



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

3rd: Return to School
11th: Y1 @ Reading Museum
14th: Children In Need
20th: Y6 @ Science Museum
22nd: Lions Talent Show
30th: Families@4

December

9th: KS1 Nativity @ 6pm
11th: Christmas Jumper Day
11th: Christmas Lunch
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

OCTOBER

Tuesday 21st:

* Reception Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd:

* Reception Parents Evening
* PTA Spooks & Sparkles Disco
* PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

Friday 24th:

* School Talent Show @ 2pm
* Break Up

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to those parents who were able to make the Year Ahead Meeting. This year, we tried for the first time to go online and we had more parents able to join us - the technology wasn't always helpful but I hope that you found the meeting useful. If you weren't able to attend, please find attached the PowerPoint. If you have any questions, please do send them via the office.

ATTENDANCE

Please be reminded that any holidays of over 5 days taken during term time will be fined. Please find information attached as a reminder. In addition, the local authority are measuring every school on their attendance and are now ranking schools where they are in the local authority - please see below our attendance. Great news that we are 1st for those children who are severely absent - meaning we don't have any so that is great. However, let's see if we can improve our overall attendance ranking.

Attendance measure	Percentage	Ranking ①
Overall attendance	97.3%	You are ranked 15th out of 45 schools
Overall absence	2.7%	You are ranked 15th out of 45 schools
Authorised absence	2.1%	You are ranked 14th out of 45 schools
Unauthorised absence	0.6%	You are ranked 17th out of 45 schools
Persistently absent	10.2%	You are ranked 16th out of 45 schools
Severely absent	0.0%	You are ranked 1st out of 45 schools

MY FIRST CLASS

For Reception children, remember to look in the Maidenhead Advertiser this weekend for your first class photo.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to all those families who were able to join us this week for our Harvest Festival - the church was wonderfully packed. And thank you for your generosity in donations - all sent to Foodshare to help those families who are in need.



RECEPTION PARENTS EVENING

Next Tuesday and Thursday will be the Reception parents evening in the Reception classroom. We are looking forward to seeing you and sharing the first terms work with you.

NETBALL

On Thursday, the Year 6 netball team played a match against Wessex, here at school. The score was 7-11 to Wessex, but everyone had tons of fun and tried their hardest. This week's captain was Madison and she also won player of the match. This week our team really bonded and improved our netball skills.

By Isabella, Year 6

...where we all flourish

SCHOOL NEWS

PTA DISCO

COOKHAM DEAN PTA
PRESENTS

**SPOOKS & SPARKLE
Disco**

**THURSDAY
23RD OCTOBER**

KS1 4:30PM - 5:15PM
KS2 5:30PM - 6:30PM

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK

£5.50
PER TICKET

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 Amaya	
Year 2 Darcey		Year 3 Ottie & Grace
Year 4 Miles		Year 5 Rufus
	Year 6 Football Boys	

SCHOOL NEWS

SHARE YOUR FAITH

Can you help with RE learning and understanding?

To further broaden the children's understanding of religions and beliefs we would like to invite parents/carers or other family members to share their faith. From Reception to Year 6, we explore the major world religions (Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, Buddhism) focussing on beliefs about God, sacred books and other key aspects. For example, a Christian viewpoint on the importance of Easter, the importance of the Qur'an to a Muslim or a Jewish viewpoint on the belief in God. Year 6 also consider Humanism. You would be invited to attend a lesson where you would share your faith linked to the key question that the children will be studying. This would be at a mutually convenient time. If you feel that you are able to support the children's learning in this way or would like more information, please contact me via the office. Thank you.

Mrs Thompson, RE Lead

YEAR 6 BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



On Wednesday eight Year 6 boys and Mitch participated in the football tournament hosted at Courthouse, they had four matches in total and won one and lost 3. The first match we lost 2-0 the second was close, Cookham Rise won the game 2-1 with Flynn scoring the goal. The third match was our first secured win against All Saints, winning 3-0 and Flynn, yet again scoring a hatrick. The last game was against the hosts: Courthouse; we lost 1-0 but that was the best game because everyone tried their hardest to at least get a draw.

On the first match out of the four, the man was Leo for his amazing clearances, on the second game the man of the match was Flynn for scoring a goal and powering through an injury with his tooth. In the third match the man of the match was Stanley for taking a turn in defence (which is not his usual position) when Chris hurt himself. Finally, on the fourth game the men of the match (there are 2) were Chester and Jon. Chester for his great tackles in defence and Jon for being more physical when trying to get the ball back.

Everyone enjoyed playing and nobody made a whine when they lost. Mitch was proud of us for showing respect to the other teams when a foul or penalty was given. Mrs Satterley came to see the last match to cheer us on which helped us stay strong for the rest of the game.

By Archie & Jenson, Year 6

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



Josh Reynolds, MP for [Maidenhead](#), has asked Maidenhead Advertiser to find a budding artist to create his Christmas card for him this year that really captures the essence of Christmas in Maidenhead. The competition is open to children aged 11 and under who live in his constituency. The winning entry is personally chosen by the MP and will be printed and sent out with Christmas wishes to people across Maidenhead as well as politicians, royalty, and leaders across the world.

Entries for the competition should be marked '**Josh Reynold's Christmas Card Competition**' and sent to **Maidenhead Advertiser, 48 Bell Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1HX.**

The suggested size is A5. Designs need to be bold and bright and preferably done in paint, felt tips or crayons as coloured pencils do not reproduce well when printed. Two-dimensional designs are preferred as materials like glitter and cotton wool do not work when printed. Entries should also include the full name, age and school or organisation (such as a cub or brownie pack) of the entrant as well as a parent's name, address and phone number.

The closing date for entries is **Tuesday 4th November** and there will be a prize, but it's not yet been announced. (Last year it was a family ticket to Legoland). Judging will take place soon afterwards, and Mr Reynold's winner will be announced in a future edition of the Advertiser.

Sally Gray, Editorial Assistant

YEAR 5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Today six Year 6's and three Year 5's went to a girls football tournament at Braywick. We sadly didn't get to the semi-finals but we won one game. Well done team!

By Flo, Year 6



WEEKLY SUMMARY

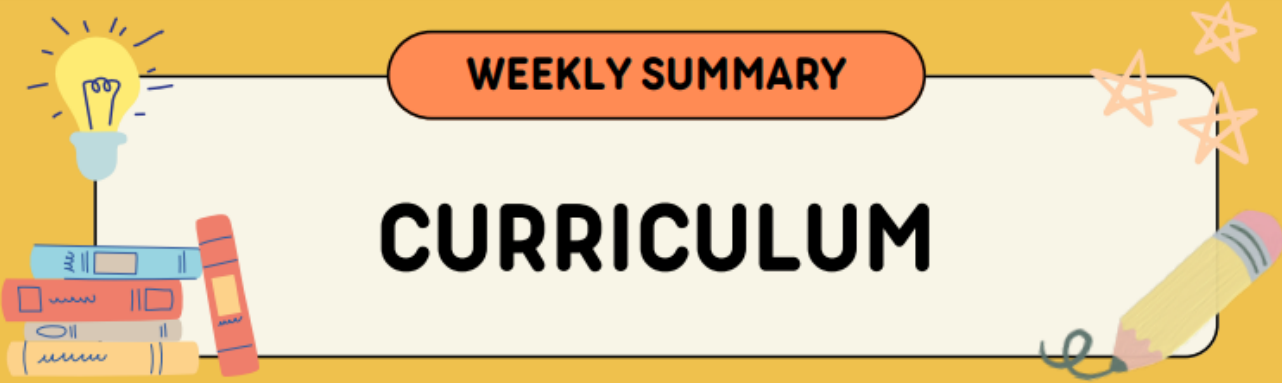


CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week Reception have continued to focus on learning new sounds in Phonics and blending these together. We have also been learning about Diwali in our Religious Education lessons and the children decorated beautiful Diya lamps with colourful tissue paper and crafted and decorated their own salt dough Diya lamps. In Art we created fantastic leaf people using leaves picked from the school fields. Finally, in Maths this week we have consolidated our learning on patterns, reviewed our learning on matching and started to work on finding and subitising 1, 2 and 3.
Year 1	Year 1 this week have been looking at the story The Deep Dark Woods. We have looked at describing a monster's character and sequencing the story. In Maths we have looked at using Part-Part Whole diagrams to write number sentences including the 4 fact families for addition. In History we continued to look at how we celebrate birthdays and compared how we celebrate birthdays to how they celebrated it in the 1960s.
Year 2	As part of Black History Month, we have been planning and writing fact files about Mo Farah and his contribution as a world class athlete and his inspiring life story. In Maths we have been learning our number bonds to 100, adding and subtracting single and three digit numbers and in Science, we looked at lifecycles of animals and then decided to create a lifecycle of a butterfly and a frog.





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Year 3	Year 3 have had a wonderful week. In English, we have been using similes to make our writing more engaging. In Maths, we have started to use the column method for addition and subtraction. In Science, we enjoyed exploring the school grounds and identifying different rocks that have been used. In Geography, we discussed what are the positives and negatives of living near a volcano.
Year 4	This week in Year 4, we have been adding 1, 10, 100 and 1000 to a four digit number, practising our timetables and solving problems. In English, we have been busy writing our incredible edible label. In science, we have been looking at food chains and the impact the environment can have on these. In RE, we have been answering the question "what do stories tell us about Hindu Gods?"
Year 5	It has been a fun week in Year 5. In maths, the children finished up their first block of work on addition and subtraction. In English, they have been exploring stylistic devices to make their writing more interesting. On Monday and Tuesday, they will utilise these in their own narratives. In art, the children researched the work of Chila Kumari Singh Burman, ready to experiment and create their own self-portraits in her style. Have a great weekend all!
Year 6	In Year 6 this week we have been working hard on our descriptive language and looking at things through the eyes of others. We have been looking at industry in Victorian Britain. We investigated how light bends and carried out our experiments creating rainbows with different densities of prisms. We also were able to create white light with rainbow spinners. In art we marvelled at the work of local artist Matthew Burley and his fantastic photo realism. We began our study into still life.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

THE JOLLY FARMER COOKHAM DEAN

For ages 12 and under. Entries in to the pub by Thursday 30 October.
Judging on Friday 31 October. First prize - £20 Amazon Gift Voucher.

FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

TRICK OR TREAT

2 FOR 1 KIDS MEALS FROM 4PM

Call 01628 482905 to book a table or visit
www.thejollyfarmercookhamdean.com



TRACK START

Athletics half-term Camp

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October

One week of October holiday fun filled with Athletics events and games to engage your young athletes and to increase their knowledge of track and field!

- ★ Learn new skills through game based training!
- ★ Refine technique through drill based training!
- ★ New pb's with performance based training!
- ★ Meet new friends!
- ★ Create new experiences!

Track & Field

Timings & Prices

09:00-15:00	Daily: £34.00
Early Drop: 08:00	Week: £145.00
Late Pick Up: 17:00	

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All Events

Track

60m	300m	800m
150m	400m	1500m
200m	600m	Small Hurdles

Field

Long Jump	High Jump
Triple Jump	Javelin
Shot Put	Discus



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