



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

14th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

15th: Leavers Service @ 2pm

16th: Rocksteady Concert @
1.30pm

17th: Spanish Assembly

17th: Year 6 Show

18th: Y6 @ Legoland

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 7th:

* Y5 @ Ashmolean Museum

Tuesday 8th:

* Y1 @ Beale Park

* Y6 Leavers Vs Remainders
Cricket Match

Friday 11th:

* Reports Out

* Volunteers Tea Party @ 2pm

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

It was wonderful welcoming Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Lodge and Mrs Gardiner into school for our moving up morning this week. The children were very excited to meet their new teachers and see their new classrooms. Especially Year 3 and Year 5 who will be swapping classrooms for September. Year 3 will be in the old Year 5 classroom and Year 5 will be in the old Year 3 classroom. I hope all the children came home looking forward to September. If your child is worried about anything (and we don't already know about it) please do let me know so that we can talk to them and reassure them.

ATTACHMENT AWARE SCHOOLS AWARD

I was very proud yesterday to attend a celebration event at The Lensbury Hotel in Teddington to receive our Gold Attachment Aware Schools Award. This is for the work that we have completed on developing a nurturing and compassionate environment for all children but in particular those with ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences), early trauma and attachment needs. Well done to everyone that was involved!

SUMMER DISCO

Thank you to the PTA for a very successful disco last night. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the Year 6 private room worked a treat!

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to those parents who attended the parent forum this morning with myself and Mrs Phillpot, our Chair of Governors. Please see attached the minutes. If you have any questions, please email the office.

VOLUNTEERS TEA PARTY

Please let the office know by Monday if you will be attending our volunteers tea party. If you have volunteered at school and somehow, we have managed to miss you off the guest list - first of all, sorry we have so many volunteers and I really hope we have invited everyone. Secondly, please don't be embarrassed to let us know by Monday if you will be attending. Thank you!



POETRY COMPETITION REMINDER



The class heats for our annual poetry competition will take place during w/c 7th July. If your child is selected to progress to the finals, you will be notified by 12th July. The finals will be held on 21st July at 9am. We look forward to hearing the children perform a new poem or share one of their favourites.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

As you know from previous communication, we are very supportive of the Smartphone Free Childhood movement that is growing stronger by the day. Please see attached a letter signed by 52 headteachers from schools in our local authority.



SCHOOL NEWS

ECO-WARRIORS



OPAL - MEET THE PLAY TEAM

Hi there, I'm Mrs Thrift. I'm the Year 2 teaching assistant and part of the opal play lunch team. I mainly oversee KS1 play in the MUGA area, which ranges from football, bulldog to gymnastics (yes, the children do ask me if I can do the splits and flips!) It's lovely to see the children having the best playtime.

Mrs Thrift, Year 2 TA

METRE MARKET

On Friday 18th July 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.



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SCHOOL NEWS

RBWM QUESTIONNAIRE



Are you a parent, carer or young person living in RBWM?

We want to understand what you know about the wellbeing services and support you can get in RBWM.

We will use the information to improve how these services are promoted across the borough.

We would very much appreciate you taking a few minutes to complete **the health questionnaire**. You can also access it by scanning the **QR code**.

Entrants can also enter a prize draw to win an Amazon voucher.



50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the July

50:50 Club winners:

WINNERS

1st prize - Jana Sampson

2nd prize - Chanel Ledgerwood

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY



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

Ellie & Jeevan



Year 2

Yousef

Year 3

Everyone on the Ufton Court trip!

Year 4

Sophie L

Year 5

Max

Year 6

Milly





WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week in Reception we have been testing if our boats float. If they didn't float straight away, we refined our designs until they did float. We have been thinking about position and where they are in relation to other things.
Year 1	Phonics- this week the children have continued to revise all the learned sounds. Additionally, they have also been learning some new sounds including 'ci', 'ssi' 'ti' and 'si'. They have applied these new sounds to their reading of word cards, sentences and within their spellings. English - the children rewrote their versions of the story 'Alan's Big Scary Teeth' and then started their new textbook 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled'. They made predictions of what they thought might happen next in the story and used the conjunction 'because' to justify their ideas. They also started thinking about the sequencing of the story by drawing a story road map and adding detail about key events on the story to the map. Maths - the children have continued their learning on place value focusing on tens and ones and greater than and less than. They also revisited the topic of Money which involved unitising and revising recognising coins and their value. PSHE - the children started their new topic in PSHE which is Economic Wellbeing. This week they focused on what money is and how they have used money themselves. This involved drawing a picture of an item that they had bought and recording the cost of the item.
Year 2	In English this week, we have begun reading a new text called 'Flat Stanley' and children have been thinking about the advantages and disadvantages of being flat. They have been writing predictions and using apostrophes in sentences in two different ways. In maths, we have been learning to read scales to measure temperature, solve one and two step problems linking to lengths and height and identify scales of volume and capacity. In history, we recently learnt about the Battle of Hastings and this week discovered the similarities and differences between the two types of castles built by the Normans.



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Year 3	This week in maths we have been looking at pictograms. In science we have looked at the structure of a flower head and the lifecycle of a flowering plant. In PSHE we have been talking about how money can impact emotions. We really enjoyed our trip to Upton Court on Monday - please look out for a write up in next week's newsletter. Even though Mr salter has been ill for two days, we have still been working hard.
Year 4	This week we have been exploring what makes an unlikely hero and writing a diary entry from Arthur's point of view. In maths, we have continued our learning of decimals by dividing by 10 and 100 to make decimal numbers, comparing decimals, using new vocabulary, for example, ascending and descending, and rounding decimals to the nearest integer (whole number.) In history, we have been learning about King Alfred the Great and why he was an important figure in history and looking at life in Britain as a Viking and comparing it to life as an Anglo-Saxon.
Year 5	This week in English we have continued to read "Secrets of a Sun King" focussing on writing an informal letter to a family member. We have also been looking at Tutankhamun's life and writing a summary focussing on key information. In history we looked at pictures of relics from Tut's tomb, identifying what they were and finding out about them. In maths we have spent the week learning about % and the equivalent fractions and decimals. Great success all round! We have now started our final art project for the year: a 3D art installation. With creative juices flowing, plans have been drawn, ready to be made into a 3D piece of art next week.
Year 6	It has been a busy week in Year 6 with Transition days and getting ready for our end of term events. Lots of us visited our new schools. It was so exciting. On Thursday we hosted Cookham Rise for a transition based Rounders morning. We met lots of children we will be going to school with next year. We would like to thank Paul (Max's grandad) who is helping us with our play by accompanying us on the piano. We had a great rehearsal today.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS AT NORDEN FARM



CIRCUS CAMP

Tues 29 Jul - Fri 1 Aug | 10am - 4pm

Led by And Circus. A week of learning incredible circus skills and performing. Learn to walk on stilts, ride a unicycle, walk the tightrope and perform on a trapeze!

Suitable for ages 7 - 14 years.

FROM
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ART CAMP

Tues 5 - Fri 8 Aug | 10am - 4pm

Led by Lucy Carpenter. Combining art, movement and play to provide a stimulating and creative week of fun. With a sensational exhibition at the end of the week!

Suitable for ages 8 - 11 years.

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£145



THEATRE CAMP

Tues 12 - Fri 15 Aug | 10am - 4pm

Led by Sideways Drama. Make a Play in 4 Days! Dive into the world of theatre, writing, directing and star in a brand new play!

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Royal Astronomical Society

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28-31 JULY 2025

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WITH THE ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER TOUCH RUGBY CAMP



TUE 19-WED 20 AUG // // //
AGES 5-17 // // //

*SKILLS *TACTICS *GAMES *FUN

Cost: £35 for 1 day or £60 for 2 days. Contact us for a 10% sibling discount.

Timings: 09:30-15:00

Venue: Maidenhead RFC, SL6 1BN



REGISTER

To register your Junior or for more details please email
sammie@in2touch.com



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Cookham & District

PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS



Wednesday October 8, 2025

Years 5/6

Entry details:

pbracingsquad@gmail.com

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