



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

31st: KS1 Choir Performance @ 2.45pm

April

1st: Easter Service @ 2pm

2nd: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

4th: Y3 Last Swimming

4th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

22nd: Inset Day

23rd: Return to School

28th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

May

2nd: Governors In School Day

8th: Y5 Play @ 6.30pm

12th: Y6 SATs

15th: Y4 @ Chiswick

16th: Class Photos

18th: Y6 @ Rhosy

19th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

20th: RBWM Inclusion Summit

24th: Y6 Return from Rhosy

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MARCH

Sunday 23rd:

* Families@4

Tuesday 25th:

* PTA Meeting @ 8pm

Wednesday 26th:

* Y1/2/3 Dance Workshop with Miss Fuller

Thursday 27th:

* Y2 @ White Waltham Airfield

Friday 28th:

* Child Choice Day

* Parent Forum @ 2.30pm



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

A big thank you to Ms Windle for organising this weeks Neurodiversity Celebration Week culminating in World Down Syndrome Day. Plenty of brightly coloured, odd socks in school today and just to spice it up even more, for Red Nose Day, children wearing items of clothing inside out, back to front, ties as bows, pants on the outside of their trousers - to name but a few. And all to raise money for 2 excellent causes - thank you to everyone who donated. If you forgot your £1 it is not too late, please bring it into school on Monday.

THE BIG COOKHAM DEAN NOSE OFF

We had lots of very creative noses enter the competition! The school council could not decide on one winner so we gave joint 1st place to 4 very different noses. The winning noses were made by Orla, Willow, Margot and Finn. They each received 10 dojos and 10 house points. Everyone else that took part received 2 dojos for entering the competition.

School Council



COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY MARKETPLACE

As you know the children have been thinking in their class about how they can be Courageous Advocates ranging from raising money for endangered animals to thinking about our own school environment. Next Friday after school, some of the classes will be opening market stalls in our KS2 playground to raise money for their chosen charities. Please do visit and bring some coins to spend!

MINI GRAVITY GRAND PRIX

A big thank you to Dan Pearson, Richard Lean, Jo Steel and Nic Dawkes for arranging the most amazing Mini Gravity Grand Prix. Well done to all the fantastic applicants. We had a wide range of creative entries! The winners for furthest distance were: **Lily, Sophie & Max** in KS2 and **Samuel, Tina & Arabella** in KS1. The best engineered kart went to **Jamie** with **Milly & Jeevan** as runners up.

INCLUSION AMBASSADORS

This week we have launched our Inclusion Ambassadors - a team of children in KS2 formed to help teachers, staff and other children to make the school a happier place for neurodiverse children.

PARKING

Please avoid blocking our neighbours' driveways when dropping off or picking up your children. Also, be mindful not to park on the yellow zigzags. Thank you.

SCHOOL NEWS

SINGING LESSONS AVAILABLE

SINGING LESSONS

SIGN UP TODAY!

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SINGING TEACHER

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IN A
SUPPORTIVE
AND FUN
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PERSONALISED SINGING
LESSONS FOR EVERY LEVEL

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VOICE THROUGH
VOCAL
TECHNIQUE AND
UNLOCK YOUR
PERFORMANCE
CONFIDENCE

EMAIL: GABRIELLEFRANCE1@OUTLOOK.COM

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the March

50:50 Club winners:

WINNERS

1st prize - Sandra Cameron

2nd prize - Helen Jackson

COOKHAM DEAN CRICKET CLUB



CDCC are fundraising to improve their pavilion and patio. They have been accepted by Sport England for a Matched Funding Grant of up to £15K. If they raise £15K, they will get the full grant. Please donate [HERE](#), if you can. Thank you.

YEAR 4 - CHILTERN OPEN AIR MUSEUM

Yesterday, Year 4 went on a school trip to The Chiltern Open Air Museum to study Anglo-Saxons.

We learned how the Anglo-Saxons lived and made broaches, carved runes into clay, made a tapestry, played Anglo-Saxon games and even wore an Anglo-Saxon helmet, sword and shield. In the afternoon, we became archaeologists and found lots of artefacts. We had a lovely day and even the sun shone for us.



Miss Thompson, Year 4 Teacher

SCHOOL NEWS

COOL MILK EASTER EGG COMPETITION



Cool Milk Easter Egg

DESIGN COMPETITION

Cool Milk is excited to bring some egg-s-tra joy to your school community! Ask children to unleash their artistic skills and create a unique **milk-inspired** Easter egg design. Your school stands a chance to win a fantastic £50 Amazon gift card along with a fantastic Art Kit and Easter Egg for the child that creates the winning design!

ENTRY DEADLINE:
Friday, 28th March 8pm

Egg Template available on our website.
www.coolmilk.com/news

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

- Entries can be submitted by the school or by parents for children aged 4-11.
- Entries must be received by 8pm on 28th March by email to marketing@coolmilk.com.
- Please write child's name, age and school in the body of the email.
- By emailing in your entries, schools/parents are confirming that you consent for the photos, designs and the child's first name, year group and school to be shared on Cool Milk's website and public platforms.

VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY



VE DAY PICNIC ON THE MOOR

Date: Sunday 4th May
Time: 12-late!
Live Music: 12-5
Venue: Cookham Moor

80
VE DAY
80th ANNIVERSARY

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, the residents of the Cookham's are coming together for a HUGE community picnic & EVERYONE is invited! Grab your friends, neighbours, picnics, blankets or tables & chairs and come down to the moor for an afternoon of entertainment

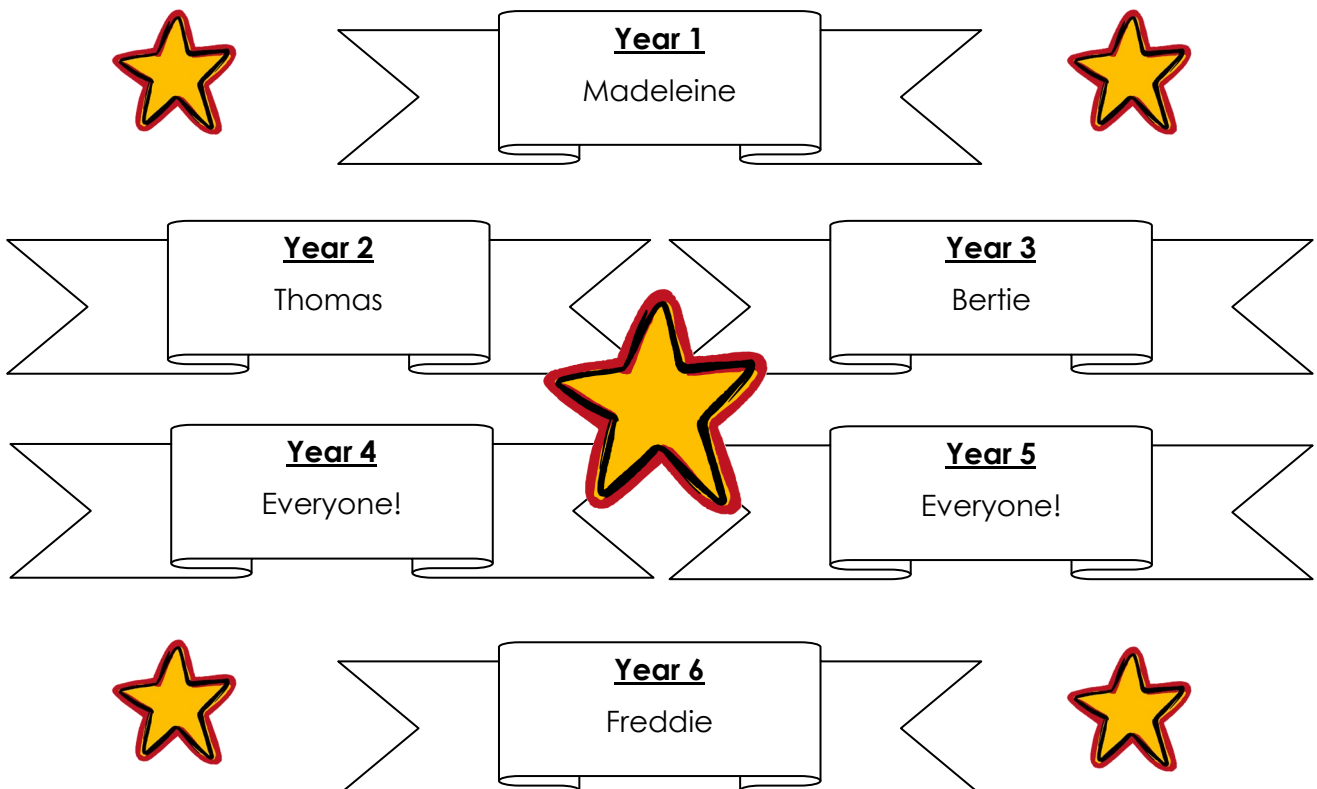
FREE ENTRY. No booking required

No additional parking is available so please walk if possible

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 Madeleine	
Year 2 Thomas		Year 3 Bertie
Year 4 Everyone!		Year 5 Everyone!
	Year 6 Freddie	

SCHOOL NEWS

PTA

Please join us if you can on 25th March, 8.00pm for the **PTA Meeting** at The Jolly Farmer.

Thank you very much to Vicci-Lee and Dan for organising a fabulous **Movie Night!** What a lovely way for the children to spend more time together.

Please save the date for **Child Choice Day!** For one day only - the young trendsetters of Cookham Dean have the chance to elevate their uniform game and add a touch of personal style! We can't wait to see their look on 28th March. 50p/choice. School uniform must still be worn as a base.



WRAPAROUNDCARE4U

WrapAroundCare4U will be running a fun-filled Easter camp packed with a range of activities from arts and crafts through to a variety of sports, cooking and child-led play. All children are welcome whether they attend WrapAround or not. The camp will be led by highly qualified managers and childcare practitioners all of whom hold first aid certification, a minimum of Level 3 in childcare, food handling credentials and other relevant qualifications, ensuring a safe and enriching experience for every child.

Location: Cookham Dean Primary school

Times: 08:30 – 17:30

Lunch: Children will need a nut free packed lunch and water bottle. Snacks will be provided (fruit etc).

Cost: £45 per day

[BOOK HERE](#)

TENNIS

Sign up [HERE](#) for Richard Mole's Easter tennis camps, taking place 7th-9th April and 14th-16th April at Court Garden Leisure Complex.

SCHOOL NEWS

WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



"Each year we grow a little louder. You can help to make sure we are heard! [Donate today](#) so that we can continue advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome. Thank you for your support!"

The World Down Syndrome Day Team

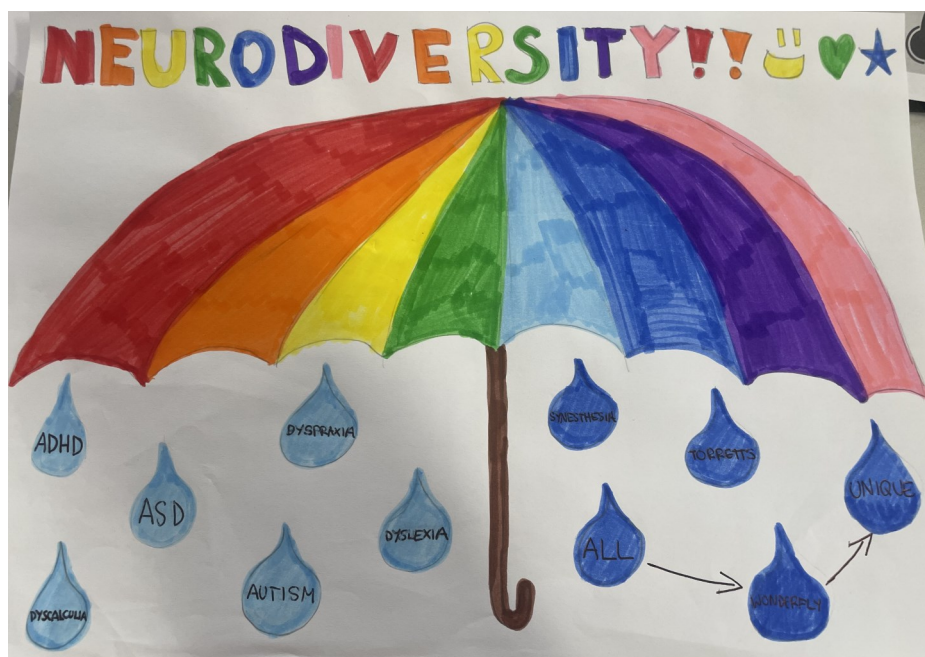
SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD TALK

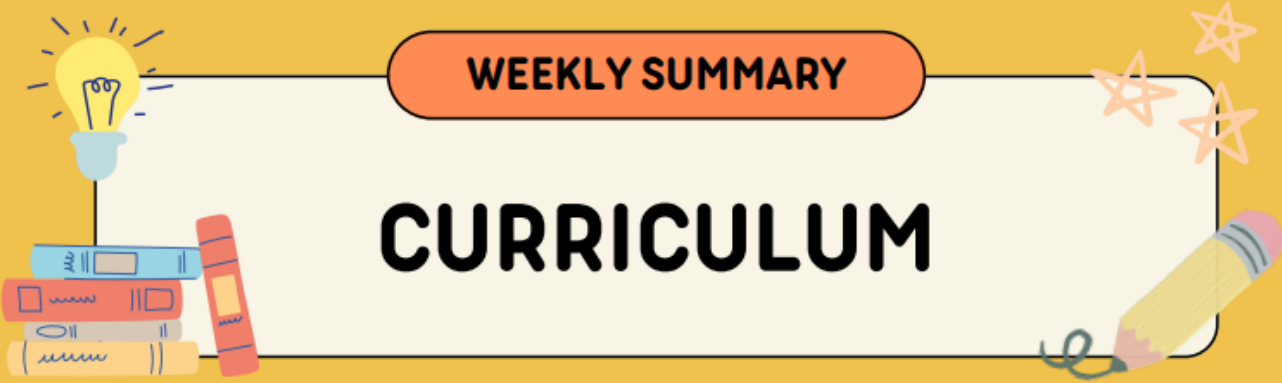
Today, 4 pupils from Claires Court and their headteacher came to talk to Years 5 and 6 about understanding the impact of smartphones. They talked about being healthy - keeping active, having a good sleep schedule, good diet, being with friends and being out at sunrise and sunset. They talked to us about the things they do that helps them to stay healthy e.g. turning off their phone at bed time, waking up on a schedule, sleeping in a dark room. As a result, we are going to think about getting a Nokia phone or flip phone instead of a smartphone, have no devices in our bedrooms, not getting a mobile phone at all, handing in phones and devices to our parents and reading before bedtime instead of scrolling on devices. Thank you to Claires Court for allowing their pupils to come and visit us.

By Year 6 Girls



YEAR 6 NEURODIVERSITY POSTER



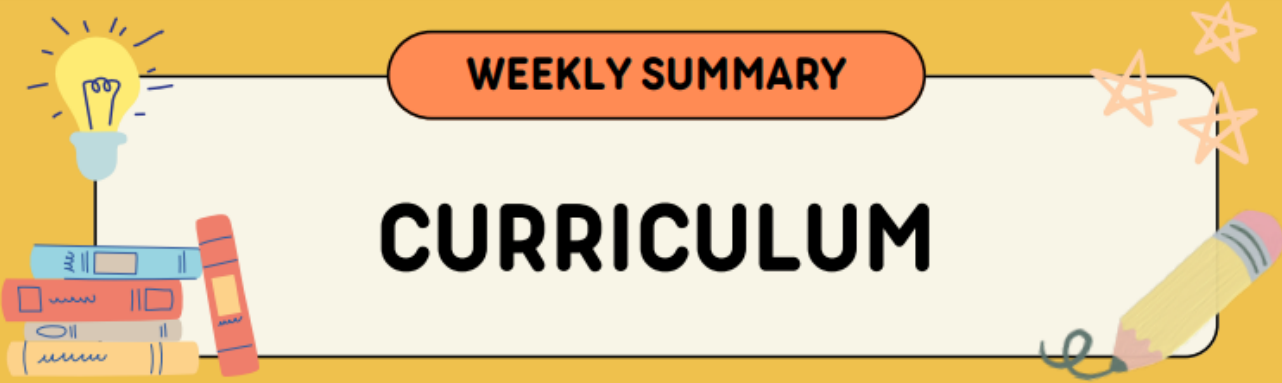


WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

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Reception	It has been another action packed week in reception. In phonics we have been revising all our sounds but particularly focusing on ar, ee, oo, air, ow, or, oo and or. We have also been focusing on letter formation and trying to sound out and spell some longer words. In maths we have been ordering numbers to 20 and saying what is one more and one less than a given number. In art this week we have been exploring painting to different music, thinking about how it makes us feel and how it changes the way we paint. I hope you all have a lovely weekend .
Year 1	Phonics: This week in Phonics we learned some new alternative 'or' sounds including 'oor', 'aur', 'ore' and 'augh'. We also recapped our learning of the 'le', 'al', 'ce', 'ze' and 'se' sounds. English: At the start of the week we recapped our learning about adjectives, nouns and verbs and also learned about proper nouns. In the middle of the week we started our new English film which is 'The Girl With The Yellow Bag' by Maia Walczak and started learning about the prefix 'un'. We also used our imagination to create and describe our own settings for our own versions of the story. Maths: This week we have been learning about measuring length and height in standard and non-standard units. We have also recapped adding and subtracting which involved counting back from 2-digit numbers and adding on 2, 3, 4 and 5 onto 2-digit numbers. Geography: This week the children have been learning all about the weather and climate in the UK. This has involved learning about how we can check and track weather including temperature, wind and rainfall. We have also kept a weather diary and recorded our observations of the weather every day this week using weather symbols.
Year 2	Our English work this week is based on a video called the 'Little Boat.' We have been learning to use a range of conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to describe the boat. We have been revisiting how to use different sentence types and thinking carefully about the punctuation to match. In maths we have been using arrays to help us write multiplication sums and working out the answers to missing numbers in a multiplication sum. In history, we have been learning about the life of famous aviator Amelia Earhart.



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Year 3	It's been an exciting week in Year 3. The children loved having the Mini Gravity Grand Prix come to Cookham Dean. It has also been an important week reflecting on Neurodiversity and World Down Syndrome Day. On top of this, we celebrated Red Nose Day with a competition to make the best red nose. Well done to Orla and Margot who were voted among the winners! In the curriculum, we have been working on time intervals in maths. In English, we have been writing logbook entry's and starting to plan a diary extract. Our swimming champions this week are: Bella, Sophia and Ethan. All three listened carefully to the swimming teachers, gave their best effort and represented the school well.
Year 4	What a lovely week we have had. We started the week by looking at the relationship between kilometers and meters and then started to calculate the perimeter of shapes. In English we finished our CVs to apply for the role of a hero to defeat Grendel in our class story Beowulf. In RE we thought about the question, why is Maundy Thursday important to Christians? We finished our week with a great trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum to study Anglo-Saxons.
Year 5	This week in maths we have been working on 2d shape: sorting according to properties and measuring lengths of sides and angles accurately. I was delighted to see that protractor skills had been remembered. In English we have been writing newspaper reports on the mysterious disappearance of Dr Bartholomew Cuttle based on the story "Beetle Boy". The "Snow White" play rehearsals are really going well now. The singing sounds fabulous and I'm delighted at how well the children have learnt their words, their cues and when to come on and off the stage. It will be better than the Hollywood version!
Year 6	This week in we have been learning all about neuro diversity. We discovered that we all learn and react in different ways. We investigated different strands of thinking like Dyslexia, Dyscalculia and Autism: finding out ways they affect the way we think. Some are like superpowers and help to focus on specific things like trains or motorways in great detail. It was really eye opening and the children had amazingly honest discussions. I was very proud of them all. We have produced diaries from Syms, our lead character in Darwin's Dragons: we really focused on self-reflection. We also produced a joke book for Comic Relief. In science we looked cladograms and created a drama based on evolution and survival of the fittest. We are looking forward to our Easter visit to Boyne Hill Baptist church.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

Easter Swim Intensives

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April
4 day morning course: £56 (30mins) or £64 (45mins)
at Claire's Court Girls' School

TIME	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5
9.15AM	SWIM FIN Beginners aged 3-6 years	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	STAGE 3 ADVANCED Can swim 10m in each stroke	STAGE 4 ADVANCED FINS Can swim a length in each stroke
9.45AM	SWIM FIN Beginners aged 3-6 years	STAGE 2 Can swim on front and back 3m+	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	STAGE 3 ADVANCED Can swim 10m in each stroke	STAGE 3 ADVANCED FINS Can swim 3/4 of a length in each
10.15AM	SWIM FIN Beginners aged 3-6 years	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	Plus holiday activities <i>lets dive in!</i>  www.letsdivein.co.uk	
10.45AM	STAGE 1 ADVANCED Age 4+, can put face in water/swim with noodle	STAGE 2 ADVANCED Can swim 5m in each stroke	STAGE 8 SYNCHRO (45 MINS) Artistic swimming for stage 4+		

Book your preference on your client portal
Contact:
bernice@letsdivein.co.uk for more info

Easter Swim activities for Stage 3 advanced upwards

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April
4 day course: £56 (30min sessions) or £64 (45min sessions)
at Claire's Court Girls' School

10.15AM	10.45AM	10:45	11.30AM
EASTER ACTIVITIES (30MIN) Swimmers Stage 3+. Easter-themed activities such as underwater egg hunt, egg water polo, etc.	SWIM SQUADS (Starts and Turns) (45MIN) Working on technique, diving, tumble turns	STAGE 8 SYNCHRO (45 MINS) Artistic swimming for stage 4+	ROOKIE LIFEGUARD (30MIN) Squad swimmers and swimmers Stage 3 Advanced+. Learning self rescue and water safety following the RLSS Rookie Lifeguard Scheme

Book your preference on your client portal

Contact:
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SmartRasperry cookery school

Easter Cookery Camps

Sign your budding young bakers up to cook some fun Easter themed recipes this holiday! Ages 5-10 years & 11-15 years.

EARLY COOK DISCOUNT*

 Marlow/Beaconsfield

 10:00-15:00

 3rd-13th April

Jordans Village Hall

5-10 year olds [CLICK HERE](#) to book

Bisham C of E Academy

5-10 year olds [CLICK HERE](#) to book

Alfriston School

11-15 year olds [CLICK HERE](#) to book

 0845 269 2665

 www.smartraspberry.com

 info@smartraspberry.com



WILDNESS AND WONDER BRAYWICK nature centre

Forest Fun Easter Holiday Club

Led by the Wildness and Wonder team in the woods at Braywick Nature Centre for children aged 6 plus, this will be an outdoor holiday club based on Forest School practice, with an emphasis on child-led activities, natural play and woodland arts and crafts.

We will be outdoors all day with all the usual eggciting fun you've come to expect from us, lots of free play, tree climbing, den building, fire lighting, team games, campfire cooking etc. alongside some Easter or egg themed crafts and challenges.

Tuesday 8th April - Thursday 10th April
9am-3pm: £50 per child per day

Enquiries at:
wildnessandwonder@gmail.com
Please book at:
bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder

Braywick Nature Centre,
Hibbert Rd,
SL6 1UU



www.rbwmc.gov.uk



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Easter Holiday Tennis Courses

LTA Accreditation Plus Coach



<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RichardMoleCoaching>

- Coached 3 Junior International Teams
- Founder Bisham Abbey Tennis School
- DBS -First Aid certified

Richard 07929292868

TRACK START PRESENTS

ATHLETIC HOLIDAY CAMP!

31ST - 04TH | 07TH - 11TH | 14TH - 17TH

A week of learning the fundamentals and foundation of athletics! Each day covering a run, throw and a jump covering most areas of track and field! Kick start your athletic career today with trackstart!

TIMINGS

DAY: 9am - 3pm

EARLY: 8am - 9am

LATE: 3pm - 5pm

SCAN ME



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A week of elite event specific sports coaching to improve the performance of every athlete. With insightful knowledge and coaching from Olympic athletes and olympic coaches providing an athletic experience of a lifetime!

NEXT LEVEL: PERFORMANCE CAMP

APRIL 07TH - 11TH

TRACK START U.K.



MAIDENHEAD UNITED FOOTBALL & MULTI SPORTS EASTER CAMPS

• Maidenhead United FC
SL6 1SF

• Dedworth Middle School
SL4 5PE

• Holy Trinity Sunningdale
SL5 0NJ

• Cox Green
SL6 3AX

🕒 **April 7th - 11th** **April 14th - 17th**
10 am - 3 pm | Boys & Girls (4 - 13)

📞 **Book Online**
www.maidenheadunited.org

⚽ **Boys & Girls**
4 - 13 years old - all abilities

Early Drop Off
9:00 am - 9:45 am £3 cash on arrival

£25.00 a day
£100.00 a week

For any further information:
mark.nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org



Scan for more information!



FEB HALF TERM | EASTER CAMPS | MAY HALF TERM | SUMMER HOLIDAYS | OCTOBER HALF TERM | CHRISTMAS CAMPS

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Spring 2025 Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a
FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL** parents and **ALL** staff
get unlimited **FREE** access to **ALL** 16 parent talks

Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00

FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March
10:00 - 11:30

£24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Tuesday
3rd April
10:00 - 11:30

£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
3rd April
19:00 - 20:30

£24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

IPRO FOOTBALL EASTER CAMPS

MAIDENHEAD CAMP
FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL 36 PITCH, SL6 7NQ

DATES:
WEEK 1 MON 7TH - WED 9TH APRIL
WEEK 2 MON 14TH - WED 16TH APRIL

CAMPS:
1. OPEN ACCESS FOOTBALL CAMP
2. ADVANCED FOOTBALL CAMP
3. GOALKEEPING CAMP (WED 9TH & 16TH ONLY)

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO BOOK
WWW.IPROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

LIMITED SPACES ON ALL CAMPS

EARLYBIRD SALE
£22 PER DAY ONLY
IF BOOKED BY 31ST MARCH
FULL RRP FROM 1ST APRIL £25 PER DAY

SCAN ME TO BOOK

BEGINNERS, ADVANCED, GOALKEEPERS ALL WELCOME	BOYS & GIRLS AGED 4-13 WELCOME	CAMP TIMES 9:30AM TO 3PM DAILY	EARLY DROP-OFF FROM 8:30AM £5 DAILY
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Ready 'Net' Go's Easter Netball

Mon 7th April
Thur 17th April
@Newland's Sch
9am-1pm

Some Bunny mark that GS!!

Register using link-
<https://readynetgo.co.uk/camp>

Teddy Bear's Picnic Theatre Show

RahRah THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS

Bring along your favourite bear and join us on a fun, exciting adventure to get to the Picnic on time! The show incorporates props, puppets, well-known songs and dancing together with important educational areas such as numbers, colours and shapes. Aimed at children aged 2-6, it is designed to be performed in any size space, either indoors or out.

For more information or to make a booking please contact us on **07944868358** or rahratheatre@hotmail.com

www.facebook.com/RahRahTheatreCompany/
[rahratheatrecompany](https://www.instagram.com/rahratheatrecompany)

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It all starts with... **ALL STARS CRICKET**

We all play at:
Boyne Hill Cricket Club
 Session dates:
Saturday 10th May- Saturday 28th June
 Session timings:
9:30am-10:30am
 Contact:
Jack Spencer-Jones- 07595463584,
jackspencerjones@yahoo.co.uk

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk

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 SARAH LANGFORD • LUCY COOKE • JAY GRIFFITHS
 LUCY JONES • POPPY OKOTCHA • ALICE VINCENT
 PATRICK GALBRAITH • LULU URQUHART
 TOM MIDDLETON • NICOLA CHESTER
 ANDY CATO • ELEANOR MILLS • TIFFANIE DARKE
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THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 12-3

EMAIL: INDIGOGYMNASTICSCLUB@OUTLOOK.COM

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BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Braywick Nature Centre, SL6 1UU

**Pond Dipping
 Easter Holiday
 Activities**

**8th, 9th, 10th April
 2025**

**Sessions at 10am -
 11:30 + 2pm - 3:30pm**

**Parking and toilets
 available. Ages 4-11.
 £8 per child.**