



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

20th: Y5/Y6 Wet Run

21st: Leavers Church Service

22nd: Leavers Assembly

22nd: Leavers Farewell

22nd: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JULY

Monday 13th:

SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

Tuesday 14th:

Leavers Vs Remainers Cricket Match @ 4pm

Wednesday 15th:

Head Boy/Girl Speeches
Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

Thursday 16th:

Y6 Play @ 6pm

Friday 17th:

Y6 @ Legoland



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for our volunteers tea party - a warm cup of tea and a warm day! We really do appreciate everything that you all do for us in school - trips, PTA, running club, walking bus, readers etc etc. Our school would not be the place it is if it wasn't for your hard work, dedication and support. THANK YOU!

OFSTED

As you know we had a visit from Her Majesty's Inspectors on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The staff were absolutely incredible - but nothing above what we see day in day out. A big thank you to all staff that work tirelessly for our children. The children were eager to share everything about our school and they were a credit to you. We are not able to share the outcomes of the inspection but we will get the draft report in September which we will be able to share with you then. Thank you for all your kind words and cake - it kept us all going!

HEADTEACHER FOR THE DAY

Sophie in year 2 won being headteacher for the day by guessing the Gravity Grand Prix time. She will be in charge on Friday 17th July. She would like it to be a mufti day ; children can bring in a teddy if they would like ; there will be 10 minutes extra play ; children can bring in a favourite card game and in terms of lessons, there will be an art lesson for the whole school. I am looking forward to the co-headship!

POETRY COMPETITION

Well done to the finalists for our poetry competition on Monday - Freddie, Ophelia, Margot, Sofia, Hunter, Audrey, Sophie, Everly, Barnaby, Harvey, Poppy, Dhaya, Margot, Hal, Finn, Chester and Archie. Good luck for Monday's final!

REPORTS

Remember that reports will be coming home today in book bags. If you have any concerns about the report and need to see the teacher about something specific, please email the office and we will arrange a meeting on Tuesday 14th July.

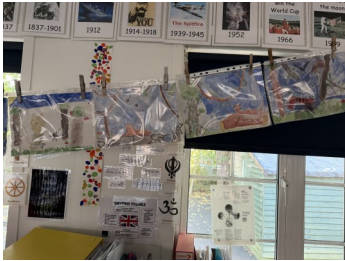
MOVING UP MORNING

We hope your children had a great morning in their new classes. If your child has expressed any worries, please do let their current class teacher know.

SCHOOL NEWS

ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Art Exhibition this afternoon. We are really proud of all the children's work and hope you are too!



VOLUNTEER TEA PARTY

Thank you all for coming along today and for all your support and help this year at school!
THANK YOU!!!



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

Fred P



Year 1

Sofia, Isaac, Tig & Beatrice

Year 2

Oscar

Year 3

Ben

Year 4

Freddie & Chloe

Year 5

Arthur

Year 6

Max



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	This week in Maths Reception have been recapping their learning on comparing quantities, odds and evens and doubles. They particularly enjoyed sorting the odd and even numbers in the outside garden tuff tray. In Literacy the children have been working on writing about the setting of the story using adjectives and have been working hard on their letter formation. In Art the children really enjoyed creating their tiger artwork ready for the Art Exhibition as well as designing their boats for our Boat Structure design project. Finally, the children had a great morning in Year 1 on their Moving Up Morning - well done Reception!
Year 1	This week in English we have been using exciting adjectives and our senses to describe different settings, as well as choosing adjectives to describe characters' appearance and personality. In Maths, we had lots of fun learning the months of the year by singing a catchy song to help us remember them. Ask your child to sing it to you. We also explored the difference between hours, minutes, and seconds and practised using these units of time. In Science, we enjoyed labelling the parts of a tree before heading outside to observe the different plants and features found on trees. It has been a busy and exciting week full of fun.
Year 2	In English, we began the week by writing letters to Mrs O'Reilly and Mrs O'Brien, introducing ourselves and sharing our favourite lessons and hobbies, while also showcasing our very best handwriting. On Tuesday the children had a great transition morning in Year 3. The children then continued reading <i>Flat Stanley</i> on Wednesday and Thursday, discovering what happens next in the story before planning and writing letters from Stanley to Thomas. In Maths, the children have started their final unit, Position and Direction, where they have been learning to use and apply positional language such as left, right, between, above and below. In PSHE, we had an interesting lesson exploring different food groups and understanding how each food group provide different nutrients to stay healthy. The children then used their knowledge to design a healthy, balanced dinner plate, thinking carefully about the importance of a varied diet.





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Year 4	In maths we have been spending time interpreting and plotting lines graphs and in English making predictions and writing about a book called Flotsum. We have been discovering who Walter Tull was in reading and learning about the Industrial Revolution in the Victorian Era. In RE we have been thinking about why pilgrimages are important to Hindus and we were very proud to show case our violin skills to you all. All in all, a particularly busy week! Have a lovely weekend.
Year 5	It has been a great week in Year 5. In maths, the children worked hard to add and subtract across 1, as well as adding decimals with the same number of decimal places. The children applied their knowledge of place value and column addition very well. In writing, the children wrote some great itineraries based on our book Cosmic. In PSHE, the children planned healthy meals and we explored Recommended Daily Intake (RDI) and the traffic light system. On top of this, we had an excellent afternoon with Maidenhead Astronomical Society. The children were brilliant on a very hot afternoon. I hope everyone has a nice weekend.
Year 6	It has been another fantastic week in Year 6, with the children continuing to show confidence, maturity and enthusiasm in all areas of learning. The children have completed some wonderful tiger paintings, developing their watercolour skills and attention to detail. We are extremely proud of their creativity and perseverance. In Maths, we explored income and taxation, calculating salaries and deductions. The children enjoyed applying their maths skills to real-life situations. Inspired by Matt Goodfellow, the children have begun writing their final Year 6 narrative poem, exploring emotions, experiences and personal journeys with great creativity. We are incredibly proud of the effort and resilience the children continue to show as they prepare for the next stage of their education.

SCHOOL NEWS

MAIDENHEAD ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY VISIT TO YEAR 5

On Thursday 9th July year 5 had a session with MAS (Maidenhead astronomical society) about our sun and universe. Some split outside and looked at telescopes, the movement of the sun and solar eclipses. Inside the classroom they talked about why the moon appears to change shape and told us loads of new facts we didn't know. It was an amazing experience and we all learnt loads that we couldn't learn from science at school. Did you know there is a solar eclipse on 12th August?! Outside, the men showed us pin hole telescopes and a special type of foil that only lets in a certain amount of light and inside they spoke to us about different stars. To wrap it all up one of the men showed us a mini solar system and how far apart they are on a smaller scale.

Sophie and Jamie Year 5

BRAYWICK SCHOOL GAMES

On Wednesday 8th of July 2026, some of year 5 and 4 did speed stacking at Braywick Leisure Center with Crawley and Mrs Charlwood and Miss G. We did many different team stacking events. Overall it was a really nice experience, everyone came back with a smile on there faces.

Bea and Evie Year 5



YEAR 6 PRESENTS.....

Leavers Vs. Remainers

**Parents' cricket match & PTA
fundraiser**



Scan the QR
code to donate
to the PTA



YEAR 6 STALLS...

**NERF GUN GAME
GLITTER TATTOOS
TUCK SHOP
CRAFT STALL
LEMONADE STAND
TIN CAN ALLEY
CAKE DECORATING
ARCHERY AND MORE!!!**

**BBQ, CAKES, SAMOSAS, ICE LOLLIES AND THE CLUB
HOUSE BAR!**

JULY 14 | 4-8 PM

COOKHAM DEAN CRICKET CLUB

PTA NEWS

LEAVERS V REMAINERS CRICKET

Hi Everyone! It's year 6's last hurrah and PTA fundraiser of the term on Tuesday 14th July at Cookham Dean Cricket Club 4-8pm. Everybody is welcome to this wonderful event hosted by Year 6 with fun stalls, cakes and BBQ.....oh and a bit of cricket.

Even if you can't make the event, you can still score runs for the PTA. Help us hit our PTA fundraising goal with a donation: [Year 6 presents the 'Leavers V Remainers' fundraiser for Cookham Dean School PTA](#)

Holly Afferson

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

SCHOOL TENNIS

Please use the link below to sign up for tennis in the autumn term.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RichardMoleCoaching/Coaching/Junior>

50:50 CLUB JULY WINNERS

1st prize

Elaine Exworth

2nd prize

Michelle Markowski

Cookham Dean School Running Club: FREE TRIAL Friday 17 July, 7.45am

- In Year 2 or above? Come and give running club a go ahead of sign up for Sep'26
- Fitness and fun with your friends!
- KS2 only - years 3-6 from Sep'26
- We run rain or shine!
- Parent volunteer coaches
- £20 a term subs
- Have a great start every Friday!

To sign up for the FREE TRIAL, please contact Running Club admin Tori Dixon mrstoridixon@gmail.com / 07976 742723

Places are offered to current runners first, remaining places will be on a first come first served basis. Children of parent coaches are guaranteed a place.



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Walking bus

Tuesday & Wednesday

EARLY START 07:55 for 08:05 departure from Cookham Dean Cricket Club

PACK SMART Children must be able to carry their own belongings up the hill (it's about a mile)

DRESS SENSIBLY We will walk come rain or shine!

Sign up form [here](#)

PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS UPDATE

Just a week and a half left to go now. This term has been a lot of hard work, but has raised some incredible funds for the school. It is nice that all the volunteers get recognised with the volunteer tea party at school.

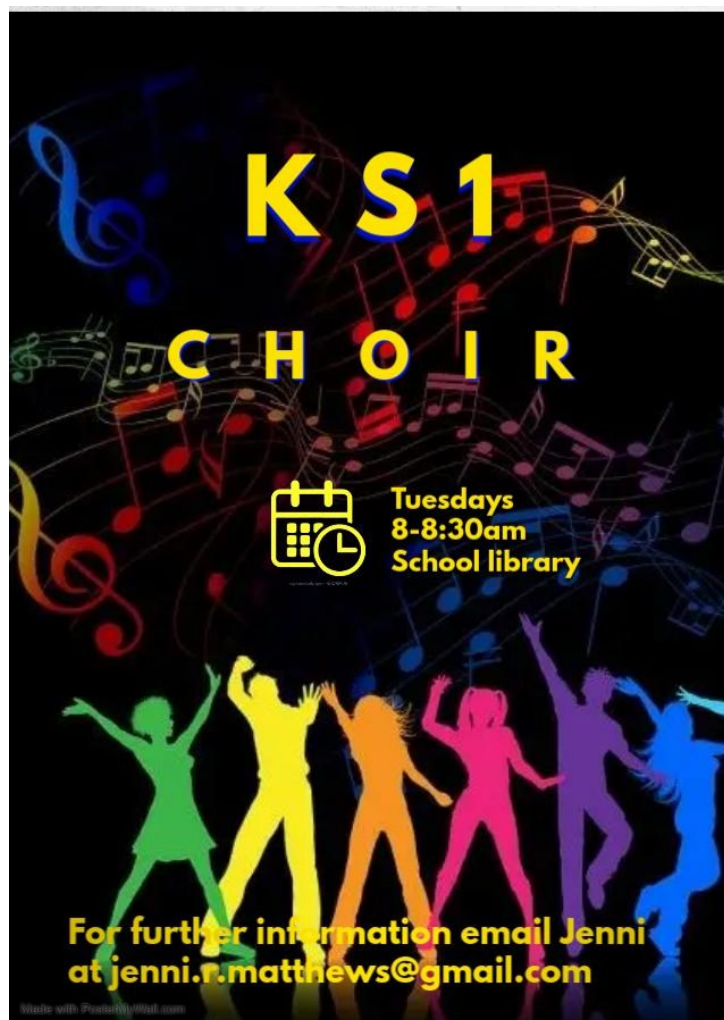
We still have one big event to go:

Leavers vs Remainders cricket - this is on Tuesday 14 July, 4-8pm. It's run by Year 6, they have some fun stalls and there's a bar and BBQ, but the Remainders (Reception to Y5) need to field a team! If you can play, please contact Remainders team captain Sach Patiar via WhatsApp 07583 330895. Also if you might be willing to bake or donate a cake for the cake stall, please let Abbe know or just bring it along on the day!

Date for your diary - the next PTA meeting is on Friday 17 July at school at 2:15pm.

- The Gravity Grand Prix is on Sunday 13 September <https://www.gravitygrandprix.co.uk>
- The village fete, including the flower & produce show, is on Saturday 19 September.

Thank you, Maddi, PTA chair



Do you want to be a school running club coach?

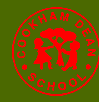
Commitment:

- Be able to run 7.45-8.45am all or most Fridays during term time, rain or shine
- Have a school DBS (running club can pay!)

Benefits:

- Your child (KS2 only, Y3-Y6) is guaranteed a place in running club from September
- Meet like-minded parents
- Have a great start to your day every Friday!

If you want to find out more, please contact
Running Club admin Tori Dixon
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LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

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SMART RASPBERRY SCHOOL COOKERY CLUBS

Please see below for the booking links for the Autumn term on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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Tuesday starting
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3.30-4.30pm

STAR
COOK

- 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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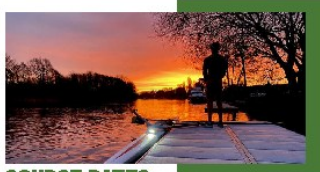
THE WINDSOR BOYS' SCHOOL BOAT CLUB

LEARN2ROW SUMMER COURSES



BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 11-13 (YEARS 6 TO 8)
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY FOR THE LEARN
TO ROW COURSES.

SOME ON-WATER ROWING EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED FOR THE IMPROVERS COURSE



COURSE DATES

Week 1: 27 July - 31 July 2026

Week 2: 3 Aug - 7 Aug 2026

Week 3: 10 Aug - 14 Aug 2026

Week 1: 17 Aug - 21 Aug 2026 (Improver)



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GUEST SPEAKER

Masie Cass

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Masie will share practical strategies, fresh perspectives
and real-life insights to help you better understand
and support neurodivergent minds.



SATURDAY
19TH SEPTEMBER



11AM - 1PM



WELLNESS SUITE,
THE ODNEY CLUB,
MAIDENHEAD



FREE
EVENT



TO RSVP

Please RSVP to admin@thecroftclinic.com
along with any dietary requirements.



The Croft Clinic

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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	INFLATABLE	LittleBits INVENTIONS	ALL NEW VR	MINECRAFT REDSTONE
MAKE MY INVENTIONS	AUGMENTED REALITY	GAME DESIGN STUDIO	3D PENS STRUCTURES	LEGO PIXEL PARTY
Take Home Inventions	Constructive	Microbots	Solar	Mechanics

WEEK 2 FIRE SET

LEGO ROBOTS	LASER TAG	SCIENCE SHOW	WIZARD STOP MOTION	MOVIE MAKING: FILMING
MUSICAL TECH	MICRO ROBOTS	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS	ROBLOX WORKSHOP	MOVIE MAKING: EDITING
Take Home Inventions	Electric	Water	Handmade	Solar

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 race
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

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RAVE REVIEWS

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