



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

9th: Healthy Schools Week
9th: Y1 Phonics Screening Check
9th: Y2 @ Windsor Castle
12th: Reception @ Braywick Nature Centre
13th: Sports Day
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 Remainders 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 TERM

JUNE

Monday 2nd:

* Return to School

Tuesday 3rd-6th:

* Y6 Bikeability

Friday 6th:

* PTA Non-Uniform Day

* Great Athletes Visit



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful week we have all had in Rhosy. The children have challenged themselves in all sorts of ways - from sailing to being inside a slate mine from gorge walking to completing a hill trail with a map, compass and no adults. I am so proud of what they have all achieved this week - great teamwork, supporting one another, looking after one another and being polite and respectful. This is always a wonderful week but made even more special by the children. Well done Year 6 - you are awesome!

I hope you all have a wonderful half term and manage some rest and relaxation!

GREAT ATHLETES

We are really thrilled to be able to start our Healthy Schools Week with a visit from **Kylie Grimes** who became the first woman to ever win a Paralympic Gold medal in Wheelchair Rugby. Children will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by Kylie, a terrific way to get everyone excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Kylie will then share her incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session at the end! Fundraising for the event will begin today with the children bringing home a sponsorship form in their book bags. The money raised for the event will help us to purchase new sports equipment and improve levels of physical activity in our school! Please get family and friends to sponsor your children so we can be inspired and get more active.



WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

We have had a very successful Walk to School Week at Cookham Dean. It has been great to see so many children walking, cycling or scooting their way up to the school gates. Many of those children who usually travel by car have parked in the village and made their way on foot. This has helped make the roads around the school safer for everyone. If you can, it would be great to continue the good habits from this week going forward and aim to make every week a Walk to School week. Thanks for you all your support!

Mr O'Gorman, PE Lead

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please could you all have a look at home over half term and return any library books your child has in the first week back. Changes are afoot! Thank you.

Tori Dixon, Parent Librarian



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NON-UNIFORM DAY

To support our summer fete raffle, children are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 6th June. In return, we kindly ask for a donation of the following items. Donations will be collected by the PTA at the front gate during drop off. Thank you.

Reception & Y1: bottles (alcoholic and non)

Y2 & Y3: confectionary (chocolate, biscuits etc)

Y4 & Y5: toiletries

Y6: jars of spread (jam, pickles etc)

Nina Griffith, Year 1 & 3 Parent

PTA

What a wonderful half term we've had. Tori has done a wonderful job fundraising for the PTA with the sponsored run & last week's quiz! Thank you Tori for adding just over **£2,000** to the pot. We're heading into a very busy season with the summer fete just 4 weeks away - please please please do volunteer where you can. These events are impossible without manpower and these big fundraisers are making a huge difference. It's what enables us to subsidise school trips for every child, to contribute to the school budget for curriculum spend & the projects like the climbing wall! Have a lovely half term!

Pippa Jeans, PTA Chair

NHS HEALTH BUS

Information for
parents and carers

NHS
Berkshire Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Let's talk about **Wee and poo**

Does your child struggle to poo?

Are they wetting themselves?

Do you need support with toilet training?

The Paediatric Bladder and Bowel Service is coming to a location near you!

Come and talk to us on the Health Bus for free advice.

ASDA Slough

Monday 16 June 2025

10am – 2pm



Scan the **QR code** or go to the address below to find out more about our service:

berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/continence

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

Amelia



Year 2

Grace

Year 3

Orla & Tilly

Year 4

Everyone!

Year 5

Francesca & Ayva

Year 6

Everyone at Rhosy!



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)



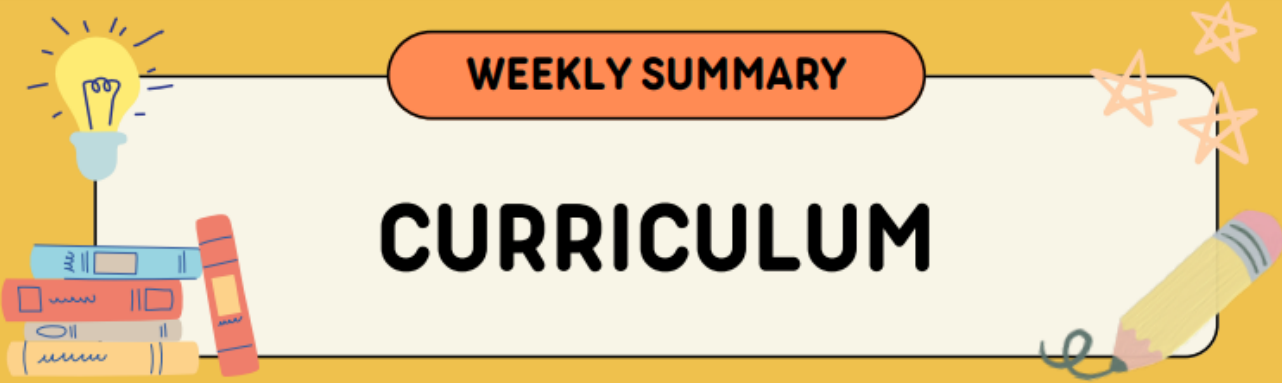
WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	In maths, we have been looking at 3D shapes and identifying the shapes of their faces. In phonics we have been practising blending consonant-vowel-consonant-consonant words (e.g. tent, sink, hump) and writing these words independently. In PE, the children explored movement by imitating how different vehicles move.
Year 1	Phonics - the children have continued to practise all the sounds they have learned throughout Reception and Year 1. This has included our usual Phonics lessons as well as some extra Alien word practise and single letter, digraph, split digraph and trigraph spotting games. Maths - this week the children have been revisiting and learning about fractions, particularly focusing on identifying halves. This has included splitting pictures of shapes and objects in half, grouping objects in to equal halves and drawing the other half of an object. English - The children have continued to work on their English text 'Dogs Don't Do Ballet'. This has involved making predictions about what may happen in the story, writing questions about the story, writing a letter to one of the characters in the story and describing the characters. Music - this half-term the children have been learning about Dynamics in Music, focusing particularly on sounds of the seaside. This week the children went outside to find natural instruments from the environment such as sticks, rocks, leaves and more to create a variety of sea sounds. Each child performed their sound to the class using their natural instrument.
Year 2	This week in English, we have continued our work on The Lighthouse. Having created a story map, we retold the story in the form of a diary using a range of writing features including past tense, first person and the correct sequencing of events. In maths we have been focussing on Fractions and in particular those fractions that are equivalent to half. We have also been completing challenges that require us to use our reasoning and problem solving skills. In our PE lessons this week, we have been playing Invasion Games outside and Gymnastics in the hall. In Invasion Games, we played a 2v2 game using the attacking and defending skills we have practised this half term. In gymnastics, we created sequences by combining points and patches balances and a range of jumps we have worked on this half term.



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Year 3	Year 3 have been hard at work this week. In maths, they have been continuing their work on weight and capacity, focusing on measuring in litres and millilitres. In English, they have enjoyed planning and starting to write a sequel to our text <i>Free Lance and the Lake of Skulls</i> . Have a great half term break!
Year 4	This week Year 4 have been adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator. We have also written a story to go with our book on Flotsam and have done some extended writing on a message in a bottle. In science we carried out experiments to see which materials were good conductors and which weren't. We also completed our art work using paints to create a 3D effect. Have a lovely half term and please remember to practise times tables.
Year 5	In maths we have been finishing off our work on co-ordinates, translation and reflection. We have also revised multiplying fractions with a whole number. To finish the week, we have been completing problem solving activities using many of the strategies we have learnt over the year. In English we have been learning more about Hillary and Tenzing's climb up Mount Everest. We have been writing diary accounts imagining we were one or the other – very creative! Our written work has been helped by Mrs Dawes' excellent presentation last Friday afternoon about her amazing trip to the Mt Everest base-camp. Thank you for sharing that with us Mrs Dawes! In science we finished our last lesson on properties of materials, testing different materials to see which were most efficient as soundproofing. A short but extremely busy half term for Year 5, the highlight being the play. Have a well-deserved, great half term break everyone!
Year 6	A different type of week for Year 6 this week! No sitting in a classroom for these active bunnies. This week, Year 6 have canoed on Lake Bala, sailed on Lake Bala, paddle-boarded on Lake Bala, mined in slate mines, zip wired over a small gorge, gorge walked, climbed and abseiled. More than new skills learnt, they have been kind, respectful and polite both with each other and instructors working with them. The final day was a hill trail where the children set off with a map and compass and no adults (or so they thought). What a wonderful week and an absolute privilege accompanying them.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

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- NINJA BOYS
- TEAM GYM
- HOLIDAY CAMPS
- PARTIES

Join us for a fun, welcoming environment where your child can develop skills, make new friends, and build confidence while learning the fundamentals of gymnastics and beyond. We believe gymnastics is the foundation of all sports – and it's the best!

LINKS GYMNASTICS - WINDSOR & ASCOT
EMAIL: OFFICE@LINKSGYMNASTICS.COM

**MAIDENHEAD UNITED FC
INSET DAY
MONDAY 2ND JUNE**

Football Inset Day
Maidenhead United FC - SL6 1SF
Monday 2nd June
9am-3pm
Boys and Girls
£28

BOOK ONLINE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE
WWW.MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG OR THE QR
CODES AND TYPE 'INSET'

BOOK HERE  FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: MARK NISBET
- MARK.NISBET@MAIDENHEADUNITEDFC.ORG  BOOK HERE

UNITED AS

An online talk by Jane Keyworth

Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes, offering practical support and explaining more about this condition

June 23rd 7 - 8:30pm

Talks are recorded and available to watch for up to 48hrs after the session £24



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on the **Homepage**



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Sunday 1st June

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Let your child experience the world's fastest-growing sport in the world – padel!

Whether they've played before on holiday or will be playing for the very first time, this is the perfect way to introduce them to a sport that's easy to play, yet hard to master.

Session Times:

9:00am–10:00am — Ages 5–7 - Sign up here: Signup! Junior Taster Session (5 to 7 year olds) https://app.playtomic.io/lesson_class/6a68de62-a0f8-406e-9402-0bf40ac2757a?utm_campaign=share&utm_source=app_ios

10:00am –11:00am — Ages 8–11 Sign up here:
https://app.playtomic.io/lesson_class/8c18ef91-a6ee-4c88-8f35-eb39fb0c4343?utm_source=app_ios&utm_campaign=share

11:00am –12:00pm — Ages 12+ Sign up here:
https://app.playtomic.io/lesson_class/8c18ef91-a6ee-4c88-8f35-eb39fb0c4343?utm_campaign=share&utm_source=app_ios

14:30pm – 16:00pm — Ages 14+ Sign up here:
https://app.playtomic.io/lesson_class/f2fb2795-daae-46d4-bf46-7f5e7d0c8511?utm_source=app_ios&utm_campaign=share

FREE session. FREE coaching. ALL equipment provided!

No experience necessary – just turn up and play.

Location: Padel Maidenhead, Padel Pavillion, Maidenhead, SL6 1BN

Limited spaces available – Book now!





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in COOKHAM**

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WHERE -
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TIMINGS -
ENTRY SLOTS FROM 10AM
UNTIL LAST ENTRY TO
ESCAPE ROOM AT 4PM.

The Escape Room is for ages 7-10.
To guarantee entry to the Escape Room we advise you to book in advance as spaces are limited.
Craft activities will also be available and you'll be able to enjoy free refreshments.

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