



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

11th: Y6 SATs Week
12th: Y5 @ Ashmolean Museum
15th: Class Photos
15th: Y5 STT Meeting @ 3.30pm
17th-23rd: Y6 @ Rhosy
18th: Walk To School Week
19th: Reception @ Braywick Nature Reserve
22nd: Mix Up Maths

June

5th: PTA Non-Uniform Day
5th: Everybody Writes Day
8th: Healthy Schools Week
8th: Sports Day
9th: R & KS1 Drama Workshop
9th-12th: Y6 Bikeability
15th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
18th: PTA Summer Disco
19th: Inset Day
22nd: Y3 @ Ufton Court
27th: Summer Fete

July

1st: Musical Soiree @ 6pm
9th: Spanish Assembly
13th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
15th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MAY

Monday 4th:

* Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th:

* Governors In School Day

Friday 8th:

* Y5 @ Cookham Festival



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a lovely Friday - to set us up for a bank holiday weekend. I hope you have a wonderfully long weekend!

A huge congratulations to Year 5 who delivered an amazing production to parents and carers on Wednesday evening. They were confident, worked so well as a team, sang beautifully, delivered lines clearly and had a mature understanding of comic timing. We are all so very proud of your delivery Year 5! Well done.

YEAR 5 PLAY

On Wednesday Year 5 performed our play, Ye Ha! We all enjoyed it and it was a great experience. It was difficult because we have not performed in front of a big crowd before. We learnt that we need to work together (teamwork makes the dream work). Overall, we thought it was a great experience and would happily do it again.

By Tommy & Rufus, Year 5



ATTENDANCE



As you know, we take attendance at Cookham Dean very seriously. For your child to learn, they must be in school. Please note that holidays during term time will not be authorised and may be subject to a fine. Our current whole school attendance is **96%** - our school target for attendance is 97%. If you are unsure if you should send your child into school, please see <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Thank you for your support to ensure your child gets the best opportunities to achieve.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA meeting last night - it was great to see so many of you there. We're really excited about the rest of the term and the fantastic events we have planned for the school community.

As we begin preparations for our upcoming Summer Fete, we would greatly appreciate any support you can offer. If you're able to recommend a company to sponsor the fete or contribute a prize for our silent auction, please do get in touch.

We'd also love to hear from anyone whose employer offers volunteering time or charity support schemes. The PTA is a registered charity, and any contribution of time or expertise would make a real difference.

The Summer Fete will take place on **27th June**, and we'll be reaching out via class representatives soon with ways you can help. If you're unable to assist on the day but are available in the lead-up, please let your class rep know - every bit of help counts.

Finally, we are always looking for ways to improve and welcome your feedback. Please feel free to contact us at pta@cookhamdean.org

Thank you for your continued support!

The PTA Team



SCHOOL NEWS

FAIR MILK FOR A FAIR START

Cool Milk

Did you know? Children currently receive free school milk until their fifth birthday through the Government's school milk scheme. After this point, the entitlement ends. This means that within the same Reception class some children continue receiving milk while others do not, depending on when their birthday falls. At Cookham Dean, we're supporting Cool Milk's Fair Milk for a Fair Start campaign, which calls for a simple change so all children can receive free school milk until the end of their Reception year. Find out more or show your support here: <https://fairmilkfairstart.com/>

There's currently a live Government consultation on school food standards - and this is a valuable opportunity to help shape future policy. We're encouraging schools, nurseries, and parents to take part. Every response helps strengthen the case for change. You can access the survey [HERE](#).

YEAR 2 WHITE WALTHAM AIRFIELD

On Tuesday, we went to White Waltham Airfield. First a man called Mike introduced us to some history about the airfield. My group first made some awesome cardboard planes which we got to launch on the launcher. My plane travelled out of the door! Next we got close up to an aeroplane and I pretended to be a pilot. After that we went inside the hangar and it was really cool because Max showed us some of the planes. Finally we went back on to the coach and got back in time for lunch.

By Tom, Year 2

Y3/4 CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 16 children from Years 3 and 4 went to St Piran's for our annual cross-country competition. All children did extremely well but a big shout out to Year 3 girls who came 3rd overall and to Year 4 girls who came 1st. Well done to Trixie and Tilly in Year 4 who came 1st and 3rd respectively. Thank you to Ms Griffith for doing the pre-warm up before the races.

Miss Thompson, Year 4 Teacher

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

Sophia



Year 1

Ophelia

Year 2

Everyone

Year 3

Barnaby

Year 4

Everyone

Year 5

Everyone

Year 6

Ayva





WEEKLY SUMMARY

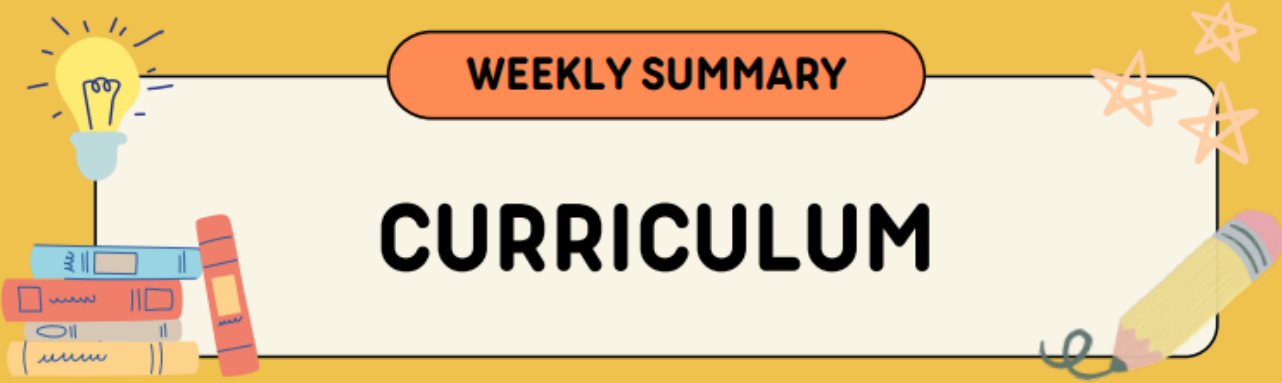


CURRICULUM

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Reception	In Phonics, the children have reviewed lots of the digraphs to make sure they are getting really secure. They have also practised using these digraphs in some spelling activities on the whiteboards. In Maths this week the children have been learning about addition and subtraction within 10 and then up to 20. The children have learned about this using mathematical resources such as counters, ten frames, cubes and also their fingers. In Literacy, the children described spider webs and created their own spider menu. The children have also been working hard on their tricky word spellings. In PE we have been learning about moving to and counting to the beat of 8 in Dance whilst being planes, trains and cards. The Reception children also really enjoyed watching the Year 5 play dress rehearsal.
Year 1	Year 1 have been busy in English finishing the story <i>Dogs Don't Do Ballet</i> , where the children impressed us by writing their own endings in the first person. In Maths, we completed our work on multiplication and division by learning how to share amounts into equal groups. The children worked hard to understand fair sharing and used practical resources to support their learning. In History, we continued exploring famous explorers, even stepping into their shoes through fun role play activities.
Year 2	This week, our pupils enjoyed an exciting and inspiring school trip to White Waltham Airfield. During the visit, they had the unique opportunity to sit inside a lightweight aircraft, explore an aircraft hangar, and design and launch their own model planes using a special launching machine - an experience that sparked great enthusiasm and curiosity. Back in the classroom, we have begun a new maths unit focusing on fractions, with an emphasis on understanding halves and quarters. In English, the children have been developing their letter writing skills, producing thoughtful and well-structured pieces. It has been a busy and rewarding week of learning!





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Year 4	What a busy week! We have written complex sentences to describe collective nouns from our book, <i>The Wild Robot</i> . In maths we have been exploring equivalent fraction families, converting mixed number to improper fractions and vice versa. In Re we have been thinking about why God chose Noah to build the arc. To finish off our week we had a fantastic trip to Chiswick to study the Thames. Our feet got a bit wet, but we all had fun!
Year 5	It has been a brilliant week in Year 5. The children were incredible in our production of <i>Ye Ha!</i> on Wednesday. They made themselves proud, and I hope all that came enjoyed the show. On top of this, we have started to build up towards writing a diary entry from the perspective of Edmund Hillary or Tenzing Norgay. In athletics, we focused on relay running, particularly baton changeovers.
Year 6	This week in Year 6 has been a busy and productive one as we continue preparing for the upcoming SATs while also exploring some exciting creative and scientific topics. In Maths, we have been focusing on 3D shapes and their properties. The children have been identifying faces, edges and vertices, as well as comparing and classifying different shapes. This work is helping to strengthen their understanding as we approach SATs, particularly in reasoning-style questions. In English, we have been inspired by the book <i>Holes</i> to write both formal and informal letters. Pupils have explored the differences in tone, structure and language, producing some thoughtful and well-structured pieces of writing. Our Science lessons have been especially hands-on this week. The children created models of blood, carefully representing its different components such as red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma. They also sculpted anatomically accurate heart models using clay, helping to deepen their understanding of how the circulatory system works. In Art, pupils have continued working on their individual artist studies. They have been developing their research and creative responses, showing great independence and creativity in their work. It has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and effort across all subjects this week. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

Ready 'Net' Go! 
May Netball Camp

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May Netball Camp

★ Fun, fitness, skills and matchplay 🎯
 ⌚ 9am-12pm

Friday 29th May
 ENGLAND NETBALL
 Newland's Girl's School

www.readynetgo.co.uk/camp

SIGN UP TODAY LIMITED SPACES 10% OFF ENDS MIDNIGHT 10TH MAY 2026

IPRO FOOTBALL 

MAY HALF-TERM CAMPS
 10% OFF ALL BOOKINGS BY 10TH MAY

3 DAY CAMP
26TH - 28TH MAY

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WE NEED YOU!

COOKHAM KIDS SUMMER CAMP 2026

 **3-7 AUGUST**

 **MON-THURS: HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL**
 **FRIDAY: GALA CONCERT AT HTC**

CAN YOU HELP MAKE THIS AN UNFORGETTABLE WEEK?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE FUN!

YOU COULD:

-  **LEAD A CRAFT**
-  **RUN GAMES**
-  **HELP WITH REGISTRATION**
-  **SUPPORT THE TEAM**

★ **ANY TIME YOU CAN GIVE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!** ★ **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - JUST ENTHUSIASM**

INTERESTED? WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
SPEAK TO FR STEPHEN OR ANDRA

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BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS SUMMER!

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



Washindi Trampolining Club

at Edgbarrow Sports Centre
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British Gymnastics Accredited Club

Health Happiness & Confidence

with Trampolining

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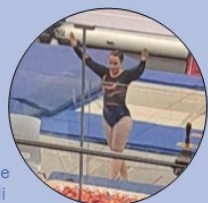
Dates, times & prices available on request

Various Locations

Trials Available

Ideal for ages 5 years and above (younger on enquiry)





SIGN UP TODAY LIMITED SPACES

IPRO FOOTBALL

6 COOKHAM DEAN FC

SUMMER SOCCER PROGRAMME

5.30PM - 6.30PM




FUN, FRIENDS AND FOOTBALL

ALL SUMMER LONG!

WED 13TH MAY - WED 15TH JULY

OPEN TO ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- BOYS & GIRLS OF ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
- EXPECT FUN, ENGAGING FOOTBALL SESSIONS
- SKILL DEVELOPMENT & CONFIDENCE BUILDING
- QUALIFIED, EXPERIENCED COACHING
- A POSITIVE AND INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT
- SPECIAL FEATURE FAMILY NIGHT - ALL WELCOME!



ENJOY FOOD & REFRESHMENTS WITH THE BAR OPEN DURING & AFTER SESSIONS

GREAT NEWS!

ALL WORLD CUP GAMES WILL BE SHOWCASED HERE

LIMITED SPACES
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

SUMMER PROGRAMME

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EDUCATION



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IN AID OF 

THE GREAT SCHOOL RUN

17 MAY 26

AT STONOR PARK

SUNDAY 17 MAY • 9.30AM

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

FOR ALL LOCAL NURSERY AND SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 3-17 AND FOR THEIR GROWN-UPS AND SCHOOL STAFF!



STONOR

IT'S HERE

COOKHAM KIDS SUMMER CAMP

2026

AGE 5-12

3RD - 7TH AUGUST

BOOK EARLY LIMITED TICKETS!

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DRAMA

CRAFT



CRAFT

GAMES



GAMES

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!



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SCAN ME TO BOOK NOW!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE BEST WEEK OF SUMMER!