



CLAIRE'S COURT
JUNIORS

Weekly Bulletin

17 April 2026 - Summer Term - Week 1

Message from Mrs Ruddick

This week, I have had the privilege of stepping into the role of Acting Head of the Junior School, and I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to you all.

As Vice Principal of Claire's Court, I already know many of our pupils and families, but I am very much looking forward to getting to know the Junior School community even better in the weeks ahead. I would like to sincerely thank those parents who have taken the time to introduce themselves and offer such a warm welcome at the school gate this week—it has been greatly appreciated.

Over the past few days, I have been spending time with the pupils, introducing myself in assemblies and visiting lessons so that they can begin to feel familiar and comfortable with me. I will continue to be a visible presence around the school, working alongside staff and engaging with pupils to ensure that they feel safe, secure, and well supported during this period of transition.

The Junior School remains a happy and purposeful place, and I am committed to maintaining the strong sense of community and care that defines it. I look forward to working closely with you all and supporting your children over the coming weeks.

With best wishes,

Mrs Ruddick

Message from the Director Of Sport - Mr Carter

As many of you will know, I am currently Director of Sport at the Senior School, and I am pleased to share that my role will now extend to overseeing sport across the Junior School as well, ensuring a cohesive and high-quality sporting experience for pupils throughout Claire's Court.

I would like to share an update on the school's evolving approach to sports staffing and delivery across all sections of Claire's Court. Moving forward, we will be adopting a more integrated approach, with many members of the sports department working across all four sections of the school so that specialist

expertise can be directed where it is most needed, supporting the athletic development of pupils from Nursery through to Year 13.

While the Junior School will continue to benefit from some dedicated full-time staff, overall strategic leadership of sport will sit with me. Please be reassured that the summer sports programme and fixtures are in place (with full details available on SOCS). You can expect to see me and other colleagues who have previously worked mainly with senior pupils increasingly involved in supporting sport within the Junior School as well.

This is an exciting step in strengthening continuity, opportunity, and quality of provision for all pupils across the school. I would be very happy to answer any questions regarding Claires Court Sport—please do feel free to contact me at sic@clairescourt.net.

Message from Executive Principal - Christine Cunniffe

As we come to the end of the first week of the summer term, I would like to thank all parents who have sent emails and taken time to meet with me regarding the changes to the junior school. It has been good to put names to faces and have the time for quality discussion, not just about school, but education and life in general. I understand the uncertainty parents may be feeling and hopefully I will be able to provide more clarity to the changes early next week. Meanwhile, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to meet. I wish you all a lovely weekend and hope to see you soon.

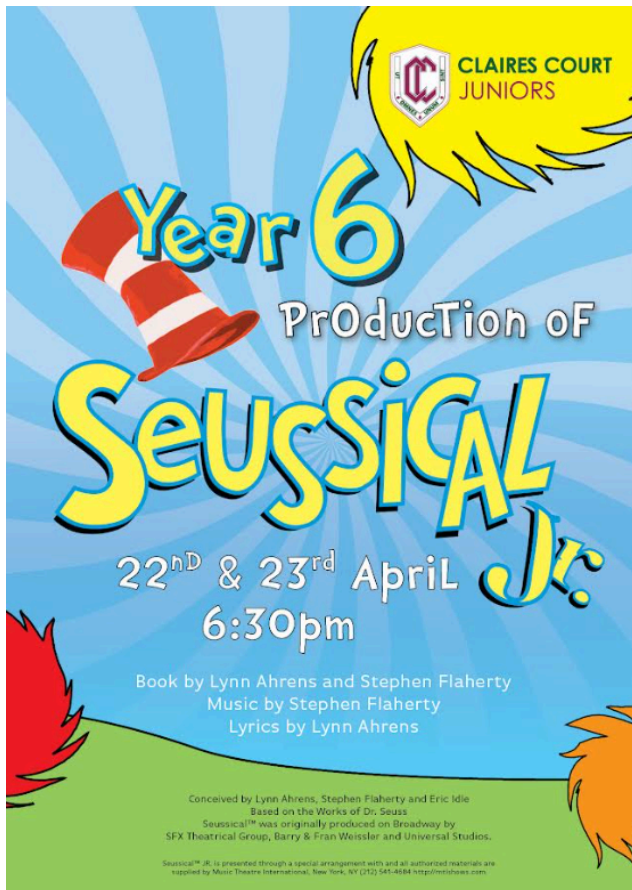
Whole School Photograph

Our Whole School Photograph will take place on **Wednesday 22 April** for Juniors. Please ensure your son/daughter is looking smart and presentable in their **full winter school uniform**.

Y5 & Y6 Seussical School Production

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been working hard rehearsing for this year's production, Seussical the Musical. **Performances are taking place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 22 ([Cast 1](#)) and Thursday 23 April ([Cast 2](#)) and all are welcome.**

Location: Claires Court Juniors, Ridgeway, The Thicket, Maidenhead, SL6 3QE
(For sat nav use: SL6 4QQ)



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London Landmarks Half Marathon

Thank you to everyone who donated to my fundraising for the London Landmarks Half Marathon. I completed the race in 2.02.52 and raised over £2100 for Thames Hospice.

Mr Laouira

FROM THE OFFICE

Reporting Absences

A reminder that if your child is unwell or unable to attend school due to medical/dental appointments, please let the School Office know by 9.30am on each day of absence by one of the following means (in order of preference).....

1. Email to juniors@clairescourt.net

2. Telephone to 01628 327400

Other absences during term time will need to be requested using the [Term Time Absence Request Form](#). Whilst we may 'approve' these absences they will invariably be recorded as 'unauthorised' due to the strict Department for Education guidelines to which we adhere.

PTA Nearly New Uniform Sale

All Nearly New Sales are on a **Friday morning from 8.15am to 8.45am** and take place just inside the Atrium entrance. Payment is by card only and **NOT** cash. Please see below the next two sale dates at Juniors:

- **24 April 2026**
- **5 June 2026**

PTA Summer Fete- Saturday 20 June



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.

PTA Summer Party - Saturday 27 June



Dust off your "Summer Sophistication" attire for a night of nibbles and a live disco from 6pm until late at the Juniors. Tickets are £45 for an evening of effortless elegance—don't miss out! Book your tickets [here](#)

News, News, News!

Take a look [here](#) at our fantastic media wall on the school website where we collate all the stories from across the school. There are stories from Instagram and Facebook plus photo albums from [Flickr](#) which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

Claires Court SchoolTV - HIGHLY RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

Please make use of this valuable resource - [Claires Court SchoolTV](#) - available to all our parents. Because parenting doesn't come with instructions, SchoolTV is a wellbeing resource that can support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. This award-winning resource helps build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people.

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.