



Where we all flourish

A Celebration of Cookham Dean School Year

July 2024



**As the summer term draws to a close
we invite you to join us in celebrating some of the
many wonderful highlights of our school year!**



Stellar Academic Results

- ✓ Y6 SATS – **well above national average** for Reading (97% school v 74% national), Writing (89% school vs 72% national) and Maths (89% school vs 73% national)
- ✓ Combined (Reading writing and maths) score of 86% school vs national 61%
- ✓ Y4 – Multiplication Tables check average **higher than national average**, with 40% achieving full marks
- ✓ Y1 & Y2 – Phonics Assessment **100% pass rate across both years**



Sporting Events

Competed in many competitions and sports activities throughout the year, such as:

- ✓ Stacking festival (KS1)
- ✓ Pillo polo tournament (Y1)
- ✓ Fencing (Y2)
- ✓ National Schools Games (Y2/Y4)
- ✓ Sportshall Athletic Competition (Y3/Y4/Y5)
- ✓ Cross Country event (Y3/Y4)
- ✓ Footgolf (Y3/Y4)
- ✓ Football tournament (Y4)
- ✓ Dance festival (Y4)
- ✓ Cricket competition (Y5)

...and so much more!



Awards

- ✓ **Silver Award KS1** for Active Stars Award
- ✓ **Silver Award School Games Mark**
- ✓ **Green Flag Award** (awaiting confirmation)



SEND Support

- ✓ **Supported increase in SEND** children with a wide range of needs through:
 - Nurture group
 - 2 ELSA-trained TAs
 - Parental training
- ✓ **Neurodiversity** celebration to better understand implications
- ✓ **Strong SEND parent group**
- ✓ **Work with local authority to improve support for SEND in the wider community**



Social, Moral & Cultural

- ✓ Rotakids visited Elizabeth House several times this year with personalised cards and home-made chocolates
- ✓ Performance of Romeo and Juliet to KS2
- ✓ Anti-bullying week run by Emotional Wellbeing Ambassadors
- ✓ Police visit to Reception, fire brigade visit to Year 5
- ✓ School trips – from Braywick Nature Reserve in Reception to Year 6 Rhosy trip



Family & Community Ties

- ✓ Strong ties with parents and community demonstrated further with the fact that our **PTA have raised approx. £24k this year!**
- ✓ **Families @4 Service** at St John the Baptist bigger and better!
- ✓ Outstanding Y5 performance at Cookham Arts Festival
- ✓ Year 4 have penpals with Harwood House.

Parents, Children, Governor & Community Quotes

From the moment of arrival, they were energetic and positive, totally embracing the spirit of our approach here and launching themselves into the immersive nature of our narratives and roleplay. They were curious with delightfully keen minds and offered so many wonderfully inventive and imaginative suggestions. Not only were they kind and respectful to our staff and yours but they were also incredibly kind and respectful of one another. In fact kindness was probably the most marked attribute they demonstrated; something which, all too often, can be taken for granted.

History Manager, Ufton Court

A huge thank you to you and the staff for making nurture group happen for KS2. My child is so happy, and I am extremely grateful. It's been a brilliant and gentle helping hand for him and so reassuring to see that ongoing support. Thank you again from both of us!

Parent

Just wanted to say a big thank you for letting me sit at the side of assembly today to watch my child receiving his Headteacher Award. It was so special to watch, and made me quite emotional!

Parent

The word I would use to sum up the atmosphere in the playground was joyous. Even though it was a rather cold, grey and damp day, sunshine was much in evidence.'

Governor

School has a nice community ; pupils and staff are kind and helpful and when you're down they help you out.

Year 4 child

I am going to miss my friends and the warm community

Year 6 child

Your Governors



Claire Phillpot

Chair of Governors &
Chair of Curriculum



Neil Strain

Co-Vice Chair of Governors
SEN & PP Governor



Fenella Reekie

Headteacher



Lorna Sykes

Chair of Admissions &
Safeguarding Governor



Adrian Lee

Co-Vice Chair of Governors
& Chair of SBS



Olivia Burton

LA Governor



Nicola Thompson

Staff Governor



Dan Pearson

Health & Safety Governor



Tim Green

Parent Governor



Carys Windle

Deputy Head &
Associate Governor



Tony Baker

Foundation Governor



Heather Oliver

Foundation Governor



Richard Simmonds

Church Governor

SBS = School Business Services
SEN = Special Educational Needs
PP = Pupil Premium