



CLAIRES COURT
Nursery School

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.



As most of the children are on holiday next week, the Beehive class has been celebrating the Lunar New Year a little early this year. It is the year of the Horse or to be specific 'the Fire Horse'. The Horse's natural traits are energy,

independence, and enthusiasm with passion, ambition, and creativity. This completely embodies what our CC nursery children are about and traits we encourage in all we do.

The festival itself is 16 days long, ending with the Lantern Festival on the date of the next full moon – the Worm Moon on Mar. 3, 2026. It will also be a “blood moon” total lunar eclipse. How exciting! Hopefully, we get to see that through these grey clouds constantly hanging over us at the moment.



There could not have been more energy, independence and enthusiasm than at Forest School this week. Mud slide week is the highlight of the Forest School programme. Despite reservations from some children, everybody was brave and took to the slope. (sorry parents; I’m sure you were finding mud everywhere last night) As you can see from the photos though, they had a ball! To some it may seem ‘just fun’, ‘too messy’ or ‘pointless’ but wow! Look at what they learn...

Key areas of learning and development include:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development - Children build confidence, self-esteem, and resilience by taking supported risks. Regular sessions in nature reduce stress, encouraging social interaction, empathy, and cooperation with peers.
- Physical Development - Activities such as climbing trees, navigating uneven terrain, and using tools improve fine and gross motor skills, balance, and coordination.

- Communication and Language - Sensory experiences in the woodland, such as listening to birds or feeling tree bark, stimulate curiosity, prompting language development.
- Understanding the World - Children develop a deep connection to the natural world, learning about wildlife, seasonal changes, and sustainability.
- Characteristics of Effective Learning - Forest School encourages active learning, playing and exploring, and creative/critical thinking through open-ended, child-initiated play.





Bumble Bees

The Bumble Bee class had a little less exhilaration this week. They enjoyed showing their kind and caring side; being a doctor or a nurse, a mummy or Daddy or even a firefighter.

As always, there was lots of creating and of course, lots of dressing up.





We have been sent a link for parents who would like advice, support or training around speech and language for their child. Please click on the following link to access this information: [Speech and Language Development Workshops](#)

Reminders:

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

If you are having a break next week, enjoy; find some time to rest and relax.

PTA Quiz Night: Book Your Table!



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](#)

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.

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