



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

22nd: Lions Talent Show

24th: Y6 Maths Challenge @
Luckley House School

28th: PTA Non-Uniform Day

28th: Mix Up Maths Day

30th: Families@4

December

1st: Y3/4 Christingle

2nd: Y6 @ Boyne Hill Church

2nd: KS1 Choir Concert @
2.45pm

3rd: Y6 NCMP

5th: Everybody Writes Day

5th: Romeo & Juliet
Performance

6th: Christmas Tree Pick Up Party

9th: KS1 Nativity @ 6pm

11th: Christmas Jumper Day

11th: Christmas Lunch

15th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

15th: Y6 @ Windsor Castle

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

Monday 17th:

* Parents Evening (Y1 Only)

Tuesday 18th:

* Emotional Wellbeing
Champions Training Day

* KS2 Road Safety Lessons

* Parents Evening (Y1-6)

Thursday 20th:

* Y6 @ Science Museum

* R & KS1 Winter Nativity
Workshops @ Bisham

* Parents Evening (Y2-6)

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who supported Children In Need by wearing spotty accessories and donating. We will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter. A big thank you to the School Council who ran the extra challenges.

I hope your children have come home this week talking about what they have learnt during Anti-Bullying Week with the theme of Power for Good.

PARKING

Please do not park on the yellow zig-zags outside school. This is for the safety of our staff, parents and children. We also ask that you do not block our neighbours' driveways. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

We have many Christmas events scheduled for December. Please note the following:

5th: KS2 Senior Citizen's Christmas Party - 2.40pm at Cookham Dean Village Hall

15th: Year 6 Windsor Castle Carols - 12pm

15th: KS2 Rotary Carols - 7pm at Fredrick's Hotel

Please can you sign the consent form set up online to confirm that your children can attend the above. Before signing your child up, please make sure that they want to do it.

Other upcoming events include:

1st: Y3/4 Christingle @ 6pm

2nd: KS1 Choir Concert @ 2.45pm

6th: PTA Christmas Tree Pick Up Party

9th: KS1 Nativity @ 6pm

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PARENTS EVENING

I hope by now you have all booked a slot for Parents Evening next week. A reminder that Year 1 appointments will take place on Monday in the classroom and on Tuesday in the hall, and Years 2-6 will be held on Tuesday and Thursday in the hall. Report cards have gone home in book bags today.



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MRS REEKIE & MISS WINDLE

Mrs Reekie and Miss Windle will be available at Parents Evening next week (Years 1-6) if you wish to make an appointment with them. These appointments are not mandatory and should only be booked if you have a specific issue you would like to discuss.

Miss Windle: Tuesday

Mrs Reekie: Thursday

Please book via <https://parents-booking.co.uk/cookhamdean> by 3.30pm on Monday 17th November.

YEAR 5 - MICHAEL ROSEN DAY

On 13th November, Years 5 and 6 took part in Michael Rosen Day. This year's theme is food, as his new book is called 'Hot food: Nice!' After we had been introduced by a lady from Read for Good, Michael Rosen came up on screen and started talking about himself and his poems. He explained to us the reasons for the ideas he had for his new book. Soon after, he recited the general idea of his chocolate cake poem. Next, the Read for Good lady gave Michael the questions sent in by some schools. The first question was what was his favourite food. It was hummus. After the call ended, we were challenged to write a poem themed on 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Year 5 finished this challenge today. It was very fun.

By Sophie D, Year 5

YEAR 5 - FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE VISIT



On Friday 14th November the fire and rescue team came into Year 5 and spoke to us about how to stay safe around fire. First, we told the fire and rescue team how often we have a fire drill and how we do them. Then the team brought out a smoke alarm and showed us how many times we should test it.

After that they showed us a PowerPoint game where we had to find dangers in the kitchen. When we finished, the team asked us what we would do if we had a fire. We gave them some interesting answers. Then they explained that in the case of a fire, you should stay calm, go to a room, close the door and open the window. After that call 999 and they will help. At the end we were given some leaflets to tell us what to do and we also had a look at their fire engine!

By Jamie, Year 5

FAMILIES@4

Our next Families@4 service will be on Sunday 30th November at 4pm at St John the Baptist Church. This special service will be led by our Pupils for Praise, and our Year 3 and Year 4 children will be singing their Christingle songs. All families are welcome.

OPAL

This week, I was very lucky to visit another school to see their OPAL in action. It gave us lots of great ideas and direction to help our children learn, engage, and make sure our equipment lasts longer and is used safely. We will also be meeting with our OPAL coordinator in the next week or two to plan our next steps. If you have any feedback or suggestions, I'd love to hear from you! Please email me via the office.

Miss G, OPAL Lead

WINTER OUTDOOR PLAY

REMINDER

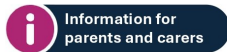
Please be reminded that children will only be allowed on the field if they have wellies or outdoor shoes, and they may only play in the mud if they have overalls to protect their school uniform.

Thank you.



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NHS FLU CLINICS



Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00



If you haven't completed a consent form yet, you can complete one using the information sent by your child's school or complete one at the clinic with one of the team

Goto the address below to share your views and ideas

cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU 2025



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

Jake



Year 2

Finn

Year 3

Barnaby

Year 4

Jonas

Year 5

Rufus

Year 6

Chester







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.

Year 3	We have had a great week in Year 3. In English, we have continued our work on creating suspense and tension in our writing. We are really enjoying our dance sessions with Jane Douglas, creating sequences using Ancient Egypt as inspiration, with a partner and in a group. In Art we used our imaginations to draw plants and flowers which could grow from different seeds.
Year 4	This week in Year 4, we have been subtracting 4 digit numbers with more than one exchange. In English we have been focusing on writing a character description using similes and looking at how to use the correct punctuation for speech. In science we investigated how sound is made. We carried out several experiments including water, tuning forks, musical instruments, making string telephones and watching rice 'bounce' on a drum. Ask us what we found out!
Year 5	It has been an action-packed week in Year 5. In maths, the children have been exploring square and cube numbers, using resources like counters and cubes to make these. In English, the children have finished writing their biographies on the life of Lucien Silver. We have also had some great extra-curricular experiences this week. On Thursday, we took part in Michael Rosen Day, celebrating the loved poet and author. As well as this, on Friday the fire service came in to deliver a fire safety session. The children learnt a lot and were able to explore a fire engine!
Year 6	This week in Year 6 we have been investigating pictorial and graphic representations of equivalent fractions. We have experimented with circuits, the difference between parallel and serial circuits so that we can incorporate them into our DT projects to build a steady hand game. We continued to look at global population patterns and the reason why people live in specific areas. In PE this week we were practicing gymnastics especially types of rolls, combining them into routines. We concluded the week with a Free Write Friday starring Pudsey bear.

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EffectiveSteps free resources

Lead Chartered Psychologist Dr Hester Bancroft and associates are a passionate team dedicated to helping support both individuals and families.

After over 17 years in private practice, Hester set up her beautiful Marlow practice in June 2024. Nestled in a charming listed building on the high street, the practice has expanded to meet the growing demand of mental health support needs in the area.

The team are currently available to offer one-to-one coaching and therapy for children and adolescents who could do with some extra assistance or who have specific issues that need addressing. They are completely tailored to their own specific interests and preferences.

We've created some **free resources** that may be of interest, including:

- An **eBook** with simple, effective strategies to help improve your child's behaviour and resilience to life's challenges (please find it [here](#)).
- A regular parenting support **newsletter**, offering ideas and tips to support your child's development and wellbeing (you can sign-up [here](#)).

Do see our website for more information: www.effectivesteps.com





Merry Christmas!

December Timetable

All 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 (excluding Free Talk)

Decreasing Depression	1 DEC 10am
Raising Self Esteem	1 DEC 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	2 DEC 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	2 DEC 7pm
Autism - Improving Communication	8 DEC 10am
Improving Family Communication	8 DEC 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	9 DEC 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	9 DEC 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	15 DEC 10am
Understanding Anger	15 DEC 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 DEC 10am
Facing Defiance	16 DEC 7pm

Saturday 13th December 7pm



Queen Anne's Theatre,

6 Henley Road, RG4 6DX

A fairytale dance production for the family!

Book Now

<https://stagestubs.com/jdproductions/once-upon-a-winter-wish>



JazDanceProductions



www.jazdanceproductions.co.uk

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* Join us for the *

Christmas Fair

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Friday 5th December
3 - 5pm

Crafts • Bar
Santas Grotto
Stalls • Inflatables
Games • Tombola
And lots more fun!

Cookham Rise School

* **Free entry** *



NETBALL

Furze Platt Leisure Centre

— Every Monday —

4:30PM - 5:25PM	RECEPTION TO YEAR 4
5:30PM - 6:25PM	YEAR 4, 5 & 6
6:30PM - 7:25PM	YEAR 7 & 8

Scan to Book or Visit
www.leisurefocus.org.uk



SCAN ME

WINDSOR GREAT PARK ILLUMINATED

14 November '25 – 3 January '26

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Saturday 13 - Wednesday 24 December 2025
Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead



Snow White

£5 OFF YOUR PANTO TICKET!

Valid for adult and under 16s tickets on Sun 14 Dec (5pm) and Tue 23 Dec (2:30pm). Offer ends Fri 21 Nov 2025.

CODE: AMSSP-2025

Book online at www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk

dk productions

GRASSROOTS COMMUNITY DAY



**29TH NOVEMBER
3PM
YORK ROAD**

EXCLUSIVE TICKET OFFER:
1 Adult and 1 U17 for just £9

WIN a visit from some of our
Men's First Team players!

DON'T MISS OUT
Get your school or football club involved!

Email: commercial@maidenheadunitedfc.org
for further information on how to book your tickets

