



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

30th: Y3 @ Ufton Court

July

1st: Moving Up Day

1st: PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm

3rd: PTA Summer Disco

4th: Parent Forum @ 9am

7th: Y5 @ Ashmolean Museum

8th: Y1 @ Beale Park

8th: Y6 Leavers Vs Remainers
Cricket Match

11th: Reports Out

11th: Volunteers Tea Party

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

23rd: Break Up @ 2.15pm

September

3rd: Inset Day

4th: Return to School

14th: Gravity Grand Prix

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JUNE

Saturday 21st:

* Summer Fete

Tuesday 24th:

* Y1 & Y2 @ The Big Active 60
Festival

Wednesday 25th:

* Musical Soiree @ 6pm

Friday 27th:

* Inset Day



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank goodness for air conditioning! We are so grateful to the PTA for the air conditioning units paid for last year that have meant our children have been able to learn in a much more comfortable environment. Please support the PTA further by attending the fete tomorrow from 11.30 - 3.30. See the PTA note in the newsletter for more information.

It goes without saying, to make sure that your child has a hat and water bottle in school every day and please apply sun cream before school - certainly for the next week as the temperatures are still very high.

MUSICAL SOIREE

We are very much looking forward to hearing the musical talents of our children on Wednesday 25th June starting at 6pm. The children need to arrive at 5.50 and go straight to the Year 6 classroom. The PTA will be serving refreshments so please bring your card or cash. Children can come in casual wear.

SIAMS INSPECTION

You will have seen via email that we are being inspected by SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) on Tuesday 24th June. The inspector will be talking to staff, children, parents and governors as well as school leaders. A report will be produced and shared with parents within 3 weeks of the inspection.

MOVING UP DAY

Tuesday 1st July will be Moving Up Day. The children will spend the morning in their new classes and the afternoon back to their current class. We look forward to welcoming our new teachers Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Lodge and Mrs O'Brien to our school for this morning too.



INSET DAY

Don't forget that next Friday 27th June is an inset day.



PARENT FORUM

Our next parent forum is Friday 4th July at 9am. We will be discussing the cost of school uniform. Mrs Phillpot, our Chair of Governors, will be joining us so if there is anything you wish to discuss with her or you would like to attend, please let the office know.

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, 12 Y5 and Y6 students went to Pinkneys Green Cricket Club to play Dynamo Cricket. It was organised by School Games and Berkshire Cricket with help from Furze Platt sports leaders. We played 4 matches in total with a win of 2. We were dying from the heat conditions but we all persevered through it. We are all grateful for having this great opportunity and very appreciative to Mrs Terry for accompanying us in the hot weather and motivating us. We hope we can have the opportunity again.

Flo & Leo, Year 5

SCHOOL NEWS

OPAL - MEET THE PLAY TEAM

Hi, my name is Miss G, and I oversee the play team for OPAL. I enjoy watching the children support each other and learning life skills such as sharing and communicating. I also enjoy making and creating the kids play equipment! I think play is hugely important for children and it's 20% of their school day! Next week, you will be introduced to Mrs Hamilton, so please come back to find out more.

Miss Griffith, OPAL Lead



⚽ YEAR 6 FOOTBALL ⚽

On Thursday Cookham Dean played Oldfield Primary School. Cookham started off well but in the second quarter they dropped but in the third quarter they made up ground and had a few shots on target, but the score was still 0-0 and in the fourth quarter Cookham had multiple shots but unfortunately all were blocked. The final score was 0-0. I think both teams played well but if one team had to win it would have to be Cookham.

Tolomey, Year 6

SUMMER FETE

Fete is tomorrow! We can't wait for you to enjoy the festival vibes we've been working on. It's going to be very hot, please bring your water bottles and use the fountain by the back door to KS1 to top up. Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered their time to help set up and on stalls on the day. It's a huge effort to run an event like this and every minute counts, special shout out to class reps for organising their stalls, Abbe & Isa for sorting refreshments and Esme & Mark for running the BBQ. Our online fete programme can now be viewed [HERE](#). We hope everyone enjoys every minute of it!

Pippa, PTA Chair

COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA SUMMER FETE

WHAT
COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

WHERE / WHEN
COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, BIGFRITH LANE // SATURDAY 21ST JUNE // 11:30-15:30

FOOD
CAKES // ICE CREAM FACTORY // PRESTO PIZZA // COWDRY'S BBQ

DRINK
BAR & CAFE

ENTERTAINMENT
BOUNCY CASTLES // CIRCUS SKILLS // FACE PAINTING // HAIR BRAIDING // BEAT THE GOALIE // COCONUT SHY // & MANY MORE!

DEANSTOCK - SATURDAY 21ST JUNE 11:30-15:30

DEANSTOCK

Saturday 21st June. 11:30 - 15:30

What's On?

- Fun activities - Circus Skills, inflatables including an obstacle course, crafts from Pop Up Play, face painting, hair braiding and a water run finale
- Traditional fete stalls - Welly Wanging, Hook a Duck, coconut shy, washing line, glitter tattoos, stick in the sand, teddy tombola, guess the name of the teddy, bottle tombola (more for the adults!), Rotakids, governors' festival machine.
- Refreshments - bar, mocktails, BBQ (burgers and hotdogs from Cowdery's), Presto Pizza, ice cream factory, ice lollies, café & cakes
- Entertainment - provided by our very own kids, we finish with a water run!

How can I get involved ?

- Volunteer for your year group stall
- Sign up to help on the bar or BBQ - these are essentials for a successful day!
- Shares our silent auction link - anyone can bid
- Please bring in cakes for the café, either on Friday at drop off or pick up, or on the Saturday morning. Homemade or shop bought is great, but please, NO nuts!
- PLEASE do all you can to help us keep Cookham Dean Green! Clear your plates / empty cups and pop the card in the recycling.

Why does it matter?
The funds you've helped the PTA raise aren't just nice to have, they are essential. The PTA spends £9000 / year to fund basic curriculum needs, we've subsidised trips so all parents pay less. We fund ongoing projects to maintain the school buildings, and we buy cool things for the children - like green screens and theatre productions. We fund projects the school simply couldn't afford without the financial support from the PTA. The money we raise across the year makes a tangible difference to every child.

Silent auction here!

Volunteer sign up here

RNLI TALK

On Tuesday 17th June, a volunteer from RNLI came in to tell Y5 and Y6 about water safety. We learnt so much such as: float to live, know what the flags mean and not to jump in the water if you don't know what's at the bottom. Thank you to the RNLI for saving so many lives and for coming in to tell us about water safety. We hope we can hear more about water safety.

Bella M & Bella P, Year 5

SCHOOL NEWS

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB



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NEW

Musical Theatre JUNIORS

TUESDAY 17:20-18:20
Cookham Dean Village Hall
Age 5-8

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 07715 583253

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Musical Theatre SENIORS

TUESDAY 18:20-19:30
Cookham Dean Village Hall
Age 9-12

Dance Fusion & Musical Theatre

WEDNESDAY 16:30-17:30
Pinder Hall Cookham
Age 7-10

YEAR 5 - ENRICHMENT DAY

On Tuesday 17th June, five Year 5 pupils went to Sir William Borlase Grammar School to compete in a primary school challenge. We were greeted by Year 12 students and brought to a sports field. We were split into groups of yellow, red, green and blue. We were all green. There were four subjects: Dance (cut short by a fire alarm), Maths (snakes and ladders maths version), English (poems) and Science (microscopes). At the end of the day we had an awards ceremony where we found out which schools won each subject and the overall competition. Our school won Maths! Minnie won our part of our English!

Flo, Francesca & Minnie, Year 5

YEAR 2 - MATHS COMPETITION

On Thursday 19th June Ben, Thomas and Sienna from Year 2 went to White Waltham for a maths competition with other schools. We had to group ourselves into 1, 2 and 3. Number 2s had to run to the adult to get a sheet and run back. We then had to answer the questions. Cookham Dean came 2nd! We felt very pleased.

Sienna, Year 2



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

Finn



Year 2

Agnes

Year 3

Ruben



Year 4

Everyone for the timetables test!

Year 5

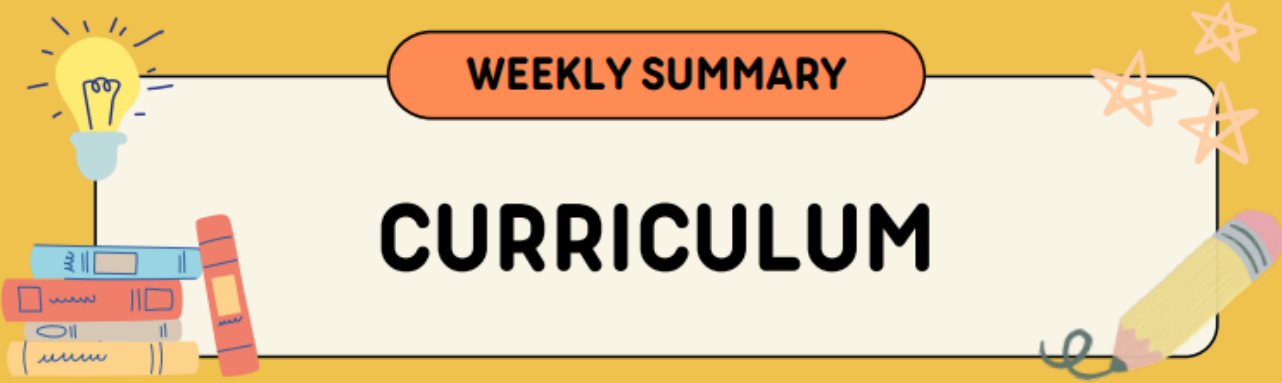
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Year 6

Everyone for auditioning!





WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week in Reception we have been busy thinking about boats. We have looked at our designs in readiness for making next week, we have drawn and painted pictures of boats and thought about all the different uses of boats. In maths we have been looking at repeating patterns and identifying pattern rules. In phonics we have continued reading and writing phase four words with the digraphs 'ee' and 'ow' in them. We are also continuing to learn our tricky words. Yesterday we took time out to have a yoga session in our lovely air conditioned classroom - a much needed break from the heat! I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.
Year 1	Phonics - the children have been recapping some of the sounds they already know but have also learned some new 4 letter sounds this week including 'aigh' and 'eigh'. Additionally, they have practised the trigraphs we have already learned including 'ear', 'ere' and 'eer'. We have also played some spelling games to practise our tricky words which has involved spotting the missing letters in the words. Maths - the children have continued their learning on Position and Direction. This week they learned about above and below and ordinal numbers. They also revisited their learning on Place Value and focused on counting from 50 - 100 and counting in tens. English - this week the children have continued to develop their understanding of how to write instructions. This has included learning about imperative verbs, identifying them and using them in their writing. They also wrote their own set of instructions with all the features included for a character in their English text. Lastly, they wrote a write up of their Sports Day. Geography - the children started their new Geography topic called 'What is it like to live in Shanghai?'. This week they focused on their local area and learned about human and physical features. This included learning about the different types of features and identifying and categorising different features in the local area.
Year 2	We have been busy writing poems in English this week which included list poems, rhyming poems and comparison poems. Children have been developed their rhyming skills which led to a lot of excitement in our lesson on Tuesday! We have been busy thinking about homophones and using plenty of description. In maths children have been completing some assessments for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In history we learnt about the coronation ceremony and created storyboards to represent the different stages.



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Year 3	It has been a good week in Year 3. The children have started their end of year assessments, completing spelling and reading. They have coped really well with these so far and we will carry on with the maths papers next week. In terms of our curriculum, in maths we have been continuing work on fractions. In English, we have started exploring a new short film, Ride of Passage, as our writing stimulus. The children created a storyboard using conjunctions and time adverbials to summarise the title sequence. They are all very excited to see what will happen next! In RE, we have completed our work on Pentecost, with the children making short acting sequences to show how we can grow God's Kingdom on earth today. Have a nice weekend!
Year 4	This week in English we have started our new book, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope' and have written a character description using synonyms. Yesterday we started planning a short story which will include a magic object. In history we have started our topic on Vikings and have researched where they came from, when and why they invaded. In art we have been exploring how paint can create different effects. A very busy week!
Year 5	In maths this week we have completed our final assessment paper for the summer term. Over the last two weeks the children have worked so hard on their 6 test papers. I could not be prouder of them! As well as the paper, they have also been learning about volume and capacity. In English they have written a newspaper report about sports day as well as completing their character description. On Tuesday, 5 of the children attended a day at a local secondary school where they competed in a maths competition (and came first!) and wrote poetry in amongst other activities. Well done to all the children involved for winning the maths and well done to Minnie who won the poetry competition. On Thursday, 6 children attended the Y5/6 Mixed Dynamos Cricket tournament. It was a very hot day and they played brilliantly. Well done team!
Year 6	What a busy week we have had in Year 6: along with learning the script and music, in art, we have been set designing for Buggy. We have launched our 'The Art of Being Human' project by exploring the function and composition of blood. We have had fun making our own simulated blood complete with chemical reactions, fizzes and pops. You may have smelt our wonderful baking this week. This was left over from our healthy schools week when we designed our own healthy muffin recipe. They really did taste delicious and we tried as much as possible to keep them sugar free, using honey and fruit to sweeten.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

COMPLETE SPORTS

SPORTS AND ARTS & CRAFTS

SUMMER CAMP

2025

FOR RECEPTION - YEAR 7 CHILDREN
HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
SL7 3AG

FULL DAY
8:30AM - 5:30PM

HALF DAY
8:30AM - 1PM
OR
1PM - 5:30PM

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