



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July

1st: Musical Soiree @ 6pm
6th: National Schools Sports Week
7th: Moving Up Morning
9th: Spanish Assembly @ 9.15am
9th: Y4 Violin Performance @ 2.30pm
10th: Art Exhibition
10th: Y5 Sports event
13th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
14th: Leavers Vs Remainders Cricket Match
15th: Head Boy/Girl Speeches
15th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm
16th: Y6 Play 6pm
17th: Y6 @ Legoland
21st: Leavers Church Service
22nd: Leavers Assembly
22nd: Leavers Farewell
22nd: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JUNE

Monday 22nd:

* Y3 @ Ufton Court

Tuesday 23rd:

* Y6 Drowning Prevention @ Westhorpe Lake

Saturday 27th:

*** SCHOOL FETE ***



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a great Sports Day! Thankfully the rain stayed off and the temperature was perfect for a morning of activity. The children were amazing and there were so many highlights - particularly where children overcame their own hurdles. They showed incredible resilience and it was lovely seeing how supportive the children were of each other! Well done to all that took part.

I hope you have a lovely 'extra long' weekend and enjoy the sunshine! See you on Monday.

MOVING UP MORNING

The children will have a morning in their new class for September on Tuesday 7th July. Mrs O'Reilly, our new teacher joining year 3, will be coming into school. I am sure the children will have a great morning!

PARENT FORUM

Please let the office know if you will be attending the parent forum on Tuesday 23rd June at 9.30. This is an opportunity for you to share any ideas you may have to make our school even better!

OPAL

We would like the following donations please - small buckets, containers, sponges, tubing, saucepans, frying pans, wooden spoons. If you are having a clear out, please bring any of these items into the office.

FACEBOOK

Don't forget to follow us on facebook and share with your friends and family! Find us at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?>

TRUNKS ACROSS THE THAMES

Our wonderful Apple the Elephant, from Trunks across the Thames, will be making an appearance at Goyals uniform shop in Maidenhead from 13th July to 13th September. Please do go and have a look and ask your child which part of Apple they painted!

SCARECROW

Well done to Sophie in year 5 who was the winner of the 'Design a Scarecrow for the Garden' competition. Sophie came up with a great design based on Mrs Reekie and her wardrobe!

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, 11 children(boys and girls) from Year 6 participated in a football match against Oldfield. The match was a seven aside playoff and we drew 2-2. The first goal was scored by Leo and assisted by Millan; an amazing volley into the corner of the goal. Later, Oldfield scored, bringing us level at 1-1. The match was split into quarters (ten minutes each), and in the third quarter, a counterattack was initiated and Mil-lan played a through ball to Oliver, who smashed it into the bottom corner from outside the box. Despite this, Oldfield scored in the last minute of the game; it only just bumped over our keeper- Chris.

Overall, it was a fair, well-judged game with Flynn as our referee. The teams were balanced in skill and teamwork. Thank you to the teachers and parents that cheered us on!

Archie and Flo, Year 6



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.



Reception

Back next week



Year 1

Back next week

Year 2

Back next week

Year 3

Back next week

Year 4

Back next week

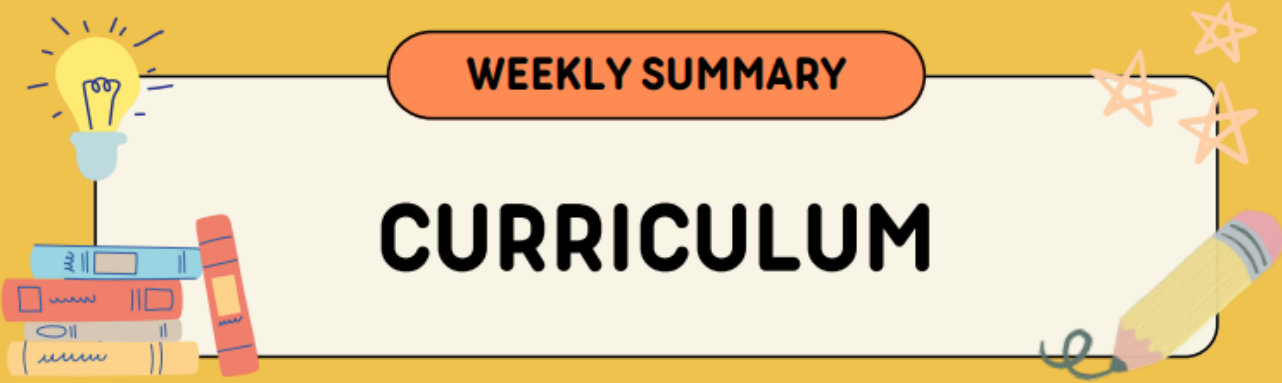
Year 5

Back next week

Year 6

Back next week





WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

Each week we will be letting you know in this newsletter, a snapshot of what the children have been learning in class. For an overview of the term's work, please go to the [class pages](#) on our website where you will find more information.

Reception	This week the children really enjoyed their first Cookham Dean Sports Day, and it was great to see all the children having fun, trying their best and cheering each other on. In Phonics the children have been reviewing all the sounds learned this year and applying these to larger words as well as practising their tricky words. In Maths the children have continued learning about positional language but have extended this by looking at maps and using positional language to describe where features are on a map. They have also been using instructional language to draw scenes and instruct their partner to replicate the scene. In Literacy, the children have been using their phonic knowledge to spot and spell words starting with an initial sound. They have also answered questions on the 'Peepo!' text. In Expressive Arts and Design we completed a floating and sinking experiment where the children made predictions and tested different materials to see which would sink or float.
Year 1	Year 1 have been busy developing their writing skills by creating clear instructions on how to plant a sunflower seed. In Maths, the children explored comparing numbers and used mathematical language to explain which numbers were greater, smaller, or equal. During Science, we went on a tree walk around the school grounds to identify different trees and investigate whether they were deciduous or evergreen. The children enjoyed applying their observation skills and learning more about the natural world around them. We wish everyone a wonderful long weekend.
Year 2	Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Sports Day at the beginning of the week. The children showed great enthusiasm, determination and teamwork as they participated in a range of events and cheered on their classmates. They have also enjoyed starting their new Maths unit on Statistics. The children have been collecting, organising and interpreting data, and have shown great enthusiasm when creating and reading simple charts and graphs. In Computing, they have begun using ScratchJr, developing their programming skills by creating their own animations and interactive stories. In RE, we have continued exploring the question, "What are the best reasons for following a leader?" The children have engaged in thoughtful discussions, sharing their ideas respectfully and considering different perspectives.



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Year 3	After a fabulous sports day, the children have settled back in to the normal class routine and worked extremely hard this week. In maths we have been continuing with time, looking at durations. This has proved challenging but the children have shown great resilience and determination to succeed. Well done everyone! We are continuing with our seasonal food DT project: this week we were testing different vegetables and selecting our favourite two. We have started our new history topic, Romans, and are very excited for our trip to Ufton Court on Monday. In English we have been revising grammar and using that knowledge to write letters to the Chair of Governors. A very busy week. Enjoy the long weekend!
Year 4	Year 4 have had a great week. We started off with our sports day and we were all amazing. Well done to Diamond! In English, we have been writing explanation sentences using conjunctions and formal topic language and have written a formal letter to the Board of Governors, trying to persuade them to allow us to have a sensory garden in our school. In maths we have been re-capping tenths as fractions and decimals and making prototype 2 cars in DT. Our violin lessons are coming along nicely and you should have received an invitation to join us on 9th July to listen to all the songs we can play. Hope you all have a lovely long weekend!
Year 5	This week Year 5 have worked hard to measure angles accurately using a protractor. We spoke about the importance of having the line precisely on the baseline and ensuring you read from the correct scale. In English, we have nearly finished our reading text, <i>The Song from Somewhere Else</i>. We have had some fantastic discussions around the characters and AF Harrold's style of writing. The children enjoyed comparing it to the other texts we have explored this year. Shout out to Noah who shared that he thought AF Harrold had also written poetry - spot on!
Year 6	We've had another wonderfully busy and productive week in Year 6, and the children continue to make us incredibly proud. First of all, a huge well done to all the boys and girls who took part in the recent football matches. Their teamwork, determination and sportsmanship were fantastic to see, and they represented the school brilliantly. In English, the children have been working hard on their formal letter writing, producing thoughtful and persuasive letters petitioning Cookham Parish Council to build a <i>Children's Community Garden</i>. The quality of their arguments and the maturity of their tone have been impressive. In DT and PSHE, the long-awaited muffin project is now complete. The children have enjoyed exploring flavours, evaluating ingredients and reflecting on healthy choices — with some delicious results. We have also begun planning our stalls for the upcoming Cookham Dean Fundraising Cricket Match. The children have shown great creativity and entrepreneurial spirit as they prepare ideas to support this exciting community event. Watch this space — more details coming soon!

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 2 MATHS COMPETITION

First we went in Mrs
Tomlin's car to the
maths competition
we had a thirty minute break
then we had a practice
there were 11 schools
there were 5 questions on
a sheet and 20 questions
in a practice and in a round
there was two rounds.
It was 4:30 to 6:00 we
came 4th 5th or 6th.

Jacob year 2



OPAL PETITION

Below is the QR code if you wish to sign the Thames Valley OPAL Team's Plan for Play Petition. For more details, please see the information sent out with today's newsletter.



Sign the **plan** for
play petition



YEAR 5 WATER SAFETY

On Wednesday, Year 5 spent the morning at Braywick for a water safety assembly and live rescue demonstration. The assembly covered some of the risks around bodies of water and explored how we can stay safe. Subsequently, we moved to poolside and had a demonstration by the fire service. They explained some of the things they would do in an emergency. The children enjoyed themselves and represented the school well.

PTA NEWS

PTA SUMMER FETE SILENT AUCTION

 Our Summer Fete Silent Auction is live!

<https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/cookhamdeanauction2026>

Bidding is open and will close on Sunday 28 June at 10pm.

We have an amazing selection of prizes on offer this year, with more donations still being added. Thank you to everyone who has donated, sourced prizes, and helped collect them.

Every bid helps support the school, so take a look, spread the word, and get bidding!
Good luck!

Marie Hepworth, PTA Secretary



COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA SUMMER FETE!
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026
11:30AM – 3:30PM

FUN FOR EVERYONE! GAMES, STALLS, RAFFLE, FOOD & MUCH MORE!
A DAY OF FUN TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL!

LOTS TO SEE, DO & ENJOY!

- FUN GAMES & STALLS**
- DELICIOUS FOOD & DRINK**
- AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES**
- MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT**
- FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!**

DON'T MISS THESE BIG ATTRACTIONS!

- SPECIAL VISIT!** THAMES VALLEY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
- MEET THE POLICE!** THAMES VALLEY POLICE
- TAKE ON THE CHALLENGE!** CLIMBING WALL FUN FOR ALL AGES!
- MW FOOTBALL** M.W. FOOTBALL COACHING

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SILENT AUCTION
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BID ON AMAZING ITEMS & EXPERIENCES!
★ Bids close ★
Sunday 28th June at 22:00
PRIZES TO BE WON INCLUDE:
★ Family days out
★ Restaurant vouchers
★ Holiday camps
★ Pamper packages
★ And much more!

RAFFLE
Scan here!

WIN ONE OF OUR EPIC HAMPERS!

£5 GETS YOU 5 TICKETS!
★ Raffle closes ★
Thursday 25th June at 23:55
Paper tickets available on the day

MORE FUN THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

- ★ Bouncy Castles
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Glitter Tattoos
- ★ Hook a Duck
- ★ Tombola
- ★ Inflatables
- ★ Beat the Goalie
- ★ And much more!

EVERY PENNY RAISED SUPPORTS COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTA NEWS

PTA EVENTS UPDATE

□ Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the disco this evening and to all our amazing parent volunteers, without whom events like the disco would not happen!

★ Raffle tickets - tickets are on sale to win one of our fab hampers! Please share with friends and family! To save time and paper, tickets are available to buy online here: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/the-parent-teacher-association-of-the-cookham-dean-church-of-england-controlled-primary-schools-summer-fete-raffle--2026>

🎪 Summer fete - Saturday 27 June, 11:30am-3:30pm. So many fab stalls for everyone to enjoy including a climbing wall, bouncy castle, water run, beat the goalie, BBQ, café, bar and much more!

Thank you to everyone who made soft toy 🧸 and 📖🧸 washing line donations - be sure to check out the stalls at the fete!

📢 silent auction - the silent auction is now LIVE and has already raised over £2000! Get bidding here: <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/cookhamdeanauction2026> (Marie is still accepting and uploading prizes so if you can offer anything please let her know via pta@cookhamdean.org)

🏠 infrastructure set-up - we still need a few more people to help put up marquees and gazebos after school on Friday 26 June. We have Marie's dad, who is awesome, but he needs some help! All you sports day gazebo putter-uppers please help! You can sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/4FX4T>

🍷 BBQ and bar - if you can spare an hour or two to help on these stalls you'll get to meet lots of the school community! You can volunteer to help here: <https://volunteersignup.org/4FX4T>

🏠 class stalls - please please if you are coming to the fete, please so sign up to help on your class stall(s) - ask your class rep how to do that. Each class has their own sign up process. Thank you!

🏏 Leavers vs Remainders cricket - this is on Tuesday 14 July, 4-8pm. It's run by Year 6, they have some fun stalls and there's a bar and BBQ, but the Remainders (Reception to Y5) need to field a team! If you can play, please contact Remainders team captain Sach Patiar via WhatsApp 07583 330895.

📅 Date for your diary - the next PTA meeting is on Friday 17 July at school from 2:15pm. All parents (and teachers) welcome!

Have an excellent inset day, especially everyone heading to Legoland!

Thank you.

Maddi, PTA Chair

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COME
ALONG TO
OUR FREE
EVENT

PRELOVED TO RELOVED

Saturday 20 June 2026, 10am – 2pm

Cookham Dean Primary School Playground,
Bigfrith Lane, Cookham Dean, Maidenhead, SL6 9PH

supporting

Thames hospice



Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead

SUMMER 2026

The WOW CAMP

TECH CAMP + WOW EXPERIENCES

Build skills. Make friends.
Have an unforgettable summer!

AWESOME SCIENCE SHOWS

MINICRAFT REDSTONE

VR META QUEST

ROBLOX GAME CREATIONS

3D STRUCTURES

LASER TAG ARENA

TALKING ROBOTS

DJING & MUSIC MIXING

INFLATABLE ASSAULT COURSE

SUMMER CAMPS 2026

DISCOVER NEW ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER!

The timetables below are for this Summer – we refresh activities every holiday so there's always something new to experience!

OUR ACTIVITY COLOUR SYSTEM: FIRE = YELLOW, SPARK = PURPLE, POWER = RED, CLASSIC = BLUE, EVERY HOLIDAY NEW COLOUR NEW ACTIVITIES!

WEEK 1	WEEK 2
TALKING ROBOTS	LEGO ROBOTS
Wearable	LASER TAG
LittleBits INVENTIONS	SCIENCE SHOW
ALL NEW VR	WIZARD STOP MOTION
MINICRAFT REDSTONE	ROBLOX STOP MOTION
MAKER MAKER INVENTIONS	MUSICAL TECH
AUGMENTED REALITY	MICRO ROBOTS
3D PENS	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
LEGO PIXEL PARTY	ROBLOX WORKSHOP
TAKE HOME INVENTIONS	EDITING

The days that these activities will be taking place differ site to site, please check website for your camp's schedule

WHAT TO BRING

- Lunch & Snacks
- Water Bottle
- Medication if Required
- Weather Appropriate Clothing

SAFE & SECURE

- EXPERT INSTRUCTORS
- OFSTED REGISTERED & TRUSTED
- AGES 5-11

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RAVE REVIEWS

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AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM

27TH JULY - 7TH AUGUST

DEDWORTH MIDDLE SCHOOL

SMITHS LN, WINDSOR SL4 5PE

AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 1 PM

10TH - 21ST AUGUST

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Does your child want to learn to ride a bike this summer?

Our fun and supportive sessions are perfect for children who are ready to take those first pedals towards riding independently!

They're designed to help children build confidence, develop balance, and experience the joy of cycling in a safe environment.

Friday 24 July 2026 at Dedworth Middle School

Tuesday 28 July 2026 at St Edmund Campion School

£12.50 for one child per session, or £10 for more than one child.
Limited spaces available.

Scan the QR code below



or visit: forms.rbwm.gov.uk/xfp/form/330

COOKHAM FUN REGATTA

Saturday 5th September 2026



Experience the Excitement of Dragon Boat Racing

No Experience Necessary!
Boats, Buoyancy and Instruction Provided
Team of 10 (plus Drummer) only £180

<http://www.cookhamregatta.org.uk/>
Or email entry@cookhamregatta.org.uk



Marsh Meadow and Cock Marsh Waterside SL4 9SB

Many supporting landside events for the whole family. Dog Show, Children's rides, Classic Cars, Games, Brass Band, Food Stalls, Beer Tent, Tea Tent and much more.
All surplus funds from the Regatta will be used to support local and other good causes – see programme for details

NURTURE KIDS YOGA

Autumn Term

with Sallie

Self-regulation | Focus & concentration | Confidence | Flexibility | Calmness



8TH SEPTEMBER – 15TH DECEMBER 2026

Tuesdays 3.15 – 4.30 | £9 per session

Cookham Dean Primary School

sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com

☎ 07846 992824



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July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

SUMMER FESTIVAL

FRIDAY 26 JUNE

Luckley House School – 18:00 – 21:30
Tickets – £5.00

Event Highlights:

- Music by Luckley House Choirs and Ensemble
- Tombola and inflatables
- Bar food

All Welcome at The Luckley House Summer Festival

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HOUSE FRIENDS

Luckley Road, Wokingham, RG40 4PQ

Buy tickets – Luckley Summer Festival 2026 – Luckley House School

Summer Tennis Camps

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20th July - 27th August 9-3.30pm

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CONFIDENCE
BUILDING
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SUMMER WORKSHOPS

♥ Dance. Create. Believe. ♥

Full day experience workshops filled with Irish dancing, creative activities, confidence building and lots of fun!

🕒 10:00AM - 3:00PM

📍 HUGHENDEN VILLAGE HALL



We'll be using the park and field behind the hall too - picnics outside and plenty of space to play (weather permitting)

ALL ON TUESDAYS



28

JULY
2026



4

AUGUST
2026



11

AUGUST
2026



18

AUGUST
2026



25

AUGUST
2026

♥ AGES 5+ | CHILDREN BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH

WHAT TO EXPECT



Irish dancing, technique and fun routines



Performance & confidence building activities



Creative design sessions with take-home items every day!



Positive affirmations, resilience and teamwork



Daily awards, celebrations & lots of fun!

CREATIVE FUN EVERY DAY!

Dancers will design and personalise their own dance-themed items to take home, including



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PHOTO FRAMES



NINI BAGS



MAKE-UP BAGS



PLUS: Positive affirmation cards to inspire and remind them how amazing they are!

MAXIMUM
15 SPACES
PER DAY

AMAZING
VALUE!

♥ £45 EARLY BIRD (Limited spaces)

♥ £50 PER DAY

♥ £180 FOR ALL 5 WORKSHOPS
(Best Value!)

SPACES ARE LIMITED
AND WILL BE OFFERED
ON A FIRST COME,
FIRST SERVED BASIS



A SUMMER OF DANCE, CREATIVITY & CONFIDENCE
let's make memories together!

BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

DM OR MESSAGE TO BOOK