



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

21st: Poetry Competition
22nd: Y4 Cello Concert @ 2pm
23rd: Break Up @ 2.15pm

September

3rd: Inset Day
4th: Return to School
14th: Gravity Grand Prix

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JULY

Monday 14th:

* SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

Tuesday 15th:

* Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
* Leavers Service @ 2pm

Wednesday 16th:

* Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

Thursday 17th:

* Spanish Assembly
* Y6 Show @ 6pm

Friday 18th:

* Y6 @ Legoland
* Y4 @ Cookham Dig
* The Wizard of Oz Performance

Thank you to our super parent volunteers for joining our tea party today!



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Well done to our Year 6 children who have done phenomenally well in their SATS. 100% of our children achieved the reading expected standard, 83% achieved the maths expected standard, 83% achieved the spelling, punctuation and grammar expected standard and 92% achieved the expected standard in writing. These results are well above the national average. We are so proud of all our staff who have played a part in the children's success but more importantly we are so proud of the children. Congratulations!

LEAVERS SERVICE

Please do come to our leavers service at St John the Baptist on Tuesday 15th July at 2pm to say goodbye to our Year 6.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We have been informed by RBWM that school meal prices will increase from 1st September due to rising food costs. Pupil meals will increase from £2.79 to **£2.92** and adult meals will increase from £2.89 to **£3.02**.

YEAR 1 - BEALE WILDLIFE PARK

On Tuesday the Year 1 children visited Beale Wildlife Park for their Science school trip. The children enjoyed a Variety of Life workshop where they took part in different activities and learned more about grouping animals. They also had the opportunity to meet some small live animals including a cockroach and a snake. Additionally, they enjoyed exploring the park and learning about the different animals at the park. It was a fantastic day filled with lots of great questions from the children as well as lots of brilliant animal facts.

Miss Fernandez, Year 1 Teacher

OPAL - MEET THE PLAY TEAM

Hello! I'm Mrs Smith, and I work in KS2. I'm pleased to be part of the OPAL playtime team. I love how OPAL makes playtime so creative, and I also help make sure play is safe and fun for everyone! *Mrs Smith, KS2 Teaching Assistant*

KS2 SPEED STACKING FESTIVAL

On Wednesday 9th July, some children in Year 3, 4 and 5 took part in a speed stacking event at Braywick. There were 10 different stations and each station had a different type of activity. We had a tower of cups, which we had to stack and unstack them and the machine told us how quick we were. It was great fun and the best hand exercise we have ever done. *Finn, Tommy & Willow, Year 4*

RUNNING CLUB

A wonderful last off site adventure run today to end the term. Shaded run through the woods and an epic end to 11 years of running for me with these amazing children. Next week we welcome new Year 2 trials and onsite skills and drills. *Louise Ferriman, Year 6 Parent*

SCHOOL NEWS

SEND VOICES



SEND Voices

Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

Are you a parent carer for a young person with SEND?

Annual survey 2025 - OPEN NOW

SEND Voices RBWM (the independent parent carer forum for the royal borough) runs a survey annually to get an understanding of the SEND services for families in the borough and the impact that recent SEND improvement work is having on families' lived experiences. This will also provide parent views for the local area Ofsted inspection, which is due soon.

This survey is open to **all** families with a child at school in the royal borough, who has **any** special educational needs and/or disabilities.

We will use the feedback to understand where services are working well and where improvements still need to be made; ensuring your priorities become our priorities.

Thank you

Your views are vital to the continued work of SEND Voices RBWM



Please scan the QR code or follow this link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/srbwm2025schoolflyer>

The survey will run until the 30th September 2025

For more information, please visit our website: www.srbwm.org.uk

RUNNING CLUB

Do you want to be a school running club coach?

Commitment:

- Be able to run 7.45-8.45am all or most Fridays during term time, rain or shine
- Have a school DBS (running club can pay!)

Benefits:

- Your child (KS2 only, Y3-Y6) is guaranteed a place in running club from September
- Meet like-minded parents
- Have a great start to your day every Friday!

If you want to find out more, please contact
Running Club admin Tori Dixon
mrstoridixon@gmail.com / 07976 742723



...where we all flourish

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

Darcey, Tom & Grace



Year 2

William

Year 3

Maya

Year 4

Everyone who entered the poetry competition

Year 5

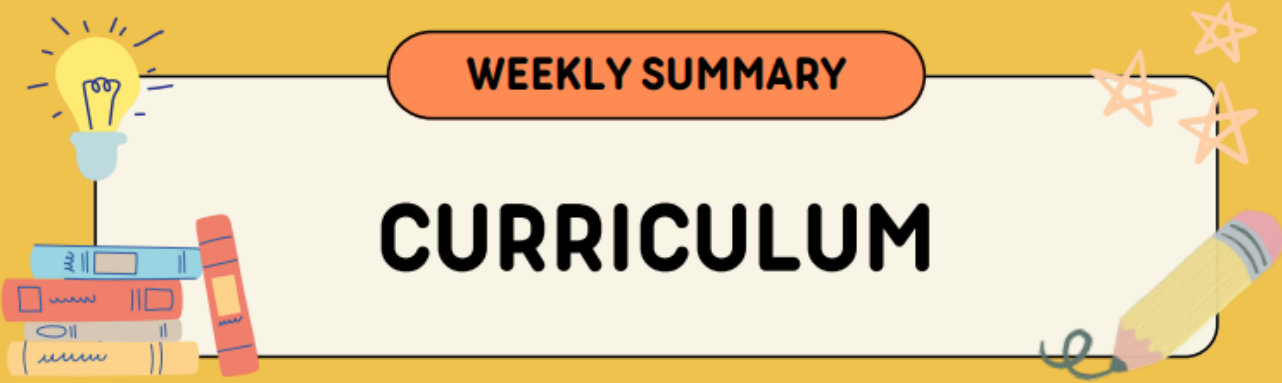
Jenson



Year 6

Everyone!



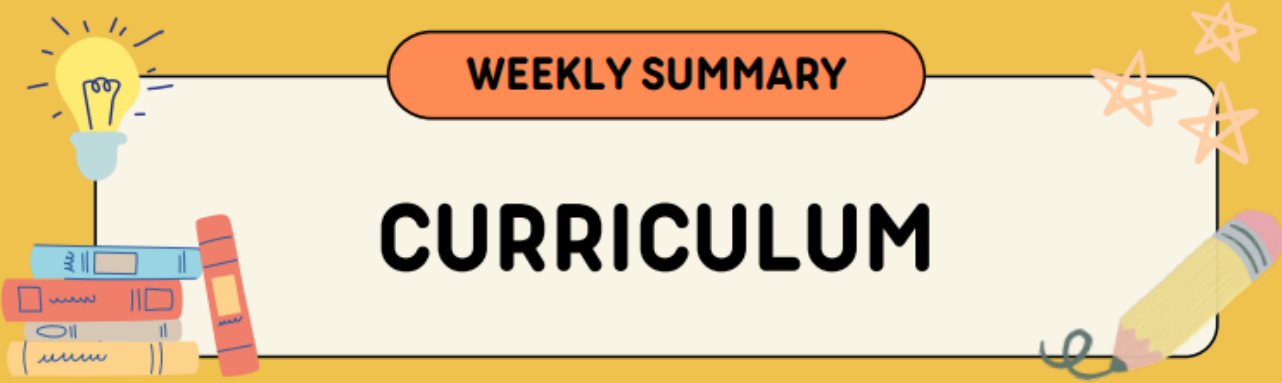


WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week the children in Reception have shown amazing resilience and respect as Ms Brown has been off sick. They have been thinking about families and whether they are all the same. They have been learning about positions on a map and had to find some hidden treasure. They were also thinking about how to make sure they are safe pedestrians, and thanks to Ophelia's parents, they enjoyed a movie afternoon on Friday (Ophelia's choice - Paw Patrol). Well done Reception!
Year 1	Phonics - we have continued to revise all of the learned sounds. Maths - we have been revising our learning on Money which has involved unitising, identifying coins and notes and comparing and finding the totals of money. English - this week the children continued to practise their descriptive writing skills and describe both the setting of our story and the characters from the story 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled'. This included using adjectives and similes. Additionally, they started learning about how to write a diary entry beginning with the features of a diary entry. D&T - this week the children had lots of fun making their own fruit smoothies. This involved them using their cutting skills to prepare the fruit, using their smoothie design to ensure they used all their planned ingredients and involved tasting the smoothies! Next week they will be evaluating their smoothies.
Year 2	In English this week, we have been busy planning then writing letters to Thomas from our text 'Flat Stanley.' We also wrote postcards and then towards the end of the week we wrote another letter asking for advice. In maths we have been counting forwards and backwards in multiples of 3 and solving number problems involving money and time. In history, we designed our own castles and labelled it's features.



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Year 3	It has been a hot but rewarding week in Year 3. We were fortunate to have a visitor, who spoke to us about maintaining a healthy balance of screen time and other activities. In maths, we have been finishing our work on statistics, focusing on drawing bar charts and collecting our own data to represent. In English, we finished up our work on the short film Ride of Passage, writing an opening to the story using DADWAVERS. Alongside this, we had an incredible 20 entries into the poetry competition. Well done to everyone who took part in the heats!
Year 4	This week we had a visitor into our class, who was showing us how we can have a healthy balance with technology, and how too much screen time can upset our sleep and concentration. In English, we have started to write letter to the author Joe Todd-Stanton to persuade him to add another character to his book, Arthur and the Golden Rope. In maths we finished our learning about decimals and looked at problem solving using money. In science we were thinking about how human and natural elements can destroy animal habitats. A very busy week!
Year 5	On Monday we went to the Ashmolean Museum to learn more about Ancient Egypt and Islamic art. We learnt a lot and had a great day out. See the separate report. In maths we have been learning about Roman numerals and revising squared and cubed numbers. On Friday we had fun working through different problems to solve mysteries. In art we have started our 3D installations ready to finish next week. We have been inspired by various artists and some very unusual looking pieces. In English we have been writing opinion pieces, considering whether Howard Carter was a hero or not. What do you think?
Year 6	It's been a busy week for Year 6, full of dancing, singing, and acting as they prepare for their show next Thursday.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

EASTER, MAY & SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Over 350
Google Reviews

Ofsted
Registered

JOIN USports FOR A DAY OF SPORT FILLED FUN!

uSports

Camps Start at 9am
Drop Off From 8:30am

5-12 Year Olds to 3pm
£27.50 Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm
£21.50 Per Day

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DATES, DISCOUNTS & ONLINE BOOKING

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

FOOTBALL PLUS

BRACKNELL Gorth Hill College 3G
CAVERSHAM Thameside Primary
WOKINGHAM Floreat Montague 3G
WOODLEY Woodford Park 3G
SLOUGH Claycote School (Townhall)

MULTI-SPORTS

ARBORFIELD Farley Hill Primary
BRACKNELL St Margaret's Primary
CAVERSHAM Thameside Primary
SLOUGH Claycote Primary Town Hall
WOODLEY South Lake Primary
WHITLEY Geoffrey Field Junior School
READING Newtown Primary School
WINDSOR Hilltop First School
MAIDENHEAD St Luke's Primary School

EXPAND THE FUN BEYOND SPORT AT OUR BRAND NEW UKIDS CAMP!

uKids

8am - 5:30pm
Late Pick Up Until 6PM + £5
4-12 Year Olds All Day
£44 - £50 Per Day

WOKINGHAM
HOLME GRANGE SCHOOL

U-SPORTS.CO.UK/UKIDS-HOLIDAY-CAMP

Brain Busters Operation Outdoors
Crazy Crafts Super Sports
Massive Moments

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PERFORMING ARTS HOLIDAY WORKSHOP
BOYS & GIRLS AGED 8 - 16

ushine Workshops 10am - 4pm 1000 for 8-2 days
with extra weekend day 10am-12pm + £10 per day
MONDAY 8am - 5pm & SATURDAY 10am - 5:30pm

SHOW TIME!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

PTFA
Parents, Teachers & Friends Association
Registered Charity No. 287878

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM & REVISION GUIDES SALE

SATURDAY 12TH JULY 11AM - 1PM
IN THE MUSIC BLOCK

Come along, bring your bags and grab a bargain!

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SENIOR SCHOOL