



Newsletter



2025-2026 Issue 14

19th December 2025

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

19th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

EVENTS NEXT TERM

JANUARY

Monday 5th:

* Inset Day

Tuesday 6th:

* Inset Day

Wednesday 7th:

* Return to School

* Y5 @ Ufton Court

Friday 9th:

* Y5 Return from Ufton Court

Sunday 11th:

* Swimathon



SCHOOL NEWS



MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a fantastic term this has been - a long but fantastic term. We have had some memorable moments from Harvest to Christingle, from iSingPop to nativities, from parents evenings to parent forums, from mix up maths to everybody writes day, from Families@4 to our carol service, from netball matches to Active 60, from Maths competitions to Rotary writing competitions, from talent shows to winning first prize at Maidenhead Lions Talent show, from PTA discos to Santa Singalong. Wow! What a fabulous term.

A big thank you to everyone who has taken part in or helped to organise these events and a big thank you goes to the staff who work tirelessly to make sure that the children love coming to school.

I hope you all have a wonderful peaceful Christmas and a very happy 2026. See you all on Wednesday 7th January.

RECEPTION NATIVITY

Well done to the whole of the Reception class who performed so wonderfully to parents and other relatives this week. It was a beautiful rendition of Shine Star Shine. The children delivered their lines clearly, sang sweetly and were generally amazing! Well done and thank you to all the staff that made it so special.

MISS WINDLE

Miss Windle will be leaving Cookham Dean at Easter to pursue a role in a specialist setting. She has been an amazing Deputy Head and SENCO and we will miss her but we wish her all the very best.

We will miss you



SCHOOL NEWS

OPAL

We're looking for a few kind volunteers who would be willing to take our fancy dress costumes home for washing to get them clean and ready for next term. If you're able to help or would like more information, please get in touch. Thank you!

Ready for some festive magic? Here are a few quick and cheerful Christmas activities you can enjoy together at home:

- 🌲 Nature ornaments from pinecones and leaves
- 📦 Homemade wrapping paper decorated by your little artist
- 💚 Kindness countdown - a daily act of kindness
- 🛋️ Cosy story corner with blankets and twinkly lights

Miss G, OPAL Lead

NEW GOLF AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After school golf activity

- Mondays, 12th Jan onwards
- On site at Cookham Dean sch
- Equipment provided
- £50 pp for 5 weeks
- Suitable for beginners/improvers
- Yrs 2 - 6
- To book/queries contact Winter Hill Golf Club Golf Coach, Gavin Clark (PGA member) on m 07789 766 8782 e gavinclarkgolf@gmail.com






SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Thank you to those children who sang at the senior citizens Christmas lunch at Cookham Dean Village Hall. They were so appreciative of your time and beautiful voices. They were particularly touched with the hand painted Christmas cards that Year 6 had made for them.

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to team Emerald who are currently in the lead with 536 points!

EMERALD - 536

DIAMOND - 469

RUBY - 447

AMETHYST - 377

TOPAZ - 303

SAPPHIRE - 189

MBR

Click [HERE](#) for the December issue of Maidenhead's Big Read newsletter.



WINDSOR CASTLE CAROLS

The children from Year 5 and 6 sang beautifully in St Georges Hall, Windsor Castle on Monday. It is a stunning venue and it is so special to sing in front of the famous Windsor Castle Christmas Tree.



"On Monday, Year 6 and a group of children from Year 5 went to Windsor Castle to sing carols in front of the Christmas tree. We were watched by our families and some people passing by. We are incredibly thankful to Mrs. Reekie for these opportunities that she provides us with every year. Well done to the soloists for singing in front of a live audience. We sang a selection of modern and traditional songs, like; Riding on a Donkey, Follow the star, Silent Night and the finale was Come and Join the Celebration ("such a crowd pleaser" from Lillian, Y6.) We really enjoyed the whole experience, thank you to everyone who made this happen."

By Flo & Minnie, Year 6

WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL IN

2026!

SCHOOL NEWS

OPAL



Help Us Make Playtimes More Exciting!

Cooknam Dean Primary School is working in partnership with OPAL (www.outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk) to create amazing outdoor play opportunities for our children.

We need your help! If you can donate any of the following items, It would make a huge difference:

Items Needed

- Suitcases
- Cable drums
- Wooden pallets
- Fabric (sheets, saris, curtains, etc)
- Plastic crates bins or boxes (any size)
- Old keyboards
- Mobile phones
- torches, calculators, laptops, kettles
- kettles
- anything made from foam (not polystyrene)



How to Donate

- Please bring items to the school
 - Or call us, and we'll arrange collection
- If you have other useful items you think could help with play.

From the staff and children of Cookham Dean Primary School

Thank you in advance!

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

In January 2026, staff and [volunteers](#) will be collecting people's real, used Christmas trees in return for a donation to [Child Bereavement UK](#). The collections will take place in Buckinghamshire and Berkshire from Thursday 8 to Sunday 11 January. Trees will be collected from people's driveways and then delivered to a central base where they will be recycled.

[BOOK A TREE COLLECTION HERE](#)

Lucy Leddington Wright, Year 5 Parent



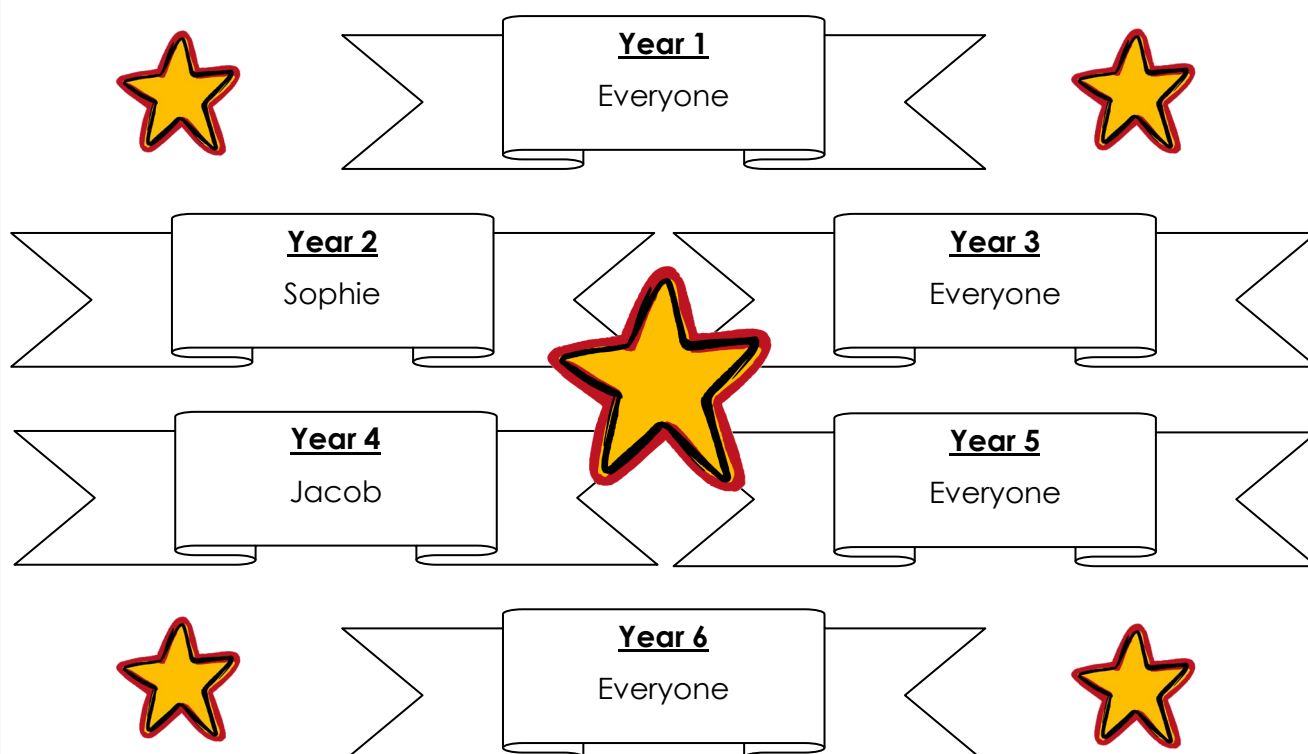
NATIVITY COSTUMES

We are looking for nativity costumes of any size for future school performances. If you have any costumes you could donate, we would be extremely grateful! Thank you for your support.

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.



WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

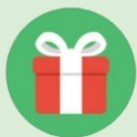
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Reception



This week Reception have enjoyed using their Phonics knowledge to write a letter to Father Christmas and to continue practising their reading. They have also continued learning about number bonds to five and doubles in Maths. Additionally, Reception have had lots of fun joining in with the Christmas festivities in school including performing their Nativity in which they did a super job, making their own silhouette Christmas cards, singing at the Christmas Carol Service and having fun at the Santa Sing Along to end the term. Well done Reception for such a fantastic first term in school. Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Year 1



In Year 1 this week we have been getting very excited for Christmas. We have done some Christmas writing and Christmas maths. We completed our DT project on making moving storybooks. Merry Christmas to you all.

Year 2



Well, what a great end to the term! The children have enjoyed finishing off all our topics for this term and some festive fun today. We are so proud of their learning, especially their writing they have blown us away. Have a really wonderful Christmas.



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Year 3



Year 3 wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you all have a wonderful time with friends and family and look forward to seeing you all next year!

Year 4



This week we have been completing our RE unit on, What is the Holy Trinity? We have been exploring the ancient city of the Maya and completing our collage work in art. It leaves me to say that I hope you all have a lovely and peaceful Christmas.

Year 5



It has been an excellent final week of term in Year 5. Most of our week has been focused on our DT projects. This week the children made pop-up books. They incorporated slider and lever mechanisms to create an interactive story designed for Year 1 pupils. On Thursday, we were lucky enough to go and read these stories to Year 1 and get some valuable feedback from our target audience. We also had a lovely church service on Thursday, before finishing off with some fun carol singing before going home. I hope everyone has a great Christmas break!

Year 6



Year 6 have finished their science project on circuits. Other classes visited Year 6 to see their finished articles and voted for their favourite. There was a bit of bribery in that the children could win prizes donated by year 6. This week, Year 6 were great at leading our annual carol service and singing so beautifully.



LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



Special Educational
Needs & Disability (SEND)
Information, Advice
and Support Service
For children, young people and parents

Drop in session

Come meet the team in person, speak to an adviser about anything related to SEND, meet other SEND parents and learn how our service they work and can support your child .



Wednesday 21st January

10:00 - 11:30 am

@Windsor Family Hub 65 Alma Road Windsor
SL4 3HD

STUDY SMART

Free Online Courses

**STARTING
MONDAY
12TH
JANUARY**

Fully Funded Education Support Course
Online LIVE Webinars
6 Week Course
Mon - Fri 9.30 - 11.30 & 12.30 - 2.00
Support Session 4.00 - 4.30

Levels 1, 2 & 3 Available
Accredited Awards & Certificates in:
Prepare to Work in Schools
Wellbeing
Safeguarding & Prevent
Occupational Studies
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
Principles of SEN



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PFA ACADEMY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Starting FRIDAY 9th January – 28th March (No training 16th Feb for Half term)

Location – BOURNE END ASTRO
Time - 5pm until 6pm every FRIDAY

£105 per child
£95 Sibling discount
Payment at booking
via bank transfer

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PFA GOALKEEPER TRAINING

- Specialised Goalkeeper training
- Saturday 1 hour
- Maximum 6 Goalies per group

Dates to be confirmed. Contact us for more details.

Location – WOOBURN PARK
Time - 1pm until 2pm SATURDAY

£20 per child per session
Payment at booking
via bank transfer

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**CONFIRMED
DATES FOR
JANUARY**

**10th, 17th & 31st
– Book now to
secure your**

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PFA GIRLS ACADEMY

Starting TUESDAY 6th January – 24th March (No training w/c 16th Feb for Half term)

Location – BOURNE END ASTRO

5.15-6.15pm **GIRLS** only 7 years +

£100 per child
£90 sibling discount
Payment at booking
via bank transfer

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