



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

21st: Reception Parents Evening
23rd: Reception Parents Evening
23rd: PTA Spooks & Sparkles Disco
23rd: PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
24th: School Talent Show @ 2pm
24th: Break Up

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 14th:

* Harvest Festival @ 2pm

Wednesday 15th:

* Y5 Ufton Court Meeting @ 9am
* Year Ahead Meeting @ 7pm

Friday 17th:

* Flu Vaccination
* Cauliflower Christmas Deadline
* GGP Design Deadline

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

The children looked extremely smart on Tuesday for their school photos. It was a joy to see the siblings having their photos taken. Your child will bring home a ticket today with instructions on how to place your orders.



YEAR AHEAD MEETING

Don't forget to log on to the link (to be sent on Monday) for the Year Ahead Meeting on Wednesday 15th October at 7pm.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please do join us for our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 14th October at 2pm at St John the Baptist. Please bring in food to donate to our local foodbank: 'Foodshare.'

OPAL

Please see attached a list of resources needed for our OPAL - we are always on the look out for new things so please do help us! Thank you.

BOYS PHYSICAL THEATRE GROUP

See attached a brand new initiative being run by our Schools Sports Partnership - a boys physical theatre club being run at Holy Trinity School but open to boys from every local school. If your boy loves to dance, please take a look at the information.

KEYBOARD SKILLS



Keyboard skills are an everyday life skill and a skill that is going to be so important to our children in future. Unfortunately not mentioned in the national curriculum (yet). If you would like your child to learn how to type, the BBC have a great online programme that is fun and engaging to children - BBC Dance Mat - or you could sign them up for touch typing lessons [HERE](#).

ATTENDANCE

A great start to the year with very few children off sick. Please see attached the local authority guidance on fines for absences. We will be reporting whole school attendance weekly in the newsletter aiming to be above 95% weekly. I am pleased to say that this weeks attendance is **97%**.



SPORTS AMBASSADORS

"On Monday Sophie D, Gigi, Charlotte and Willow from went to Newlands Girls School to learn how to be a sports leader. We learnt how you needed to be confident to talk to younger children and the qualities like honesty and respect to be a great leader. At this event we also learnt some great games to play in the playground!"

By Sophie D, Year 5

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



SCHOOL NEWS

MISS FULLER'S MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

A poster for the Musical Theatre Club. It features a red background with yellow spotlights and a circular logo at the top that says "LIGHTS UP THEATRE COMPANY". The text "MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB" is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, a red banner says "AGE 5-8" with a yellow starburst that says "NEW". A QR code is on the left. At the bottom, it says "Tuesdays 5:20-6:20pm" and "Cookham Dean Village Hall".

LIGHTS UP
THEATRE COMPANY

**MUSICAL
THEATRE
CLUB**

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Tuesdays 5:20-6:20pm
Cookham Dean Village Hall

PTA BINGO NIGHT

Bingo night is fast approaching; tickets will go on sale shortly! It was an amazing night last year, we're very much looking forward to an even bigger one this year. Please may you pass donations for prizes...wine, fizz, chocolate, biscuits, vouchers of any kind to me? Thank you .

Chanel Ledgerwood, Year 1 & 3 Parent

MAIDENHEAD BOUNDARY WALK

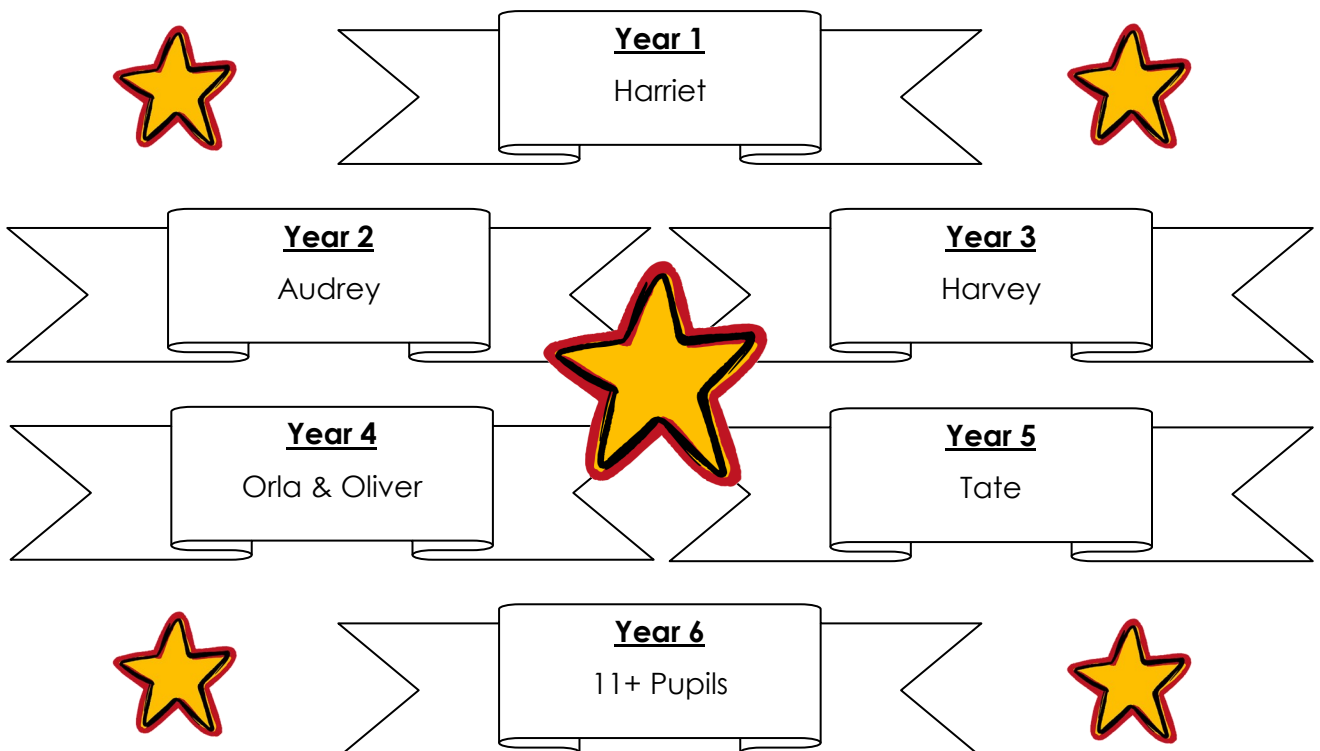
Thank you to whoever cajoled kindness from the weather gods last Sunday! Our efforts on the 13.5 mile Maidenhead Boundary Walk were rewarded with the most shimmeringly lovely walking weather! A record number attended, with Cookham Dean receiving honourable mention for the number of its participants. Pupils from Reception upwards, parents and alumni strode forth and all returned feeling happier, if a little achier! Children reported the next day "I wish I was still on the boundary walk!" and parents enjoyed talking to one another whilst the kids walked, laughed and encouraged their friends. Thank you so much to all who sponsored us, helping to raise over **£600** for the PTA and to any who are a little bit impressed, the [JustGiving page](#) is still live!

Rebecca Van Den Berg, Year 6 Parent

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.

A chart showing the champions for each year group. It features a large yellow star in the center. The chart is divided into sections for Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6. Each section has a banner with the year and the champion's name. The Year 6 section is highlighted with a large yellow star.

Year 1
Harriet

Year 2
Audrey

Year 3
Harvey

Year 4
Orla & Oliver

Year 5
Tate

Year 6
11+ Pupils

SCHOOL NEWS

ACTIVE 60 MINUTES FESTIVAL - YEAR 1 & YEAR 2

Amaya, Year 1: "We went on a coast. We had lots of fun. We did lots of jumping."

Elsie, Year 1: "We went in a bus. It was fun. We wer jumping and screemeen."

Oscar, Year 2: "When we went to Maidenhead school it was amazing having lots of fun. It was licke I was in a bran new world cheering each offer and also it was not about wining it is about having fun and are school was doing an incredible infact all the schools were doing good to."

Audrey, Year 2: "Our school trip was an amasing, baeutifull, exiting school trip. That was verry sportty because it was a sport school trip and I hade so much fun because it was amasing and we got so fit! We did 5 events with 1 practis and 1 reel thing. It was reelee fun."

WINDSOR GREAT PARK ILLUMINATED

We are super lucky that we have been offered a family pass* at this fabulous local event, which will be one of the amazing prizes at our Bingo Night on Thursday 6th November. Thank you so much [Windsor Illuminated!](#) From 14th November 2025 – 3rd January 2026, Windsor Great Park will sparkle with a brand-new illuminated trail, filled with dazzling new displays and returning favourites like the iconic Field of Light and Fairies. It's the perfect festive outing for families and friends.

Wander through glowing woodland, watch colourful fountains dance, and stop to toast marshmallows or enjoy hot chocolate under the stars. Best of all, the trail is dog-friendly every evening, so even four-legged family members can join in the fun. New this year is a Low Sensory Session on Tuesday 25th November, offering a calmer way to enjoy the magic. Tickets sell quickly, so book early to make magical memories your family will treasure. *winners will receive a code redeemable across super off-peak, off-peak, or standard session tickets (subject to availability). Travel, parking, food, and drink are not included.



Pippa Jeans, PTA Chair

PTA DISCO

The poster for the Cookham Dean PTA Spooks & Sparkle Disco is set against an orange background with Halloween-themed illustrations including bats, a jack-o'-lantern, a disco ball, and a full moon. The text "COOKHAM DEAN PTA PRESENTS" is at the top, followed by "SPOOKS & SPARKLE Disco" in a large, stylized font. A price tag in the top right corner says "£5.50 PER TICKET". At the bottom left, a black box contains the text "THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER". To the right of this, another black box contains the times "KS1 4:30PM - 5:15PM" and "KS2 5:30PM - 6:30PM", followed by the text "SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK" and a QR code.

COOKHAM DEAN PTA
PRESENTS
SPOOKS & SPARKLE
Disco

£5.50
PER TICKET

THURSDAY
23RD OCTOBER

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

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK





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	Year 3 have had a super week! In English, we wrote wonderful setting descriptions of Pompeii focusing on expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials. On Wednesday, we really enjoyed listening to Dermot O'Leary at the Henley Literacy Festival talk about his passion for writing and what inspired him to write his children's books. In Maths, we have worked really hard at subtracting 1s from a number and crossing the 10. In computing, we thought about what makes a secure password and why it is important to protect our devices with one.
Year 4	This week in maths we have been rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000. In English, we have been putting together ideas to write our own Incredible Edible, using expanded noun phrases. During our geography lesson, we investigated where our food came from, plotted those places on a map and calculated the food miles. We were extremely lucky to take part in the Henley Literary Festival and took part in being on-line audiences for the authors, MC Grammar and Dermot O'Leary. We found out some very interesting facts about Dermot's book. The one we found most interesting was that he used his blind cat, Toto to bring his stories to life.
Year 5	This week in maths, Year 5 have been exploring using the column method to add and subtract numbers with more than four-digits. In English, they have been finishing up their work on The House with Chicken Legs, as well as enjoying a free write Friday today! In RE, the children explored the importance of Hajj for Muslims, thinking about how it contributes to the concept of ummah. Have a great weekend all! <i>"On October 6th we went to Newlands Girls School for a sports leadership training. When we got there we learnt how to be a great leader for our school. We were learning lots of new games and challenges that we could bring back to our school as fun games to play at break time. When we were there we learnt how to work as a team and communicate. Sometimes we had to work with other schools in a team and had to show perseverance." Charlotte, Year 5</i>
Year 6	In Year 6 this week we have been working hard on our colourful language and discussing how authors like Dylan Thomas and Rob LLOYD Jones use colour to set mood. We investigated how light reflects and disperses and how we can use this knowledge to dress safely at night. We carried out our experiments focusing on using our science knowledge in our conclusions. We have made periscopes and using them to see round corners. In Art we have finished our Cauliflower cards. We are full of awe and wonder at patterns in nature.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

Cookham FESTIVAL

PRESENTS

**A JAZZY CHRISTMAS
WITH PAUL EDIS & FRIENDS**

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
Cookham, SL6 9SP
Friday 5th December 2025
7.30pm

Join us for a sparkling collection of Christmas hits reimagined as swinging big band numbers, sambas and much more. Performed by some of the leading lights on the UK jazz scene including Paul Edis (piano), Jo Harrop (vocals) and Vasilis Xenopoulos (sax), don't miss this fabulous way to kick off the festive season...

 **BOOK NOW**
Simply open the camera on your phone to scan the QR code
or call 01628 476963

cookhamfestival.co.uk Tickets £15

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DANI DYER talks twins, starting school and bedtime routines
OTI MABUSE
on becoming a mother, the importance of family and pursuing your passions
Netmums
Building a happier, healthier family lifestyle

Tripadvisor destinations | Interview with Oti Mabuse | Netmums' Advice
A parent's guide to dyslexia | Plus Lots More!

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MAIDENHEAD TOWN SHOW 25

**JOIN US
FAMILY FUN**

Join us on Sunday 19 October 2025 from 10AM - 5PM for a free, family-friendly celebration of local creativity. Enjoy live music, local artisans and food & drink, demos and competitions, a free petting zoo, fun dog show, chocolate monster trail, plus lots more in support of TVAP.

Children's competitions categories:

FREE to enter - top prize - Legoland day pass for family of 4!

1. Fruit & veg masterpiece - for example, animal, car, house, ugly bug
2. A castle for.... create a bee or insect home
3. 'Best in Maidenhead' - a poster to advertise Maidenhead

Pre-school only:

4. Decorate a cupcake
5. Paint your pet friend - or an animal you like
6. Nature art - create a collage using only natural materials - leaves, sticks, petals etc

For more information - and adult categories - please visit the website.

SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025 **FREE PARKING**

**MAIDENHEAD TOWN CENTRE
HIGH STREET & NICHOLSONS CENTRE
MAIDENHEAD SL6 1LB**

WWW.MAIDENHEADSHOW.CO.UK

uSports

**FOOTBALL & SPORTS
HOLIDAY
CAMPS**

AGES 4-12 YEARS OLD

**5-12 YEAR OLDS
9AM - 3PM
4 YEAR OLDS
9AM - 1PM
TOP UP OFF FROM 8.00AM**

**FROM
£18.50 PER
DAY**

OUR VENUES

FOOTBALL

WOODLEY | WOODFORD PARK
BRACKNELL | GARTH HILL COLLEGE
CAVERSHAM | THAMESIDE PRIMARY
SLOUGH | CLAYCOTS SCHOOL
WOKINGHAM | FLOREAT MONTAGUE

MULTI-SPORTS

CAVERSHAM | THAMESIDE PRIMARY
WINDSOR | HILLTOP FIRST SCHOOL
WOODLEY | SOUTH LAKE PRIMARY
ARBORFIELD | FARLEY HILL PRIMARY
BRACKNELL | ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY
MAIDENHEAD | ST LUKE'S PRIMARY
READING | NEW TOWN PRIMARY
SLOUGH | CLAYCOTS SCHOOL
WHITLEY | GEOFFREY FIELDS JUNIORS

WWW.U-SPORTS.CO.UK/HOLIDAY-CAMPS



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Learn to Swim sessions

At Swim Street Cookham, SL6 9RF
Friday afternoons and all day Saturdays
Term time only
Small groups or private lessons
Adult water fit at Friday lunchtime

Contact

info@letsdivein.co.uk to book in



safe-fun-inspiring sessions for babies to adults

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PLAY. CREATE. BELONG.
MAIDENHEAD GIRLS RUGBY

**Are you an aspiring Red Rose?
Do you want to run like Kildunne?
Pass like Packer, or Kick like Kabeya?**

Try girls rugby at Maidenhead this Autumn
All girls aged 6+ (year 2). Free trial sessions

NEW*
U7s - U11s Girls only Training - 10 till 11 EVERY Sunday
U12s - U18s Training - 18:15 EVERY Wednesday
& GAME DAY or morning training EVERY Sunday

JOIN US TO HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS AND BE ACTIVE

wilson partners. **Contact maidenheadgirlsrugby@gmail.com**



SPRINGBUCKS GYMNASTICS CLUB

HOLIDAY CAMPS

GYMNASTICS, TRAMPOLINING
FUN & GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS
PARACHUTE, LEGO LUNCHTIMES

HAZLEMERE CAMPS
WED 29TH OCT
MON 22ND DEC

MARLOW CAMPS
THURS 30TH OCT
TUES 23RD DEC





THE STAGECOACH SCHOOL PROJECT

Stagecoach Maidenhead are working in partnerships with schools to give local young people the gift of confidence.

With mental health concerns on the rise, we are offering free workshops, assemblies and collaborative projects to help give the gift of confidence.




- ▶ PPA cover/enrichment afternoons
- ▶ Creative workshops based on curriculum topic
- ▶ Confidence building/Mental Health Support workshops
- ▶ School plays/Assembly direction

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