



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

5th: Inset Day

6th: Inset Day

7th: Return to School

7th-9th: Y5 @ Ufton Court

11th: Swimathon

19th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER

Saturday 13th:

* KS2 Senior Citizen's Concert @
Cookham Dean Village Hall
(2.30pm)

Monday 15th:

* SEN Parent Support Group @
8.45am

* Windsor Castle Carols

* Y5&Y6 Rotary Carols @
Fredrick's Hotel (7pm)

Tuesday 16th:

* Reception Nativity @ 2pm

Wednesday 17th:

* Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

Thursday 18th:

* Carol Service @ 2pm

Friday 19th:

* Santa Singalong @ 1pm

* Break Up @ 2.15pm



SCHOOL NEWS



MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

A big thank you to the PTA for putting together a great raffle! Lots of prizes and if you were lucky enough to win, you will be contacted by the PTA to come and collect your hamper from school by Friday 19th December. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

KS1 NATIVITY

A huge well done to the children who performed in the KS1 nativity - 'A Midwife Crisis'. The children remembered their lines so well, sang brilliantly and Steve the donkey was a superstar! I am so proud of every single one of the children for doing their very best and rising to a great audience. Congratulations Year 1 and Year 2 and a big thank you to all the staff who work so hard to put something like this together!

KS2 CHOIR @ SENIOR CITIZEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We are so looking forward to singing at tomorrow's Christmas lunch for our local seniors. Please meet at the WI hall (next to the village hall) in Cookham Dean at 2.30pm and pick up from the WI hall at 3.15pm.

YEARS 5 & 6 @ ROTARY GALA DINNER

It is a privilege to be invited to sing carols at this prestigious event and we are the only school that have been asked. I know the children will rise to the occasion. We will meet at Fredricks Hotel in Maidenhead at 7pm and finish at 7.30pm. Your child can wear their Christmas jumper (rather than school uniform).

CAROL SERVICE

Our annual carol service will take place at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday 18th December at 2pm. Everyone is invited.

LAST DAY OF TERM

Please remember that we finish at 2.15pm on Friday 19th December. The children can wear mufti on the last day.



EVERYBODY WRITES DAY

Today was a very special day in school, Everybody Writes Day has become a bit of a tradition. We watched a short video about a little Robin's journey home for Christmas. We discussed the story in assembly and the children were full of ideas about our little robin. The children returned to their classroom with their parents and created some beautiful work. See attached examples from Y3 & Y4. Thank you to all of the parents who attended and watch out for our wonderful whole school display.

Mrs Satterley, Writing Lead

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is **95%**.



SCHOOL NEWS

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the December 50:50 Club winners:

1st prize - Tanya Srikanthen

2nd prize - Emma Green

WINNERS

YEAR 6 BAND

We are delighted to inform you that Year 6 has decided to create a band. This escapade is only possible if 1-2 parent helpers can lead the auditions and band practices, including performances. They would need musical experience. If you are interested in the role, please contact Mrs Reekie with the dates you are available. Thank you.

School Council



SCHOOL CHUTNEY

Would you like to buy some school apple chutney? It makes a great Christmas present.

Cookham Dean Primary School Apples

Apple chutney
lovingly made by parents with apples from the school tree

Small jar	£2.50
Medium jar	£4
Large jar	£6



If so, message Esme on 07734596056 and it can be brought to pick up or drop off. Thanks

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thank you to everyone who wore their Christmas jumper this week - we raised **£128** for Save the Children.



PERFORMING ARTS CLUB

Miss Lucy Fuller's Performing Arts Club is coming to Cookham Dean!

A fun, supportive and confidence-boosting space where students in Years 1-6 can explore the magic of singing, acting and dancing. Our club brings all areas of the performing arts together, giving every child the chance to shine while learning new skills and making new friends.

We focus on building confidence, teamwork and strong friendships, with older students encouraged to support and inspire younger members - helping everyone grow in both ability and self-belief.

Through a mix of theatre techniques, stage presence activities, creative movement and vocal expression, students learn how to perform with enthusiasm and pride.

Each session is packed with games, activities and imaginative challenges designed to spark creativity, encourage collaboration and make every moment fun. Whether your child loves the spotlight or is taking their first steps onto the stage, our club offers a warm, welcoming environment where every voice matters and every student can shine.

Join us as we learn, laugh and perform - together!

SCHOOL NEWS

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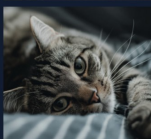
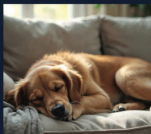
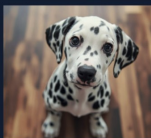
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Marlow and its surrounds



10% off for all Cookham Dean parents!

Emily Mason, Year 4 & 6 Parent

LEGO DONATIONS

We're getting our LEGO caravan ready for January and are looking for donations to help make it a fun, imaginative space for the children! If you have any spare LEGO or storage items you no longer need, we'd love to put them to good use. We are especially in need of:

- **LEGO pieces (any type, any amount)**
 - LEGO "Mia" sets or figures
- **A sturdy box or container to store LEGO**
 - LEGO baseplates/boards
- **Trays or storage boxes that we can attach baseplates to, giving children a surface to build their creations**

Thank you so much for your support!

Miss G, OPAL Lead



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.



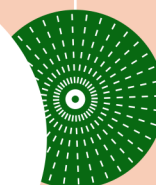
Due to the raffle draw and Everybody Writes Day, the 6Rs were not announced in today's assembly but will return next week



REMINDER

RECEPTION
NATIVITY

Tuesday 16th December 2025 @ 2pm





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 Literacy the children have been learning about rhyme and listing to, matching and writing words that rhyme. In Maths the children have been focusing on number, specifically learning about doubles to 12. In PE the children have been working on ball skills including dribbling, catching and throwing. We have also been doing lots of practising for our Nativity performance next week!
Year 1	Year 1 have been superstars while Mrs Gardiner was off ill and made her really proud. They wowed the audience with their singing in the nativity. In English they have finished looking at the book Mr Mole I'm Home and enjoyed following the story. In maths we have been looking at greater depth questions for addition and subtraction and investigating whether they were right or wrong.
Year 2	What a very busy week it has been in Year 2! We have been immensely proud of the effort that all the children have put into learning their lines, new songs and actions, speaking out loud and developing confidence to go on stage in front of a big audience. I'm sure you'll agree, it was an amazing performance of the 'Midwife Crisis' on Tuesday evening! In English, we have been learning about adverbs and used them to create interest to write a poem about Dread Cat. In Maths we began our Shape topic learning about 2D and 3D shapes. In Science, we moved onto learning about World Habitats such as the desert, ocean, rainforest and the arctic and we discovered lots of interesting facts.





LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



FOOTBALL & MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMPS

OUR VENUES

FOOTBALL

WOODLEY | WOODFORD PARK
BRACKNELL | GARTH HILL COLLEGE
CAVERSHAM | THAMESIDE PRIMARY
SLOUGH | CLAYCOTS SCHOOL
WOKINGHAM | FLOREAT MONTAGUE

MULTI-SPORTS

CAVERSHAM | THAMESIDE PRIMARY
WINDSOR | HILLTOP FIRST SCHOOL
WOODLEY | SOUTH LAKE PRIMARY
ARBORFIELD | FARLEY HILL PRIMARY
BRACKNELL | ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY
MAIDENHEAD | ST LUKE'S PRIMARY
READING | NEW TOWN PRIMARY
SLOUGH | CLAYCOTS SCHOOL
WHITLEY | GEOFFREY FIELDS JUNIORS

[U-SPORTS.CO.UK/HOLIDAY-CAMPS](https://u-sports.co.uk/holiday-camps)





MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CAMPS

8am - 5:30pm
Late Pick Up Until 6pm + £5

4-12 Year Olds All Day
£44 - £50 Per Day

WOKINGHAM
HOLME GRANGE SCHOOL

Core Day | 9am - 5pm
Full Day | 8am - 6pm

Core Day | £39
Full Day | £45

TILEHURST
BIRCH COPSE PRIMARY

[U-KIDS.CO.UK/CAMPS/WOKINGHAM-HOLIDAY-CLUB](https://u-kids.co.uk/camps/wokingham-holiday-club)

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CHRISTMAS AT NORDEN FARM

StoryDen presents

The Comet



Nyla has moved to the city. When a comet comes soaring through the city streets and starts to glow and grow, Nyla can't resist following it...

An extraordinary story about welcoming the new, with songs, puppetry and plenty of magic. Based upon the book The Comet written and illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton.

TICKETS

£16 | £14 under 16s
£56 Family & Friends (4 people)
£52 Early Bird Offer!
 Family & Friends Offer ticket, if booked before Sunday 31 August

RELAXED PERFORMANCES ★
 Ideal for families with babies or toddlers and children with SEND. Everyone is welcome at this friendly format. Look for the star.

BSL SIGNED PERFORMANCE
 The performance on Saturday 27 December at 2pm will be signed.

COMPETITION
 Enter for your chance to win! See website for details.

Performances

Tues 25 Nov	10.30am	1pm
Wed 26 Nov	10.30am	1pm
Thur 27 Nov	10.30am	1pm
Fri 28 Nov	10.30am	1pm
Sat 29 Nov	11am	2pm
Sun 30 Nov		
Mon 1 Dec		
Tues 2 Dec	10.30am	1pm
Wed 3 Dec	10.30am	1pm
Thur 4 Dec	10.30am	1pm
Fri 5 Dec	10.30am	1pm
Sat 6 Dec	11am	2pm
Sun 7 Dec		
Mon 8 Dec		
Tues 9 Dec	10.30am	1pm
Wed 10 Dec	10.30am	1pm
Thur 11 Dec	10.30am	1pm
Fri 12 Dec	10.30am	1pm
Sat 13 Dec	11am	2pm
Fri 26 Dec	2pm	4pm
Sat 27 Dec	11am	2pm
Sun 28 Dec	11am	2pm
Mon 29 Dec	11am	2pm
Tues 30 Dec	11am	2pm
Wed 31 Dec	11am	2pm
Thur 1 Jan		
Fri 2 Jan	11am	2pm
Sat 3 Jan	11am	2pm

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Initial Orchestra

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- Builds teamwork & belonging

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