



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

5th: Maidenhead Boundary Walk
7th: Individual & Sibling Photos
10th: World Mental Health Day
14th: Harvest Festival
17th: Flu Vaccination
23rd: PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm
24th: Break Up

November

3rd: Return to School
7th: School Talent Show @ 2pm
11th: Y1 @ Reading Museum
20th: Y6 @ Science Museum
22nd: Lions Talent Show

December

11th: Christmas Jumper Day
11th: Christmas Lunch
16th: Reception Nativity
17th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm
18th: Carol Service @ 2pm
19th: Santa Singalong @ 1pm
19th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Sunday 28th:

* Families@4

Monday 29th:

* SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

Thursday 2nd:

* Safer Internet Day

Friday 3rd:

* MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
@ 2pm

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to everyone who visited the Cookham Dean stall at the fete last week and a big thank you to the Year 6 children who helped to run the 'Splat the Rat' and 'Play Your Cards Right'. We raised **£75** for school but more than that we enjoyed being part of the community!

This week was the licensing of our new Associate Priest of the Benefice of the Cookhams, Reverent Sophie Troczynska. Sophie will be living in Cookham Dean and is very keen to work with our school. She will be taking assemblies, working with our Pupils 4 Praise and if you are coming to Families@4 this Sunday, you will see Sophie then. We welcome Sophie to our school with open arms.

UNIFORM

Our school uniform is a way of unifying us all and I would like the children to be proud to wear it. Can I please remind parents that school shoes and not trainers are required on non-PE days, long hair must be tied up and stud earrings only are allowed.

FAMILIES@4

We are very much looking forward to seeing you this Sunday 28th September at 4pm at St John the Baptist. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been learning a special harvest song to sing. If you are coming, it would be great if you could bring in an item of food to donate to Foodshare. Please see below the foods they would like but I am sure that anything will be gratefully received. Please let the office know if you will be attending so that we can ensure we have enough resources prepared for the children's activity. Thank you.

FOODSHARE WISH LIST

MASH POTATO
BEANS WITH SAUSAGES
SPAGHETTI WITH SAUSAGES
POT NOODLES
PEANUT BUTTER
CHOCOLATE SPREAD
MARMITE
UHT MILK
HOT DOG SAUSAGES
MEATBALLS

SALAD CREAM
MAYONNAISE
GRAVY GRANULES
TINNED SWEETCORN
TINNED PEAS
TINNED MUSHROOMS
CHOCOLATES
SWEETS
PUDDINGS



TRIPS

Trips are really important part of our curriculum and we are so grateful that parents contribute to paying for these. So that you can plan financially, please find attached a list of proposed trips and **approximate** costs for the year. There may be some changes to this so this is just to give you an idea.

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ATTENDANCE

As a school we aim for 95% attendance across the whole school. Please try to arrange doctors, dentists and any medical appointments for outside of term times unless it is an emergency. Children leaving classes, is disruptive to other children and means your child is missing out on vital learning. Holidays over 5 days will incur a fine - please see the poster below for further information. Please help us to ensure that your child receives the best education by being in school.

Can I also remind parents that if your child has been sick (vomiting or diarrhoea) they need to be off school for 48 hours since the last bout. This is to ensure that we do not spread any illness through our school.

Sometimes it is difficult to decide if your child should come into school. There is [an NHS website](#) that can help you or for more information visit www.Patient.info

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices on 19th August 2024 there are significant changes in the way that Penalty Notices are to be issued and an increase in the charges associated with them. These are nationwide changes implemented for consistency across all Local Authorities.

Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

First Offence

For the first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent if paid within 21 days.



Please ensure you communicate all absences for your child to school.

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence. The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance the amount will be;

- £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.
- No reduction for early payment.

Third Offence Onwards – Within 3 years of the first offence

The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the magistrates court. Fines can be around £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty in the magistrate's court can show as a criminal record.

Notices to Improve

A Notice to Improve is a final opportunity for a parent to engage in support and improve before a penalty notice is issued. If the national threshold has been met and support is appropriate but offers of support have not been engaged with by the parent or guardian or have not worked, a Notice to Improve should usually be sent to give parents or guardians a final chance to engage in support. A Notice to Improve does not need to be issued in cases where support is not appropriate and an authorised officer can choose not to issue one in any case, including cases where support is appropriate but they do not expect a Notice to Improve would have any behavioural impact (because the parent has already received one for a similar offence).

If sufficient improvement is not made following the service of a Notice to Improve, a penalty notice may be issued either during or at the end of the designated time period.

Don't forget.

Penalty Notices are issues Per Parent, Per Child.
For example 3 siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 3 fines. This could amount to £960

DfE Blog for Parents

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/02/29/fines-for-parents-for-taking-children-out-of-school-what-you-need-to-know/>



10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.
5 Consecutive days of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice

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PTA COMPETITION

This week the PTA delivered boxes of apples to a farm in the Chilterns to have them turned into our own Cookham Dean Primary School apple juice! If you go and follow the PTA social media channels - Instagram @cookhamdeanschoolpta / Facebook /CookhamdeanPTA - and you or your child guess the number of bottles we will have made, comment on our Instagram post and you / your child could win a bottle of school apple juice!

MAIDENHEAD BOUNDARY WALK

Please help support intrepid walkers from across the school in their quest to complete the 13.5 mile Maidenhead Boundary Walk on Sunday 5th October. You can also still join us, if you dare? It's an amazing event, with a lovely spirit of camaraderie and all the money we raise will go to the PTA. Contact Becky on 07731754596 to get involved or sponsor our efforts with [this link](#).



OPAL

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the OPAL playdate! I was overwhelmed by the support and the thoughtful questions asked. Special thanks to my Y5 helpers - Sophie, Jamie, Willow and Axel. It was wonderful to see everyone enjoying themselves, and KS1 absolutely loved it. Parents really got involved, having chats with each other and the teachers. Any donations can be given to me or left by the OPAL sheds (please notify staff). I will also leave a large box at the front of school. If anything is too big for cars, just let me know.

Miss G, OPAL Lead

METRE MARKET



On Friday 3rd October we will be the chosen charity receiving proceeds from Metre Market's weekly raffle. Head to Cookham Dean Village Hall between 8.30am - 1.00pm to purchase a raffle ticket. At £5 each, you can be in with the chance of winning an incredible hamper with produce donated by their generous stallholders from local makers and creators. All proceeds of the raffle will go towards supporting our school. Visit the [Metre Market website](#) for more details.

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

Please let the office know by Monday 29th September if you wish to join us for coffee or tea and cake to raise money for MacMillan on Friday 3rd October at 2pm.

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



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CDP5

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SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2025/26

Well done to all the children who have put themselves forward for our many leadership roles in school. The following children have been chosen:

School Council

Year 2 - Oscar
Year 3 - Noah & Blossom
Year 4 - Toby & Zac
Year 5 - Otis & Finn Miall
Year 6 - Sam, Minnie, Chester, Flo & Isabella

Digital Leaders

Year 2 - Nikhil & Arabella
Year 3 - Ben, Mia & William
Year 4 - *to be revealed next week*
Year 5 - Axel
Year 6 - Louis, Berry & Flo

Eco Warriors

Year 2 - Audrey & Max
Year 3 - Apolena & Sienna
Year 4 - Chloe, Poppy & Bertie
Year 5 - Bea & Finn Munn
Year 6 - Bella, Arianna & Max

Book Worms

Year 2 - Aiyla & Tina
Year 3 - Joseph W, Harvey & Alfie
Year 4 - Margot & Evie
Year 5 - Emily & Hal
Year 6 - Dylan & Bowie



YEAR 4 - COGGES FARM

This week, Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Cogges Farm as part of our Geography topic. We had a brilliant day, identifying fruits and vegetables from the kitchen garden, making healthy vegetables crisps, looking at how wool from a sheep turns into the wool we can use, making a wooden basket, milking a cow and turning cream into butter. We had an amazing time and the rain kept away!

Year 4 Pupils

CENSUS DAY - 2ND OCTOBER 2025

Every child in Reception and KS1 receive free school meals. In order for the school to be reimbursed for these meals, we have to report how many are being served on Census Day – next Thursday 2nd October. We kindly ask you to order your child a free school meal on this day. The meal will be fish and chips. Jacket potatoes will also be available. Thank you.

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READING FOR PLEASURE

Over the last 2 years at Cookham Dean Primary School, we have been raising the awareness of Reading for pleasure across our school and the positive impact this can have on our children's writing, vocabulary and confidence.

It is therefore very encouraging to hear that the Education Secretary is launching a National Year of Reading 2026.

She is urging parents to swap scrolling with reading and for parents to lead by example and make reading a daily habit to help reverse the decline in reading for pleasure.

The Education Secretary goes on to say that reading for pleasure isn't just a hobby. It's linked to a range of benefits including stronger writing skills, improved wellbeing and confidence.

Education Secretary, Bridget Phillipson said:

"Reading holds the keys to so much of children's education, so the decline in reading for pleasure among young people should sound alarm bells loud and clear. This can't be just a government mission. It needs to be a national one. So, it's time for all of us to play our part, put our phones down and pick up a book. When parents take the time to read with their children early on, they lay the foundations for strong literacy skills, helping kids to be school ready. By making reading a daily habit, even just 10 minutes a day, we can help give kids the best start in life, as part of the Plan for Change."

Watch this space for events happening in our school over the next year to encourage us all to lead by example and bring back the love of reading for everyone.

Miss Thompson, Reading Lead



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Next Thursday 2nd October is our school internet safety day. We are delighted to be hosting special e-safety workshops for all classes and parents led by *The 2 Johns* (John Woodley and John Staines), nationally recognised experts in online safety.

The age appropriate workshops will cover:

- The latest apps, games and online trends children are using
- The potential risks young people may face, including online bullying, grooming, and inappropriate content
- Practical advice for setting boundaries and having open conversations at home
- Strategies for helping children make safe and responsible choices online



The parent's session will be at 8pm on Zoom and is designed to be informative, non-judgemental and practical, offering real-life examples and up-to-date guidance. Parents will have the chance to ask questions and leave with useful tips they can apply straightaway. In today's digital world, e-safety is more important than ever. We strongly encourage all parents to attend so that, together, we can help our children use technology positively and safely.

Link for parents session: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81029682337> (it will remain live for 28 days for those who cannot access it live).

Please talk to your children about what they have been learning.

Mrs Satterley, Computing Lead

SCHOOL NEWS

50:50 CLUB



50:50 club

Would you like the chance to WIN
UP TO £50 and help the school
while you're doing it? Then join our
50:50 club!

**Anyone can join! ask your
friends and neighbours.**

For just £2.50 a month you could help provide equipment,
resources and opportunities for pupils, and have a chance at
winning some cash yourself in the monthly draw £££.

**Sign up today and you could
be our next WINNER!!**

For more information contact Helen Jackson,
helenrymer80@gmail.com

MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ

Please click [HERE](#) for the MBR Newsletter and
please find below a poster detailing their
Bookmark Drawing Art Competition.

Maidenhead's Big Read
presents a Bookmark Drawing Art Competition

Theme: "Get Moving!" — Active Adventures in Books

About the Theme
Books don't just take us on mental journeys – they inspire us to move! This year's theme is "Get Moving!". We invite you to design a bookmark that captures the energy of being active, to explore how stories encourage physical activity, sports, and energetic adventures.

Think of:

- Characters running through magical forests
- Athletes chasing dreams on the field
- Explorers hiking mountains or sailing seas
- Book heroes who inspire you to get up and move

How to Participate

- Who: Open to all students upto 14 years of age
- What: Create a drawing (hand-drawn or digital)
- Format: PDF or JPEG or PNG
- Deadline: 24th October 2025
- Submit to: hello@maidenheads-big-read-org.uk

Prizes & Recognition

- Winning entries will be printed on a bookmark during MBR2026
- Top artists will receive exciting prizes
- Selected entries will also be showcased at Maidenhead Library, MBR website & MBR social media
- Judging will be undertaken by local Children's Author & Poet Simon Mole

Why Join?

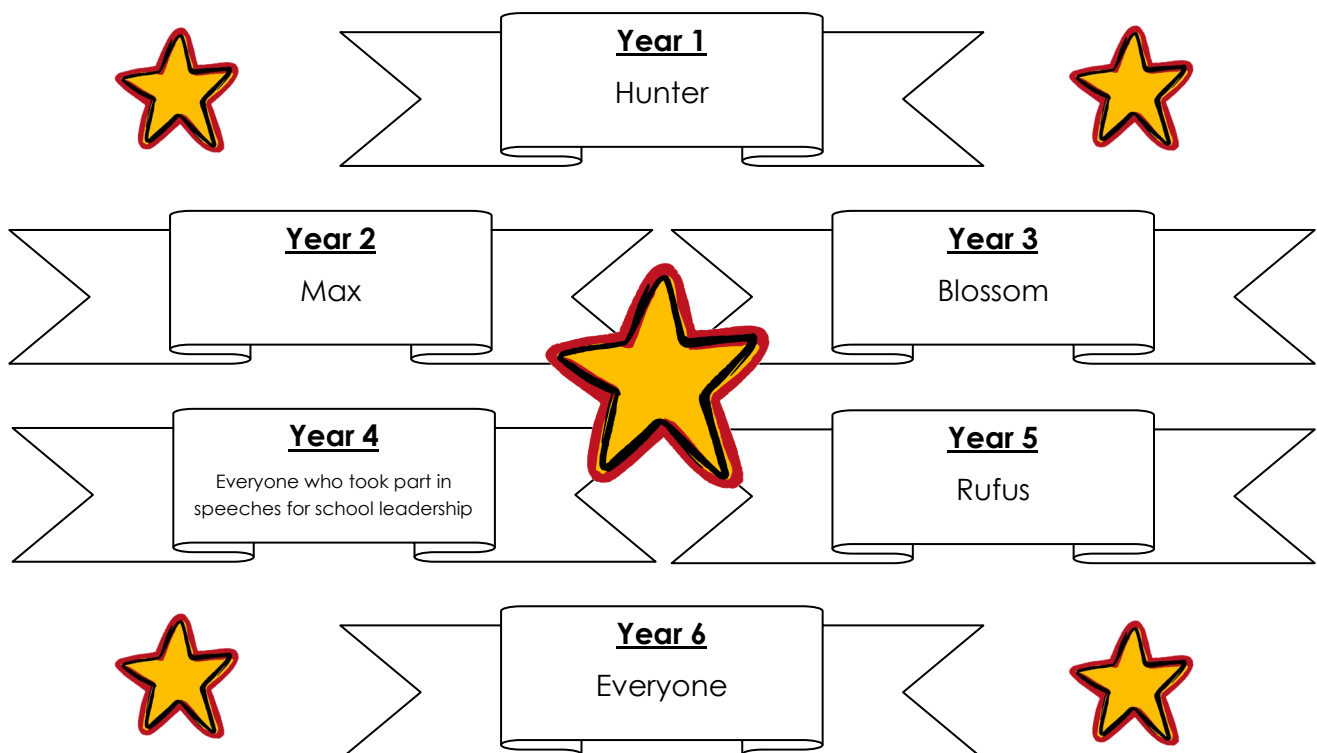
- Celebrate the power of books to inspire action
- Share your creativity with the community
- Be part of a fun and imaginative festival to celebrate love of reading

Let Your Art Move the Story Forward!
Whether it's a wizard sprinting through a spellbound maze or a soccer star from your favorite novel scoring the winning goal – show us how books get us moving!

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 fantastic week! In English, we wrote our own stories based on Esio Trot. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000. This week in science, we were 'Rock Detectives' and examined the properties and characteristics of different types of rocks. In Geography, we discovered how different types of mountains are formed and can't wait to find out more about volcanoes next week!
Year 4	In Year 4, we have been looking at different parts of a setting and how we can add our character to make a short story. In maths our focus has been adding 1, 10, 100, 1000 more or less than a given number and placing numbers up to 10,000 on a number line. In science, we wrote up the findings from our experiment and learnt about the functions of our digestive system. On Thursday, we all went to Coggs Farm to learn more about our Geography topic - Where Does Our Food Come From? A very busy and productive week.
Year 5	It has been another good week in Year 5. In maths, the children have been placing numbers up to 1,000,000 on number lines, as well as comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000,000. In English, the children have worked hard writing information texts about houses with chicken legs, showing great imagination. In history, the children loved creating board games to represent different Viking trade routes. We are looking forward to finishing and playing them next week. Have a nice weekend all!
Year 6	In Year 6 this week we have been working hard on our comparison language and discussion text. We have been debating the role of Freak Shows in Victorian society. We investigated how light travels and carried out our experiments focusing on using our science knowledge in our conclusions. We are loving Wildboy, our new novel and exploring Victorian street life. In Art we have used iPads to create macro photography, that is photographing the very small things in life. We are full of awe and wonder at patterns in nature.



LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

 IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING
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OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS


MAIDENHEAD CAMP

FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL 4G
FURZE PLATT ROAD, MAIDENHEAD, SL6 7NQ

DATES:
MON 27TH - THURS 30TH OCTOBER

CAMPS:

- 1. OPEN ACCESS FOOTBALL CAMP**
- 2. ADVANCED FOOTBALL CAMP**
- 3. GOALKEEPER CAMP - THURS ONLY**

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK
WWW.IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

ONLY 40 PLACES AVAILABLE
EARLYBIRD SALE
£22 PER DAY ONLY
 IF BOOKED BY 5TH OCTOBER
 FULL RRP FROM 6TH OCTOBER £25 PER DAY


 SCAN ME TO BOOK

BEGINNERS, ADVANCED, GOALKEEPERS ALL WELCOME	BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4-13 WELCOME	CAMP TIMES 9:30AM TO 3PM DAILY	EARLY DROP-OFF FROM 8:30AM AVAILABLE
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 **07908 172175**
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BISHAM ABBEY NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE


OPEN TENNIS SESSION



Mark your calendars! On Saturday October 11th, we are hosting a free to all tennis session.

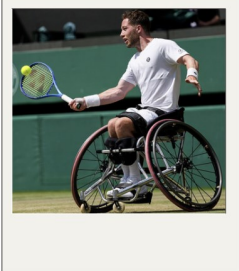
Scan the QR code or click the web link to sign up.

Open to all age groups and all levels:

9-10am: Under 8yrs
 10-11am: 9-14 yrs
 11-12pm: Adults/ Family
 11-12pm: Wheelchair session







<https://forms.gle/EmYbyp5jmjmUG2W58>
 Contact: reception@livingtennis.co.uk





October Half-term Holiday Workshops

Sign your budding young bakers up to cook some fun recipes this Autumn! Ages 5-11 years



 Cookham Scout Hut, Pearce Drive,
 Cookham, Maidenhead, SL6 9TE

 10:00-15:00
 27th / 28th / 29th October

Scan the QR Code or visit www.smartraspberry.com to book on today



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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
 WMSO Young Musician Concerto Competition winner 2024

Tickets
 £15; student/child £5 from wmso.org.uk

registered charity no. 1212732 www.wmso.org.uk



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FOR FREE



Now showing, **CONFIDENCE!**

Drama, dance & singing classes
designed to help 4-12 year olds shine

“My son has adored his first term at Perform.
He has blossomed and I've seen his confidence grow every week.”

Pippa Wotton





HALLOWEEN FAMILY CAMP

OCTOBER HALF TERM
OCTOBER 27-31
10am - 2pm
Slough Museum,
SL1 4PN

OCT 27
SPOOKY
CRAFTS

OCT 29
PUMPKIN
CARVING

OCT 30
MONSTER
ROCKS

OCT 28
CREEPY
CRAWLY
LANTERNS

OCT 31
STICK & YARN
SPIDER WEBS

Children Age 7+
Adults must accompany

For Bookings call or WhatsApp 07598
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