



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

27th: Wild Cookham Assembly

31st: R & KS1 Movie Night

February

4th: Y3 @ Chiltern Open Air Museum

5th: Choir @ O2

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: Y2 & KS2 Film Night

14th: Report Cards Out

21st: Red Nose Day

18th: Parents Evening

20th: Parents Evening

24th: Neurodiversity Celebration Week

28th: Child Choice Day

28th: Parent Forum @ 2.30pm

April

2nd: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

4th: Y3 Last Swimming

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JANUARY

Monday 20th:

* SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

* Y5 Maidenhead Astronomical Society Visit

Tuesday 21st:

* Y2 Pillo Polo

Wednesday 22nd:

* 10@10 Leisure Focus Session

Thursday 23rd:

* KS2 Sportshall Athletics

Friday 24th:

* Y3 Swimming

* Y5 Upton Court Assembly

* PTA Meeting @ 2pm

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

A huge thank you to everyone that took part in the Swimathon last weekend. The children were so excited to share how many lengths they completed when they returned to school on Monday. A whopping **£2,700** was raised from your sponsorships and £300 more than last year.

But more importantly, 93 children took part - that means 93 children were active and we were the school with the highest number of participants. That is an amazing achievement.

So a big thank you to all the volunteers who organised the lanes, sorted the children and pushed the fundraising. And a big thank you to Mrs Munn for organising the event for the school!

The funds will be split between Maidenhead Lions and the PTA. The [LINK](#) will remain live until the end of the month, so there is still time to contribute if you haven't already.



PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Before Christmas, we informed you of the results from the parent questionnaire. Please find attached now the comments sections that parents have made with the school response alongside. There is always work to be done and we take your suggestions very seriously - hopefully you will start to see some differences. However, there were a couple of comments that I just wasn't sure what was meant. If this is you, please make an appointment to discuss these with me so that I can understand better - and either rectify or explain our reasons behind it.

SHOW AND TELL

Can I please remind all parents that 'show and tell' or what we call 'topic talk' should always be related to the curriculum. Please encourage your child to bring in an object to share with their class that has to do with learning. Thank you.



TYPING



It is vital that your child knows their way around the keyboard. Please find attached some fun games to help them type quicker and think more about what they are composing rather than just where the keys are

Mrs Satterley, Computing Lead

SCHOOL NEWS

KS2 MILK

If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com, logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register. For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com/contact

The Cool Milk Team

YEAR 5 - FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE VISIT



On Tuesday, Year 5 had the pleasure of being visited by firemen and got to look around a fire engine. We learnt about what else firemen do apart from putting out fires, home fire safety and how to use a fireman's hose. We split up into 2 groups. Group 1 first talked about home fire safety, while group 2 looked around the fire engine. Then we swapped what we were doing. We are all very grateful that they came. I think all of Year 5 can agree, the best bit was using the hose!

Flo, Year 5

PTA

Happy new year all! We have our first meeting of the year next Friday at 2pm in school, we hope to see you there.

Firstly, and I'm sorry for being late(!), a huge thank you to the wonderful mums who organised, made and sold 500 servings of mulled wine at the Copas Turkey pick up event. I am eternally grateful to you all for giving up your time so close to Christmas!

Secondly, well done and thank you to Dani Munn, and our parent volunteers for organising, cajoling and swimming with our wonderful children for the Swimathon on Sunday. It is not an easy task! The sponsorship link is still live for anyone who would like to like to donate.

Thirdly, thank you to Year 1 mums Sophie & Sammy for organising our next event - the Reception & Year 1 movie night on the 31st January.

We are now well into organising the fete for this year - if you work with a company that would be willing to sponsor some of our entertainment please let me know.

We're looking forward to a busy spring and summer supporting the school, and hope to see you soon.

Pippa, Mich & Marie

WELLIES



Chanel and Janine are organising the wellington boot cupboards so please can you double check all your children's boots are labelled. We will be leaving the unlabelled boots in boxes over the next few days and if they do not find homes we will be cleaning them up and selling, all money made will go to the PTA. This is mostly Years 1 and 2. Many thanks.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

GARDEN 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

Joshua



Year 2

Everly

Year 3

Everyone!

Year 4

Everyone!

Year 5

Flynn & Chester

Year 6

Luke & Charlie





WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week we have been started looking at our phase 3 phonic sounds ai, ee, igh, and oa, I have put a list of the sounds we will cover this half term and how to say them, in your child's reading folder. We have continued looking at the season winter and have started to look at a new book 'Snowball' by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. The children have enjoyed thinking of their own title for the book, looking at rhyming words and predicting what might happen next. In maths we have looked at estimating how many objects are in a set and we have also looked at teen numbers, recognising that they are made up of ten and a few more. Our PSHE lesson this week focused on why we have rules and in PE the children have continued their topic on dance.
Year 1	Phonics - This week the children have been learning more alternative sounds including 'y', 'ow', 'g' and 'ph'. They have applied these new sounds to their Phonics reading as well as their Phonics spellings. English - We have been focusing on sequencing stories and learning about the beginning, middle and endings of stories. The children have drawn story maps, written story plans and re-written their own version of our English text 'The Deep Dark Wood' by Algy Craig Hall. Maths - In Maths we have been learning about being able to say, identify and write 2-digit numbers as both digits and as words. We have also recapped our Number Bond to 10 knowledge and used this to complete addition and subtraction equations. Art - we have started our new Art topic of 'Painting & Mixed Media: Colour Splash' and have been exploring different colours. We learned all about Primary colours and Secondary colours and got creative with colour mixing.
Year 2	In English this week, we read 'The Great Kapok Tree' by author Lynne Cherry and all the children were pleased with its happy ending! We have been busy describing the layers of a rainforest, learning how to use commas in our writing and using interesting vocabulary to describe the rainforest animals. In maths we have been learning to add and subtract 10 and 11 to 2 digit numbers and also counting forwards and backwards in multiples of 3. In geography we discovered some of the world's most amazing man-made and natural places such as Mount Etna and the Statue of Liberty.





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Year 3	It has been a great week in Year 3. The children have enjoyed editing and redrafting their stories in English. In maths, they have been adding 3-digit numbers using partitioning. In history, the children enjoyed exploring how long ago the Stone Age was. We used toilet roll to show that it was much further back in history than they had studied before.
Year 4	We have had a fantastic week and busy week. In maths we have been placing 4 digits on a number line, rounding numbers and counting on and back in 25s, 50s, 10s and 100s, looking for patterns to help us. In English we finished our poems and have started to develop our character profiles based on our class book of Pugs of the Frozen North. In RE we have been discovering what it is like inside a Hindu Mandir and describing the role that worship may play in the life of a Hindu.
Year 5	This week in English we have been preparing for our Ufton Court assembly which will be held on Friday 24th January at 9am. All Y5 parents are welcome! We have also written our thank you letters to the fantastic staff at Ufton Court. In maths we have been working with 6 digit numbers as well as $\times$ and $\div$ by 10, 100 and 1000. In gymnastics we were creating synchronised and canon sequences focussing on travelling and balances.
Year 6	This week Year 6 have been working hard on our non chronological reports about the yellow spotted lizard. Please check out our Dojo page for examples. We have also been exploring Mayan villages and how the tribes interacted. Music we learnt about the Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra by Benjamin Britten - we explored the different families such as brass, woodwind and strings. In Science we have been creating classification trees to identify different species. Our PE this week included hockey and straddle jumping in gymnastics. It's all about the finish!



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JIM ★★★★★

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WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

President: Baroness Theresa May

Conductor **Leon Gee**

Leader **Susie Henwood**

Tabla **Alok Verma**

Sunday 22 June 2025 4pm

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