



# Newsletter



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### April

28th: Y2 @ White Waltham Airfield

29th: Year 5 Play @ 6pm

### May

1st: Child Choice Day

1st: Y4 @ Chiswick Thames Trip

1st: Caterlink Taster Session @ 2.30pm

4th: Bank Holiday

5th: Governors In School Day

8th: Y5 @ Cookham Festival

11th: Y6 SATs Week

12th: Y5 @ Ashmolean Museum

15th: Class Photos

17th-23rd: Y6 @ Rhosy

18th: Walk To School Week

22nd: Mix Up Maths

### June

5th: PTA Non-Uniform Day

5th: Everybody Writes Day

8th-11th: Y6 Bikeability

12th: Sports Day

15th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

18th: PTA Summer Disco

19th: Inset Day

22nd: Y3 @ Ufton Court

27th: Summer Fete

## EVENTS NEXT TERM

### APRIL

#### Monday 13th:

\* Inset Day

#### Tuesday 14th:

\* Return to School

#### Friday 17th:

\* SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am



## SCHOOL NEWS

### MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a lovely finish to the spring term - an Easter bonnet parade on a rather windy, damp playground. The children once more showed amazing creativity but more than that resilience - as the wind whipped their Easter bonnets off their heads! Well done to Dottie in Reception, Jake in Year 1 and Trixie in Year 4 for being the winners! I hope you all have a lovely Easter and a peaceful holiday. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 14th April.



### NEW SENCO & DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

We said a fond farewell to Miss Windle yesterday. We will miss her and wish her all the very best in her new role! After Easter, Mrs Taylor will be starting with us as SENCO and Deputy Headteacher and over the coming weeks, I am sure you will all get to meet her and make her feel very welcome as part of the Cookham Dean family.

### TRUNKS ACROSS THE THAMES

The children were amazing yesterday and had such fun running to raise money for Thames Hospice. Our [JustGiving page](#) is now at **£1,300** and we still have until Friday 17th April to reach our target of £1,500. If you are receiving cash donations, please send them into school by Friday 17th. Apple the Elephant is coming on nicely. She is currently being finished after every child at school painted a part of her. This is how she looks now! We will welcome her back into school on Tuesday 14th April before she goes off on her adventure on the Maidenhead and Windsor Arts Trail.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### LEAVERS VS REMAINERS CRICKET MATCH

**YEAR 6 PRESENTS**

**The 2026 Leavers V Remainers  
Cricket Match & PTA Fundraiser**



JustGiving  
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**BBQ, Bar, Stalls & Cake!**

**!SAVE THE DATE!**

**TUESDAY  
JULY  
14th**

**Cookham Dean  
Cricket Club  
4-8PM**

Save the date Tuesday 14th July for the annual 'Leavers Vs Remainers' cricket match, BBQ, bar and super fun stalls hosted by Year 6 children, at the idyllic Cookham Dean Cricket Club. The cricket match pits parents of the Year 6 children leaving the school vs the parents of children remaining. It's basically like a mini fete around a big game of cricket! We need a cricket enthusiast parent/carer to volunteer to captain the 'Remainers' team. If you can help please contact [holly.afferson@yahoo.com](mailto:holly.afferson@yahoo.com)  
Holly Lightwood, Year 6 Parent

### METRE MARKET

On Friday 17th April we will be the chosen charity receiving proceeds from Metre Market's weekly raffle. Head to Cookham Dean Village Hall between 8.30am - 1pm to purchase a raffle ticket. At £5 each, you can be in with the chance of winning an incredible hamper with produce donated by their generous stallholders from local makers and creators. All proceeds of the raffle will go towards supporting our school. Visit the [Metre Market website](#) for more details.



### NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

Last week was Neurodiversity Celebration Week and the classes all learnt about different elements of neurodiversity. The children worked really hard to create posters that will be reproduced and displayed around the school. Please see the winning designs attached.

Miss Windle, SENCO

### OPAL

The children have had such a wonderful term filled with outdoor adventures - from creating mud kitchen masterpieces to building dens and exploring nature. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the Easter break. Over the holidays, we hope you'll all enjoy some outdoor activities, such as going on a nature hunt or simply planting something together. Most importantly, make time to play - outdoor play builds curiosity, confidence, and connection! Thank you for being part of our OPAL community.

Miss G, OPAL Lead

### EASTER POEM BY YEAR 3

On Friday there was death!  
Sunday brings celebration and happiness!  
Believe in God!  
On Friday there was sadness.  
Sunday brings excitement and joy!  
Live by God's words.  
On Friday there was disappointment  
and crucifixion.  
Sunday brings good news and laughter!  
Hope to live in Heaven!



### TENNIS CLUB - SUMMER TERM

#### BOOK HERE

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Y4/5/6                | Y1/2/3                |
| Thursdays             | Fridays               |
| 7.55am - 8.40am       | 7.55am - 8.40am       |
| £70 per person        | £65 per person        |
| 23rd April - 21st May | 17th April - 22nd May |

## SCHOOL NEWS

### NUT FREE SCHOOL



A reminder that we are a

**\*NUT FREE SCHOOL\***

Please ensure all packed lunches are nut free; this includes **sesame**. Thank you for your cooperation.

### PTA SILENT AUCTION

#### Can You Help?

We are currently working on sourcing donations for this year's silent auction and would love your support. Do you own a business or have a service or product you could offer as a prize? Do you know a company we could reach out to? Or perhaps, if you're out and about over the Easter holidays, you might feel inclined to ask a local business if they would be willing to contribute.

Every donation, big or small, makes a real difference and helps us raise valuable funds for the school. If you can help in any way, please contact Marie Hepworth on 07817468408 or email [pta@cookhamdean.org](mailto:pta@cookhamdean.org). Bonus points for any football related prizes or businesses!

Thank you for your support!  
Marie Hepworth, Y1/5 Parent



### SCHOOL CLUBS

Don't forget to sign up your children for summer term clubs starting after Easter. Details are available on the [school website](#), as well as in today's and previous newsletters.

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| MONDAY    | Little Musketeers |
|           | Sewing            |
|           | Golf              |
| TUESDAY   | Yoga              |
|           | Cookery           |
|           | Netball           |
| WEDNESDAY | Kickboxing        |
|           | Spanish           |
|           | Cookery           |
|           | Football          |
| THURSDAY  | Performing Arts   |
|           | Tennis            |
|           | Spanish           |
| FRIDAY    | Running           |
|           | Tennis            |

### OPAL PUPIL REVIEW

The good things about OPAL are:

- Trunkies - children roll around and have races on them.
- Suitcases - people pull each other around and hide in them.
- Bikes - you can have races on the running track.
- Dressing up - you can get into character and pretend you are a different person.
- Tyres/pallets - you can make race courses and bases out of them.

My favourite memories are:

- Building and making houses and bases out of the pallets.
- Me and my friends make race courses then do them trying not to fall out.

Overall, I think OPAL is really fun and children love having different chances to make and create new games. Also I think people are getting closer using it.

By Noah, Year 5

### FRIENDSHIP AMBASSADORS

We have voted in 8 friendship ambassadors from Year 2 to support children across the school using the buddy bench. They are Jude, Audrey, Arabella, Madeleine, Jeevan, Oscar, Austin and Sophie. The Emotional Wellbeing Ambassadors are excited to have them as part of the team.

Mrs Lodge, PSHE Lead



### REMINDER



## SCHOOL NEWS

### GARDEN CLUB COMPETITION



Design a  
Scarecrow  
competition  
for the  
school  
garden

Get creative and design a scarecrow over the Easter Holidays. Of course, it will also need a name. We will make the winning design in Garden club. Then it can help to protect our plants!

Please hand in your designs on A4 paper to your teacher by Tuesday 14th April.  
Thanks and good luck.

### PERFORMING ARTS CLUB - SUMMER TERM

A poster for the Lights Up Theatre Company Performing Arts Club. The poster features a red curtain background with a glowing yellow border of lights. The text on the poster includes:

**LIGHTS UP**  
THEATRE COMPANY  
**PERFORMING ARTS CLUB**  
*Years 1-6*  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
3:20-4:20

THIS LIVELY AND SUPPORTIVE CLUB WILL HELP PUPILS DEVELOP:

- CONFIDENCE AND SELF-EXPRESSION
- STAGE PRESENCE
- DRAMA AND IMPROVISATION SKILLS
- SINGING TECHNIQUES
- TEAMWORK
- FUN DANCE AND MOVEMENT SKILLS

COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A QR code located at the bottom left of the poster.

[HTTPS://LIGHTS-UP-THEATRE-COMPANY.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://lights-up-theatre-company.classforkids.io)

### 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.*

A banner celebrating the Champion of the Week. The banner is divided into sections for each year group, with a large yellow star in the center. The sections are:

**Year 1**  
Zamzam

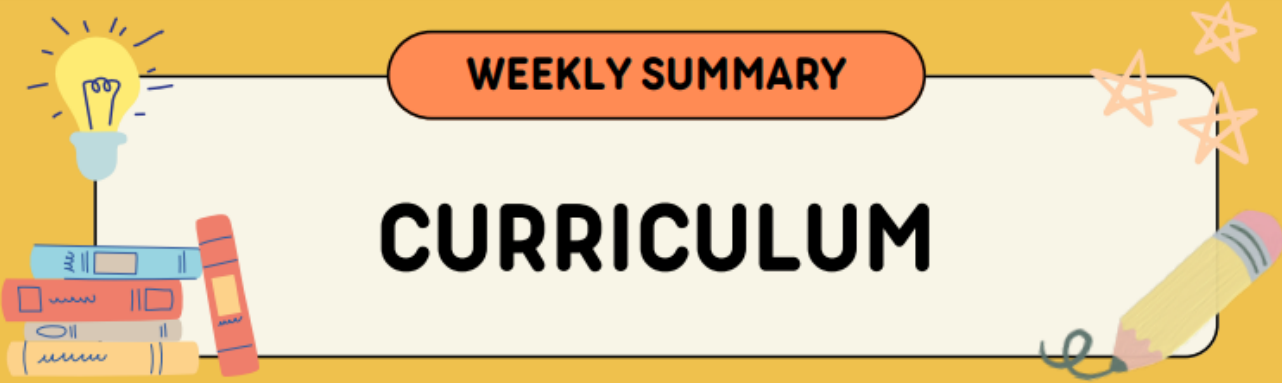
**Year 2**  
Austin

**Year 3**  
Alba

**Year 4**  
Zac

**Year 5**  
Arthur

**Year 6**  
Anna

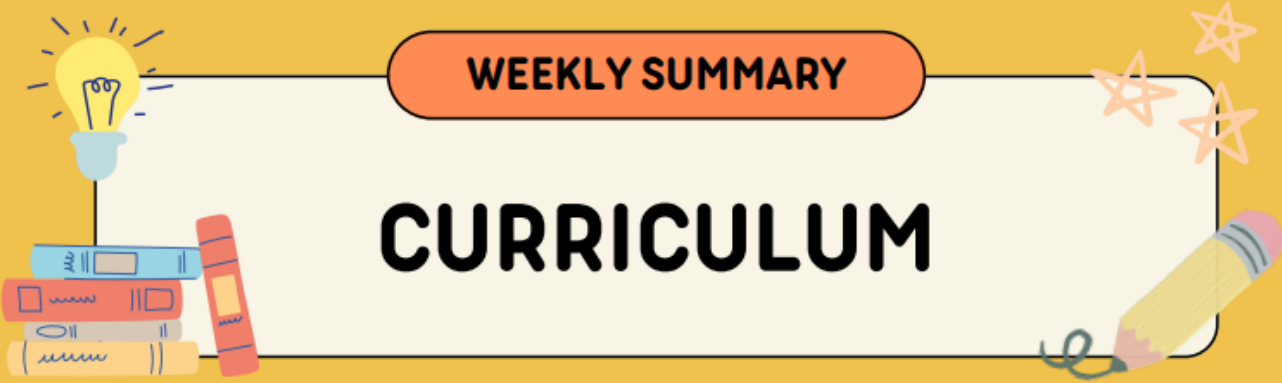


## WEEKLY SUMMARY

# CURRICULUM

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| <b>Reception</b> | In Phonics we have reviewed all the sounds we have learned so far and worked hard to practise our blending and reading fluency. We have also been using our phonics to support our spelling. In Maths the children have continued learning all about repeated patterns and creating their own more complex repeated patterns, including their own pattern snakes. In English we have continued working on our text 'The Lighthouse keeper's lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage and practised writing full sentences as well as designing and labelling a revolting sandwich like the one in the story. In our People Who Help Us topic we have learned all about Firefighters and how they help us in the community. The children drew their own firefighter drawings and described the jobs of firefighters. Finally, Reception have really enjoyed all the end of term festivities including the Rock Steady concert, attending the Easter Church service, and making Easter bonnets for the Easter parade. Very well done Reception for another fantastic term! Hope you all have a wonderful Easter holiday. |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Year 1 have finished exploring <i>Hibernation Hotel</i> by role-playing the story, which they thoroughly enjoyed. In English, we have also been learning to add the suffix "-ed" to root words. In Maths, we completed our topic on mass and capacity by measuring and comparing capacity. In DT, the children have enjoyed sewing and creating their own wildlife-themed pieces. We ended the week by making our Easter bonnet. Have a wonderful holiday and enjoy the break!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | We have had a fantastic week in Year 2, with the children showing great creativity in their first-person writing as the 'Little Boat', full of imagination and personality. They also enjoyed making colourful Easter bonnets, bringing lots of enthusiasm and teamwork to their designs. Well done to everyone for a brilliant week—have a lovely, restful Easter holiday!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Year 3 have had a great end to the spring term. In Maths, we have been finding equivalent fractions on a number line. In DT, we worked really hard to create pneumatic toys and today we completed our swimming unit and had great fun playing water games and going on the slide. We hope you all have a wonderful Easter and we look forward to seeing you in the summer term.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



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| <b>Year 4</b> | This week we have been very busy with our journey of fractions. We have been counting past 1 in fractions with different denominators. Knowing that the denominator determines how many parts the fraction is, looking at improper fractions and mixed numbers. In English, we have been writing expanded noun phrases using prepositions to describe different settings. In history we have been inferring who was buried at Sutton Hoo using different artefacts and how Christianity spread during the Anglo-Saxon period. We are all looking forward to the Easter break and hope you all have a lovely, restful holiday.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Year 5</b> | It has been a great final week of term. In maths, we focused on equivalent fractions/decimals. In English, the children have written suspense-filled narratives, imagining what Hillary and Norgay's journey across the Khumbu Icefall may have been like! On top of this, we have enjoyed a lovely Easter service on Tuesday, as well as the Trunks Across the Thames charity run on Thursday. Finally, the famous Easter bonnet parade was a lovely way to send us off to the holidays. I hope everyone has a fantastic break!                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Year 6</b> | It has been a wonderfully engaging and productive week in Year 6, with pupils demonstrating enthusiasm, maturity, and creativity. In RE, the children took part in a thoughtful silent debate exploring the concept of the Resurrection. This activity encouraged them to reflect deeply, consider different viewpoints, and express their ideas respectfully in writing. We were incredibly impressed with their maturity and insight. We are also proud of the class for their fantastic contribution to the Easter church service. Their behaviour, singing, and participation were exemplary, and they represented the school beautifully. In Maths, pupils have been tackling pie charts. They have been learning how to interpret, construct, and analyse data in this format, showing increasing confidence with fractions and percentages. In English, the children have been thoroughly engaged in a creative task involving correspondence with Queen Victoria. They have worked hard to adopt a formal tone, using historically appropriate language and demonstrating their understanding of the period. Finally, in Geography, pupils stepped into the role of urban planners. They explored how to source power in a sustainable way, considering the challenges faced in urban environments and proposing thoughtful, innovative solutions. It has been a fantastic week - well done, Year 6! |

## LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



**Cookham Library**  
**Easter Craft**

Thursday 2 April

11am - 12 midday

No need to book, just drop in

Suitable for children four to 7 years old

This is a free event, but donations are welcome

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**Cookham Library**  
**Spring Craft**

Thursday 9 April

2.30pm to 3.30pm

No need to book, just drop in

Suitable for children four to 7 years old

This is a free event, but donations are welcome

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**CLUBS AND COURSES**

**NATURE TOTS**  
Ages: 2-4 years  
Our nature tots club is designed to engage your little ones with all things nature.  
5 week courses running on Tuesday mornings

**ZOO CLUB**  
Ages: 6-12 years  
After school club with a difference. Perfect for all animal enthusiasts!  
5 week courses running after school on Tuesdays. Home Ed option on Wednesdays

**INTRO TO ANIMAL CAREERS**  
Ages: 12-15 years  
For those interested in a career with animals. Gain first hand knowledge of what it is like to work in the animal industry.  
5 week courses running on Saturday afternoons

Visit our website for more info and to book :  
[www.bealepark.org.uk](http://www.bealepark.org.uk)

## LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

### Easter Tennis Camps -April 7th-8th

 Tue, 07 Apr 2026 - Wed, 08 Apr 2026

 9:05am - 12pm

 £32 for the day

 Marlow Tennis Academy, MARLOW, SL7 2AE

**BOOK HERE**



**TRAMPOLINING**  
EASTER HALF TERM

**Tuesday**  
31st March & 7<sup>th</sup> April

**5+ Class: 9:00am-9:55am**  
**7+ Class: 10:00am-10:55am**  
**10+ Class: 11:00am-11:55am**

**£9.20 per session**

The poster features three Polaroid-style photos: a person performing a backflip on a trampoline, two children smiling on a slide, and a person jumping on a trampoline in a large indoor facility.

Two trampolining sessions, giving participants the perfect opportunity to bounce, build confidence, and develop coordination in a safe and supportive environment. Whether you're a complete beginner or already have some experience, these sessions are designed to be fun, inclusive, and full of energy. It's a great way to stay active, try something new, and enjoy time with others during the holidays.

To book a place on one of our trampolining sessions, please use the booking link below:

[Book Here](#)

All sessions are delivered in a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, making them a great way to keep active, have fun, and make the most of the Easter break. Whether you're bouncing on the trampolines or playing football in the arena, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We look forward to seeing you there this Easter!

## LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

LEISURE FOCUS  
BRAYWICK LEISURE CENTRE

Braywick Leisure Centre

# 3'S ARENA FOOTBALL



PAY-AND-PLAY SESSIONS COSTING £3 PER PERSON

**THURSDAY 2ND APRIL | 10:00–12:00**

**THURSDAY 9TH APRIL | 10:00–12:00**

AGES 8+

We're running two Pay & Play 3G Arena sessions, which are ideal for those who just want to turn up and get involved. These sessions are perfect for casual games, meeting friends, and enjoying some relaxed, friendly football. There's no need to book in advance, simply come along on the day, pay just £3 at reception, and join in the action. It's a great, flexible option for anyone looking to stay active without committing to a structured session.

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## FUTSAL HOLIDAY CAMPS



**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**

**30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL**

**7<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

**9AM-12PM**

**£5 PER DAY (UNTIL 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH)**

### SESSION THEMES

DRIBBLING & 1v1s

SHOOTING

MINI GAMES  
& MATCHES

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