



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

12th: Y6 SATs Week
15th: Y4 @ Chiswick
15th: Census Day
15th: PTA Quiz @ 7.30pm
16th: Class Photos
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 Remainders Cricket Match

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MAY

Sunday 4th:

* VE Day Picnic On The Moor

Monday 5th:

* Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7th:

* Y5 Secondary Transfer Test Meeting @ 3.30pm

Thursday 8th:

* Y5 Play @ 6.30pm

Friday 9th:

* VE Day Street Party

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the Governors who have been able to join us for the day today. The governors have been into classes, talking to children, having lunch with them, observing them play OPAL and taking part in our assembly (Happy Birthday Mr Green!). This year the Governors have been focussing on inclusion in our school - how are we meeting the needs of every child in the classroom. It is always a pleasure and the children love to tell the Governors what they like (and don't like) about our school. This will then feed back into our Governing Body meetings. Please see Governors' comments on page 4.

FAMILIES@4

Our next Families@4 service is on Sunday 15th June at 4pm at St John the Baptist Church. This service is led by our children for the families of our school and parish. It is full of great songs, bible readings, prayers and activities. And because the 15th June is Fathers Day we will be recognising and saying thank you for our fathers. Please do let the office know if you are able to join us so that we can ask your children to read prayers or bible stories.

FPN

Please find attached a letter from the Educational Welfare Team about FPNs (fixed penalty notices) for absences from school. As you know, we take attendance very seriously and aim for every child to have 95% attendance. As per the letter, we will fine parents who take their children out of school - please work with us to ensure that your child's attendance is excellent.

VE DAY PICNIC



We will be having a picnic with the whole school to celebrate VE day next Friday afternoon. The PTA are providing biscuits and squash for our picnic but if your child has an allergy, we will be sending a separate email. Please watch out for it.

LOCAL MP VISIT

Today, Joshua Reynolds (RBWM MP) came to our school to talk to Year 5 and Year 6 about his job. The pupils asked him questions about his day-to-day life as a politician and about things in our area they would want to change like the water quality of the Thames and littering after McDonalds drive thru - he says he wants McDonalds to put the car's number plate on their wrapper so they can trace it back to the owner. After the talk, people who had never considered a job as an MP are eager to become politicians and change the things they believe are wrong.

Zuzu, Year 6

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the May 50:50 Club winners:

1st prize - Penny Rymer

2nd prize - Ann Fitzgerald

WINNERS

SCHOOL NEWS

KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

This year, we're inviting everyone in our community - young people, families, local leaders, and changemakers - to help us choose a powerful **Anti-Knife Crime Tagline** from a shortlist of 10 impactful phrases.

 [CHOOSE HERE](#)

 **Voting closes: 6th May**

This tagline will become the heartbeat of all our events throughout the week - events designed to uplift, inspire, and shout out against knife crime through sport, nature, and art.

Why It Matters

In the words of an old saying: "It takes a village to raise a child." Knife crime affects all of us. But together, we can shape a safer future - one where young people are empowered, seen, and supported.

What's Happening?

Join us during Knife Crime Awareness Week for a variety of free, family-friendly events hosted with community partners, including:

-  Sport event for young people
-  Getting in touch with nature for the whole family
-  An opportunity for younger children to display their artistic abilities

Each event will shine a light on our shared message, powered by the tagline you help choose.

Get Involved

Vote for the tagline by 6th May. Get involved in the events which will be shared from 7th May onwards. Be part of a movement that says NO to knife crime, and YES to community, connection, and change.

Together, we can make noise, make change, and make our streets safer. Thank you for standing with us.

Theresa Allen & Amanda Beldom

Knife Crime Awareness Campaign Leads (Family Hub Service, Achieving for Children)

PTA



PTA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MAY

15th - Parent Quiz Night
Link in bio to book!

June

6th - Non School Uniform Day
Donations for Raffle

21st - Summer Fete

27th - Legoland
Tickets on sale soon

JULY

3rd - Summer Disco

8th Year 6 Cricket
Leavers Vs Remainers

PINS SURVEY

Partnerships
for Inclusion of
Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)

School Survey for ALL Parents

- At the end of this national pilot to **improve the support for neurodivergent children** in mainstream schools, we invite **all parents** to **share your feedback**.
- In less than 5 minutes, you can provide valuable insights to help us evaluate the impact of project.
 - Your voice matters.

**Cookham Dean C of E
Primary School**

<https://forms.office.com/e/FEKUmYQVNU>

Survey Open 25th April - 9th May



- You may complete a survey for **each** child attending the school.
- The **survey** is hosted by **SEND Voices RBWM**, the Royal Borough's Parent Carer Forum. We are parent carers who work strategically with local SEND service providers to improve outcomes.
- The survey is completely **anonymous** and only themes will be shared back with your school.



For any enquiries, please email: pins@svrbwm.org.uk

PINS is a national pilot funded by the Department for Education, supported by the Department for Health & Social Care, NHS England and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums

SCHOOL NEWS

MBR



We Need You

Join the Maidenhead's Big Read Team! 🌟

Passionate about inspiring young minds through the power of reading? We're inviting enthusiastic community members to help shape the future of Maidenhead's Big Read Festival!

- Come along to our volunteer meeting:
- Maidenhead Community Centre (MCC)
- Tuesday, 20th May
- Time: 7:45 PM

We're looking for new committee members and event helpers to support the festival's growth and ensure its continued success.

Roles include:

- Selecting authors around the year's theme
- Planning and organising the event
- Promoting the festival in schools and the community
- Help with fundraising application, activities and grants.

Help us spread the magic of reading to local primary and secondary school children! 📖🌟

DM us or email to register your interest or for more details.



Scan for more details



MINI MARATHON SPONSORED FUN RUN

Last Friday 75 children took part in the first Mini Marathon sponsored fun run! Collectively, the children ran 884 laps of the school playing field, which is over 240km or approximately 150 miles. The aim was for each child to try and do 15 laps in half an hour, either individually or as a relay team. Most kept running for the full half an hour even if they had already reached the target and everyone tried their hardest. We had lots of fantastic volunteers - thank you. It was a really nice event, lovely weather, yummy cakes, lots of parents and children supporting the runners and we have raised over **£1000** for the PTA through a combination of generous sponsorship and refreshment sales. The [sponsorship form](#) will be open until later tonight.

Tori Dixon, Running Club

PTA QUIZ

Quiz night booking is now open! Please book your tickets by Friday 9th May for the quiz on Thursday 15th May! Organise a team and find the booking form online [HERE](#). And we are also looking for donations for the pudding auction, please let Tori Dixon know if you can help!

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
Indie

Year 2
Kayla

Year 3
Cross-Country Runners

Year 4
Cross-Country Runners

Year 5
Minnie, Bowie & Louis

Year 6
Charlie





SCHOOL NEWS

GOVERNORS IN SCHOOL DAY



"I started the day on the school gate with Mrs Reekie, welcoming children into school who were laden down with egg boxes and cereal boxes for castle building in DT. I enjoyed seeing a book on dragons to be included in a letter to Queen Victoria about Charles Darwin. Lots of cheery smiles and enthusiastic fist bumps were a perfect start to my day."

"The focus for our day was inclusion and was much in evidence during assembly. Achievements in writing; hard work; drama; maths; art; cross country; kick boxing; golf; a mini marathon; kindness; respect; responsibility and more were recognized and celebrated."

"The local MP was in school today and he was very impressed by the questions he was asked. Some were relevant nationally but the majority were about local community issues including safer cycling, water quality and litter."

"Play time was brilliant, it must be OPAL. Every child was busy and engaged. I saw one older child teaching a younger one to cycle which was lovely."

"The Year 5 play rehearsal was wonderful and fully inclusive. It was really beautiful seeing how enthusiastic the children were and encouraging of each other and the way they were interacting with the teacher. There was such a loud cheer at the end, they were so proud of all they had achieved."

"The topics I saw being taught were engaging for the whole class and everyone was able to take part in the discussions."

"When I introduced myself to an external SEND consultant she was very keen to tell me unprompted just how brilliant the provision is here"

"Thank you so much to all the staff and children for making us feel so welcome and for sharing their school day with us."

YEAR 6 QUOTES

"I think Governors coming into school is a great idea: they can see our work and play environment and instead just hearing about it from Mrs Reekie, they see it for themselves." By George

"It's good for Governors to see us and see our daily routine and suggest some new ideas." By Harvey

OPAL

Hello, it's Miss G here and I'm running OPAL. I hope your children are enjoying the new methods of play and having lots of fun - I know I am, especially with the sunshine! We now have a lot of equipment, but we're looking for the following:

- Chalk pens
- Farm yard animals
- Bowling pins
- Curtains (red ideally)

If anyone can help with these, that would be amazing! There are plenty of fun things planned for the upcoming weeks, and there will be a noticeboard on the playground next Wednesday - so please check it for pictures and information!



WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	It has been a wonderful first full week back in Reception and the children have all worked so hard this week. In phonics we have continued to revise our letter sounds and build on our blending of sounds. We have also now started saying a sentence, remembering the sentence and then attempting to write the sentence and for their first attempts at this have all done really well. In literacy this week we have designed posters to give to the new reception children telling them what they have enjoyed playing with at big school – their independent writing has blown me away! In maths we have been looking at teen numbers, in particular that they are made of ten and a few more, then counting, ordering and saying what comes after a given number. In our knowledge and understanding of the world lesson we became scientists and explored materials. We then designed and carried out an experiment to test whether a range of materials were waterproof and even made sure it was a fair test by making sure the pieces of material were all the same size and the amount of water poured on them was the same. We have also had lots of fun in the garden – pics on dojo to follow. Have a wonderful long weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.
Year 1	The Year 1 children have made a great start to the Summer term! This week our learning has included the following: Phonics - we have started revising all the sounds that we have learned in Reception and Year 1. We also practised reading and writing tricky words including 'eye', 'sure', 'pure', 'said' and 'were'. Furthermore, we have started learning about Alien words and practised sounding some of these out. For example, we read 'vol', 'quass', 'sloom' and 'tabe' just to mention a few. Maths - this week we have been focusing on different areas of Measurement. We began by recapping our learning on measuring length in non-standard units as well as standard units (cm). We then started learning about mass and volume which involved learning about objects being heavier and lighter, measuring and comparing different masses and learning about capacity. English - we finished off our work on our English text 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. This involved practising to say our sentences before writing them to check that they make sense. Additionally, we learned about persuasive writing and the children wrote a letter to persuade the Headteacher in the story to let Beegu stay in school. We then revisited our editing skills and read through our letters to check that they made sense and to see if we could add anything to make them even better. Lastly, we started our new English text which is called 'Hibernation Hotel' by John Kelly and did some more learning about using adjectives in our writing as well as learning about non-chronological reports. Science - we have started a new topic this half term called 'Seasonal Changes' This week the children were learning about how the weather and environment changes in different seasons and identified differences between the seasons. They also discussed whether the current weather was typical for the season that we are in.
Year 2	A good week in Year 2. In maths we began learning about division and how to share 2 digit numbers into 2 equal groups or into groups of 2 and recording this as a division number sentence. After some practise, children were gaining confidence to write their own division number sentences. In English we have been using our plan about OPAL to write our final version thinking carefully about what we wanted to communicate to the reader. We then moved on to describing a jungle setting from the story 'Grandad's Island.' In music, we discussed what myths and legends were and read a story and then used a music piece about 'Saint George and the Dragon' to clap out different repeated rhythms.

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Year 3	It has been an action-packed week in Year 3, with two sporting events and a DT project. In maths, however, the children have been quietly working away on multiplication and division. In English, we have built towards writing a letter to the PTA thanking them for OPAL and the new play equipment - these came out brilliantly. We are lucky to have been able to send many children to represent the school at a golf skills tournament, as well as a cross-country competition. All children involved were excellent. A particular shout out to the girls, who brought home the shield for the third year running in Year 3 (no pressure Year 2 girls), but especially Trixie, who came in 1st place out of all the Year 3 girls involved. Really well done! Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.	
Year 4	We have had a fantastic week, building rivers and labelling the features. In English we have started our new book called 'Flotsam' and in maths we are still on our journey of fractions. In PE we have enjoyed starting our unit on yoga and in PSHE, we have been looking at what to do if we feel anxious or sad.	
Year 5	We have started our Mountains topic, learning about Mt Everest, using our research to plan a fact file which we will write next week. In maths we have been focussing on negative numbers: counting in 1s and multiples through 0 and ordering and comparing numbers. In PE we started our cricket module, definitely the best weather for it! Our main focus this week, have been our final rehearsals of our Y5 play which we will be performing next week to the school and families. The children have worked tirelessly to make this a success and I am very proud of them. Good luck with the show Year 5!	
Year 6	We have been enjoying the sunny weather and taking our lessons outside this week: on Tuesday we did a maths treasure hunt - a great way of getting ready for SATs. Our writing has been all about letters. We wrote formal letters about our views on play at Cookham Dean and then informal letters to our ex pupils about the same thing so that we could explore how language changes with audience. In art we have been investigating David Hockney and recreating his famous painting of his parents.	

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



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MAY & SUMMER FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, BOUNCY CASTLE, PERFORMING ARTS,
GAMING, LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING & MUCH MORE!

May Half-Term: Tuesday 27th May - Friday 30th May
Summer Holidays: Thursday 24th July - Tuesday 2nd September



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Braywick Road, Maidenhead SL6 1BN
9.00am – 4.00pm
Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

Book online: www.lets-play.org.uk



NETBALL



Sch. Years 1&2 £25
Tues 27th May 9-10.30
Wed 28th May 9-10.30
Newlands Girl's School

Fitness, fun netball based drills
● and matchplay!

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MAY HALF TERM CAMPS


MAIDENHEAD CAMP

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DATES:
TUES 27TH - THURS 29TH MAY

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 AT STONOR PARK
 SUNDAY 18 MAY 9.30AM
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 AND FOR THEIR GROWN-UPS!


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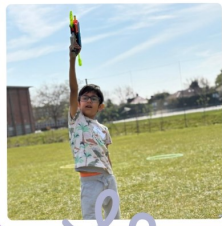
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2025

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HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
SL7 3AG

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 -
 FRIDAY 30TH MAY

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