



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

15th: Families@4
17th: Y5/6 RNLI Talk
20th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
21st: Summer Fete
25th: Musical Soiree @ 6pm
27th: Inset Day (PTA Legoland)

July

3rd: PTA Summer Disco
4th: Parent Forum @ 9am
8th: Y6 Leavers Vs Remainers Cricket Match
11th: Reports Out
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
23rd: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JUNE

Monday 9th:

- * Healthy Schools Week
- * Y2 @ Windsor Castle

Wednesday 11th:

- * International Play Day
- * Return Great Athletes Sponsorship Forms

Thursday 12th:

- * Reception @ Braywick Nature Centre

Friday 13th:

- * Sports Day



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a great start to the summer term! This week Year 6 have completed their bikeability - 3 days of learning how to ride their bike on the road correctly. The whole school have had a local artist, Amanda Schenk, working with them to create a piece of wall art depicting our values. Today we have had Kylie Grimes in school kickstarting our healthy schools week next week! It's go go go. Please return all sponsorship forms for today's activities with Kylie to school on Wednesday 11th June along with the sponsorship money.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK & SPORTS DAY

We have an amazing week planned for the children next week. Please can all children come in their PE kit Monday to Thursday - unless they are going on a school trip, in which case they must wear school uniform that day (Year 2: Windsor Castle and Reception: Braywick). During next week, the children will take part in a wide variety of workshops ranging from skateboarding and scooting to skipping, from skin care to yoga and road safety to water safety. Mrs Ferriman will be kickstarting the week with a motivational assembly. The focus for next week is keeping ourselves healthy in mind and body and we are very much looking forward to it.

On Friday as it will be sports day, the children can come into school wearing home sports gear appropriate to run in. They will be wearing bibs of their house colours so it doesn't matter what colour they are. Please do keep an eye out for emails because the forecast is so changeable at the moment but fine weather is currently predicted!

MUSICAL SOIREE



Please make sure you return your child's slip to the office by Friday 20th June to let school know that they will be taking part in the musical soiree on Wednesday 25th June. Thank you.

FAMILIES@4

15th June is the next Families@4 which is Father's Day. Our Pupils for Praise have created a scavenger hunt around the church, with lots of singing, prayers and time for reflection, followed by a picnic tea outside (weather permitting). Please bring a picnic blanket if you are coming and do please let the office know that you are attending so that we can give prayers and readings to your children. This is a wonderful service led by the children - if you haven't been before come and try it out!

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.



RETURNING
NEXT WEEK



SCHOOL NEWS

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the June 50:50 Club winners:

1st prize - Jennifer Woodhead

2nd prize - Emily Henningsen

WINNERS

SUMMER FETE



LEAVERS VS REMAINERS CRICKET MATCH

**YOUR TEAM NEEDS
YOU!
YEAR 6 PRESENTS...**

**LEAVERS VS. REMAINERS
PARENT CRICKET MATCH**

TUESDAY 8 JULY 2025

- 4PM TIL 7 ISH
- SAVE THE DATE TO PLAY!
- BAR, BBQ, CAKES, STALLS
- ALL WELCOME!

**LOCATION
COOKHAM DEAN CRICKET
CLUB**

SIGN UP TO PLAY!
RECEPTION TO YEAR 5 PARENTS
VS. YEAR 6 PARENTS!
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON...

Save the date!



Join us for this fun family event on Tuesday 8th July 4-7pm. If you are interested in signing up to play for either team, please message Luke Dobson (07944 987832). There will be a BBQ and bar alongside the fantastic stalls being run by the Year 6 pupils! We look forward to seeing you all there!!

Chrissey Thomas, Year 3 & 6 Parent

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

When should I let my child have a phone?

This is a great opportunity to hear from PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents). Jennifer is a great speaker and there's time for questions at the end.

Friday 20th June

9am-11am

Claire's Court Juniors (SL6 4QQ)

Please register [HERE](#)



LAMDA

Well Done to Our LAMDA Students!

A big congratulations to all the students who completed their Musical Theatre LAMDA exams last term! You approached your work with real focus, energy, and creativity - and it absolutely paid off. We're so proud of everything you put into your performances and how you carried yourselves throughout the process. Now that the results are in, we're thrilled to share that all your hard work was recognised - with every student achieving fantastic results, including a full set of Distinctions! Well done to each of you on a brilliant achievement.

Miss Fuller, Singing Teacher

PHONICS SCREENING TEST & MTC

Next week our wonderful Year 1 class will be sitting their phonics screening test and our fantastic Year 4 class will be sitting their multiplication tables check. They have all worked so hard and we wish them all the very best of luck!

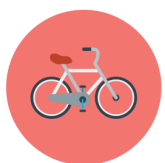
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NATIONAL BOOK TOKENS COMPETITION



"As our friends at Read for Good will tell you, it's well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children – boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills like empathy. But did you know that 1 in 5 children don't have a book at home? And 1 in 7 primary schools in England have no library space at all, affecting more than 750,000 children. **It's time to #rebuildthelibrary.** Our annual schools prize gives five schools across the UK the chance to **win £1,000 in National Book Tokens** so they can fill their library shelves with new books. Each winning school will also receive **£300 in cash** to make improvements to their library space, making it fun and welcoming for all. Nominate your school [HERE](#) and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also **win a £100 National Book Token** to spend in your favourite bookshop!"

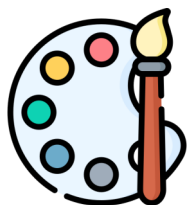
BIKEABILITY



Year 6 took part in Bikeability this week. Initially we had to pass a basic skills test in the playground before being let loose on the local roads. The weather has been mixed and on Thursday we got very wet. It has been really useful as we have gone as far as Switchback Road which some of us may use next year. The team said that we were all very capable. We now feel ready to cycle to secondary school next year.

By Year 6

ART PROJECT



Everyone in the school made a hand out of felt. You could stick on more felt, colour it or sew on it. We were inspired and it was great to be able to do our own things. Everyone enjoyed making their own hand. All the hands are going to be made into a tree which Year 6 are making. The trunk and branches of the tree have been coloured using leaves from our actual apple tree, which were soaked in water. The leaf dye was then used to make the colour of the tree. It will look amazing! Thank you to the artist, Amanda, who worked with every class.

By Year 5

OPAL

I hope everyone had a lovely half term with lots of play! We are gearing up for a few exciting things with OPAL, mostly behind the scenes at the moment. However, next week is International Play Day, so we will be having a special assembly and introducing some fun new play items! A big thank you again for all the generous donations - we have received some great play equipment. We are currently looking to develop our small play area and would really appreciate any small toys that could help us create little villages. We also continue to welcome several schools visiting our OPAL setup, which is brilliant for both us and the community.

Miss Griffith, OPAL Lead

WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

"The WMSO's farewell performance with our Conductor Leon Gee, who is stepping aside after almost twenty years with us as Musical Director, will be the popular summer family concert in Newbold Church, Popeswood Road, Binfield RG42 4AN on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 4pm. It will feature Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade, Chabrier's España and Wijeratne's exciting Concerto for Tabla (a type of Indian drum) with soloist Alok Verma. The concert will be preceded by a free Tabla Drumming Workshop led by Alok at 3pm. Do bring friends and family to share your picnic and some time with members of the orchestra from 2pm too if you wish to. Tickets at £15 adults, £5 children/ students can be purchased online [HERE](#) or at the door subject to availability. We recommend that you book early online via the [website](#) to avoid disappointment."

Summer Fete
**SILENT
AUCTION
PRIZES**

**CAN
YOU
HELP?**

Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and other companies we have secured some great prizes for this years silent auction, but we are on the lookout for more!

Do you run your own business?

Do you have a special skill like baking or crafting?

Do you have time to spare - eg for dog sitting or babysitting?

Do you have any contacts at a company you know would like to donate?

If so, we'd love to hear from you. We will happily promote any business on our socials and in the newsletter.

Get in touch with Marie (R/4 Mum) on
07817468408 or via the PTA email
(pta@cookhamdean.org)



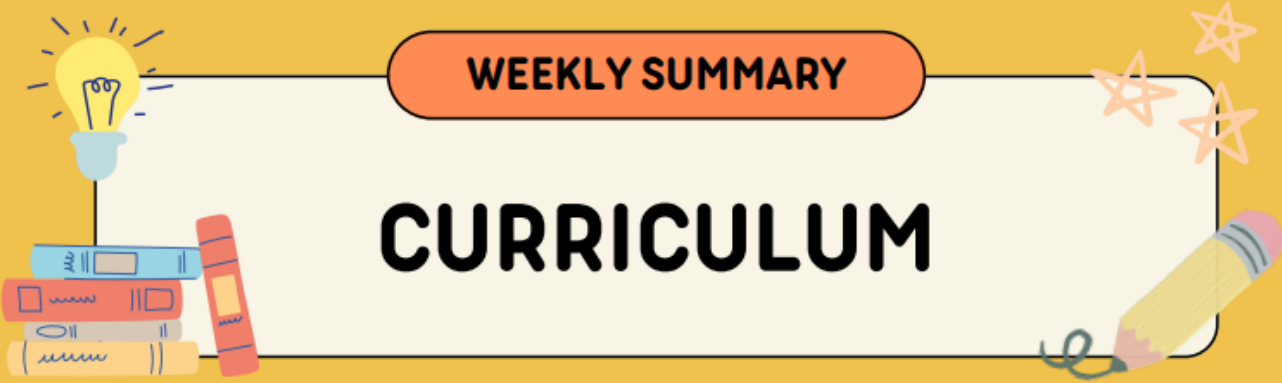
WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	Reception have had a fantastic first week back at school. In phonics we have been looking at words ending in 'ing', 'ed', and 'est'. In literacy we have written about something we enjoyed doing over the half term break, using our phonics and tricky words. In maths this week we have been looking at sharing and grouping – the children really enjoyed sharing food out for the teddy bears picnic! We have also been busy decorating hands for a whole school art project, practising for sports day and loved our 'Great Athletes' afternoon.
Year 1	Phonics - the children have been revising all the sounds that they have learned throughout Reception and Year 1. They have also been reading plenty of real and alien words and identifying sounds in sentences. English - the children have started a new text in English called 'Fergal is Fuming' by Robert Starling. They have focused on making predictions about the story based on the title and the front cover as well as writing sentences about the main character using adjectives and similes. Maths - the children have been recapping their learning on fractions, focusing specifically on quarters this week. This has included recognising a quarter of an object or shape, splitting a shape into quarters in different ways and finding a quarter of a quantity. Design & Technology - the children started their new DT topic - Cooking and Nutrition. This week they learned all about different fruits and vegetables which including identifying and naming fruits and vegetables, identifying seeds and sorting foods into groups.
Year 2	We've had an enjoyable start this week learning about our new story in English called 'The day the Crayons quit' and finding out about the opinions of each crayon. The children have been writing short speeches about their favourite colour using features of persuasive language and then later used this to help write persuasive letters. In maths we have been exploring vocabulary to describe position and movement such as left, right, clockwise, anti-clockwise, three-quarter turns and quarter turns. This was then put into practise when we had to rotate shape patterns with turns! Just before half-term we planted beans. Mrs Campbell kindly took care of them over the half-term and we were pleased to see how much they grew over a short space of time. We learnt about the life cycle of a bean plant and will be closely monitoring changes in the beans that we're growing!



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Year 3	We have had a very exciting week in Year 3. In maths, we have been finishing up our unit on mass and capacity, focusing on comparing and adding volumes. In English, the children have worked hard to write the character description and action sequence for their stories. Towards the end of the week, they edited their writing to improve their verbs and fronted adverbials. The children enjoyed having the artist Amanda Schenk come in and work with us to decorate handprints that will adorn our whole school art project. As well as this, we enjoyed a rockstar writing workshop on Thursday morning, where the children wrote short stories based on secret rock concert. Finally, we finished the week with an exciting visit from Paralympic athlete Kylie Grimes. A great way to start healthy schools week! Have a nice weekend.
Year 4	Year 4 have had a great week. In maths we have been learning about position, direction and translation of 2d shapes. In English, we are writing a synopsis of the end of our story of Flotsam. On Tuesday, we had an artist visit and started a whole school art project and on Thursday, we took part in an online story writing session. Please can the children keep practising their times tables this weekend.
Year 5	What a fabulous week we have had! Our Ancient Egypt project started with a great online session on Monday afternoon. It was so interesting. On Tuesday we then had our session with the artist to produce beautiful hands for the school collaborative piece. Finally, this afternoon we have had a hectic training session with Kylie, the Paralympian. In English, we have written setting descriptions using expanded noun phrases, subordinate clauses, ISPACE and figurative language. What I have seen so far has been excellent! In maths we are continuing our work on fractions: addition and subtraction. Great week Year 5! Keep up the good work.
Year 6	This week we have been getting to grips with our play. Learning the songs and deciding what parts we want to audition for. We have also been really concentrating on our writing. Our cycling has been amazing; we have improved so much. It was a bit scary on the main roads but it is a new life skill that we have achieved.

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WEEK 1 / WEEK 3

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
KINETIC K'NEX	LEGO MACHINES	Strawbees Structures	3D CREATIONS	LASER TAG
MICRO ROBOTS	COOL CODING	MOVIE MAKING	AUGMENTED REALITY	MINECRAFT ROCKETS

Take Home Inventions

Electric Conductive Motorised Aquatic Wind

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
CRABBY CHALLENGE	LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	LittleBits INVENTIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY	SCIENCE DAY
BIG BOTS	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	ANIMATION	MINECRAFT VS MARVEL	STEM CHALLENGES

Take Home Inventions

Electric Hydraulics Motorised Solar Light

Please note, the above schedules are for reference only—please check our website for the accurate schedule of your local camp.

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Check out our website at: www.jkmusicals.co.uk

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Bourne End Community Centre

Summer Fete

Saturday 19th July

10.30 am - 2.00 pm

Free Entrance - All Welcome

BBQ

Face Painting

Magician

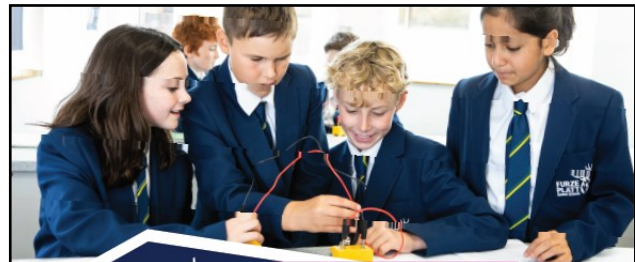
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FURZE PLATT
SENIOR SCHOOL

Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October 2025

All welcome, no booking required.



Open Morning School Tours

Tours available on the following dates:

Monday 23rd June 9.05-10.10am

Tuesday 8th July 9.05 - 10.10am

SEN Specific Tours available:

Monday 23rd June 9.30-10.15am

Tuesday 8th July 9.30-10.15am

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