



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

22nd: Inset Day

23rd: Return to School

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

MARCH/APRIL

Monday 31st:

* KS1 Choir Performance @
2.45pm

Tuesday 1st:

* Easter Service @ 2pm

Wednesday 2nd:

* Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

Friday 4th:

* Y3 Last Swimming

* Easter Bonnet Parade

* Break Up @ 2.15pm

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the families that attended our Families@4 service last Sunday at St John the Baptist. Mrs Satterley and Mrs Thompson remarked on how well the children read, sang and played. The children made beautiful posies for their mums as well as thinking about the mother of Jesus. A message from Fr Stephen sums it up "It was truly a blessing to witness the children flourishing in their roles, each contributing uniquely from greeting at the door to the prayers and singing. The inclusion of poses was a brilliant touch, visibly engaging the children in a profound way."

WRAPAROUNDCARE4U

From after Easter, breakfast club will be housed in the Year 2 classroom. Please ring the bell on the KS1 side of the road if you need to drop your children off.

EASTER

Everyone is welcome to join our Easter Service at St John the Baptist on Tuesday 1st April at 2pm. Also, please don't forget we finish at 2.15pm on Friday 4th April.

EASTER BONNETS

Next Friday on the last day of term, the children will be making Easter bonnets out of newspaper. Please can each child bring in a newspaper and things to decorate it with (ribbons, stickers, chicks, sequins etc). We will have an Easter bonnet parade in the playground before the end of the school day.

OPAL

If you have any of the following, please bring into school for OPAL: old bath or sink, guttering, pallets & planks of wood, festival trolley, arts & crafts, wheelbarrow, tarpaulin, garden membrane & pakamac/waterproof trousers.

JUNIOR CHOIR AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

The junior choir at SJB is short of boys and girls. Practice on Fridays 5.30-6.30pm and sing on Sunday mornings in the 9.15-10.15am service. If you are interested in your first paid job, please speak to David. Tenors and basses also wanted.

YEAR 6 - BOYNE HILL

On Tuesday, Year 6 went to Boyne Hill Baptist Church to learn about the true meaning of Easter. The people who ran it were called Jackie, Amanda and Barbara. We went round the room collecting important information about the Easter story. Then we all took part in a quiz about Easter. After the quiz we investigated how people celebrate communion with bread and wine. Lastly, at the very end Amanda baptized Jackie.
By Sienna & Myla, Year 6

ROTAKIDS

On Monday the Rotakids went to visit Elizabeth House. We sang "All Things Bright and Beautiful". The people there were very thankful for us coming. It brightened their day and we had a great time.
By Samuel & Lili, Year 5

SCHOOL NEWS

RECORDERS



I started recorders in January and we practise in the library on a Tuesday morning. Last Sunday I went to church and performed for the first time ever! It was a little bit scary because I felt everyone was staring at me. I was also very excited because it was at church in front of some of the teachers and my family.

By Harriet, Year 3

FOOTBALL CLUB



**Cookham Dean
After School Clubs**



- Children in years 3-6
- Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm

STARTS: 23rd April
FINISHES: 9th July
 11 Sessions

For more information, please contact Mitchel:
 07985266203, to book your child's place please visit
<https://mwfootballcoaching.class4kids.co.uk>






YEAR 2 - WHITE WALTHAM AIRFIELD

On Thursday Year 2 went to the White Waltham Airfield. First we went on the coach. I sat next to Thomas and we gave each other maths questions. When we got to the airfield, we got on an old bus. After that it was time to split into groups. First we went to look at one of their planes. Next we had a look at the hangar and lastly we built our gliders.

By Ben, Year 2



PTA

Thank you very much to those who attended the PTA meeting on Tuesday - we're next meeting during the day in school. There's lots coming from us in the next few weeks and months, please do come and have your say!

We are after some cakes and volunteers please for the school's VE Day celebration - 9th May. Sign up [HERE](#) - please no nuts in the cakes!

Please hold the date for a children's running event - 25th April - the first Friday back after Easter. Booking details coming soon. Thank you to Tori for sorting!

Child choice day was fab, and raised over £200. Thank you so much parents for fitting it all in.

We are really keen to involve a business as our headline sponsor for our Festival themed fete on 21st June - please let us know if you'd like to be involved or have an idea of a company we should approach.

Pippa Jeans, PTA Chair

SCHOOL NEWS

POEM BY ALICE, YEAR 6

A Mother

A mother is a beacon,
A light, a compass star,
A mother is an anchor,
Who's with you near and far.

A mother cares for you,
From the bottom of her heart,
She cooks meals and tidies your room,
When you should really do your part.

We celebrate our mothers,
On a very special morning,
With this poem read aloud,
And a coffee to stop them yawning.



SAVE THE DATE

Cookham Dean PTA presents

MINI MARATHON

SPONSORED FUN RUN!

Friday 25 April
AFTER SCHOOL, BEFORE CRICKET!

2.30-3.00pm Reception
3.25-3.55pm Y1/2
4.00-4.30pm Y3/4
4.35-5.05pm Y5/6

Children: Can you run a mini marathon (2.6 miles) in 30 minutes? Individual or teams of up to 3.
Parents: Come and support your children and catch up with friends - cakes, fruit and drinks all available!

REGISTRATION COMING SOON!

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

Xanthe



Year 2

Edie

Year 3

Orla & Freddie

Year 4

Arthur

Year 5

Chester, Bowie
& Stanley



Year 6

George





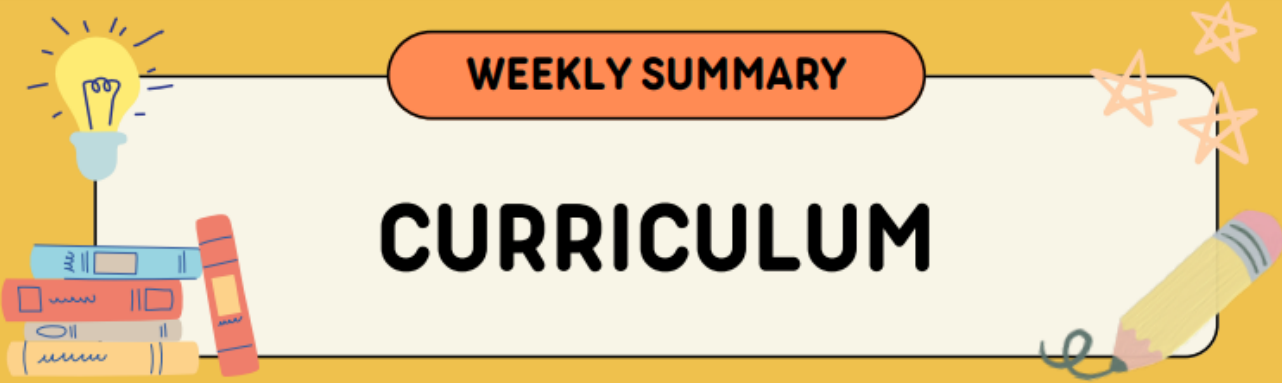
WEEKLY SUMMARY



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	In phonics this week we have been revising our high frequency words. In maths we have been learning our number bands to 8 and in continuous provision using money in our shops. In PE today, we did yoga. Even without Ms Brown, we have had a great week.
Year 1	Phonics - this week the children have been learning some new digraphs and trigraphs and revisiting some previously learnt digraphs including 'le', 'wr', 'ear', 'ce', 'se', 'st' and 'sc'. They have also been practising reading and writing tricky words. English - the children have been working on creating and writing their own version of 'The Girl with the Yellow Bag'. This has involved using their imagination and appropriate adjectives to choose and describe a setting, character, bag and magical items. They have also learned how to plan and write a short narrative including a beginning, middle and ending. Maths - this week in Maths we have revisited learning about Money. We reviewed the coins and their values and practised placing them in value order from smallest to biggest. We also worked on how to add coins together to find their total. As well as this we learned how to add and subtract 10 from numbers. DT - this week in DT we have continued to make our Windmills. We have created the sails and the rotor and attached them to the structure. We also reviewed our design criteria for the Windmills and learned about what the inside of a Windmill looks like.
Year 2	In English this week, we have been trying to include a range of conjunctions in our writing about 'The Little Boat'. In our SPAG work, we have focussed on writing in the correct tense and editing writing that is written in the incorrect tense. In maths, we have been working on our exchanging when adding 2 two-digit numbers as well as solving missing number calculations. We all had lots of fun at White Waltham airfield as part of our history topic on the birth of flight. As well as visiting a hangar, we also got to sit in the cockpit of a plane and learn how it functions. Everyone's favourite part though was the glider making workshop where we created and flew our own cardboard gliders.



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Year 3	I hear it's been a good week this week! The children have been using the counting up method to subtract 3-digit numbers, which they now feel much more confident with. In English, they have been working on writing a CV for a lighthouse keeper applying for a new job! They did well as this was an unfamiliar type of writing to them. In computing, we have started exploring our new unit on branching databases. Thankfully, I made it back for swimming today, and this week's swimming champions are: Jax, Evie and Trixi! Well done to those children. They showed mature behaviour and good listening in the water.
Year 4	This week we have become journalists and have been learning the features of a newspaper. In maths we have been completing our unit on perimeters and finding missing lengths in rectilinear shapes. Our science lesson this week, was investigating why/how scientists group living things. We had to come up with our own criteria to group animals using a Carroll diagram.
Year 5	In English this week we have been writing our own poetry based on a true story about two men sharing a sandwich on the seabed! We have also been continuing to practice the play. Fractions have been the key focus in maths: converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa, multiplying fractions and fraction problem solving. In RE we have been continuing our work on salvation: looking at the links between Jesus' sacrifice and Holy Communion. In PE we have started our athletics programme, looking at techniques for long distance running.
Year 6	This week we have had a week of two halves: our mornings have been filled with assessment preparation and our afternoons with art & crafts - getting our dog jewellery ready for today's market. We also had a great visit to Boyne Hill for our Easter Cracked experience.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

EDUCATION
HENLEY

ALL INFO @ THEGREATSCHOOLRUN.ORG

SCAN TO BOOK

IN AID OF
NOMAD
SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE

THE GREAT SCHOOL RUN OF HENLEY

FREE RACE ENTRY

AT STONOR PARK

SUNDAY 18 MAY 9.30AM

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

FOR ALL LOCAL NURSERY AND SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 3-17 IN THEIR YEAR GROUPS... AND FOR THEIR GROWN-UPS!

SCAN TO DONATE

STONOR



FREE Junior golf membership at Winter Hill GC for all under 18yrs
FREE access to the 6-hole Academy golf course at Winter Hill GC.
Sat and Sun Jnr group coaching lessons throughout the Year.
Join the Junior pathway and start your child's golfing journey.
Support and guidance from our PGA professionals

Junior Golf Camps over the Easter break at Winter Hill Golf Club

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