



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

1st & 2nd: INSET DAYS

3rd: First day back



EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JULY

Monday 20th:

Y5/Y6 Wet Run @ 2.45pm

Tuesday 21st:

Leavers Church Service at John the Baptist @ 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd:

Leavers Assembly @ 9.15am

Leavers Celebration @ 1.30pm

Break Up @ 2.15pm



SCHOOL NEWS

MISS TIDESWELL'S MESSAGE

I am happy to be Headteacher for the morning at Cookham Dean Primary School. I stood on the gate this morning welcoming all the children. I had to give out certificates in assembly. I said the children could wear their own clothes, bring in a cuddly toy and the children can have an extra long playtime as well as bring in a card game. I like being a headteacher because I get to give out the certificates and sit in the office.



HEADBOY AND HEADGIRL

The year 5 children delivered persuasive speeches this week to the rest of the school to vote for them to be Headboy and Headgirl. The rest of the school voted and the Headgirl for next year is Hattie and deputy Headgirl is Bea. Headboy will be Jamie and we had 2 runners up so will have 2 deputy Headboys - Finn Miall and Axel. We know that they will do a great job representing our school and the children in it. Well done to everyone that took part.

BADGES

We love giving our children leaders badges to show their responsibility. We will need to collect these in on Tuesday 21st July for next years leaders. If you have lost your badge, please bring in £1 to replace it. Thank you!

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT

We would like everyone to take part in the Big Butterfly Count starting today until 9th August. Choose a place and count how many butterflies you see for 15 minutes. Log how many you see at <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

END OF YEAR

Tuesday 21st July - Leavers service at St John the Baptist at 9.30am

Wednesday 22nd July - Leavers service for year 6 at school at 9.15am

Wednesday 22nd July - Leavers celebration for year 6 at 1.30 at school

Finish school at 2.15pm

SCHOOL NEWS

END OF YEAR LIBRARY UPDATE

Parents of children who have library books out on loan should have received an email asking them to return their book(s) before the end of term. We appreciate your help in getting all books back into the library ready for the new year. If a library book has been lost or seriously damaged, please can you buy a replacement book (good quality second hand is fine) or donate at least £5 for the school to buy a replacement. Thank you.

Well done to all of this year's Bookworms, who have learned about how to organise a library, how to put new books on the system, how to do book reviews and have come up with some ways to try and encourage reading for pleasure.

There have been 1604 books borrowed this year! Our brand new (this year) graphic novel section has proven incredibly popular with graphic novels making up seven of the top 10 borrowed books! The most borrowed was Jamie Smart's Looshkin: Oof! Right in the Puddings! with 13 loans. Other books in the top 10 were a book of colour illusions, the Guinness World Records 2025 and Lottie Brooks's Totally Disastrous School Trip.

Expect new books, reading lists, reading challenges and lots more in the new year as the volunteer parent librarians continue to get to grips with the library system. And don't forget you can view our catalogue from home - all the information is on the library page of the school website: <https://www.cookhamdean.org/librarians-bookworms/>

Tori Dixon, Librarian



The 6 Rs - CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!

Each week we celebrate children across the school who have encompassed a number of our values:

Readiness, Reflective, Resourcefulness, Resilience, Responsibility and Respect.



Reception

Nina



Year 1

Florence & Margo

Year 2

Finn

Year 3

Everyone

Year 4

Gigi

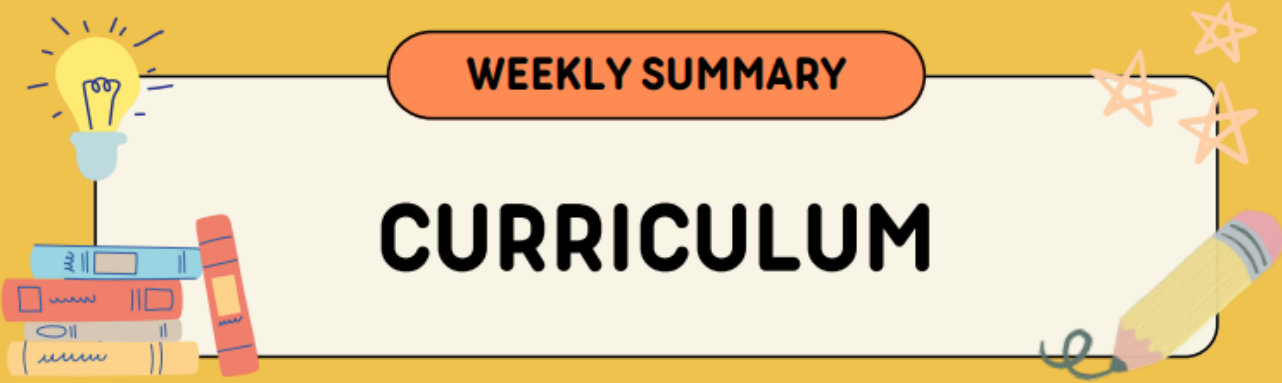
Year 5

Y5 Adults

Year 6

Dylan





WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

Each week we will be letting you know in this newsletter, a snapshot of what the children have been learning in class. For an overview of the term's work, please go to the [class pages](#) on our website where you will find more information.

Reception	Wow, the last full week of Reception, where has the time gone! This week Reception have worked hard on designing and making their boats to finish our Expressive Arts project. The children used all their learning from this half-term to make sure their boats were waterproof and could stay afloat. They then really enjoyed testing their boats in the water to see if they would sink or float and if they could carry any weight. They also had lots of fun completing the number ordering activities in Maths and the tricky word writing in Literacy. Furthermore, the children went to watch the Year 6 play and listened to the Rock Steady concert. Finally, Reception did an ice-melting experiment where they learned about what causes ice to change its state and what can be done to keep ice from
Year 1	Year 1 have had a busy and exciting week. They enjoyed listening to the Head Girl and Head Boy speeches before voting for the person they think would represent the school the best, watching the Year 6 play and celebrating the wonderful performances in the poetry competition. Throughout the week, the children have shown great resilience in Maths as they completed their work on telling the time to the hour and half past the hour. In Design and Technology, they have planned their smoothie recipes and are looking forward to making them next week.
Year 2	Year 2 have had another fantastic week! We had great fun making healthy wraps, carefully thinking about the ingredients needed for a balanced meal. In English, we created fantastic fact files inspired by <i>Flat Stanley</i> . We also finished our RE topic by considering what makes a good leader, sharing thoughtful ideas and reflecting respectfully on the qualities of different leaders. In PE, we demonstrated brilliant teamwork, encouraging and supporting one another throughout our activities.





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Year 3	The final full week! It's been a busy one as always. In DT, we finished our seasonal food topic, making our vegetable tarts. The children had previously chosen their toppings during a taste test and used their vegetables to make a puff pastry tart. Most were delicious! A great end to the topic. In maths, we finished our shape work and have now moved on to statistics. Our Romans topic came to an end, learning about the legacy of the Romans in Britain. We were very surprised to learn how much the Romans influenced our way of life today, 2000 years later. We were very lucky to experience two great performances this week: the Y6 play, which was hilarious and the Rock Steady concert. So many of Y3 took part in the concert and they were brilliant! We were very proud of them all. Year 3 has worked so hard this year and all the children have gone from strength to strength. They've worked as a team and learnt so much. Great job Year 3!
Year 4	This week in maths we have been finding out the decimal equivalent to halves, quarters and three quarters and using co-ordinates, plotting points on charts. In English, we have been writing descriptive sentences from our book, Flotsum. In history we have been debating whether the invention of railways in the Victorian period were a good or bad thing and in RE we have reflected and answered the big question, How and why do people think that some places can be spiritual?
Year 5	It has been a busy week in Year 5. In maths, the children have been multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we have been discussing language choices in our poetry text Let's Chase Stars Together. Also, we have continued to read Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce - a real favourite. In PSHE, we discussed the importance of sun safety which I think is very useful with our current weather. On top of this, we enjoyed a brilliant dress rehearsal of the Year 6 play. They were very impressive! Finally, well done to all of the Year 5 children who delivered a Head Boy/Girl speech. We were all very impressed by their ideas and confidence to stand up in front of school. For the final time this year, I hope everyone has a great
Year 6	What a wonderful final week we've had in Year 6! In Maths, we became expert budget planners as we organised our dream trip to the World Cup semi-finals, discovering that football tickets aren't cheap! In Reading, we've loved <i>The Final Year</i> by Matt Goodfellow and have enjoyed writing our own poems and raps. Our performances in Gigglebox were simply brilliant—full of laughter, confidence and talent. Mrs Satts couldn't be prouder of every single one of us. Today, we're celebrating an incredible year with a fun-filled trip to LEGOLAND, kindly funded by our amazing PTA. Thank you for a fantastic year—we'll miss you all!

SCHOOL NEWS

SENSORY ROOM

Huge thanks to our friends at Tapi Maidenhead and H.C.S. Carpetcare for the supply and fitting of the new carpet in our sensory room. As soon as they found out what we were doing, they immediately wanted to support our children. Both companies were super keen to help us and went above and beyond to make sure the carpet was just what we needed.

Thank you so much! I look forward to many children now enjoying a comfortable, calming space when they need it.

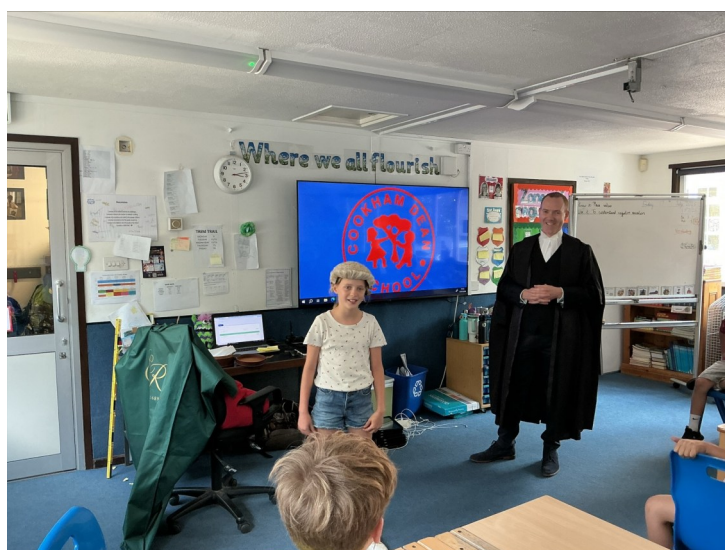
Mrs Taylor, SENCO



YEAR 5 TALK WITH MR MIALL

Year 5 were very fortunate to welcome Finn's dad, Mr Miall in this afternoon. We had a fantastic discussion around the ambiguity of the law, particularly financial settlements and bankruptcy. Mr Miall showed us his silks and explained the role he plays in court. The children were really engaged and asked some thought-provoking questions. This helped to bring to life our prior learning about the UK judicial system. Thanks very much to Mr Miall for giving up your time this afternoon.

Mr Salter, Year 5 Teacher



SCHOOL MEALS NEXT YEAR

We have been advised by Caterlink that the price of school meals will be increased to **£2.98** from September. You will be able to book meals for your children in advance once the new school term has begun.

PTA NEWS

NAME LABELS

Please make sure that all your children's clothing and items are labelled over the summer, ready for September. You may like to raise funds for the school by ordering new labels from STIKINS.

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A poster for a walking bus. It shows a group of children in red school uniforms and backpacks walking away from the viewer on a dirt path through tall grass. The text 'Walking bus' is written in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, 'Tuesday & Wednesday' is written in yellow. There are three callout boxes: 'EARLY START' with the text '07:55 for 08:05 departure from Cookham Dean Cricket Club', 'PACK SMART' with the text 'Children must be able to carry their own belongings up the hill (it's about a mile)', and 'DRESS SENSIBLY' with the text 'We will walk come rain or shine!'. At the bottom, it says 'Sign up form here' in yellow. There are also some decorative elements like a sun and a heart.

WALKING BUS

I'm going to run walking bus next year as the current cohort are all going into Y6, the parents don't need to walk.

Please sign up here: <https://eu-submit.jotform.com/261801543874359>

Depending on take up and adult help, we're hoping to run on Tuesday & Wednesday!

Pippa Jeans

FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Please click on the link below to read the latest issue of "Family First" magazine.

<https://familyfirst.co.uk/magazines/family-first-issue-3-2026/>

PTA NEWS

MAIDENHEAD BOUNDARY WALK 2026

Save the date for the next Maidenhead Boundary Walk, taking place on **Sunday 4th October!** In order to get the best price, we need to register before **13th September**, so even if you're not 100% sure but think you might want to do it, please sign up!

It's a great walk around Maidenhead and children from school as young as 5 have completed the full circuit (there are shorter options)!

Please contact Tori Dixon on 07976 742723 / mrstoridixon@gmail.com if you would like to take part.

Rotary in Maidenhead Presents...

Maidenhead Boundary Walk





4.4k Family Walk too!

GROUP DISCOUNT
Group Size
Register a group of 15 or more before 13th September 2026 and entry is just £30!

Sunday 4th October 2026

Starting from Boulters Lock Car Park - 9.00am to 10.30am

Open to walkers of all ages and abilities, whether you are an individual, group or family this is your opportunity to participate in an historical event, have some fun, and raise much needed money for your chosen causes.

JOIN US in what we hope will be a fun event and an opportunity for walkers to participate in the history of the Boundary walk. Good luck!

All proceeds from the event donated to The Rotary Foundation:
Doing good in the World.



Register online today at www.boundarywalk.org.uk

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS TASTER SESSIONS

Saturday, 18th of July, FREE Wheelchair Tennis Taster Sessions at **Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre** with Living Tennis from **1:30–2:30pm**, on the outdoor courts.

Address: Bisham Abbey National Sports Centre, Bisham Village, Marlow Rd, Bisham SL7 1RR

Ideally they would let us know in advance on this email - Living Tennis Reception - reception@livingtennis.co.uk, or can just turn up on the day.

PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS UPDATE

What an incredible few weeks it has been for the PTA!

Firstly, if you haven't already, do take a look at our feature in the **Maidenhead Advertiser**, celebrating the fantastic success of this year's Summer Fete and the amazing £13,000 raised for our school. We are so proud of what our wonderful community has achieved together.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along on Tuesday evening to support our **Year 6 Leavers v Remainers Cricket Match**. It was a brilliant evening filled with laughter, friendly competition and fantastic community spirit. Every donation, no matter the size, helps us move one step closer to our goal.

Finally, we'd like to say a very special thank you to **Abbe**, who worked her final shift behind the PTA bar during the Year 6 production. Over the years, Abbe has been one half of the legendary double act that has kept the bar running effortlessly at countless PTA events. Her hard work, reliability and good humour have been invaluable, and she will be greatly missed by us all. Thank you, Abbe, for everything you've done to support our school and PTA community - we wish you and your family all the very best for the future.

Thank you, Maddi, PTA chair



LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



After school Sewing Club

Open for Yr.2 to yr. 6

Starting: - Monday 9th May 2022

Hello children! Let's have some sewing fun! I am very excited to announce the sewing club for the summer term. Children will be doing creative sewing using different techniques and various types of fabrics. This term children will be making:

Door hanger, Drawstring pouch and a project for Father's Day

Duration: 10 weeks (Starting 9th May to 18th July)

Time: 3:20-4:35pm.

Fee: £75 (All materials included)

Places are limited to 10 and will be allotted on a first come first serve basis. If your child would like to join, **please text /WhatsApp me to book the place.**

Thank you!

Anita Kulkarni

Mobile :0778 225 3565

Email : anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk

Booking form to complete and send to : anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk

Cookham Dean school Sewing club for May - July 2022

My child - Year Would like to attend the sewing club.

Enclosed cash/Cheque - £

Emergency contact No..... Email

I give consent to Dhaaga to hold and store above information about me and my child for Admin purposes, running sewing clubs and for communication with me.

Signed

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LITTLE MUSKETEERS FENCING CLUB

We're delighted to welcome Little Musketeers back to Cookham Dean Primary School this Autumn 2026 for Years 1-6.

When: Every Monday, 08:00 – 08:45

Dates: Mon 14 Sep 2026 – Mon 7 Dec 2026

Excluded dates: Mon 26 Oct 2026

Year groups: Years 1–6

Fee: £8.00 per week × 12 weeks = £96.00 total

Book online: <https://bookings.littlemusketeers.com>

Spaces are limited and tend to fill quickly, so please book early to avoid disappointment.



COOKHAM DEAN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Autumn Term

WEDNESDAY'S

**3.20-4.20pm
Years 1 -6**

**STARTS: 9th September
FINISHES: 25th November**



**To book your child's place please
visit**

**[https://mwfootballcoaching.class4k
ids.co.uk](https://mwfootballcoaching.class4kids.co.uk)**

**For more information, please
contact Mitchel: 07985266203**



<https://mwfootballcoaching.classforkids.io/info/222>

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SUMMER 2026

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SUMMER CAMPS 2026

DISCOVER NEW ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER!

The timetables below are for this Summer - we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

OUR ACTIVITY COLOUR SYSTEM: FIRE = YELLOW, SPARK = PURPLE, POWER = RED, CLASSIC = BLUE, EVERY HOLIDAY NEW COLOUR, NEW ACTIVITIES!

WEEK 1 FIRE SET

TALKING ROBOTS, Inflexible Obstacle Course, LittleBits INVENTIONS, ALL NEW VR, MINECRAFT REDSTONE, MAKE MY INVENTIONS, AUGMENTED REALITY, DRAWING STUDIO, 3D PENS STRUCTURES, LEGO PIXEL PARTY, TAKE HOME INVENTIONS, Conductive, Monkeys, Squirrels, Mechanics

WEEK 2 FIRE SET

LEGO ROBOTS, LASER TAG, SCIENCE SHOW, WIZARD STOP MOTION, MOVIE MAKING, FILMING, MUSICAL TECH, MICRO BOTS, SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, ROBLOX WORKSHOP, MOVIE MAKING, EDITING, TAKE HOME INVENTIONS, Electric, Water, Woodwork, Solar, Electric

The days that these activities will be taking place differ site to site, please check website for your camp's schedule

WHAT TO BRING

Lunch & Snacks not reqd, Water Bottle, Medication If Required, Weather Appropriate Clothing, SAFE & SECURE, EXPERT INSTRUCTORS, OFSTED REGISTERED & TRUSTED, AGES 5-11

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RAVE REVIEWS

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Lucy Hart - St Ebbe's Primary School

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WORKSHOP

DROP-IN ART CLUB

For children to get creative,
learn & explore

Wed-Sat, Aug 2026, 1-3pm

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OPENING TIMES
Wed-Sat: 1-3pm
Sun-Tue: Closed
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We're starting our very first youth girls teams and we need YOU ♥



***Who*:** School Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 from Sept 2026



***Training*:** Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm



***Matches*:** Saturdays



***Where*:** TUFC ground

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READY = RNG = 'NET' GO!

SUMMER NETBALL CAMP

**Dates- 21st July
12th + 28th August
9-12 PM**

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SCHOOL YEARS 3-6 GIRLS

REGISTER NOW!

<https://readynetgo.co.uk/camp>



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SEND Voices

Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

Are you a parent carer for a young person with SEND?

Annual survey 2026 - OPEN NOW

SEND Voices RBWM (the independent parent carer forum for the royal borough) runs a survey annually to get an understanding of the effectiveness of SEND services for families in the borough and the impact that recent SEND improvement work is having on families' lived experiences. These results also provide parent carer views for the local area SEND Reform work over the next few years.



This survey is open to **all** families who live in (or access services in) the royal borough and who have a child aged 0-25 years with **any** special educational needs and/or disabilities.

Please scan the QR code or go to:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SVRBWM2026>

The survey will run until the
30th September 2026

We will use the feedback to understand where services are working well and where improvements still need to be made; ensuring your priorities become our priorities.

Thank you

Your views are vital to the continued work of SEND Voices RBWM

For more information, please visit our website: www.svrbwm.org.uk

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SUMMER HOLIDAYS AT NORDEN FARM

See our website for more information and the latest event updates!

The Maidenhead Beach at Norden Farm

Tuesdays - Saturdays from Thur 23 Jul - Sat 5 Sept
(excluding Tues 18 Aug - Wed 26 Aug)

Camp Out! Sensory Chill Out Space

Tuesdays - Saturdays from Thur 23 Jul - Sat 5 Sept
(excluding Tues 18 Aug - Wed 26 Aug)

Beach Crafts

Tues 28 Jul, Fri 14 Aug, Thur 27 Aug, Fri 28 Aug
11am - 11.45am | Ages 3 - 8 years

Kite Making Workshops at Norden Farm

Sat 25 Jul, Sat 8 Aug, Sat 29 Aug
1.30pm and 3.30pm (90 mins)

Kite Making - Night Market Drop In Session

Sat 1 Aug 6pm - 9pm

Kite Festival

Sun 30 Aug 12pm - 4pm
Boyn Grove Park | Free to attend

Circus Camp

Tues 28 Jul - Fri 31 Jul 10am - 4pm | Ages 7 - 14 years

Art Camp

Tues 4 - Fri 7 Aug 10am - 4pm | Ages 8 - 11 years

Theatre Camp

Tues 11 - Fri 14 Aug 10am - 4pm | Ages 8 - 14 years

Concertini

with The Brass Funkeys

Sat 25 Jul 11.30am | Ages 4+ years

The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Wed 29 Jul - Thur 30 Jul 11.30am and 2pm
Ages 3 - 6 years

Rapunzel

Wed 5 Aug - Thur 6 Aug 11.30am and 2pm
Ages 3+ years

Mod Roc Monsters Workshop

Wed 29 Jul 4.15pm - 5.15pm | Ages 7 - 14 years

Stop Motion Animation Workshop

Thur 6 Aug 4.20pm - 5.20pm | Ages 8 - 14 years

Relaxed Cinema Screenings include:

The Sheep Detectives (PG)

Charlie The Wonderdog (PG)

Minions & Monsters (U) and Toy Story 5 (PG)

PS - The Beach isn't just for the little ones!

Grown ups - join us beachside on select evenings for relaxed acoustic gigs this summer. They're free to attend!



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NORDEN FARM PRESENTS

THE KITE FESTIVAL

Sunday 30 August
12pm - 4pm

2026

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- BEACH CRAFTS
- EVENING BEACH GIGS
- KITE MAKING AND MORE

Tuesdays - Saturdays until Sat 5 Sept (excluding Tues 18 - Wed 26 Aug)



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