



**CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS**

Weekly Bulletin

29 NOVEMBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 11)

FROM THE OFFICE

Last Week of Term Arrangements

There will be no after school activities or study w/c 9 December with school finishing at 4pm each day and early coaches departing Senior Boys at 4.30pm. Boys should completely clear their lockers before the end of term and leave them open for cleaning over the holidays. Any lockers left locked closed will have the padlock cut off.

Seniors Carol Service - Wednesday 11 December

All parents are warmly invited to attend our Seniors Carol Service at St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX, for the following services:

- 10am Years 7-9
- 11.30am Years 10-11

Last Day of Term - Thursday 12 December

This will be a full school day finishing at 4pm with Years 7-9 having their Celebration Assembly late morning and usual games afternoon, and Years 10-11 will have a normal school day with their Celebration Assembly during the last period of the day.

Grade Cards and Reports - Friday 13 December

Grade Cards for Years 7, 8 and 10 and Reports for Year 9 will be emailed home on Friday 13 December and will also be available to view on the Report Portal.

School Uniform Reminders

Thank you to all parents who ensure their son adheres to our [Senior Boys School Uniform Guide](#). A reminder please that acceptable school shoes are black polishable 'leather' shoes (**not trainers** such as Nike Air Force or equivalent), and socks should be grey/dark (**not white**). Please also take the Christmas break as an opportunity to repair any wear and tear to blazers as required, thank you.

Spring Term After School Programme - **booking closes today**

Please ensure you have chosen something for each day of the week, either an activity, study or going home. Our [activities website](#) provides with all the necessary information surrounding the before & after school programme. Parents will require their parent Report Portal login details to book. Please find [Activities Guide](#) and direct any enquiries to activities@clairescourt.net.

Space Week Dress Up

We have lift off! Space Dress Up day was launched by Year 7 showing off their costumes in a Form Time fashion parade. A massive well done to everyone!



New, news, news!

Take a look here..... <https://bit.ly/40qgNjs> at our fantastic media wall on the school website where we collate all the stories from across the school. There are stories from Instagram, Facebook and Twitter plus photo albums from Flickr which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent out yesterday from your son's form tutor, please look out for its safe receipt and check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive it.

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](#)

CHRISTMAS NEWS

Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day - Friday 6 December

Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday 6 December and the assumption is that all boys will have a Christmas Lunch and you will automatically be charged £6 **UNLESS YOU OPT OUT BY 1 DECEMBER** by completing this form - [Christmas Lunch 2024 Senior Boys](#). Please note there will be no other meals available this day, so boys should bring their own packed lunch if they opt-out. There will be no hot food during first break. Boys are also invited to spread some festive cheer by wearing a Christmas jumper with their normal school uniform for a £2 donation to Save the Children payable via the [Payment Portal](#) (**OPEN NOW**) or cash on the day to their Form Tutor.

Christmas Hampers - donations by 6 December please

We are once again asking for non-perishable food donations for our [Christmas Hamper Collection](#). Your son's form tutor will allocate him an item or two from the list, so that each hamper has a good mix of items. Hampers will be distributed to St Luke's Church and local families in need, and food items not in hampers will be delivered to Maidenhead Foodshare. Please bring items into school by 6 December.



St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival 6 - 8 December

Claire's Court Senior Boys will once again be decorating a tree at the [St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival](#). Please pop along over the weekend of 6-8 December (Norfolk Road SL6 7AX) to view all the decorated trees on display (times shown below) and vote for your favourite, which will obviously be the Senior Boys tree! Voting tokens can be purchased in advance or on the door (£5 for a bag of 10) and donations can be made in the church or [online](#) in aid of Thames Valley Heartbeat and St Luke's Church. You will also be able to view the trees online [here](#).

- Friday 6 December 10am - 7pm
- Saturday 7 December 10am - 7pm
- Sunday 8 December midday - 6pm, with 'Christmas Tree' service at 6pm

St. Luke's Church
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7AX

Christmas Tree Festival 2024

6th - 8th December

Church open: Friday & Saturday
10 am - 7 pm, and
Sunday: midday - 6pm
Closing service at 6pm



Refreshments daily Stalls and Raffle

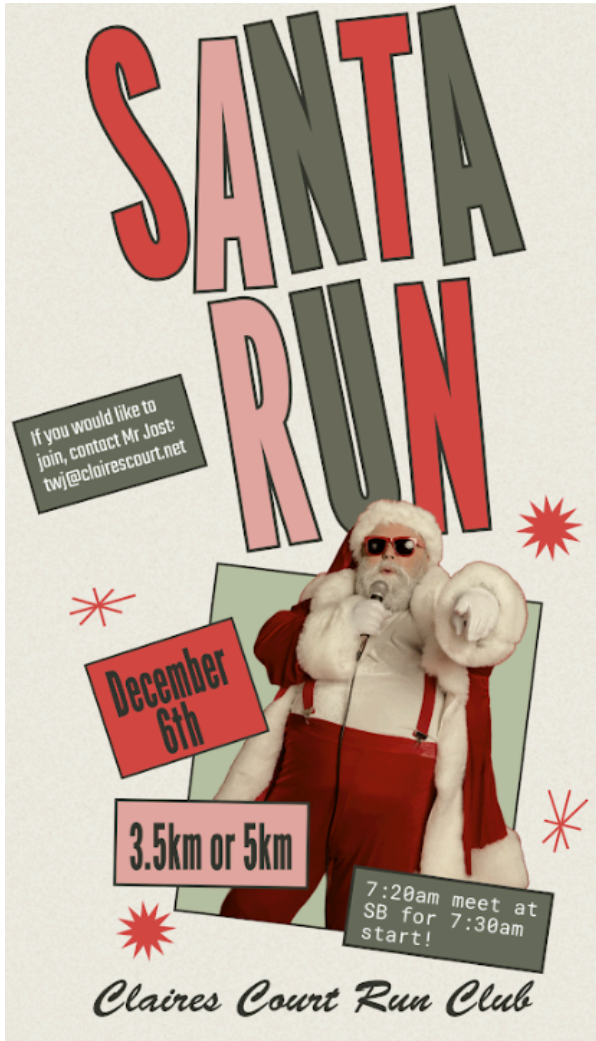
Supporting Thames Valley Heartbeat
Also available to view online
www.stlukeschristmastreetrail.co.uk
01628 622733
www.stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Santa Run - Friday 6 December

Please join us for the last Claires Court Run Club of 2024, Santa Hats are a must! Anyone joining for the first time should complete the [Consent Form](#) in advance. Meet at Senior Boys reception 7.20am for a 7.30am start. Choose from a 3.5km ([Sheep](#)) or 5km ([Double Sheep](#)) route.



Lions Club Swimarathon - Sunday 12 January

Claires Court is participating in the Maidenhead Lions Club Swimarathon at Braywick Leisure centre on Sunday 12 January. It is a relay-style event with the emphasis on fun and community spirit. We have six lanes in the 1pm-2pm slot and we are raising money for Thames Hospice and local Lions club charities. We need children to volunteer to swim, supporters to cheer the team on, and sponsorship. If your child would like to participate please give their name to Mr Carter or Mr Richards by the end of term. Any sponsorship will be gratefully received via <https://www.justgiving.com/page/clairescourt2025>

Parent Drugs Talk - Wednesday 15 January

Please **SAVE THE DATE** for this informative Parent talk taking place at 6.30pm in the Chapel at Senior Girls. A letter and booking form will be shared in January.

YEAR 7 ONLY

Christmas Tree Decorations - deadline 4 December

As you will have read above, Senior Boys will be decorating a tree at the St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival and the tradition is for our Year 7 boys to decorate our tree. Claires Court Juniors, Senior Girls and Sixth Form will also be decorating a tree and the viewing public will vote for their favourite, so we want ours to stand out from the crowd and impress! The theme the boys have chosen this year is '**The Simpson's Christmas**' so please encourage your son to get creative and make a tree decoration with this theme in mind....the more pizzazz the better! This should be brought into school w/c 2 December and by Wednesday 4 December when a small selection of boys will visit the church to decorate our tree.



MFL Language Choice - complete by 9 December

Please complete the Year 7 Language Options Form by Monday 9 December to indicate which two languages your son would like to continue with from January 2025 onwards. He will be guaranteed his first choice language and we will do our best to accommodate his second preference. If he has no strong preference, or if we do not receive a completed form by the deadline, we will allocate him to either French, German or Spanish, as necessary.

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 Options Information Evening - Thursday 5 December

The GCSE Options Information Evening will be held virtually from 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Thursday 5 December. A message containing the MEET link was emailed this morning and further information about the process can be found [here](#).

YEAR 11 ONLY

B11 Subject Drop-in Sessions

Year 11 teachers will be running weekly drop-in sessions according to this [timetable](#), so if your son has any questions that arise from his revision or requires help in these subjects please encourage him to come along and make the most of this resource.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

There is no Root of the Week this week and there will be a quiz in Form Time next week on all the Roots learned this term.

Linguists of the Week

In Year 8 French for great presentations about myself and other people:
Jay S, Theo K, William B, Shay P and Nathaniel W

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Joseph F, Jack M

Year 8 - Thomas L

Year 9 - Dan W, Zac A, Freddie C

Year 10 - Jack L, Charlie G, Eddie T, Max B

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 Ollie R for excellent homework on the Atmosphere topic

Year 10 Dexter B for excellent engagement and asking lots of brilliant questions

GENERAL INFORMATION

Term Time Absence

Please see our [Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy](#) noting that absence for holidays is not encouraged during term time and will not normally be authorised for the first or last week of any term. If you do wish the headteacher to review a request please complete the [Request for Term Time Absence Form](#).

Sickness Absence

Please report all absences daily to the school office before 9.30am either via the [Report Portal](#) (accessible via the Parents page of our [website](#)), by email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com or 01628 327600.

Claires Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claires Court SchoolTV](#), a wellbeing resource to support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. It aims to help build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people.

