

Juniors -



CLAIRES COURT  
JUNIORS

# Weekly Bulletin

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## Principal's Blog

Read Mr Wilding's Blog for this week: ["Those who say it can't be done are usually interrupted by others doing it" – James Baldwin](#)

## CLASS BULLETINS

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## Next Week - Menu Update

Due to an oven malfunction, the menu for next week has been adjusted as follows:

- **Monday:** Sausages, potato waffles, and beans
- **Tuesday:** Chicken goujons, chips, and peas
- **Wednesday:** Spaghetti Bolognese
- **Thursday:** Chicken Korma
- **Friday:** Christmas Dinner 🎄

## **Guitar Concert Invitation**

Parents of our guitar students are warmly invited to a short guitar concert during assembly on **Monday 2 December at 9am**. The performance will last around 10–15 minutes. We would love to see you there!

## **Carols from the Balcony**

Our choir will be spreading festive cheer on the **last day of term** with 'Carols from the Balcony' at **8.30am**. Please join us to enjoy the music and celebrate the season.

## **Christmas Hampers**

We are collecting non-perishable food items for Maidenhead Salvation Army up

until **Monday 9 December** and would like to suggest the following year groups provide:

Year R	Rice/Pasta/Pasta Sauce/Gravy/Stuffing
Year 1	<b>NUT FREE:</b> Mince Pies/Christmas Cake/Christmas Pudding/Dried Fruit
Year 2	Pickles/Jam/Jelly/Sweets/Chocolates
Year 3	Cereal/Porridge/Savoury Crackers/Sweet Biscuits
Year 4	Crisps/Popcorn/Rice Cakes/Pretzels/Snack Bars
Year 5	Tinned: Fruit/Vegetables/Soup/Beans/Fish/Meat
Year 6	Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate

There will be two collection 'hampers': one located in the Lower Juniors area of the school and the other outside the dining hall. **Please remember due to the number of pupils with life-threatening reactions to all types of nuts, these are not allowed in School.**

### **Rabbit Award**

Awarded for kindness, helpfulness and compassion doing the right thing without being asked, it is what makes our school a wonderful environment. This week our rabbit has been awarded to Harriet (2W) for always being kind and extremely helpful with Ariana, also it has been awarded to Kaliyaani (6L) for being a brilliant friend, showing kindness and consideration to everyone.

### **Walking on the grass**

We kindly ask all parents to avoid walking on the grass during drop off and collection whilst it's muddy. Thank you for understanding.



### **Dates for the diary**

#### **Pantomime for Lower Juniors at Windsor Theatre**

It's Christmas time which can only mean one thing - it's off to the Panto! Thanks to the generosity of the PTA, we are taking the Lower Juniors out for a Christmas treat to see **Dick Whittington** at The Theatre Royal, Windsor on Wednesday 4 December.

#### **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day**

Christmas Lunch will be served on **Friday 6 December**. The assumption is that all children will have a Christmas Lunch and you will automatically be charged £5 **UNLESS YOU OPT OUT BY 1 DECEMBER** by completing this form: [Christmas Lunch 2024 Juniors](#). The cost includes the Christmas meal, a dessert, drink and cracker. Please also complete this form to provide any dietary requirements that your child has. Please note that there will be no other food served at lunchtime on this day, so if your child is opting out they will need to bring their own lunch.

All children can wear a festive jumper on Christmas Lunch Day instead of the school jumper, for a **£2 donation** for [Save The Children](#) but please note it is **NOT** a non uniform day and to wear normal school uniform other than a jumper.

#### **St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival 6 - 8 December**

Please pop along to view all the trees on display and look out for the Claires Court trees decorated by our pupils - vote for your favourite tree and help raise money for their chosen charity [Thames Valley Heartbeat](#).

### **Y3-6 Juniors Carol Service - Tuesday 10 December**

All parents are invited to attend the Carol Service at All Saints Church, Maidenhead, SL6 4HE. The church doors will be open from 2pm. Please note this is a popular event and gets very busy due to the restricted seating.

We would appreciate an indication of how your son/daughter will be travelling home after the service, so that we can book the right transport. Parents are welcome to pick up from the church, or pupils can travel back to school. Please complete the form [here](#) by **Wednesday 4 December**.

### **End of Term Arrangements w/c Monday 9 December - Thursday 12 December**

Study/Guided Play will be available between 4-5 pm and After School Care Between 5-6pm Monday-Wednesday. There is no after-school provision at all on Thursday 14 December. **\*Early buses only\* from 9 December, leaving Juniors at 4pm.**

### **Last Day of Term - Thursday 12 December**

This is a **normal full day of lessons ending at 4pm**. EOT letters will be emailed home with the usual reminders to parents about bills/school office closure etc over the Christmas period.

## **FROM THE OFFICE**

### **PARKING**

We now have a much better surface for our overflow car park; thank you so much for your patience. From now on, priority is given to parents to park in the main car park; staff will fill the new matting area first thing in the morning. Please feel free to park on this surface at any time. It can house approximately 40 extra cars.

### **VISITING THE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY**

If you are visiting the school outside of drop-off and collection times (except for fixtures), please enter through the School Office in the main house rather than the sports hall or playground. We are required to know who is onsite at all times.

### **"CLICK AND COLLECT"**

This will continue to operate on a Friday afternoon. Whilst nothing has changed for Reception and Year 1 families, we have seen an impact on learning time for Years 2 and above on a Friday afternoon due to classes finishing early to avoid traffic queue build-ups. Therefore, unless you are a parent or guardian of a child in Reception or Year 1, we will not be allowing cars into the car park until **3.45pm** when the children will be ready to be collected. This will limit the build-up of cars in a queue, not able to move and avoid the School causing traffic issues on Cannon Lane. If you are collecting children from Years 2 - 6 or siblings, please DO NOT arrive on site until 3.45pm.

## **HAIR & EARRINGS**

As per our Rules and Expectations, hair of any pupil that is touching the shoulder must be tied back. All hair should be out of all pupils' faces. For sports or Science Experiments, it might be appropriate for children with shorter hair to still tie or push it back. Only pupils in Years 5 & 6 should wear stud earrings. Pupils are not permitted to wear earrings for sport.

### **JUNIORS DRIVE**

We have a process for when the coach is coming onto or off of the drive to the school. If you are entering the school drive off the mini roundabout by the Thicket Car Park and the coach is exiting the school site, please drive into the National Trust car park to allow the coach to leave.

The 'Bus Lane' which is identified on the main drive is for coaches to use when they are entering or exiting the school only. Please move across to the other side if you are using this lane at the time of a coach using it. It can be used as a normal road lane for all other times.

We will have members of staff out helping cars with this from now on.

### **DROP OFF**

For Junior drop-offs, please note that staff supervision begins at 8.15 AM. You must not leave your child unsupervised before this time; please wait until staff are on duty.

### **CHANGES TO DROP OFF/PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS**

For changes to your child's drop-off or pick-up schedule, please email the office at [juniors@clairescourt.net](mailto:juniors@clairescourt.net). For last-minute changes after 12pm, contact the office directly at 01628 327400, as emails to class teachers or the office after this time may be missed.

### **VECTARE BUS BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS**

Please can we remind you that ALL bookings for buses including link buses between sites need to be made via [Vectare](#) or by downloading the Vectare app (please search for "VecTive Passenger App" on Android and Apple). Please note it is your responsibility to make sure your child's booking is up to date. We print the Vectare daily registers at 3pm, therefore if your child is not on this list, we will assume they are not travelling on the bus and vice versa, if they are on the register we will put them on the bus.

We understand that there are last-minute changes to school pick ups so please call the school office on 01628 327400 if this applies to you. If you need to amend your booking please follow these [manage my booking instructions](#) and if you need to make a bulk change please contact Vectare at [contact@vectare.co.uk](mailto:contact@vectare.co.uk).

### **SICKNESS ABSENCE**

Please report all absences to the school office daily before 9.30am by calling 01628 327400, emailing [juniors@clairescourt.net](mailto:juniors@clairescourt.net), or via the Report Portal on the Parents page of our website.

### **TERM TIME ABSENCE**

Refer to our Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy. Holidays during term time are discouraged and will not normally be authorised during the first or last

week of term. If you would like the headteacher to review a request, please complete the [Online Holiday Request Form](#).

### **MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS**

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours in advance (when possible) via email to [juniors@clairescourt.net](mailto:juniors@clairescourt.net).

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Please don't forget to check our [online school calendar](#) to see what is happening throughout the term.

### **TERM DATES 2024 - 2026**

Please see the [Claires Court Term Dates 2024 - 2026](#), this can also be accessed via our website.

### **SPORTS FIXTURES/SPORTS NEWS**

All details of fixtures can be found on our [website](#).

### **LOCKER ROOMS**

Please can we kindly remind parents to not enter the locker rooms with their children.