



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

4th: Y3 @ Chiltern Open Air Museum

5th: Choir @ O2

7th: NSPCC Number Day

7th: NSPCC Assembly

11th: Safer Internet Day

13th: Y4 Dance Festival

14th: Break Up

24th: Return to School

March

4th: PTA Storytelling Night

6th: World Book Day

6th: Y4 @ Chiltern Open Air Museum

14th: Y1 @ Milestones Museum

14th: Y2 & KS2 Film Night

14th: Report Cards Out

21st: Red Nose Day

18th: Parents Evening

20th: Parents Evening

23rd: Families@4

24th: Neurodiversity Celebration Week

28th: Child Choice Day

28th: Parent Forum @ 2.30pm

April

2nd: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

4th: Y3 Last Swimming

4th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JANUARY

Monday 27th:

* Wild Cookham Assembly

Friday 31st:

* Y3 Swimming

* Reception & Y1 Movie Night

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE



Well done to our Years 3, 4 and 6 who took part in the Sportshall Athletics this week at Braywick. The competition run by the Schools Sports Partnership was a great opportunity to compete against other schools in javelin, relay, vertical jump etc. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were polite, respectful and great team players - supporting their own and other teams.



COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY

This week we have been thinking about being a courageous advocate in our classes. Our Monday assembly focused on being brave and standing up for something that we believe in or for someone. In our classes we have been thinking about what we are going to do to make a difference.

Reception - recycling in the classroom

Year 1 - will be voting next week between recycling or an animal charity

Year 2 - will be voting next week between an animal or medical charity

Year 3 - will be thinking of ways to support those affected by the Ukrainian War

Year 4 - will be raising money for Thames Hospice

Year 5 - will be raising money for Cancer Research

Year 6 - will be raising awareness about stray dogs

We look forward to seeing what the children achieve this term in supporting these very worthwhile causes.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY



We're counting down to Number Day 2025! We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on Friday 7th February. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. This year we have teamed up with TTRS to take part in a country wide challenge and hope you and your family will be able to sponsor your child to complete as many times tables within a certain time. Today, your child will come home with a letter and a sponsorship form, giving more details. We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise will make an enormous difference to children today and help change the lives of children tomorrow. Thank you.

Miss Thompson, Maths Lead

SCHOOL NEWS

LETTER FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

As you know from previous newsletters, we are very proud of our academic results and it is wonderful when you receive a letter from the Deputy Director of Education from RBWM congratulating the team. Please see the attached letter. A big thank you and congratulations to the whole staff team for their hard work and dedication to ensure that our children get the best education.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who came to today's PTA meeting.

We're very excited to already be organising the 2025 fete, on the 21st June - please **SAVE THE DATE!**

We're looking for a kind soul (or two) who can help Marie with the Silent Auction as she has now taken over the Secretary role for the PTA please grab us at the gate or drop us a message for more information or to get involved with all things fete. We're especially keen to speak with local businesses who can sponsor some extra entertainment this year!

We can now confirm we raised **£991** with all that mulled wine - amazing, thank you. The Swimathon link is still open for donations until 31st January.

Reception & Year 1 parents - please don't forget to book movie night if your little one fancies popcorn and a film with their pals.

Pippa (PTA Chair)

YEAR 5 MAIDENHEAD ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY



On Monday 20th Year 5 were visited by the Maidenhead Astronomical Society for a talk about our Solar System. We made a replica of our Solar System making the different planets to a scale. If Jupiter was a basketball then you could imagine how big the other planets would be. Then we moved on to telescopes. We compared two telescopes to see which was better for looking at planets and more. We asked lots of interesting questions and found out loads. Year 5 went back to our classroom to have a discussion with a man called Andy. He showed us a website called Stellarium which showed stars and planets visible that night. Year 5 had a great time talking about our Solar System. A big thank you for the people which came from the Maidenhead Astronomical Society.

By Samuel, Leo & Sami, Year 5

FAMILIES@4

New date for the next Families@4 service at St John the Baptist is now **23rd March** so that it doesn't clash with Mothers Day. We will be celebrating all mothers on 23rd March and it would be wonderful to see our families at church. This service is for the children and led by the children - followed by high tea in the vestry.

COOKHAM CYCLING PATHS UPDATE

<https://www.change.org/p/implement-a-safe-off-road-cycling-path-network-in-cookham-and-maidenhead/u/33180159>

SCHOOL NEWS

PARENT MENTAL HEALTH DAY

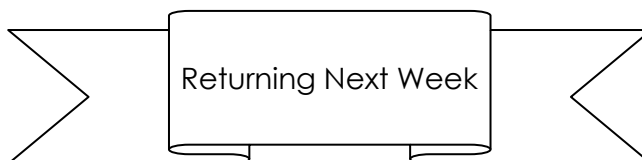
stem4 founded Parent Mental Health Day (PMHD) in 2022 to promote awareness of the critical link between parents' mental health and family wellbeing. This year's theme, #ScreenSmartParenting, tackles the challenges (and benefits!) of digital technology in family life. Visit stem4.org.uk/PMHD to find out how you can get involved and how parents and carers can create supportive environments for their young people.



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.



KS2 SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

On 23rd January 2025, 9 boys and 9 girls from Year 6 went to Braywick Sportshall Athletics competition, and we did amazingly well. The competition had 12 events: six track events and six field events. The track events were the obstacle relay, the 1 + 1 lap relay, 2 + 2 lap relay, 1 + 1 lap hurdles relay, over and under relay, and the 4 x 1 lap relay. The field events were chest push, standing long jump, 5 strides, vertical jump, soft javelin, and speed bounce. We were immensely proud of ourselves. A huge thank you to all the staff and adults that helped.



By Henry F, Year 6

SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 2 PILLO POLO FESTIVAL

On Tuesday we went on a coach to Furze Platt Secondary School to do an activity. We met a lady and she took us to their sports hall. We had to run with polo sticks and the people that were on the spots had to touch the polo sticks. We did matches and our team won 4 times!

By Thomas, Year 2

RECEPTION & Y1 MOVIE NIGHT

A movie night poster with a dark red background and gold confetti. At the top, it says 'COOKHAM DEAN INVITES YOU TO THE PREMIER OF'. Below this is a large gold star with a red center, containing a gold Oscar statue. The star is surrounded by four smaller gold stars. Below the star is a yellow rectangular box with a red border and white lights, containing the text 'RECEPTION & YEAR1' and 'MOVIE NIGHT'. Below this is a black rectangular box with a gold border containing the text 'FEATURING: TBC'. Below that is the text 'FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY' and '15:15 - 17:15'. At the bottom are two white rectangular boxes with red borders and white lights. The left box contains the text 'POPCORN, FRUIT & SNACKS PROVIDED'. The right box contains the text '£5.50 PER TICKET' and 'Sibling discount available'.

SCHOOL NEWS

10@10 ACTIVE



On Wednesday the whole school participated in an online exercise experience: 10@10. We all did it in our classrooms. It consisted of 10 minutes of physical exercise. There was a Zoom meeting with lots of different schools. We followed leaders from the video. It was great fun and a brilliant brain break. Thank you Madame Pow for helping us through it.

By Emily, Year 6

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SCHOOL NEWS

MISS FULLER'S NEW DANCE CLASS

LIGHTS UP THEATRE COMPANY

Dance Club

Age 8-12

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30
Cookham

- Jazz Technique
- Musical Theatre Choreography
- Street and Hip Hop Styles
- Contemporary Dance

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WELLIES



Thanks to all parents for your help getting your children's wellies labelled and now in the correct boot sheds. As you know Years 1 and 2 now have separate storage sheds that should make it easier to keep them dry and tidy. The wellies we have left over have been cleaned and labelled with their sizes and will be in an honesty box by the school gate (by the second hand uniform box) for you to buy if you need any. These will be put out for the whole of next week and any left over will be labelled up as spares or donated to charity. Suggested donation £4-£5 a pair. There is a small box inside for cash or you can transfer to the PTA account (ref-wellies). Thank you.

Chanel (R & Y2 parent) & Janine (Y2 parent)



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 we have been continued looking at our phase 3 phonics focusing on the sounds oo, oo, ar, and or. We have continued looking at the book 'Snowball' where the children have enjoyed discussing their favourite parts and have written book reviews. In maths we have looked at lines of symmetry and have created our own symmetrical butterflies. We have also looked at patterns first using colour and have then moved onto identifying and describing linear patterns. We have also enjoyed making a variety of arctic animals for our display and have compared different locations around the UK.
Year 1	Phonics – this week we have recapped the sounds that we have already learned and also introduced some new alternative sounds including 've', 'c' and 'al'. We have also applied these new sounds to spellings. English – in English this week we have been learning about our story 'Mrs Mole I'm Home' by Jarvis. We have learned about how we can make predictions about a story based on clues from the front cover and from the pictures in a story. We have also looked at how we can justify our predictions by using the conjunction 'because'. As well as this we also looked at contractions and writing in the first person. Maths – in Maths this week we have focused on adding on 2, 3, 4 or 5 more by using the larger number first and then adding on the smaller number. We have done this with numbers up to and beyond 30. We have also worked on working out maths number story problems which also involved addition and some subtraction. Art - We have been learning about and deepening our understanding of Primary and Secondary colours. This week the children have worked on colour mixing and printing skills.
Year 2	It has been a busy week in Year 2. In English, we have been practising writing different types of sentences (statements, questions, exclamations and commands) in preparation for our persuasive letter next week. In maths, we have been finding the difference between 2 numbers by counting on from the smaller number to the larger. In DT, we have been thinking about the best shapes to use to build Baby Bear's chair. We found that cylinders work best as they don't have corners. Next week we will begin to create our chairs!





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Year 3	It has been another great week in Year 3. We have been practicing our times tables in maths, along with planning and writing an informal letter in English. In science, the children enjoyed investigating the magnetism of different materials. On top of this, some of the class represented the school brilliantly at the indoor athletics competition.
Year 4	This week in year 4, we have been using our mental maths skills, using place value knowledge to add and subtract multiples of 10s and 100s from a given 4-digit number. We were given an answer and had to work out what the question could be. Our learning journey for our character profiles is nearly coming to an end. We have all picked a character from our class book, drafted a copy which is ready for editing, before we write our final version. In Geography we have been finding out what the physical and human features are in Antarctica, and wondering if the human features are a good or bad thing. We have also been busy rehearsing for our dance festival.
Year 5	This week in maths Year 5 have been using decimal numbers in addition. We have also been answering multi-step problems using decimals. In English we started writing about the planets and researching facts after a fantastic visit from the Maidenhead Astronomical Society. In computing we have started our new topic: programming using a micro-controller. Very exciting! This morning we shared our Ufton Court adventure with the school and the Y5 parents. We hope everyone enjoyed it.
Year 6	This week has been all about the Wild West: we have written settings, acted out bank raids, learnt cowboy slang all to get into character for our Kissing Kate Barlow chapter stories. They are a work in progress and will be available on Dojo soon. In maths we have conquered long multiplication including word problems and decimals. Mrs Satts was very proud of our progress. Lots of us took part in the Y5/6 indoor athletics championships at Braywick which was awesome. We were complimented on our team spirit! Next week we will be learning all about birds - ready for the big bird watch next weekend. We have speakers from the local RSPB coming in and we will be classifying and identifying birds.



LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

 FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
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SCIENCE BAZAAR BEYOND

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