



**CLAIRES COURT
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Weekly Bulletin

27 February 2026 - Spring Term - Week 7

LTC Announcement

On Monday, 23 February, we announced that Claires Court has joined the LTC Education Group (LTCEG), the education arm of the Licensed Trade Charity.

This partnership represents a proactive and forward-looking step, carefully planned to safeguard our school's legacy and ensure that Claires Court continues to flourish for both current and future pupils.

The school will retain its name, ethos and traditions, and the day-to-day life of our pupils remains unchanged, supported by the familiar staff and pastoral structures that our families value so highly.

By joining LTCEG, we are strengthening our foundations and creating new opportunities for future investment in facilities, ensuring that Claires Court continues to thrive for generations to come.

If you were unable to join us on Wednesday evening to hear from James Wilding, Principal, and Christine Cunniffe, Executive Principal, you can watch a recording of the event on our YouTube channel via the link [here](#).

Please also see [here](#) for the most up to date FAQ document for detailed information regarding the transition. If you have further questions, please direct them to parents@ltceducationgroup.org.uk.

Principal's Blog

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

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Awards

Responsibility: Elsie (5D)
Respect: Matthias (6L)
Loyalty: Calum (6L)
Integrity: Amy (4HT)

Message from the Library

Make room for new books and return your overdue loans to the school library! We currently have a very large number of overdue library books on loan, so please renew or return any overdue books as soon as possible so everyone can read and enjoy them. Thank you for your support.

PTA Quiz Night: Book Your Table!

CLAIRES COURT PTA PRESENTS
QUIZ Night

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

6 March 2026
6PM-8PM

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.ccpta.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](#)

Books of the Week

This week, we have recommendations from our...

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...



Calling all singers

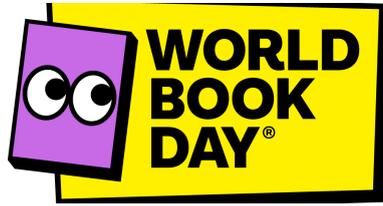
Do you want to find your voice, have fun and build confidence? Mr Orme has space for more singing pupils and would love to hear from you! Whether you want to work towards singing grades or just de-stress from your academics, singing lessons can benefit you, and stimulate other areas of learning and creativity. 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



World Book Day - Friday 13 March

Claire's Court Juniors Book Day is being held on Friday 13 March due to a clash on the actual World Book Day. Please read further information [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.

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)

Clares 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, Clares 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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