



CLAIRE'S COURT
Nursery School

Weekly Bulletin

24 April 2026 - Summer Term - Week 2

What a glorious week of sunshine we have had. We have sparked the children's curiosity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills with a variety of exciting activities. Blossom potions, making bridges across water, blowing bubble paint and lots more.

The outdoor curriculum is a crucial component of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), offering unique learning opportunities that cannot be replicated indoors. It promotes holistic development by allowing children to engage in physical, social, emotional, and cognitive activities in a natural, expansive environment.





Inside, the conversations have been about 'water'. Water we drink, water in the sea, lakes, ponds and bath tubs.

Creating water with a variety of media is great as you can show movement, shadows, colour differences and express your own thoughts and feelings.



The Summer term sees the continuation of phase 1 and phase 2 phonics. Phase 1 Phonics is the foundational stage of literacy, usually taught in nursery/pre-school (ages 3-5), focusing on developing speaking and listening skills rather than reading letters. It teaches children to discriminate sounds, rhyme, and segment/blend orally through seven aspects of auditory games, preparing them for future reading and writing.

Phase 2 phonics introduces 19 individual letter sounds (graphemes) in five sets, enabling children to begin blending sounds for reading and segmenting for spelling VC (vowel-consonant) and CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words. Commonly taught in Reception, it focuses on connecting letters to sounds and introducing simple 'tricky' words.



Bumble Bees

The class have been exploring weather, and we definitely have had a variety of temperatures this week.

They have read the story of Noah and the ark and then enjoyed a sensory tray with an ark.



What better weather to wash and dry clothes than on a windy day! The children loved this activity and were able to develop their fine motor skills and hand eye coordination.



The sunny weather outside gave the children the opportunity to read books, play in the sensory trays and simply enjoy the sunshine with their friends.





Reminders

Wednesday 29 April - First Forest School session. Please see the letter [here](#)

Monday 4 May - May Day bank holiday

Monday 25 May - Bank holiday - Nursery closed

Tuesday 26 - 29 May - Half term holiday - Nursery closed for Beehive class

Wednesday 24 June - Nursery sports day - please see the letter [here](#)

Thursday 9 July - last day of school term - **NO AFTER SCHOOL**

PTA Summer Fete- Saturday 20 June

Claire's Court PTA Presents
Summer Fete
Saturday 20 June 12pm – 4pm

- Variety of Food Vendors
- Amazing Raffle Prizes
- Bar & Pimms Tent
- Inflatables for all ages
- Local Artisan Stall Holders
- And Lots More!

£12 family ticket ~ £4 individual ticket
When bought in advance

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Bring the whole family for inflatable madness, artisan stalls, and a Pimms

tent from 12pm–4pm. Advance family tickets are a steal at just £12—grab yours now at ccpta.org.uk

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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