



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

28th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

May

2nd: Governors In School Day
5th: Bank Holiday
8th: Y5 Play @ 6.30pm
9th: VE 80th Anniversary Picnic
12th: Y6 SATs Week
15th: Y4 @ Chiswick
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
9th: Healthy Schools Week
9th: Y2 @ Windsor Castle
12th: Reception @ Braywick
Nature Centre
13th: Sports Day
17th: Y5/6 RNLI Talk
20th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am
21st: Summer Fete
27th: Inset Day

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

APRIL

Tuesday 22nd:

* Inset Day

Wednesday 23rd:

* Return to School

Thursday 24th:

* OPAL Assembly

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a lovely way to finish off our term - our Easter bonnet parade. The children have spent the morning creating their fabulous designs and then after lunch paraded around the playground - cheering and clapping for each other. The winner for KS1 and EYFS was **Savannah** in Year 1 and for KS2 was **Charlotte** in Year 4 - both fantastically creative! I hope all the bonnets last until Easter.

Thank you to all the parents for support and help this term from hearing children read to accompanying trips, from sorting the library to continuously fundraising. We just couldn't do it all without your continued support! Thank you.

I hope that you have a wonderful, peaceful and joyful Easter and we look forward to seeing you and your children back at school on Wednesday 23rd April.

LEAVERS

We will be saying goodbye to Ms Brown, our Reception teacher, at the end of the summer term. Ms Brown and her family are relocating to Yorkshire and we wish her all the very best. Ms Brown has been amazing first as our Year 3 teacher and more recently in Reception, as well as being our art and DT lead in school. She has always been so enthusiastic and warm with the children and she will be very much missed. Today, we said goodbye to Miss Kilpatrick (1:1 TA in Year 3) who is leaving us to go travelling to South East Asia. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing the photos!

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to team Diamond who are the overall winners for this term with 1026 points!

DIAMOND - 1026

TOPAZ - 676

RUBY - 655

EMERALD - 598

SAPPHIRE - 512

AMETHYST - 490



BREAKTIME SNACKS

Can I please remind parents that breaktime snacks should be the following: **cheese, crackers, plain rice cakes or fruit**. If your child is having a packed lunch, please make sure they know what is their break snack.

THE WALKING BUS

It is wonderful seeing how many children use the walking bus on a Wednesday morning - what a great way to start the day for them! We would like to increase this to another day - if you think you can help to run this, please contact the office.

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to the parents who joined us at the parent forum last week. There were 2 items on the agenda:

1. Lunches - we are monitoring and talking to Caterlink about the quality, portion size and customer satisfaction.
2. Team sports - ensuring that our children have more opportunities to take part in team sports after school. I will be meeting after Easter with a parent who has volunteered to run an after school club. Watch this space!

**HAPPY
EASTER**

SCHOOL NEWS

COOL MILK - WHO'S YOUR MILK HERO?

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the **Milk Heroes Campaign!** This initiative celebrates individuals who go above and beyond to promote the benefits of milk, nutrition, and healthy living in their schools and communities. Each month, we will select a 'Milk Hero' to recognise and celebrate their contributions! Whether it's a dedicated teacher, a passionate student, a staff member, or anyone making a positive impact, we want to hear their story. Nominations are now open on our website! Simply click [HERE](#) to submit your nominee. The process is quick and easy, and each month, a new hero will be chosen and featured, so keep those nominations coming!

The Cool Milk Team

NSPCC MATHS DAY

We are delighted to report that so far we have raised a huge £357 for the NSPCC. The teachers will be sending home the completed sponsorship forms home today for you to review and send your sponsorship money back to your class teacher after the Easter break. We can't wait to see what the total will be once we have all the sponsorship money back.

Mrs Thompson, Maths Lead

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the April

50:50 Club winners:

WINNERS

1st prize - Sandra Cameron

2nd prize - Hardeep Bahra

COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

You will remember that this term, each class chose a charity or cause to support and last Friday we had a wonderful afternoon of fundraising. Well done everyone for making a difference!

Reception - did recycling in the classroom

Year 1 - also chose to recycle in their classrooms by making their own recycling boxes

Year 2 - sold unused toys and books and raised approximately **£40** for Battersea Cats and Dogs Home

Year 3 - donated their old clothes to a charity supporting those affected by the Ukrainian war

Year 4 - made and sold Easter gifts to raise **£27.50** for Thames Hospice

Year 5 - sold books and toys to raise money for Cancer Research - anything left over from the sale has been donated to the Cancer Research shop in Marlow and they raised **£75**

Year 6 - made jewellery from clay in the shapes of dogs and **£104** was sent to Four Paws UK (a global animal welfare organisation).



OPAL

Hello, Miss G here. Thank you so much for all your OPAL donations - we have lots of lovely things! We don't need any more helmets, bikes or fancy dress, but we do need waterproof clothing for our new water area, which we are (hopefully) creating over the Easter holidays. We have tidied and organised our shed and there will be a very exciting assembly after Easter to show any new toys and explain some new rules. If you have any questions or are unsure whether a donation would be useful, please feel free to email me: jess.griffith@cookhamdean.org. Have a lovely Easter holiday!

LUNCH & CLUBS

Don't forget to book next term's lunches (menu attached) and sign up for clubs. All details have been emailed. We have an additional cookery club starting as well as a brand new fencing club!

SCHOOL NEWS

WILD COOKHAM

Join us at Holy Trinity School on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm to hear local expert Les Finch share insights on "Butterflies of the Night," including their lives, variety, habitat needs, and how to attract them to your garden.

Brian Clews, Wild Cookham

COOKHAM WILDLIFE FESTIVAL

THE BIG COOKHAM WILDLIFE FESTIVAL 2025
a celebration of nature walks and talks

Join us for lots of exciting nature events and activities, starting with **GLOBAL BEE DAY** on May 20th, and continuing through **NATIONAL GARDEN WILDLIFE WEEK** from May 25th to June 2nd.

Discover the fascinating wildlife that lives alongside us!

Find out more and REGISTER at:
meetup.com/cookham-wildlife-supporters/events/?type=upcoming.

SOMETHING FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
SIGN-UP NOW!

Global Bee Day May 20th

National Garden Wildlife Week May 25th - June 2nd

WILD COOKHAM

PTA MINI MARATHON

Cookham Dean PTA presents

MINI MARATHON
SPONSORED FUN RUN!

Friday 25 April

2.30-3.00pm Reception
3.20-3.50pm Y1/2
3.55-4.25pm Y3/4
4.30-5.00pm Y5/6

Children: Can you run a mini marathon (2.6 miles) in 30 minutes? Individual or teams of up to 3. Places limited!

Parents: Come and support your children and catch up with friends - cakes, fruit and drinks all available!

REGISTER NOW!

SPONSOR!

Registration is now open for the Fun Run event after the Easter holidays. Please register your child [HERE](#). Cakes and refreshments will be available after school that day. You can sponsor the children [HERE](#). Thank you!

Tori Dixon, Running Club

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
Jude

Year 2
Noah

Year 3
Miss Kilpatrick

Year 4
Willow

Year 5
Everyone!

Year 6
Zali

Happy Easter!



WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	It has been wonderful to be back in reception this week and what a glorious week. The children have blown me away with their phonic knowledge and have used this to successfully spell words that we have learnt to read this term – fantastic work Reception! In maths we have revised our number bonds, sequencing numbers, saying which number is larger or smaller and have extended some quite complicated repeating patterns. We have thoroughly enjoyed our time in the garden this week, looking at insects and flowers, painting spring pictures and have had lots of fun making our Easter bonnets. It has been a great term, I wish you all a lovely Easter and look forward to seeing the children when we return.
Year 1	This week Year 1 have been learning about the following: Phonics - the children have revised some previously learned sounds including 'ze', 'ce', 'se', 'zz', 'ss', 'sh' and also learned some new alternative sounds for 'a' and 'ch'. They have also been busy practising Phonics spellings and reading and writing tricky words. English - this week the children started their new English text called 'Beegu' by Alexis Deacon. They made predictions of what they thought might happen in the story based on the front cover and the first page of the book. They also wrote captions to describe what was happening in different parts of the story. Additionally, they created a lost poster to describe Beegu and persuade the reader to help them find the character Beegu. Maths - the Year 1 children deepened their understanding of money by practising subtraction with money. This involved subtracting money from the total and finding what the new total was. They further practised their subtraction skills by counting back on a number track from any number up to 100. Finally, they recapped 1 more, 1 less and 10 more, 10 less. Geography - this week the children learned about the capital cities of the countries in the UK. We also focused on the different seasons in the UK whilst thinking about how people prepare for each season. Wishing everyone a fantastic Easter holiday!
Year 2	In Year 2 this week, children have been writing a recount of the journey of the Little Boat in first person and past tense in chronological order. Children were able to use a range of emotive language as well as expanded noun phrases and some different and new conjunctions. In maths we have been learning to subtract two 2-digit numbers crossing the tens numbers and continuing to count in multiples of 3 and 4. In science last week we built bridges to test the strength of paper and this week we tested them to find out which were the strongest. We had three toy cars of different weight which we tested on each design. We then discussed if the bridge was a success and suggested ways to improve it next time.



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Year 3	What a lovely final week of term it has been in Year 3. The sun has been shining, and we have enjoyed reflecting on all we have achieved this term. In maths, we used partitioning to double and halve numbers up to 100. In computing, the children created a branching database using closed questions to classify dinosaurs. In geography, we explored where and why earthquakes occur around the world. Some of the children were able to talk about the impacts of the recent earthquake in Myanmar which really added to the lesson. We are also sad that this week was our final swimming session. The children enjoyed a well-deserved fun swim after all their hard work. The swimming champions this week are: Gigi, Theo and Harriet. Well done to those children! Finally, we are sadly saying goodbye to Miss Kilpatrick this week. She has been a great asset in the classroom and will certainly be missed by the adults and children alike! I hope you join me in wishing her the best for the future. Have a great Easter break all!
Year 4	This week in Maths we have completed our unit on area. We have found the area by counting squares or using our multiplication skills. We have compared areas of shapes, ordered the area of shapes and solved problems. In English we continue to write our newspaper report, which we will complete after the Easter break. On Tuesday, we enjoyed our Easter service at the church and had a lot of fun designing our Easter bonnets out of newspaper. Hope you all have a lovely Easter break.
Year 5	In maths this week we have been revising column addition, column subtraction and assessing our learning from this term. We have continued the work from last week in English, planning a profile piece on one of the scientists. We have now started rehearsing the play without scripts: I am extremely impressed with how well the children have learnt their words. Well done Year 5! What an exciting term we have had: starting with our residential at Ufton Court in the snow and finishing with the play rehearsals in full swing in the glorious spring sunshine. The children have all worked so hard and I am delighted with, and proud of, every one of them. Fantastic job Year 5!
Year 6	In maths this week we have been tackling Algebra in small steps. It has completely demystified a once scary concept. WE GET IT! :) We have been learning to justify our opinions using the Darwin's dragon book. In religion we have explored the idea of resurrection and reincarnation. Our geography skills this week was using 6 figure grid references.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

Eton College Symphony Orchestra plays...
BRITTEN'S YOUNG PERSON'S
GUIDE TO THE ORCHESTRA



FAMILY CONCERT FOR CHILDREN 6 YEARS UP

ENTRY IS FREE



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- Friday evening training from 5.30pm - open to all - no equipment needed
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- Softball and hardball games for all abilities
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- Specialist girls' teams for selected matches and tournaments

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FOOTBALL CAMP

Click here to book

Age: Year 1- Year 7

Prices: Start from £18
HAF spaces available at Calcot

Discounts: Use code: EGG- 10% off!
Expires Monday 10th March

Sibling discount: 10% off
Not applicable with other discounts

Dates: Week 1: 7th - 11th April
Week 2: 14th - 17th April

Times: Standard day: 9am-3pm
Extended day: 9am-5pm
Available at Newbury & Calcot

Venues: Reading: Calcot Junior School
Newbury: Winchcombe School
Maidenhead: Alwyn Infant School

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FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

COLOUR FEST

2025

SATURDAY 7 JUNE 3-8PM
PROSPECT PARK, READING

FAMILY COLOUR RUN * ICE CREAM
MASSIVE BALL PIT * INFLATABLE
OBSTACLE COURSE * MAGICIAN
FACE PAINTING * NERF GUN BATTLES
GLITTER TATTOOS * SILENT DISCO
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE BIG COOKHAM WILDLIFE FESTIVAL 2025

MAY 20	WALKS IN ODNEY CLUB FOR GLOBAL BEE DAY, WITH TREVOR SMITH 10 AM AND 2PM
MAY 20	EVENING ZOOM TALK ON BEES BY PENNY FRITH-METAL 7.30 PM
MAY 21	DAWN CHORUS, STUBBINGS. DETAILS ON STUBBINGS WEB SITE. 6 AM
MAY 24	"BIRDS, BUGS AND BEES" WALK AT WALTHAM PLACE WITH MICHELLE HOLLIS-HUNT, DAVID PINNIGER AND BRIAN CLEWS.
MAY 26	WALKS AROUND LITTLE HARWOOD LOOKING FOR INSECTS, WITH PENNY FRITH-METAL 11 AM TO 2PM
MAY 26	EVENING TALK ON INSECTS BY PENNY FRITH-METAL. COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE HALL. 7.30 PM
JUNE 5	TALK ON GLOW-WORMS BY JACQUI EDWARDS AND MARK GIBBON 7.30 PM

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 OR EMAIL US AT: WILDCOOKHAM@GMAIL.COM



FREECYCLE BOOKS, TOYS & HOMEWARE

SATURDAY 12th April
10.00am to 12.00pm

**At Cookham Library
Community Room**

See us on Facebook - contact us at:
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