



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

14th: Harvest Festival @ 2pm
15th: Year Ahead Meeting @ 7pm
17th: Flu Vaccination
17th: Cauliflower Christmas Deadline
17th: GGP Design Deadline
23rd: PTA Spooks & Sparkles Disco
23rd: PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
24th: Break Up

November

3rd: Return to School
7th: School Talent Show @ 2pm
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

Sunday 5th:

* Maidenhead Boundary Walk

Tuesday 7th:

* Individual & Sibling Photos

Friday 10th:

* World Mental Health Day - Wear Yellow!
* Y1 & Y2 Active 60 Festivals



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all of you who joined us at Families@4 last Sunday - it was so lovely seeing so many of you. The children were amazing - our wonderful Pupils4Praise, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who sang beautifully (particularly as there were only a few of them - well done!) and of course our recorders who played Big Red Combine Harvester - a firm favourite. We look forward to seeing you all at the next Families@4 on Sunday 30th November where we will be making Christingles in preparation for Advent.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our school Harvest Festival service is Tuesday 14th October at 2pm at St John the Baptist - everyone is welcome. Could you please send your child into school that day with an item of food that we will take to church to be collected by Foodshare. Examples of items needed are listed below.



OPAL

We would like to end the week with a huge thank you to Year 5 parent Dan Pearson for kindly fixing our collection of bikes. Thanks to his time and skills, the children can enjoy even more freedom and fun during outdoor play. We also want to shine a light on all of our staff, who work so hard to make OPAL possible every day, from setting up activities to encouraging exploration. A heartfelt thank you for all the donations we have received so far. Whether big or small, every contribution makes a difference. We are so grateful to have such a supportive community helping to make outdoor learning thrive!

Miss G, OPAL Lead

LIONS TALENT SHOW

Reminder: our internal talent show is on Friday 7th November at 2pm to select 2 finalists for the Maidenhead Lions Talent Show on Saturday 22nd November. It is open to all children but please do only enter your child if they are confident to perform in front of an audience. Forms must be returned to the office by Monday 3rd November.

YEAR AHEAD MEETING

I will be holding a 'Year Ahead Meeting' on Wednesday 15th October at 7pm. This information session is to inform you of plans for the school year, share with you academic results from last year and a chance for you to ask questions. This year the meeting will be held virtually and a link will be sent out by Monday 13th October. The presentation will be available after the meeting on our website.

YEAR 6 DONATION

Last years Year 6 parents very kindly donated a bench for our playing field. It will be arriving next week and we need someone to volunteer to put it together for us. Please let the office know if you are able to help. Thank you.

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INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOS

Tuesday 7th October will be school photo day. If you wish for your child to have a photo with their sibling from outside of our school, please arrive between 8-8.30am to have their photos taken. Siblings in school will have their photo taken in school time.

Please see below the PE arrangement for the day:

Reception - come in school uniform (PE will be done in school uniform)

Year 1 - bring in trainers

Year 2 - come in school uniform (PE will be done in school uniform)

Year 3 - bring in PE kit to get changed into

Year 5 - bring in PE kit to get changed into

CAULIFLOWER CHRISTMAS

Your child will bring home a form to order Christmas cards, tags, gifts etc, featuring their festive design made in school; please complete and return the form **WITH** the design to your class teacher by Friday 17th October.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for The 2 Johns Parent Workshop following our whole school E-Safety Day.

The session was incredibly informative and thought-provoking, giving us all a clearer picture of the challenges and risks our children may face when gaming or using the internet. The Two Johns shared practical advice, real-life examples, and valuable strategies to help us keep our children safe online.

Many of us left the workshop feeling more aware of the hidden dangers - such as online grooming, inappropriate content, and the pressures children can experience in digital spaces. At the same time, the workshop empowered us with tools to start open conversations at home and to support our children in making safe, positive choices online.

We are so grateful for your engagement and commitment to safeguarding our pupils, both in school and beyond. Together, by staying informed and vigilant, we can help ensure our children enjoy the benefits of the online world while staying protected.

[The workshop was recorded and will be available for 28 days.](#)

Mrs Satterley, Computing Lead

CLOTHING

Please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day so they stay warm and dry during outdoor play and activities. Also, If you have any spare underwear (girls and boys), tights and socks, please can you bring them into the office for use in Reception. Thank you

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Next Friday 10th October is World Mental Health Day. This year the focus is on the impact of repeated exposure to news coverage of crises and conflicts. The theme is [overwhelm: when global events and relentless bad news become too much](#). To support Young Minds 'Hello Yellow' campaign and make the day a little bit brighter, we are asking children to come into school wearing a hint (big or small) of yellow and donate any money they would like. Thank you for your support.

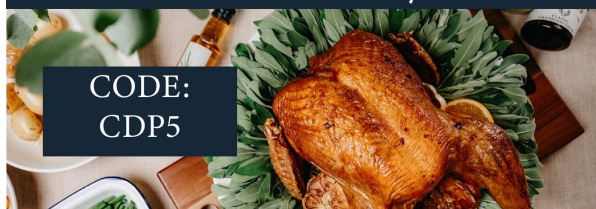
YEAR 6 NETBALL



On Wednesday 2nd October we played our first netball match of the league against All Saints Junior School. We all performed well but sadly lost 6-4. Player of the match was Arianna voted by All Saints. Well done team!

By Flo, Year 6

Turkey Cashback: 5% of order donated to PTA.
Cookham Dean Primary School



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RECORDERS

Sunday was the first time we played at church. We played Big Red Combine Harvester. It was a bit scary but then it was fun.

Joseph & Barnaby, Year 3



GRAVITY GRAND PRIX 2026

After winning Spirit of the Event 3 years in a row, do you have another winning idea for our Gravity Grand Prix Team? There is no theme this year so let your imagination go wild!!! Design sheets have been sent home in school bags. Entries back by Friday 17th October.



COOKHAMS FOOTPRINT FREecycle

We're back by popular demand, so start sorting and clearing out what's been grown out of or not worn for a while (preferably winter items). Bagged up clothes can be dropped off at Cookham library from 9.30am on the day. If you're not able to come along but want to donate we can arrange to pick them up for you - just [contact us](#).

Everything afterwards that hasn't been chosen and picked up will be donated to the Baby Bank (all ages) and other charities. Our Books, Toys and Homeware Freecycle will be on 15th November, in time for Christmas.

Cookhams Footprint

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the October 50:50 Club winners:

1st prize - Mirae Cottam

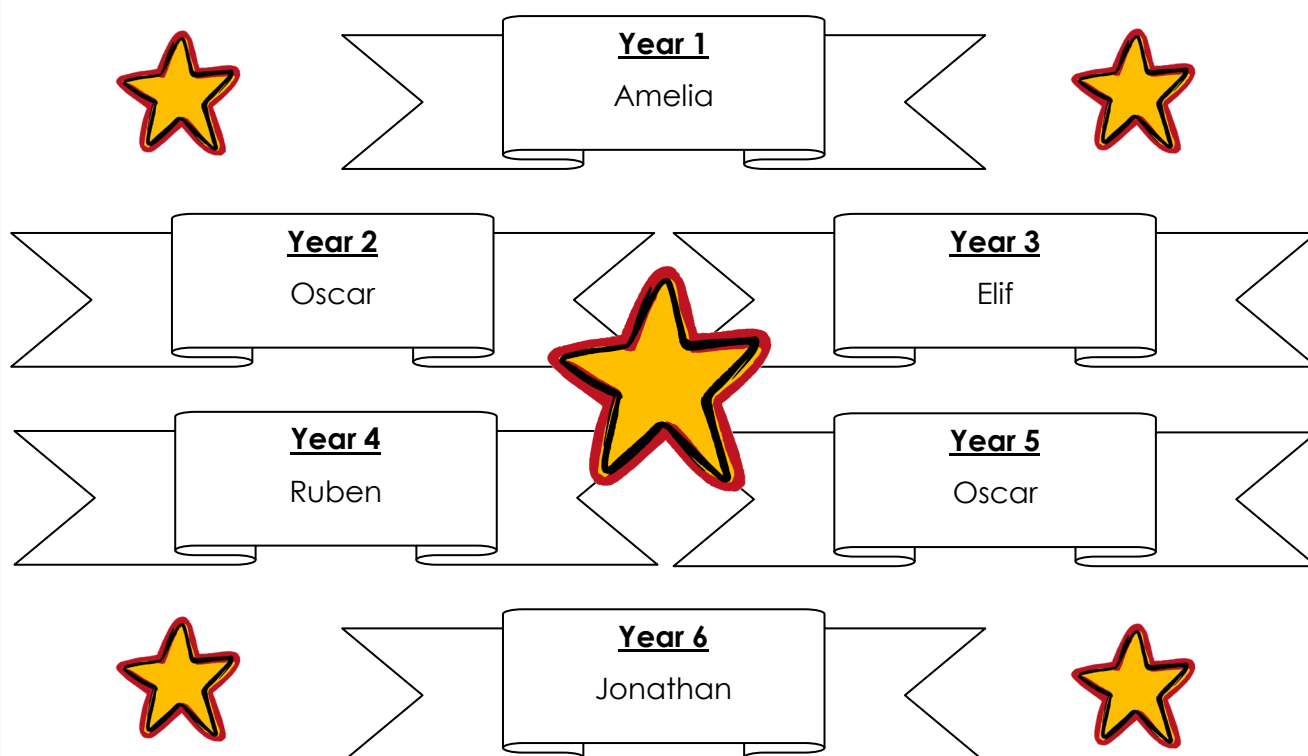
2nd prize - Fabian Lange

WINNERS

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.







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 terrific week! In English, we have started to look at a new text, 'Escape to Pompeii.' We have really enjoyed discussing what life would be like living near an active volcano. In Maths, we have worked really hard at adding and subtracting 1s, 10s and 100s. On Thursday, we had a great time and our Two Johns Internet Safety Workshop. The children had some really mature ideas as to how we can stay safe online.
Year 4	In Year 4 we have been ordering numbers to 10,000, learning about Roman Numerals and comparing it to the Arabic number system. In English we have finished writing our short story from our book Madame Pamplemousse. On Thursday morning we joined the 2 Johns online and learned about how to keep ourselves safe when using the internet and playing online games. We all learnt what the discord button was on some online games. It was great fun, and we all learnt something new. In Science, we researched animals and their diets.
Year 5	This week has been a busy week! In English we have written instructions on how to look after a house with chicken legs (inspired by our class novel: The House With Chicken Legs). We focused on using the features of instructional writing. In Maths we have been using mental strategies to be able to efficiently use the four operations. In Art we explored self portraits.
Year 6	Year 6 has been a hotbed of murder, intrigue, news reporting and drama. Professor Wollenstonecraft has been MURDERED. We re-enacted the scene, held a press conference and are currently writing news articles about the event. In other areas, we made periscopes to demonstrate how light travels - it's amazing what you can do with a Pringles tin. We ended the week with making our wonderful Cauliflower cards. Make sure you get your orders in for your children's masterpieces!



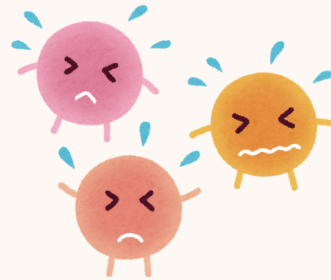
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Having constructive conversations with distressed young people

NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
CAMHS Getting Help and
Mental Health Support Team

What we will cover:

- Help to recognise how distress may present in young people and how to respond in the moment
- Recognition of barriers to communication
- The development of relevant skills to effectively communicate with distressed young people



For parents living in Windsor & Maidenhead

We will have staff who can speak Urdu, Punjabi and Potwari

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

10 – 12PM

Riverside Family Hub, West Dean, Off Ray Mill Road West

**Contact: Arifa Naeem
07584205515**

achieving for children

Delivering services to the children and young people of the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

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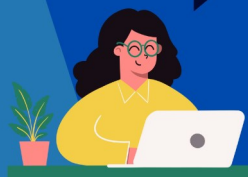
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
Children, Young People and
Families services

LIVE WEBINARS 2025

**FOR
PARENTS
AND CARERS**

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CODES ON THE NEXT PAGE**



Dates: Various
Time: 6pm - 7pm
Microsoft Teams

Please visit our website via the QR code for more information about our service



Please Note: Your child must attend an MHST school for access to the online webinars if you are unsure please scan the QR code above



01/10/25
Introduction to the MHST



23/10/25
General Mental Health awareness



11/11/25
Managing Behavioural difficulties



26/11/25
Managing Anxiety Under 11s



09/12/25
Managing Anxiety Over 12s

Scan the QR code to book your place

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Join our exciting new Under 5's Football Session, designed to introduce your little one to the beautiful game!



REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AT: contact@fabacademy.co.uk

October Half-Term Netball Camps

Yrs 1+2 9am-10.30am £20
Yrs 3-6 9am-1pm £35

Wed 29th Oct
 &
 Thur 30th Oct
 Newland's Girls School Sports hall

Click the link below to register-
<https://readynetgo.co.uk/camp>

Learn new skills, tactical games and matchplay!

ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL WINDSOR CASTLE

Music Scholarships

Calling all budding musicians

Do you have a child in Year 3 who has demonstrated or expressed a keen interest in music? We are delighted to be able to offer a small number of transformative music scholarships commencing in September 2026, covering up to 100% of school fees for Years 4-8 in addition to music tuition for two instruments. Register to attend our upcoming Scholarship Information event on Friday 17 October to find out more.

Funded through generous support from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation

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stgwindsor.org/scholarships

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Upcoming Events

SEPT 16 10AM TO 12NOON <i>Navigating School Avoidance</i>	SEPT 16 7 PM TO 9 PM 3 Part ADHD Course	SEPT 17 7 PM TO 9 PM 3 Part Autism Course
OCT 01 7:30 PM TO 9:30 PM <i>Managing Anxiety</i>	OCT 7 7 PM TO 9 PM NEW - Emotional Regulation	OCT 14 7 PM TO 9 PM <i>Sensory Processing</i>
OCT 15 7 PM - 9 PM Sleep - Autism & ADHD	OCT 16 10 AM TO 12 NOON <i>Empowering Calm</i>	COMING SOON 10 AM TO 12 NOON NEW - PDA






You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our **no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and carers**.

First Tuesday of every month
 7pm - 8.30pm
 Platform: Zoom



Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

What these sessions are all about

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'.

Topics often included:

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
- The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

Who runs the sessions?

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you the Zoom link.

Autism Family Support Service
www.autismfamilysupportservice.com



October Coffee Morning

14 Oct 2025
9.30AM
Woody's Cafe
SL4 5AY

Join us as we chat to Jane McFadyen and Dr Caroline Bird about the role of the Educational Psychology service, how they work with young people, families and schools, including the breadth of work that they are involved in and how this supports children and families.