



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

13th: Inset Day

14th: Return To School

28th: Y2 @ White Waltham
Airfield

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

27th: Summer Fete

July

1st: Musical Soiree

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MARCH

Monday 23rd:

* Y4 Parent Meeting @ 5.30pm

Tuesday 24th:

* Easter Service @ 9.30am

Wednesday 25th:

* Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

Thursday 26th:

* Sponsored Elephant Run for
Thames Hospice

Thursday 27th:

* Y3 Swimming Finishes

* Easter Bonnet Parade

* Break Up @ 2.15pm

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

How lovely to see the sun this week! And to see so much crazy hair to celebrate Red Nose Day and raise money for the many charities that are supported using these funds. Thank you to everyone that has taken part. We have raised **£209** today from just having crazy hair!

Thank you to everyone who wore odd socks too in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day - a reminder that we are all different and that is GREAT!

TRUNKS ACROSS THE THAMES

Yesterday every child took part in painting a part of 'Apple' the elephant - from Reception painting Apple's toe nails and ladybirds to Year 6 painting bees, worms and other creepy crawlies. A big thank you to Mrs Price, a local art teacher who has been helping us, and Mrs Phillpot who made the day such a success and so enjoyable for all the children. Apple is going away now to be completed and varnished to return to school on Tuesday 14th April when we will have an assembly to wave her off on her next adventure - the Thames Hospice Windsor and Maidenhead art trail in the summer. Details nearer the time.



Next Thursday 26th March we will be holding our sponsored elephant run to raise money to pay for Apple and Thames Hospice. We have so far raised **£300** using our JustGiving page which is an incredible start and thank you to all those who have sponsored us! Please use [this link](#) if you would like to sponsor us otherwise we would like to collect all sponsorship money by Friday 17th April.

Our target is **£1,500** and I have said to the children if we reach the target I will dress up as an elephant! The children will run for 30 minutes around our running track. The number of laps will be recorded and confirmed to you by the end of the day on 27th March. Thank you for your support for this worthwhile charity.

In addition, we have registered for the TCS London Mini Marathon. The aim will be 12 laps to complete a 'mini marathon' - let's see how many children can achieve this!

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please be reminded that school will finish early at 2.15pm on Friday 27th March.

SCHOOL NEWS

CUPCAKE COMPETITION



Congratulations to the winners of the cupcake competition: Amelia in Y1, Indie in Y2, Oliver in Y4 and Francesca in Y6. The School Council was impressed with all the entries and enjoyed judging all the designs! Thank you to everyone who took part and for raising money for Red Nose Day.

NEURODIVERSITY CELEBRATION WEEK

It has been an inspiring week exploring how everyone has their own unique strengths and talents, and how kindness, respect, and inclusion help our school community thrive. It was wonderful to see children embracing these important values and celebrating what makes each of us special.

WILD WORSHIP DAY

On Tuesday 10th March, Reverend Sophie generously came in to help lead Wild Worship. Here's what we did: first Pupils for Praise (P4P) came to help Reception and Year 1 with their activities which included a scavenger hunt where we found natural resources that represented different passages from the Bible and Easter story and after that Rev Sophie explained growth through letting us plant a sunflower. This was great fun!

Year 2 had a wild worship learning experience all about the Easter story. P4P led them in groups on an exciting Easter hunt where they had to use explorative skills to find all of the objects. Even this had a twist! Each object had a special meaning which the P4P group leader read out linked to the Easter story. In the other half we planted sunflower seeds to remember Jesus' resurrection and sacrifice for us. This also linked to new growth. We hope Year 2 enjoyed Rev Sophie's and Mrs Thompson's immense efforts as much as we did.

In KS2 we had to split into two groups. The first activity was to plant a sunflower seed in a pot. We each got given a handful of soil and a seed. The pots were then taken home. The second activity was when the class before us would hide Easter eggs containing pictures or a Bible passage. This would then form the Easter story. We all had a great time and enjoyed our afternoon. A huge thank you to Reverend Sophie, who led each session for every class throughout the day.

By Isha, Ayva, Arianna, Bella, Francesca, Flo, Minnie & Isabella

KS1 CHOIR

On Tuesday 17th, the KS1 choir performed a wide range of songs to their parents and the rest of the school. The first song was an African song called "Oh alala" that we got to sing along to. The second was a catchy one named "The land of the silver bird." This one was from Canada. Next was "That's what mountaineers do." This one had lots of fun actions. And finally "The friendly robot," my personal favourite. In the end, the whole choir was exhausted from all the singing but filled with joy. A special thanks to Mrs Collingwood, the KS1 choir leader, who comes in every Tuesday morning to teach all these talented children their songs. We all are now looking forward to their next performance, next term!

By Isabella, Year 6

EVERYBODY WRITES DAY: EASTER SPECIAL



Today's Everybody Writes Day was a truly delightful event, bringing together children and parents for a joyful celebration of creativity and storytelling. The session was filled with enthusiasm as all of the children were inspired to write their own stories and poems centred around Easter. It was wonderful to see parents join us and work alongside the children, offering encouragement and ideas, and sharing in the excitement of the writing process. The results were simply fabulous. From magical Easter eggs hidden deep within mysterious caves to daring egg escapes from Willy Wonka's factory, the children's imaginations shone

brightly. Their characters were lively and engaging, and the storylines were wonderfully inventive, showcasing just how creative our young writers can be. A big thank you to everyone involved for making this event such a success.

Mrs Satterley, Writing Lead

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TUESDAY COOKERY CLUB - SUMMER TERM

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 Tuesdays starting
14/04/26 - 14/07/26

@£12.50 p/w

 3.30-4.30pm

- A variety of savoury and sweet dishes.
- All ingredients, cooking equipment and packaging are provided.
- Take home what you've made at the end of each session
- Laminated recipe card with a healthy message on the back.
- Dishes are either ready to eat or need to be cooked or refrigerated at home.

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FENCING CLUB - SUMMER TERM



Dear Parent

Little Musketeers at Cookham Dean CE Primary School | Yellow Term - Teamwork

Little Musketeers are back offering a fun, safe and educational environment for young children to learn the sport of fencing. What child has not grown up pretending to be a swashbuckling pirate, a duelling Musketeer, or even the master of swordplay himself, Zorro? Why do they do it? Because it's fun!

Little Musketeers provide bright coloured foam and plastic foils and plastic masks with mesh visors that are safe and yet hard enough to give children the real feel of fencing. We ensure visors are worn at all times giving peace of mind as well as that genuine fencing experience.

Little Musketeers classes are designed and managed by Olympic fencer and 4 times British National Champion James Beevers. All staff are CRB checked, First Aid certified and trained personally by James.

This term's course will focus on **Teamwork** as well as teaching the children some cool fencing **tricks** they can use in their matches! Once the course is completed, they will be awarded with the **Yellow term wristband**.

We hope you can join us for our **10-week** course as follows:

- Monday 20th April - Monday 06th July 2026 / 08:00 - 08:45 / Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

The cost for the course will be **£80.00** per child.

If your child would like to sign up for this course, please visit:

<https://bookings.littlemusketeers.com>

Once there, follow the instructions to complete your booking online. **Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.**

Yours Faithfully

Andy Roberts-Mudie
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YOGA CLUB - SUMMER TERM

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Summer 2026

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OPAL

We have had a wonderful start to March, with lots of imaginative play outdoors. The children have been busy building dens, exploring the mud kitchen, and creating their own role-play games in our dress-up area. We are currently looking to refresh and expand some of our resources. If you are having a clear out at home, we would greatly appreciate donations of:

- Small world toys (figures, animals, vehicles)
- Waterproof tarps or old sheets
- Old pots & pans, metal spoons, or mixing bowls
- Loose parts such as large tubes, crates, pots, or wooden items

We are very lucky to have plenty of dress-up clothes - thank you! However, if anyone would be willing to help by taking a few items home to wash, that would be absolutely amazing and very much appreciated.

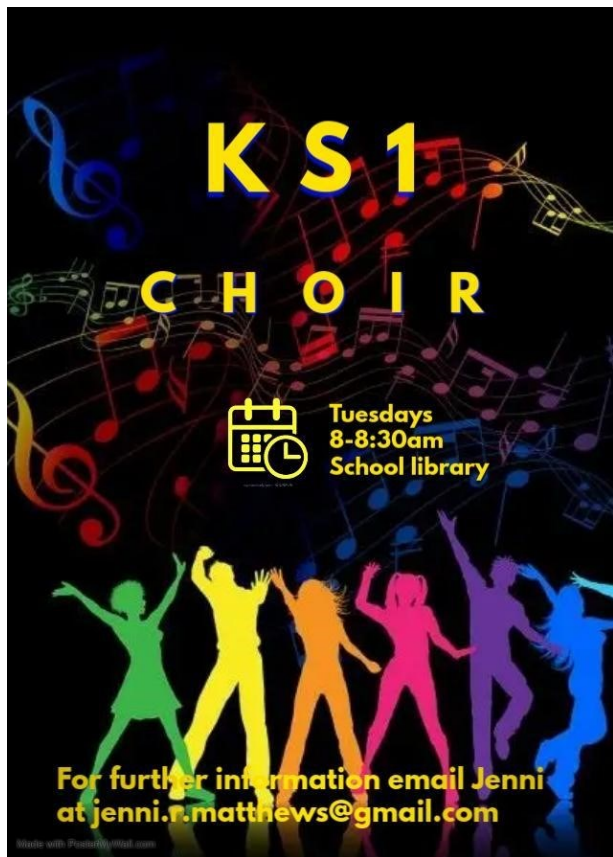
Miss G, OPAL Lead

SUMMER FETE



SCHOOL NEWS

KS1 CHOIR



FOOTBALL CLUB - SUMMER TERM




**COOKHAM DEAN
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Summer Term**

WEDNESDAY'S
3.20-4.20pm
Years R -6

**STARTS: 15th April
FINISHES: 1st July**

To book your child's place please
visit
<https://mwfootballcoaching.class4kids.co.uk>
For more information, please
contact Mitchel: 07985266203






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.



Year 1
Amelia



Year 2
Tom



Year 3
Ernest

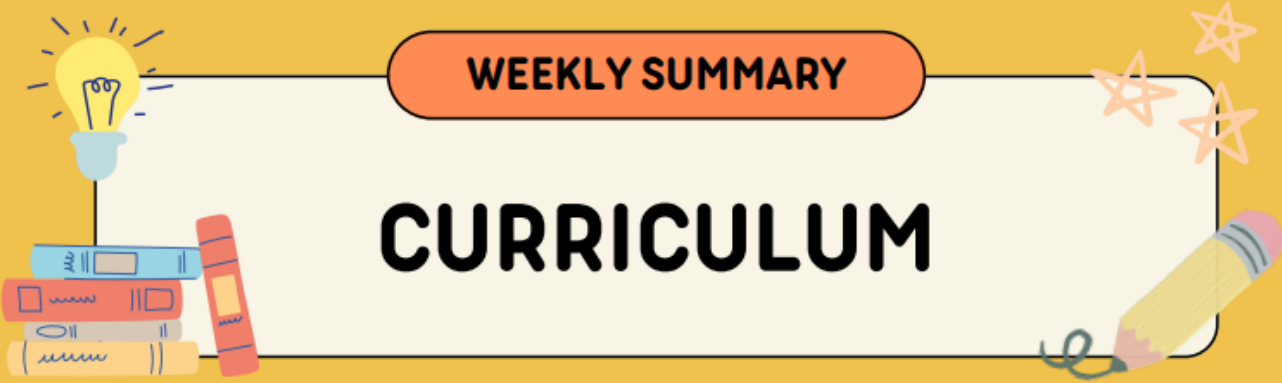
Year 4
Noah

Year 5
Gigi



Year 6
Zander & Leandra



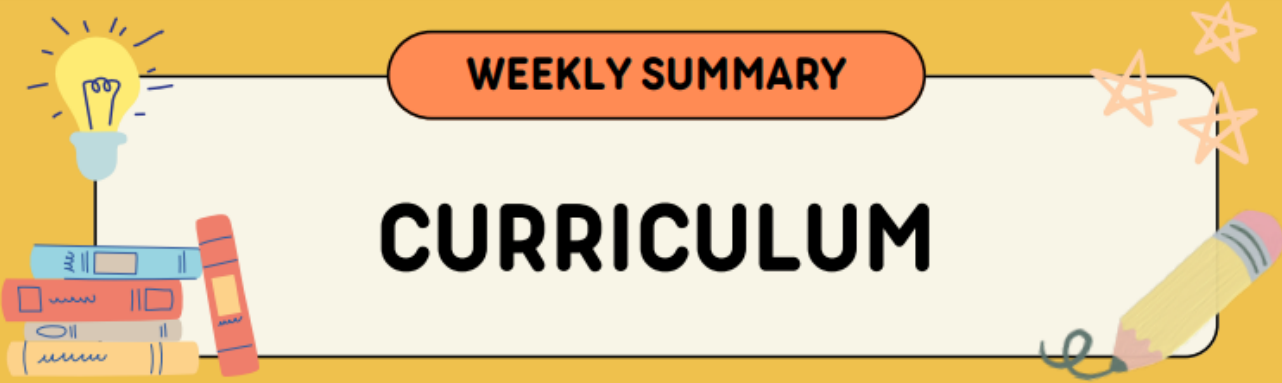


WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week Reception have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes as well as patterns in Maths. This involved the children spotting shapes in the environment and creating their own repeated patterns. In English the children started their new text 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch' by Ronda and David Armitage. The children created their own lighthouse fact sheets and designed and labelled their own lighthouse keeper's lunches. This week it has also been Neurodiversity Celebration Week and in Reception the children discussed and learned about respecting and celebrating people's differences. They each created posters to promote respecting and valuing differences and showing kindness to everyone. Finally, in Phonics the children have been working hard to sound out and blend longer words as well as compound words.
Year 1	This week in Year 1 English, we have been exploring a new book called Hotel Hibernation and making predictions about what might happen next. We have also been learning how to add the suffix "-ing" to different words. In Maths, we have been focusing on mass and capacity, measuring, and comparing the mass and volume of different objects. In Geography, we have been learning about the weather and how to measure temperature. We also explored wind direction and how it helps us understand different types of weather.
Year 2	This week in Year 2 we have been busy learning how to measure in mm, cm and metres and learning to compare and order heights and lengths. In English we have begun our new unit based around 'The Little Boat' and have been learning to use some new conjunctions to extend our sentence ideas and using these to write a postcard to describe boats and islands. In Geography we compared natural and man made features at the sea and children were able to explain why there was a need for more man made features to attract visitors to the coast.
Year 3	This week Year 3 have worked so hard! In maths they have continued their work on fractions: tricky in places but the children persevered. In English, they have been writing a detailed recount of their stone age day which will accompany the photos on the wall. On Tuesday, an archaeologist spoke to the children about his job and answered many, many questions on various topics. The children found out about tools used, clothes worn, artefacts found and even 7000 year old toilet habits! A very interesting session. In DT the children have started to make their pneumatic toys which they will finish next week. We are now learning to play the recorder and already Mrs Thompson can see a great improvement. Well done Year 3!



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Year 4	In Year 4 this week we have finished our unit on perimeter and have started our unit on fractions, thinking about what fractions make a whole number. In our science we have been thinking about what makes a living thing and relating this to Mrs Nerg. In our reading lessons we have been inferring phrases that relate to the word heatwave. In English, we have started to describe Roz's safe place from our book, Wild Robot. To celebrate neurodiversity week, we have been gaining a deeper understanding of what Dyslexia is. A very busy week for all of us.
Year 5	It has been a great week in Year 5. In maths, we have started exploring decimals and percentages, focusing on understanding numbers with two decimal places. In English, we have been discussing different techniques to improve suspense writing. These included: rhetorical questions; ellipses and onomatopoeia. We were also very fortunate to have visited our church, St John the Baptist on Monday. Reverend Sophie talked to the children and showed us Holy Communion. The children then had time to explore the church and answer questions linking to our topic 'what did Jesus do to save human beings?' On top of all of this, we have been busy rehearsing our play, which is starting to come together! I hope everyone has a nice weekend.
Year 6	This week in Year 6, we have been working hard across the curriculum and continuing to build on our skills. In Literacy, we have been focusing on writing arguments and debates. The children have been learning how to structure their ideas clearly, present balanced viewpoints, and support their opinions with strong evidence. It has been great to see their confidence grow as they express their thoughts thoughtfully and persuasively. In Maths, we have been investigating multi-step problems involving decimals, percentages and fractions. The children have been applying their knowledge to solve increasingly complex challenges, demonstrating resilience and strong reasoning skills. In Art, we have been exploring famous artists' self-portraits and using these as inspiration to create our own. The children have enjoyed experimenting with different styles and techniques, producing some very thoughtful and creative work. In Science, we have been learning about cladograms and how they are used to show relationships between hominins (human ancestors). A fantastic week of learning - well done, Year 6!

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



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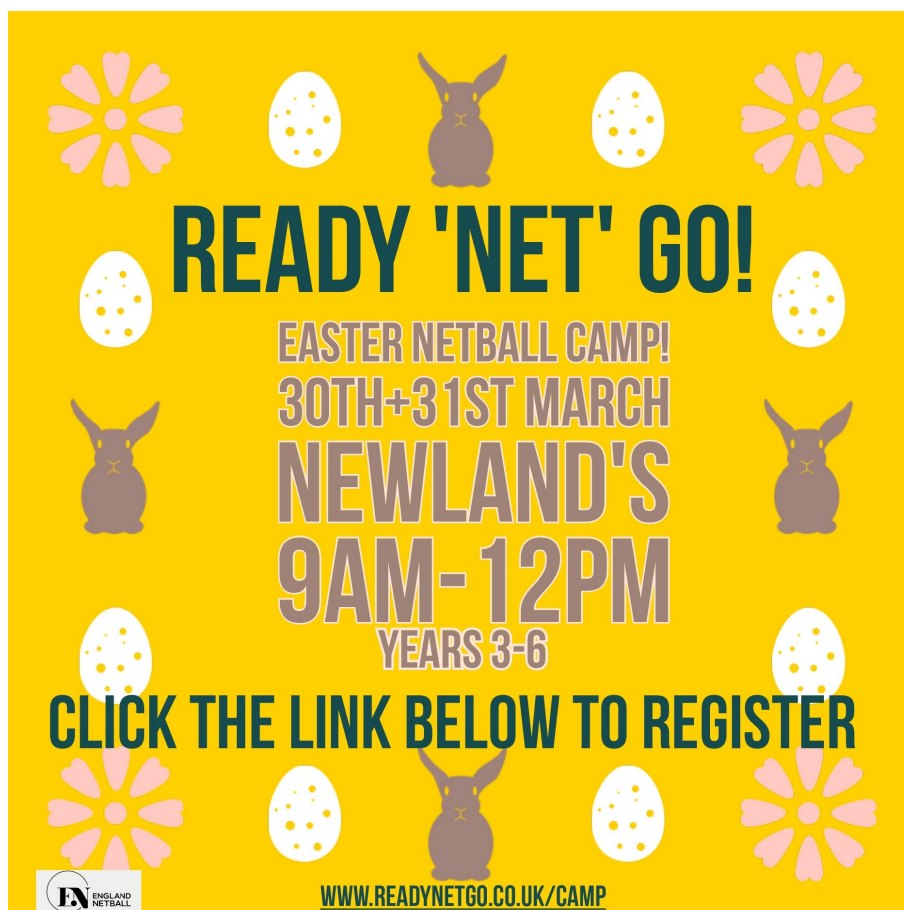
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ArtCard Wizardry for all ages with Karen Goldschmidt

Sunday 10th May 2026
10:30am - 12noon
and
12.30pm - 2pm
Parish Centre Cookham

All ages 7 to 100 welcome.
Children 10 or under should bring an
adult willing to take part.

BOOK HERE

£5 per person
(adults accompanying a child go free)

Easter Swim Intensives

Wednesday 8th-Friday 10th April

3 morning course: £45 (30mins)

at Claire's Court Girls' School

TIME	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5
9.00AM	SWIM FIN Beginners aged 4-6 years	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	STAGE 3 ADVANCED Can swim 10m in each stroke	STAGE 4 ADVANCED FINS Can swim a length in each stroke
9.30AM	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	STAGE 3 ADVANCED Can swim 10m in each stroke	SWIM SQUADS (Starts and Turns) Working on diving, tumble turns	PRIVATE LESSONS 1:1 or 2:1 Please email for booking and prices	PRIVATE LESSONS 1:1 or 2:1 Please email for booking and prices
10AM	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	10.15 AM EASTER ACTIVITIES Swimmers Stage 3 upwards	10.15am HOLIDAY CLUB til 12noon Stage 3 advanced upwards	
10.30AM	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	10.45 STAGE 8 SYNCHRO Artistic swimming for stage 4 upwards	 www.letsdivein.co.uk	
11AM	SWIM FIN Beginners aged 4-6 years		11.15 ROOKIE LIFE GUARD swimmers Stage 3 Advanced +. Learning self rescue and water safety		
11.30AM	PRIVATE LESSONS 1:1 or 2:1 Please email for booking and prices	PRIVATE LESSONS 1:1 or 2:1 Please email for booking and prices			

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