

14 March 2025 (Spring Term Week 9)

Principal's Blog

Read Mr Wilding's blog: <u>"Changemaking in this Diamond era - how to meet the challenge!"</u>

NEW Juniors Instagram

Thank you to all those who have followed us on the new account so far - we have 188 followers already which is amazing! If you use Instagram, please follow us (@ClairesCourtJuniorSchool) - there is a lot on there!

CLASS BULLETINS

Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Sports Bags

Please check any sports bags your child brings home to make sure they belong to them. Please can we also ask them to check their locker and return any items that don't belong to them to lost property, as a few bags have gone missing.

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's Rabbit award winners are:

- ★ Mackenzie (6H) for helping with the football tournament despite being injured and unable to take part, she showed faultless dedication.
- ★ Noah Donk for his exceptional kindness, especially this week when he instantly offered to share his gift shop money with a friend who had forgotten hers. He never hesitates to make a kind choice!

- ★ Mr Laouira, nominated by a child, for always taking the time to listen and offering support with kindness and patience.
- ★ Miss Hudson, nominated by a child, for always supporting children through challenges and her dedication to helping students grow and improve.

Gate Change Notice

For drop-off and pick-up, please revert to using the gate at the bottom of the playground instead of the side gate. Thank you!

Breakfast Club

Please ensure your child is not dropped off before 7:30 AM. When dropping off, we kindly ask you to confirm with a teacher that they have been marked on the register.

Juniors Drive

We have a long established 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.

A reminder that the speed limit is 10 mph on the driveway and 5mph in the school car park so please do not exceed this.

Summer Term After School Programme - booking opens 9am Tuesday 18 March

Our <u>activities website</u> provides parents with all the necessary information surrounding the before, during & after school programme. Parents will require their parent Report Portal login details in order to book their child into activities, study or going home. A choice does need to be made for each day of the week please. Booking **opens 9am Tuesday 18 March** (but the activities are now visible on our <u>webpage</u>) and **closes on Monday 24 March**. A brief guide to show how to book can be found in the <u>Activities Guide</u>. Please direct any enquiries to activities@clairescourt.net.

Update to our Sports Kit

We would like to let you know that we are changing some of the sports kit from September 2025.

The key reasons for these changes are

- to create a more unified appearance across all four divisions of the school
- reduce the amount of white kit
- streamline the number of items required.

This will make the kit more versatile across different sports, ultimately helping to reduce costs for families.

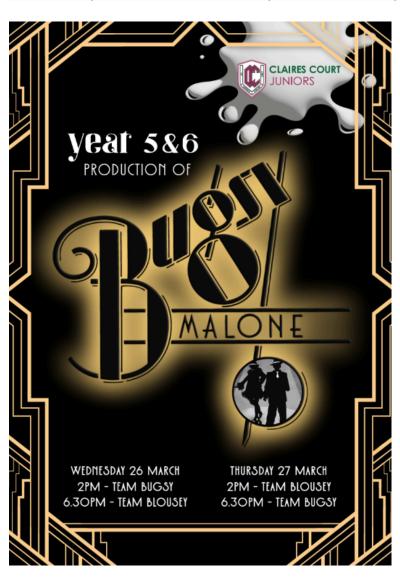
The new kit will be available for purchase from Hawkinsport from May/June 2025 with a gradual transition to adopt all new items by the start of the Autumn term in September 2026.

Please note that there is no immediate requirement to purchase the new kit if your child's current PE kit still fits. We hope to have samples of the new kit for you and the pupils to see soon after the Easter break and we thank you for your support in this.



Dates for the diary

Claires Court Juniors School Production: Bugsy Malone - Wednesday 26 March & Thursday 27 March at 2pm and 6.30pm



Living Tennis

Since January 2014 <u>Living Tennis</u> have been the professional tennis advisors for Claires Court and delivers the extension and elite tennis coaching to supplement the work of the PE department, both on the school's three sites and at Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre. The partnership with Claires Court as the academic providers for the Living Tennis Pro Academy (ages 12 -18) permits the most talented players to take their tennis further whilst retaining a core of academic study. Living Tennis has an exclusive discount with Claires Court for Living Tennis Pro Academy players

"Living Tennis are the main providers of tennis at Claires Court. Their coaches have an excellent understanding of how to introduce the sport and know how to develop boys and girls abilities exceptionally well. We work in partnership with them to provide the best educational outcomes for their aspiring academy tennis players, whose training and study completely dominate their time. Living Tennis work really closely with the School to ensure the child's coaching programme jigsaws well with the vital academic elements of the school timetable. The mentoring and pastoral support across the two organisations safeguards the best outcomes for them."

"Alongside this we have been able to enhance our school enrichment programme with a quality tennis provision and our teachers' knowledge and understanding of the game has been enhanced with them working alongside Living Tennis's professional coaches." James Wilding - Academic Principal - Claires Court

Please find details of their upcoming events below:



