



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

13th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

14th: Leavers Vs Remainders
Cricket Match

15th: Head Boy/Girl Speeches

15th: Rocksteady Concert @
1.30pm

16th: Y6 Play 6pm

17th: Y6 @ Legoland

20th: Y5/Y6 Wet Run

21st: Leavers Church Service

22nd: Leavers Assembly

22nd: Leavers Farewell

22nd: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JULY

6th—10th:

National Schools Sports Week

Tuesday 7th:

Moving Up Morning

Wednesday 8th:

Berkshire School Games @
Braywick

Thursday 9th:

Spanish Assembly @ 9.15am
Y4 Violin Performance @ 2.30pm

Friday 10th:

Art Exhibition
Volunteer Tea Party



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful fete! Full of fun, fundraising and community spirit - something our school is so good at. A huge thank you to everyone that came and helped, spent money, soaked the children but most of all to Mrs Parks and her crew (you know who you are) because without you all, it just wouldn't have happened. Thank you. We are very much looking forward to hearing how much money was raised.....

MUSICAL SOIREE

Well done to all the children that took part in the musical soiree on Wednesday. What a lovely evening. It always amazes me that 5 year olds can get up on a stage and perform in front of a large audience with such confidence and joy. It is really a highlight of the year for me. Of course the football score helped the joy! Thank you to the PTA for running the bar.

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!

VOLUNTEER TEA PARTY

Please make sure that you reply to the invitation by Wednesday 8th July. If you have not received an invitation but volunteer at school, firstly I am sorry - there are a lot of volunteers, and secondly, please do let us know and we will get an invitation to you. The tea party will finish at 2.45 so that you can go and see the art exhibition.

POETRY COMPETITION

The class heats are currently taking place in the classes. If your child is a finalist, we will let you know on Monday. Thank you.

REPORTS

Reports will come home next Friday. If you need to discuss something in particular please notify the office that you would like a meeting on Tuesday 14th July after school. Thank you.

WEATHER

We are expecting hot weather again next week. Children will be able to wear their PE kits but please remember to send your child in with a water bottle, applied suncream and hat. Thank you

SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER FETE GRAND TOTAL

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our school fete last weekend, and to all those who braved the heat to come along and join us.

We are absolutely delighted to share that, thanks to your incredible support, we have smashed all previous years' targets and raised an amazing **£13,000** for the school.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated, sponsored, bought raffle tickets, ran stalls, performed, attended and helped make the day such a fantastic success. We are so grateful for our wonderful school community.

Maddi, PTA Chair

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

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

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

Adam



Year 1

Amelia

Year 2

Austin

Year 3

Alba & Noah

Year 4

Bella & Bertie

Year 5

Annabelle

Year 6

Jonathan & Archie





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 English we continued working on our text 'You Can't Take An Elephant On The Bus' and the children wrote phrases and sentences about transport, learned and wrote a fact about London and wrote sentences why elephants can't go on buses which they really enjoyed. In Maths, Reception have recapped their composition of 10 learning by exploring which different numbers they can add together to make a total of 10. They also recapped their doubles and counting beyond 20 skills. In Design and Technology, the children started thinking about the boats they are going to design by playing with water and lots of different materials in all different shapes and sizes to see which would be best for a boat. In Phonics, the children have been practising all of their sounds and working hard to use these for their spellings. Well done Reception for another super week!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic week of learning! In English, we began exploring the story *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*, making predictions about what might happen next, discovering new vocabulary, and sequencing key events. In Maths, we started learning about time by exploring what comes before and after, as well as the days of the week. We also enjoyed creating beautiful collages in Art, ready to be displayed in next week's art exhibition. In PSHE, everyone had lots of fun sharing jokes with their friends and making each other laugh.

Year 2

Year 2 have had another fantastic week of learning! We have been working hard to create beautiful pieces of artwork for our upcoming Art Exhibition, and we hope many of you will be able to come along and admire the children's wonderful creations. In Maths, we have been revisiting addition and subtraction, and we have been incredibly impressed with the children's confidence, resilience and progress. In PE, we have been developing our athletics skills by practising a range of throwing techniques. The children showed excellent teamwork, encouraged one another and demonstrated great determination throughout the week. Well done, Year 2!





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Year 3	In maths this week we have started our new topic on shape, learning about angles and spotting acute angles, right angles and obtuse angles in our environment. They are everywhere when you look! In English we finished our recounts of our Roman day at Ufton Court. I am so impressed by the vocabulary used and the improvement in everyone's handwriting. Well done Year 3! We debated the pros and cons of fighting the Roman invasion of our tribe on Thursday. After a lot of strong arguments from both sides, the chief decided to allow the Romans entry to the settlement. Thankfully we've been able to have PE outside this week, so we have continued with our cricket lessons. On Thursday, fifteen of the children took part in the poetry heats for the school competition. We were blown away by the standard and enthusiasm of all the children involved. Great job all of you!
Year 4	This week in year 4 we have been working hard in maths, looking at hundredths as decimals and fractions and understanding the place value of decimals. In English, we have begun to plan and write a poem, inspired by Queen Victoria's Bathing machine. In art we have studied Henri Rousseau's artwork and are drawing our own interpretation of the Tiger, ready for our art exhibition. The children are also excited to show off their violin skills to you all on Thursday.
Year 5	It has been a great week in Year 5. In maths, the children have been working on reading and writing coordinates. They have also solved problems involving coordinates. In reading, we have started to explore our new poetry anthology Let's Chase Stars Together by Matt Goodfellow. The children have enjoyed his humorous yet introspective poems. In writing, the children have been writing some narrative passages inspired by the writing of other authors. We have explored the competition announcements in Cosmic and Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, with the children then writing their own competition announcement. In computing, the children recorded videos, using close-up, long shot and zoom.
Year 6	This week in Year 6, we have continued applying our maths skills through exciting real-life learning linked to holiday planning. The children have been calculating budgets, comparing accommodation options, researching flight costs and making sensible financial decisions to create their own holiday plans. This thematic approach has provided valuable opportunities to apply maths in meaningful contexts while developing problem-solving and reasoning skills. In English and History, we have been learning about <i>Black Friday</i> in 1910, when the Suffragettes marched on Parliament in their fight for voting rights. The children have used their historical knowledge to write engaging newspaper reports, carefully considering the language and features used by journalists of the time. Our play preparations are also well underway, with rehearsals continuing to gather pace. A reminder that all costumes should be brought into school by Monday, please. We are very much looking forward to sharing the final performance with you.

PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS UPDATE

It might feel like a lifetime ago already, but the fete last Saturday was a huge success, raising a record-breaking **£13,000** including an incredible £5,700 from the silent auction organised by PTA Secretary Marie! Thank you also especially to Clare and Mich for managing the whole event and Abbe and Isadora for managing the bar.

We have a few more thank yous:

- * Savills Marlow estate agents for co-sponsoring the event
- * WOTTZ for co-sponsoring the event
- * The Cherrypickers of Cookham Dean for allowing us to use their marquee free of charge
- * To all the parents and teachers who helped in the run up to and on the day of the fete - it obviously wouldn't happen without you all!

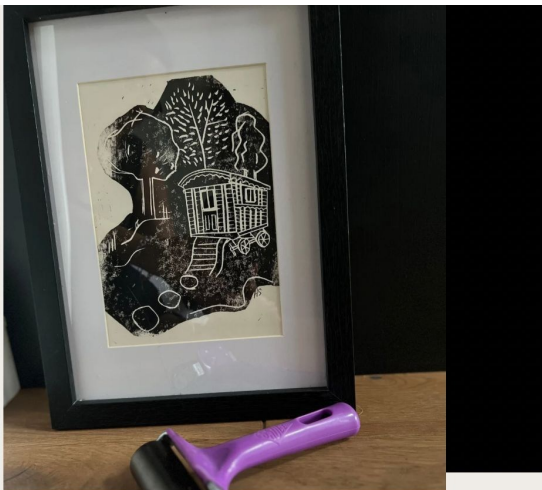
We hope everyone who came along all had a great time. Raffle prizes have all been claimed and Marie is working her way through all the silent auction prizes.

Leavers vs Remainers 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 Remainers (Reception to Y5) need to field a team! If you can play, please contact Remainers team captain Sach Patiar via WhatsApp 07583 330895.

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

Thank you.

Maddi, PTA Chair



Gypsy Caravan

By Hadley

A lino cut printwork of our Cookham Dean Gypsy Caravan originally designed and printed by Hadley to raise money for our Yr6 leavers. Original artwork now available to buy for £10 with 50% of profits going to the PTA. Please place orders via Heather on 07715567335 or email hevina@hotmail.com.

11 of these beautiful Lino Cut prints are still available, with £5 of each sale going to the PTA.

Perhaps a lovely keepsake for Year 6 leaving parents ...

These were originally designed and printed by Hadley Snellgrove, former Cookham Dean pupil and Rufus' sister.

Please place orders via Heather on 07715 567335 or hevina@hotmail.com

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

METRE MARKET RAFFLE

Just to let you know that we are planning to run the Metre Market raffle on behalf of Cookham Dean Primary School at the Cookham Dean market on 10th July.

Each week our stallholders all donate items to be part of the winning hamper, tickets are £5 each and can be purchased from the meter market stall on the day.

All the proceeds from the raffle go to the designated organisation, and we would encourage you to promote the raffle using your own media channels. Some wording below that you may like to use

This week we're the chosen charity receiving proceeds from @Metre_Market's weekly raffle. Head to Cookham Dean Village Hall between 8:30am-1:00pm this Friday and get yourself a raffle ticket. At £5 each, you can be in with the chance of winning an incredible hamper with produce donated by their generous stallholders. All proceeds of the raffle this week will go towards supporting our cause.

The Markets are full to the brim of local makers and creators, so go and show your support this weekend, more details can be found here <https://www.metre-market.com/market-schedules>

#MetreMarket #MetreMarketRaffle

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](#)

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SWBGS MUSIC PRESENTS...

Borlase Summer Unplugged

Gates open 6pm | Thursday 9 July 2026
Colonel's Meadow, Sir William Borlase's Grammar School

includes

Rock | Pop | Jazz | Choral Music
BBQ | Bar | Games | Activities | Stalls

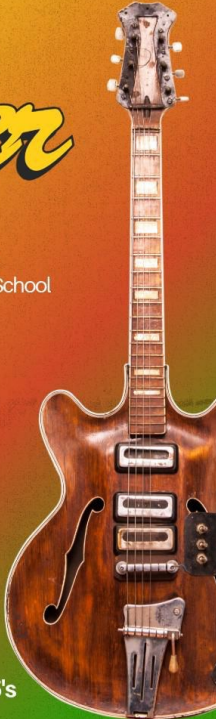
featuring

Knight Offbeat
Meli & The Burnt Sugar
The Fundamentals
Purple Forest
more to be announced

£10 adults | £5 students | Free Under 5's
This includes free activities during the event

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FREE GIRLS BMX SESSION

HAWKS BMX RACE CLUB

Date: **SUN 26th July 2026**
1.00-2.00PM

Bike and equipment will be provided and 12 participants can be accommodated, so places are limited. We aim to run these sessions monthly.

- Participants need to be able to ride an ordinary bike and stand up and pedal.
- Participants also need to wear long trousers, ideally jeans. **NO Leggings.**

- ☆ Female only session
- ☆ BMX exercises
- ☆ Skills & BMX techniques
- ☆ Fun games & mini laps

Registration via email
hello@hawksbmx.co.uk

The Free Session will be run by a Female Coach, **Harriet Alexander**

Featuring guest racer, Lita (Hawks Race Club)

Hayes Hawks BMX Track
Lake Farm Country Park, Dowley Road, Hayes, UB3 1EJ

RIDE. LEARN. HAVE FUN!

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!





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Free Trial Session and £40 discount at Perform

Popular children's drama and dance school Perform is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for members of Cookham Dean Primary School** if they sign up by Tuesday 22nd September 2026. Parents should quote CDP5220926 when they book their free session by going to perform.org.uk/try or calling 020 7255 9120.

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Take it home every week.

A hands-on after-school club where children in Years 4, 5 & 6 discover the power of plants, learn what really goes into skincare products, and make something new to take home every single session.

DATES	TIME	WHO
8 Sept - 20 Oct	Tuesdays 3:30-4:30pm	Years 4, 5 & 6

THEY'LL MAKE & TAKE HOME

- WK 1 Roll-On Perfume Rollers
- WK 2 Peppermint & Shea Lip Balm
- WK 3 Rosehip & Sugar Body Scrub
- WK 4 Facial Toner Spray
- WK 5 Infused Herbal Oil
- WK 6 Clay Face Mask
- WK 7 Shimmer Body Oil

EVERY SESSION INCLUDES

- Handle real plants & botanicals
- Sensory smell & feel stations
- Team games & challenges
- Decode real ingredients labels
- All materials fully provided
- Collected from school at 4:30pm

EXAMPLES OF WHAT WE'LL WORK WITH

- Lavender
- Chamomile
- Rosehip
- Calendula
- Shea Butter
- Peppermint

£13.50
per session

£94.50 for the full 7-week term
All materials, containers & labels provided.
Please share any allergies at point of booking.

Book: audrey@auderepure.com

THE SKIN LAB - LIMITED SPACES - DON'T MISS OUT!



SEND Voices RBWM | Fredrick's Hotel & Spa, SL6 2PZ | **Monday 6 July** | 10 AM - 12 PM

SEND Voices RBWM - Implementation of the Local Area SEND Reform Plan | Part of the SEND Reform collection

Overview

We will be joined by staff from AfC to explain the SEND Reform and how it will be implemented in RBWM. Input your views to the SEND Strategy. **Join us in July for a chat about the SEND Reform and SEND Strategy. Register on the QR code below for this event.** Have Your Say on SEND in RBWM. Shape the future of SEND support for your child.

You're Invited: Parent Carer Engagement Session. We're implementing the **Local Area SEND Reform Plan** and we want to hear from you.

These sessions are your opportunity to:

- Understand how the RBWM 5 Year SEND Strategy is being developed
- Ask questions directly to RBWM's convening partner, Achieving for Children, about the Plan
- Share your priorities to shape how SEND services are delivered in our area.

What to Expect

We'll walk through each of the **6 Priority Areas of the RBWM SEND Strategy:**

- Where we are now – the current strategy
- Where we're going – how the Local Plan builds on this
- Your voice – what matters most to you and your family.

All Parent Carers Welcome. We especially want to hear from families who may not always have the chance to share their views, including those with children in: **Elective Home Education (EHE)**

- Education Otherwise Than At School (EOTAS)
- Every perspective matters.

Can't Attend?

Contact us: info@svrbwm.org.uk, to share your views online.

Your voice. Your priorities. Your child's future.

Highlights:

- 2 hours | In-person | Free parking

Location:

- **Fredrick's Hotel & Spa**, Shoppenhangers Road, Maidenhead, **SL6 2PZ**

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**FRIDAY 31ST JULY & SATURDAY
1ST AUGUST 2026**

BRAYWICK NATURE FESTIVAL

BRAYWICK NATURE CENTRE, MAIDENHEAD

**LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, DRINKS AND FREE
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**PLUS EVENING
ACTIVITIES ON
THE WEEKDAYS
BEFORE**

UP-TO-DATE INFO



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August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	25 Aug 7pm