



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

30th: Families@4

December

1st: Y3&Y4 Christingle @ 6pm

2nd: Y6 @ Boyne Hill Church

2nd: KS1 Choir Concert @ 2.45pm

3rd: Y6 NCMP

5th: Everybody Writes Day

5th: Y3 @ Ashmolean Museum

5th: Romeo & Juliet Performance

6th: Christmas Tree Pick Up Party

9th: KS1 Nativity @ 6pm

11th: Christmas Jumper Day

11th: Christmas Lunch

13th: KS2 Senior Citizen's Concert @ Cookham Dean Village Hall (2.40pm)

15th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

15th: Y6 @ Windsor Castle

15th: Y5&Y6 Rotary Carols @ Fredrick's Hotel (7.10pm)

16th: Reception Nativity @ 2pm

17th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

18th: Carol Service @ 2pm

19th: Santa Singalong @ 1pm

19th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

NOVEMBER

Saturday 22nd:

* Maidenhead Lions Talent Show

Thursday 27th:

* Wild Cookham / RSPB Assembly

Friday 28th:

* PTA Non-Uniform Day

* Mix Up Maths Day



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening this week. We hope that you found the time, along with the report cards and copies of the objectives helpful in understanding how well your child is making progress in their year group.

I am sorry for the delay to the Year 6 parent meetings caused by the trip running late. For those parents who were not able to make the appointments, Mrs Satterley will be in touch with you to re-arrange.

CHILDREN IN NEED

I am very pleased to announce that we raised **£204** for Children in Need through the lunchtime challenges and also by wearing spots! Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.



FAMILIES@4

Don't forget our next Families@4 service is on Sunday 30th November at St John the Baptist Church. The service will be led by our Pupils for Praise, and Year 3 and Year 4 will be singing their Christingle songs. All families are invited and we hope to see you there.

YEAR 6 - SCIENCE MUSEUM

On Thursday 20th November Year 6 went to the Science Museum in London. Initially we looked at steam and the industrial revolution which we studied last term. Then we looked at transport and then we looked at gadgets and toys from the 1960s to 1990s. We saw how they had changed. Travelling through the space gallery we saw Tim Peake's spacecraft. We looked at alternative energy sources for the future like wind and hydroelectric power. Just before lunch we discovered an interactive gallery all about genetics and what makes us special. After lunch we visited the Wonderlab. This was a brilliant experience. There was a friction slide with different surfaces: grass, wood and plastic. We watched an electricity demo where we saw lightning. It was like a playground for scientists. What a great day!

By Maddie & Arianna, Year 6

ECO WARRIORS

Eco Warriors will be running a stall at the Christmas tree pick up party on 6th December. We will be selling toys and Christmas jumpers. Therefore, if you would like to help then we would really appreciate you donating some (good quality) Christmas jumpers and toys. The charity we will be supporting this year is Tiggyswinkles who helps wild animals in need of care. We will be placing a box by the front gates. Thank you.

By Arianna & Bella, Year 6

FREE WORKSHOPS

GEMS have released a variety of new free workshops for parents and carers including, Empowering Calm, Interoception, AuDHD, Barriers to School and Managing Anxiety. Click [HERE](#) to find out more and book a space.



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ROAD SAFETY WORKSHOPS

We are going to tell you about Road Safety. On Monday Years 3,4,6 had workshops all about staying safe. We were told about how to be safe on roads, bikes, scooters and more. Which helmet is safer? Most people would say the full face helmet is safer. But some people think it's not necessary to have a full face helmet because they think you only need to protect the forehead but that's not always true. Now we will tell you a story why. Alfie was getting ready to cycle to school with his friends. They rode their bikes when his mum saw him and shouted "ALFIE! PUT ON YOUR HELMET!" "I WILL IN A MINUTE" Alfie replied. They went through a field to the end where there was a concrete post but Alfie's pedal hit the post and Alfie went head over bars and landed face first on the road. Alfie had a fit. Thanks to his friends Alfie was taken to hospital because they helped. One boy called an ambulance. One lifted his head so he didn't whack his head on the floor while having a fit and the other put him in the breathing position. Alfie ended up in a coma for 2 weeks. Luckily he survived and now we know always use your helmet. When crossing roads what should you do? Well you should stand behind the curb and look left and right. If the road is clear, you can go. Or you can risk getting run over. Consequences for not doing this right are severe. So remember always stand behind the curb, look left and right and always wear a helmet when biking.

By Louis & Bowie, Year 6

OPAL

This week our focus has been on building a strong culture of respect, teamwork, and care - for each other, our equipment, and our environment. We kicked off with an assembly to introduce these goals, and we are delighted to share the positive results already emerging - for example, bikes are now allowed on the running track (with wellies), mud kitchens have been relocated to the tree area, and football Fridays have been introduced (with one ball to encourage teamwork). We also completed a whole-school tidy up, including litter picking with gloves, organising shed equipment, and returning items to their areas/zones.

Mrs Reekie and I met with our OPAL area coordinator, who really enjoyed meeting the children and watching their fantastic outdoor play. She gave us some great new ideas and praised how well everything is going!

Another reminder to please make sure your child has **LABELLED** wellies/outdoor shoes in their class welly rack. Each class has it's own rack, and all children know where theirs is located.

Miss G, OPAL Lead

FREE WEBINAR

The graphic features an orange background with a white speech bubble containing the text "Free Webinar". Below this, a dark purple speech bubble contains the text "Parental Burnout, Meltdowns & Behaviour". At the bottom, a calendar icon is next to the date "10.12.2025" and a clock icon is next to the time "10am". A registration link is provided at the bottom.

Register your place at witherslackgroup.co.uk/parental-burnout

WINTERSHALL NATIVITY

On Thursday, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 were invited to Bisham School for a Wintershall Nativity.

They joined the characters of the Nativity on their journey to Bethlehem and explored what the first Christmas meant to those who were there.

"We went on a coach to a difrnt school. It was cold but we manigd it. We met difrnt caricts from the Bible."

By Amaya, Year 1

KS2 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

First we went into the sports hall at Braywick and we all sat down. Then we went to get into our teams and we did our first game and we already felt egsorsted but we didn't stop and it then was beginning to feel a lot of fun. The time past quickly but we stayed strong and before we knew it we were nearly half way through and we never gave up. Then we did the races and felt quite warm. We then split up and we either did long jump, speed bounce or relays. Next we had a little snack and in like 5 minutes we were off again. We did some more games like chest push and soft javelin. We were really enjoying it. Then we walked to the coach and got on it. We nearly fell asleep because it felt like we were on there forever but suddenly the bus stopped and we were finally at school! The trip was over and grait!

By Mia & Savannah, Year 3

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WALKING BUS



Walking Bus

This weeks walking bus turned into a magical snowy adventure.

The children arrived bundled up in their cosiest hats and gloves, their excitement rising as soft flakes drifted around us. Our usual route felt transformed— little bursts of laughter echoing through the chilly air as we caught snowflakes on our tongues.

We took our time, enjoying the snow falling and the calm winter atmosphere, arriving at school rosy-cheeked and full of smiles. It was a beautifully wintry start to the day that everyone will remember.

**To join us please message me on
07898395094**

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

Lucas



Year 2

Darcey & Xanthe

Year 3

Returning Next Week



Year 4

Returning Next Week

Year 5

Oscar



Year 6

Everyone on the Science
Museum trip



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PTA

Non - Uniform Day

FRIDAY 28th NOVEMBER

Children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a donation to the Christmas Raffle Hampers. Tables will be at the gates to collect donations that morning.

Reception & Year 1: Toiletries, Beauty or Relaxation

Year 2 & 3: Bottle (soft or alcoholic)

Years 4 & 5: Sweet and Savoury Festive treats

Year 6: Mulled wine and mince pies



Christmas Hamper Raffle

Support Cookham Dean PTA and be in with a chance to win one of our epic hampers.

Winners will be drawn on 12th December.

Every ticket sold helps fund school trips, resources and upgrades — making a real difference for our children. Thank you for your support!

Scan me to
buy
tickets:







LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

newmaidenheadchoir
FOR ANYONE WHO LOVES TO SING

Chiltern
CONCERT BAND

'O Night Divine'

A MUSICAL
CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

6TH DEC 2025, 6PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH
MAIDENHEAD, SL6 1YY

£10/£5 U18
SCAN FOR TICKETS
REFRESHMENTS ON ARRIVAL





For family or friends who
step up to raise a child.

Maidenhead Kinship group



Wednesday 3 December
11:00am to 12.30pm
**St Luke's Church of England School, Cookham Road,
Maidenhead SL6 7EG**

**A brand new peer support group for kinship carers in
the Maidenhead area**

- a chance for kinship carers to **meet, listen** and **support** those in similar circumstances
- free to join for **anyone** who is **raising someone else's child** - a group for adults only
- tea and coffee provided

We'd love to see you there!
Scan the QR code or contact Keren to let us know you
would like to come along
email: keren.beddow@kinship.org.uk
or call/text: 07961 049807



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