



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

18th: KS2 Road Safety Lessons
18th: Parents Evening
20th: Y6 @ Science Museum
20th: R & KS1 Winter Nativity Workshops @ Bisham
20th: Parents Evening
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: KS2 Choir @ Windsor Castle
16th: Reception Nativity @ 2pm
17th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm
18th: Carol Service @ 2pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

NOVEMBER

Monday 10th:

* Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 11th:

* Remembrance Service @ 10.45am

* Y2 @ Reading Museum

* Lunchtime 25 Challenge for Children In Need

Friday 14th:

* Children In Need - Wear Something Spotty!

* Y5 Fire & Rescue Service Visit

* PTA @ Metre Market

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the PTA for a wonderful evening of fun at the bingo last night. It was so lovely seeing lots of parents there raising money for the school whilst also enjoying themselves. A big shout out to Ms Ledgerwood who organised it all and our fabulous bingo caller Mr Woodhead and all the PTA for keeping everyone supplied with food, drink and prizes.

Please can everybody make sure that your child comes into school with a coat as we go into winter. Children will only be allowed on the field if they have a pair of wellies or sturdy second pair shoes. If your child is a child that particularly likes playing in the mud, please send in a waterproof all-in-one to protect their school uniform.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is anti-bullying week - the theme is Power for Good. **We will kickstart the week on Monday with Odd Socks Day** where children are invited to wear odd socks as a way of expressing ourselves and showing everyone that we are all unique. The children will have live lessons with other children from around the UK, as well as chances to discuss how we can prevent bullying in our school and the week will finish with our emotional wellbeing ambassadors taking our assembly.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our school will be holding a Remembrance Service on Tuesday 11th November at 10.45am. You are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion of reflection.



CHILDREN IN NEED



Friday 14th November is Children in Need day and we are asking children to come into school wearing something spotty (hair band, socks, tie etc) for a donation of £1.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance is currently above the national target of 95% but there have certainly been more requests for holidays around half term. Can I please remind you that holidays are not authorised and will be fined for 5 consecutive days or more. Please also make medical appointments outside of the school day unless they are an emergency. If you are not sure if your child should come to school, please refer to the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk). Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL NEWS

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the November
50:50 Club winners:

1st prize - Sarah Wan

2nd prize - Tessa Allanson

WINNERS

OPAL

We are now developing some new zones to make OPAL even better. We will be looking for some extra help with these improvements, so please keep an eye out in upcoming newsletters. Any support will be greatly appreciated!

We are also planning to do some junk modelling projects. If you have any clean recycling materials (such as cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic containers, or bottle tops), please bring them in and leave them by the OPAL shed.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us make outdoor learning a safe, fun, and engaging experience for everyone!

Miss G, OPAL Lead

ATTENDANCE

As you know our attendance is measured by the Local Authority and DfE (Department for Education). I reported before on our attendance data and the most up to date data is below:

Overall attendance **96.5%**

You are ranked **24th** out of 46 schools

Overall absence **3.5%**

You are ranked **24th** out of 46 schools

Authorised absence **2.5%**

You are ranked **20th** out of 46 schools

Unauthorised absence **1.0%**

You are ranked **33rd** out of 46 schools

Persistently absent **7.7%**

You are ranked **18th** out of 46 schools

Severely absent **0.0%**

You are ranked **1st** out of 46 schools

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ

The next issue of the MBR newsletter
can be viewed [HERE](#).

THE BABY BANK

✨ Urgent Appeal – Clothing Needed for Family in Crisis ✨

Helen* and her three children are currently receiving support from social care after fleeing domestic violence. They had to leave their home very quickly and only have the clothes they were wearing.

The family is now resettling in a new area and urgently need warm, practical clothing for the children.

Unfortunately, our boxes are currently empty, which means we are unable to provide the clothing they need right now.

👉 If you have any freshly washed, good-quality warm children's clothing you could donate this week, we would be so grateful. Every item helps to make sure these children are warm and comfortable as they begin rebuilding their lives.

🏠 Please drop off donations at Unit A2 Tectonic Place, Holyport Road, SL6 2YE Monday, Wednesday & Fridays 9:30-12:30.

🙏 Thank you so much for your kindness and support.

*Name changed for privacy.

PTA @ METRE MARKET



Cookham Dean PTA
Apple Juice & Chutney Stall
Next Week @ Metre Market
Friday 14th November



LIBRARY



THE LIBRARY IS REOPENING!

You may or may not know that for the first half of this term, the library has been closed whilst we move to a new management system, have a good sort out of the books and put in LOADS of new titles!

Thank you to the parent volunteers who have spent many hours sorting, scanning, labelling, selling and sourcing to give our children much more choice when it comes to finding books to read for pleasure. For example, we have a new graphic novel section and lots of up-to-date titles from authors such as Pamela Butchart, MG Leonard, Rick Riordan, AF Steadman, Fleur Hitchcock, Emma Carroll and many more coming to the shelves soon.

Please can you remind your children that the library is for everyone – please look after the books and please return the books! If many more go missing, we will have to start issuing fines to replace them. Books must be scanned out, and scanned back in. All classes from Years 1–6 have guided reading time in the library, ask your child about it!

You can now access the library catalogue from home so you can explore the titles with your children if they need help choosing new books. Visit: <https://library2.libresoft.co.uk/8683021-7uhda4qmehlOz0j3t9cu-cdcps/> 'Libresoft Librarian' and click on 'School Catalogue' in the top right hand corner.

The class Bookworms will be helping to look after the library and encourage everyone to read more books! Thank you!

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL FOOD PROVISION SURVEY

We are inviting your school to take part in a School Food Survey being conducted by social researchers at the Department for Education (DfE). The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete and is designed to gather your insights on school food provision.

SURVEY LINK (all responses will be kept strictly confidential and used only for research purposes)

Results will be reported at group level only. While the findings will be used internally by the Department in the first instance, they may be published at a later stage. Participation is entirely voluntary, and you are free to withdraw at any time.

Please see the [information sheet here](#) and the [privacy notice](#) for further details. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to [contact me](#).

Emma Riley, Department for Education

THE BABY BANK DROP OFF

Despite its name, The Baby Bank takes donations for children up to the age of 16. Clothes for the older ages are always in short supply so if you have any good quality, freshly washed winter clothing you are happy to donate please drop off in Maidenhead or there will be a car going from school on Friday 21st November also with donations for the charity's Christmas Pyjama Campaign. Thank you!

Tori Dixon (Year 5 Parent)

NETBALL

17-3

On Wednesday (bonfire night) the netball team went to Holyport and played against them. We won 17-3, an amazing score for us! We had to use a special ball because one of their players had a sight disability (well done to her - she was so good that we didn't notice who it was!) It was a size 4 ball - smaller than we use normally. Our player of the match was Archie, who played GA. Well done to all of the team, as well as Holyport.

By Minnie, Year 6

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

Rose



Year 2

Mrs Lodge

Year 3

Mia

Year 4

Oliver

Year 5

Finn Miall

Year 6

Bowie



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PTA CHRISTMAS TREES

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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	Reception have had a great first week back after half term. This week we have started learning our next set of sounds in Phonics, introduced new tricky words and have also started reading our reading books. In Literacy we started our first text called 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell where we have focused on describing the setting and the characters in the story. In Maths we have started learning about shape focusing on identifying circles and triangles. Finally, we have also been learning about Bonfire night and creating beautiful firework and bonfire pictures using paints and stencils.
Year 1	Year 1 have had a wonderful week back after half term. We have been looking at the book 'Little Red' and then writing a news report about The Big Bad Wolf dying. In Maths we have been continuing looking at addition and subtraction and writing the 8 fact families for a set of numbers. In Geography we had a lot of fun looking at Google Earth and our local area from an Ariel view.
Year 2	This week, Year 2 have impressed us with their fantastic learning! We have been getting to know our new text 'A Squash and a Squeeze' by Julian Donaldson. We have been working hard on using speech marks in our writing, and the children have shown great care and confidence in using them correctly. In Maths, we continued our work on subtraction and everyone has been showing excellent focus and perseverance. We also began our new RE topic and were so proud of the thoughtful and mature ideas the children shared during our discussions. Well done, Year 2! In History, we had an introduction to our new topic 'how schools were different in the past' and children were fascinated with what they discovered. We are so excited about our trip to Reading Museum next week where we will discover a whole lot more!





LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

 **WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**
President: Baroness Theresa May

Conductor **Joe Davies** Leader **Susie Henwood**

Saturday 29 November 2025 7:30pm
Baylis Theatre, Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead SL6 1BN

SIBELIUS Finlandia
ELGAR Cello Concerto
SHOSTAKOVICH Symphony No 5



Cello Kiki Skinner
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Community Room**

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