



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

18th: Y6 @ Rhosy

19th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

20th: RBWM Inclusion Summit

23rd: Break Up

24th: Y6 Return from Rhosy

June

2nd: Return to School

3rd: Y6 Bikeability

6th: PTA Non-Uniform Day

9th: Healthy Schools Week

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 Remainers
Cricket Match

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MAY

Monday 12th:

* Y6 SATs Week

Thursday 15th:

* Census Day

* Y4 @ Chiswick

* PTA Quiz @ 7.30pm

Friday 16th:

* Class Photos

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

A huge congratulations to all the children and staff for putting on the most amazing performance of 'A Hint of Snow White'. The singing and acting were exceptional - particularly bearing in mind the children are 9 and 10 years old. But more than that, the kindness and support that the children showed to each other was so touching. They should be very proud of themselves as we are of them. A big thank you to Mrs Thompson who has put in so much time and energy to ensure that this was a great success supported by Mrs Charlwood and Mrs Hamilton. Well done!

STATIONERY

Can you please make sure that KS2 children have their own pencil case with stationery items in school. Items should include pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener and glue stick. For KS1 children, we will provide all the stationery they require.

DOGS IN SCHOOL

Dogs are allowed to be in school for drop off and pick up but can you please ensure that your dog is always on a lead, an adult is in charge of the dog at all times and that the dog is not on the field. At the end of the day, can you please leave the school grounds promptly if you have a dog. We want to keep our school grounds free from any dog mess for the health and safety of our children. Thank you for your cooperation.

STAFFING

As you know Mr O'Gorman and Ms Brown are leaving Cookham Dean Primary School at the end of this academic year. We were very pleased to receive so many applications and after interviewing last week, I am delighted to announce the following staffing structure for September 2025:

Reception - Miss Fernandez (moving from Year 1)

Year 1 - Mrs Gardiner (4 days) & Mrs Thompson (1 day). Mrs Gardiner used to be a pupil at Cookham Dean and Mrs Thompson used to teach her! Also, her mother was Chair of Governors.

Year 2 - Mrs Hussain (2 days) & Mrs Lodge (3 days). Mrs Lodge and Mrs Hussain used to work together at a previous school and Mrs Lodge has been doing supply work at our school and loved it so much, wanted to join our team.

Year 3 - Mrs Stevenson (2 days) & Mrs O'Brien (3 days). As you know Mrs Stevenson has been teaching in Year 5 but before that taught in Year 3. Mrs O'Brien is moving from a London school to come and teach at Cookham Dean.

Year 4 - Ms Thompson

Year 5 - Mr Salter (moving from Year 3)

Year 6 - Mrs Satterley

I am very excited for the new staffing team and I know that you will make our new teachers feel welcomed. I am hoping that the new teachers will be able to join us on our moving up morning on 1st July. Teaching Assistants will be announced shortly.

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HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK

Our Healthy Schools Week is fast approaching and will take place between Monday 9th June and Friday 13th June. In recent years, some parents who teach/coach a particular sport have come into school and led some coaching sessions in the afternoons. If you are available during this week and would like to lead some sessions, please come and have a chat with Mrs Reekie or myself. The afternoon timetable is very flexible so we can work around your availability. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Reekie or myself.

Mr O'Gorman, PE Lead

METRE MARKET

On Friday 16th May 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.



SATS

Next week our Year 6 will be sitting their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Monday to Thursday in the morning. They have worked so hard to prepare and should be very proud of themselves - we wish them all the very best. If you are arriving after 9am next week, please be very quiet around school so that we do not disturb Year 6.

GOODLUCK!

DEAF AWARENESS WEEK



This week is Deaf Awareness Week and Miss G and Lily in Year 4 took to the stage on Thursday to do an assembly all about Lily's ears. We discussed how ears work, and how Lily's ears are different from everyone else's. It's a really important week for her as it's an opportunity to spread awareness and have discussions about hearing, which we often overlook, and to show how the pupils at school can help. We also taught everyone some BSL signs for animals! Everyone listened well and Lily did such a great job.

Miss Griffith, Teaching Assistant



YEARS 3 & 4 SPORTING NEWS

What a 2 week period Years 3 and 4 have had taking part in sporting events. On 29th April, we went to Winter Hill Golf Club and took part in a competition against other schools in the area. We played lots of games to practise our golfing skills, and although we didn't make it through to the next round, we all had a great time. On Thursday 1st of May, we went to St Pirans School and took part in a 1500m cross country event. Congratulations to Trixie in Year 3 for coming first and to all the Year 3 girls, who came first overall. It was a great experience to put all our running club practise into action against other schools. On Thursday 8th May, 18 children went to a cricket festival at Pinkney's Green Cricket Club. We worked in groups, experienced many cricketing skills and met other children from local schools.

Miss Thompson, Year 4 Teacher

OPAL



We had the pleasure of showing a local school around our OPAL on Tuesday. They thoroughly enjoyed seeing our setup and were impressed by how lovely the children played and tidied up! It's been a fantastic week of play: we made a colourful rock garden and a vase of flowers! The noticeboard has also been up this week, and I hope you've had a chance to check out the children's thoughts and feedback about OPAL. We're still on the lookout for a few items: chalk pens, bath or sink, shaving foam, a curtain and some wire to hang it, and small toy dinosaurs or farm animals. Any contributions would be greatly appreciated!

Miss Griffith, OPAL Lead

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VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

We had a wonderful tea party in the sun this afternoon to celebrate VE day. The children listened to music from 1940s, read excerpts from newspaper articles referencing soldiers from Cookham and celebrated with biscuits and squash supplied by the PTA. Thank you to all the parents that helped decorate the playground with bunting and set up for the celebration.



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

Samuel



Year 2

Joseph

Year 3

Trixie

Year 4

Lily

Year 5

Everyone for the show!

Year 6

Alice & Millie



SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 5 PLAY



On the 8th May Year 5 performed a production of "A Hint of Snow White". There were many parts such as FIT, Fairy G, Queen Malodorous and HRH. Straight after assembly we did our first performance to the school which they all really enjoyed. Harry in Year 4 said "It was one of the best plays I think I've ever seen."

By Millan & Zander

On Thursday this week, Year 5 presented a pantomime called "A Hint of Snow White". It was a modernised version of the classic story of snow white. Our evil queen was called Queen Malodorous (queen evil stinky) and her henchman was called Lickspittle. This production taught us to work as a team, step out of our comfort zones and to push ourselves to our limits. We all had to audition for our preferred characters. Lots of us found new interests during the preparation to our big performance to do with the theatre. Our teachers were so proud of us. Though sadly Mrs Stevenson broke her leg skiing (again), were all really excited when we saw Mrs Stevenson in the audience. All of Year 5 would like to give a big shout out to Mrs Thompson who put the play together even though she doesn't come to school on Mondays.

By Minnie & Flo

On Thursday 8th May Year 5 performed a pantomime named A Hint of Snow White. There was comedy, love and music. It was a truly spectacular evening watching them putting their hearts into it. Everyone loved it and the encore of "You found me" was a magical moment for everyone to see. And a special guest came to the show...Mrs Stevenson! And a special thanks to all the Year 5 teachers who made the play come to life! Everyone loved it!

By Bella, Isabella & Isha

Everyone enjoyed watching and doing the play. The costumes were outstanding. A big thanks to all the parents that helped out with the costumes and props. All the Year 5's were very happy to their much-loved teacher, Mrs Stevenson, and we were glad to see all of you that came along. We hope you all enjoyed it!

By Anna, Lili & Madison

The children enjoyed it a lot. The main character was Malodorous (Minnie) who plotted with Lickspittle (Archie). There was also lots of comedy like Cleanie Jeanie (Chester) who was the dame of the castle. It was fantastic. The end made everyone burst into tears with the last song "You found me" as well as the love song performed by the Backwoods Boys. Year 5 and all the teachers were extremely proud of themselves to put on such an amazing production.

By Samuel, Chester & Flynn

Year 5's amazing play went up in flames (no not that kind of flames)! It was amazing, lots of parents raided the hall to see us perform, there were so many parts! It was an hour and a half and took 6 weeks to make. The main parts were; Lickspittle, Queen Malodorous, Snow White, Gaffer, Burly, Clerky, Digger, Speedy, Cookie, Picky, HRH (Princy), Spot the dog, Globby, Pimple (Pickle), Weird Wolf, Bodgit, Dodgit and Scat. The singing was absolutely incredible, it made some of the parents cry their eyes out during the play. It was impeccable.

By Jenson & Louis



WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	We have had another busy week in reception, it's a really exciting time of the year where all the children's learning comes together and they are all making such great progress. Aside from our regular phonics lessons the children have all been super busy making books and writing stories, making posters and signs for the vets and writing notes to one another. In maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction using ten frames to help us with our calculations. In our knowledge and understanding of the world lesson we have explored floating and sinking. The children all made their own predictions about whether a variety of objects would float or sink and tried to give reasons and explanations for this. The children also thoroughly enjoyed watching the Year 5 play on Thursday which inspired some lovely writing and role play. I hope you all have a lovely weekend .
Year 1	Phonics - the children have been busy revising all the sounds they have learned throughout Reception and year 1. We have also introduced some more Alien words to practise as well as focusing on certain digraphs and split digraphs. English - the children have been focusing on suffixes including 'ing' and 'ed'. They have learned about verbs and root words and how adding suffixes changes the word. Furthermore, they have practised identifying, spelling and writing sentences using words containing suffixes. Maths - this week the children have been learning about Multiplication. This has involved revisiting their 2, 5 and 10 timetables and starting to think about grouping and working out Maths word multiplication problems. PE - in PE we have started learning all about Invasion Games. This has involved understanding the rolls of attackers and defenders within team games. Children have practised dribbling a football, passing and also intercepting and defending passes.
Year 2	This week in English, we have been using descriptive language to describe the jungle in our text 'Grandad's Island'. We have also been able to consider each characters feelings and make inferences about the text. In maths, we have been measuring mass in grams and kilograms. We have been able recognise what certain objects should be measured in as well as solve word and reasoning problems involving all 4 operations. The children had great fun sewing their pouches in DT on Thursday. They were able to use a running stitch to join their pieces of felt and are looking forward to decorating them next week.



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Year 3	It has been a great week in Year 3. The children have worked hard across all subjects. In maths, they have been working on multiplication and division, tackling some tricky word problems today! In English, the children (and myself) have been loving reading and learning about our new book <i>Free Lance and the Lake of Skulls</i> by Paul Stewart. The book, set in a fantasy medieval world, includes some tricky new vocabulary that we have enjoyed picking apart. In gymnastics, the children were fantastic in linking together jumps with the point and patch balances we have explored over the last two weeks. On top of this, we enjoyed a wonderful dress rehearsal of the Year 5 play. There was lots of great feedback, so well done to Year 5. Have a lovely weekend.
Year 4	This week in Year 4, we have been working on mixed numbers and improper fractions on maths and using this skill to solve problems. In English, we have been adding descriptive sentences to our picture book, 'Flotsam' and looking at how we can swap words around within sentences. In Geography we have been investigating rivers in the UK and around the world and in RE have begun to answer the question: What is it like to follow God? Look out for a Dojo of our 3D models of features of a river!
Year 5	This week we have mainly focussed on the play with the dress rehearsal to the school and the performance in the evening to the families. The children were amazing! In maths we have been learning to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000 using numbers to 3 decimal places. I have been very impressed by the children's progress over the week. Today we started our new topic using co-ordinates. In computing we have begun our new topic on databases.
Year 6	Well, it's been all about preparation this week. As Monday looms we have been revising and revisiting fractions and percentages, shapes and angles. In RE we have been investigating the Hindu festival Kumbh Mela - we have written news reports, tourist leaflets and persuasive letters about the festival. We enjoyed our VE celebrations and have been interrogating primary and secondary sources about the day.

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(HOUND, TERRIER)

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SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2025
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- WED**  **STADIUM TOUR DAY !!**
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- THU**  **SCORE LIKE SAKA**
A day dedicated to refining those goal scoring skills
- FRI**  **THEY THINK ITS ALL OVER?!**
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This May Half Term, dive into the world of music at Maidenhead Festival's Sound Lab—a fun, hands-on experience for all ages!



Dates: Tues 27th – Thurs 29th May 2025

Time: 10am – 3pm

Location: Nicholson Shopping Centre

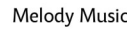
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