Have a look to see what this one is about...

### German word of the week...!



Word of the Week: **Schlafmütze**

lit.: sleep cap

The German expression for sleepy head.



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## 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. The next sale date at Juniors is Friday 13 March.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### Transport Questionnaire - **deadline to complete 16 February**

A gentle reminder to please complete the [Transport Questionnaire](#) you should have received by email on Wednesday. This will help us determine the transport requirements for the next academic year. Please complete it by Monday 16 February, even if you have decided not to use school transport to let us know your reasons. If you have any questions please contact Hayley Morrissey at [travel@clairescourt.net](mailto:travel@clairescourt.net).

### PTA Quiz Night: Book Your Table! - Friday 6 March

CLAIRES COURT PTA PRESENTS

# QUIZ Night

Join us for a night full of fun, laughter, and brain-twisting questions!

6 March 2026  
6 PM - 8 PM

College Avenue  
SL6 6AW

HOSTED BY QUIZMASTERS RICHARDS AND O'CLEE

Form a team, have fun and raise funds for the PTA!

PTA Cash Bar

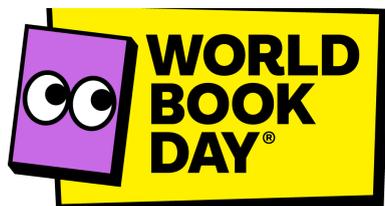
Tickets £10 per head  
£100 per table

Book at [www.cepta.org.uk](http://www.cepta.org.uk)

Get ready for an evening of fun, laughter and healthy competition at the Claires Court PTA Quiz Night on Friday 6 March! Hosted by the fantastic Quizmasters Richards and O'Clee, this is the perfect chance to team up with fellow parents and friends to support our school.

- When: 6 March 2026, 6PM – 8PM
- Where: College Avenue (SL6 6AW)
- Tickets: £10 per head / £100 per table
- Bonus: PTA Cash Bar available

All proceeds go directly toward PTA initiatives for our students. Spaces fill up fast, so grab your team and book your spot today. [Book Your Tickets Here](#)



### **World Book Day - Friday 13 March**

Claires Court Juniors Book Day is being held on Friday 13 March due to a clash on the actual World Book Day.

### **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.

### **Cashless Catering**

Please ensure your child's cashless catering account is topped up and any outstanding balances are cleared

### **Breakfast Club**

Please ensure your child is not dropped off before 7:30 am, as they are not permitted in the building until this time. We kindly ask that you do not ring the doorbell prior to 7:30 am to allow staff time to prepare. When dropping off your child, please remember to confirm with a teacher that they have been officially marked on the register before you leave.

### **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.

### **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.