



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

20th: SEN Parent Support Group
@ 8.45am

24th: Y5 Ufton Court Assembly

27th: Wild Cookham Assembly

28th: Y1 @ Milestones Museum

31st: Reception & KS1 Film 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

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JANUARY

Tuesday 14th:

* Y5 Fire & Rescue Service Visit

Friday 17th:

* Y3 Swimming



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderfully peaceful Christmas holiday. The children have certainly returned to school full of the joys of spring (albeit a cold spring!). It is wonderful seeing their smiley faces. Thank you so much for your generous gifts and cards from all the staff.



BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH



24th-26th January is the Big Garden Bird Watch. It would be wonderful if the children could take part - find more information [HERE](#). On Monday 27th January, we will have a representative from Wild Cookham coming into school. It would be great if the children could talk about what birds they have seen.

REQUESTS

1. Reception children would love to receive any puppets that you no longer need. Please bring your donations to the Reception classroom.
2. OPAL - scooters, skateboards, big material suitcases, trunkies, building materials (pieces of wood - nails taken out and no splinters), pallets, old saucepans, frying pans, spatulas etc.

PARKING

You will see that we have a new 'No Parking' sign in the kiss and drop zone. Please do not park in this area for the safety of the children. Thank you.

PARENT FORUM

Thank you to those parents who joined me just before the Christmas break for the parent forum. Please find attached the minutes from the meeting. The next meeting will be Friday 28th March at 2.30pm. If you would like to join us to see what it is all about or if you have something you would like to discuss, please let the office know.

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the January
50:50 Club winners:



1st prize - Emma Green

2nd prize - Emily Rivers

SEWING CLUB

Sewing club has 3 places available this term. If your child would like to join, please email anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk. The first session is on Monday 13th January, 3.20-4.35pm.



SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 5 - UFTON COURT

Year 5 had a fabulous time at Ufton Court this week. Below is a photo from one of the evening activities - a Tudor banquet! The children are preparing a special assembly about their trip on Friday 24th January. We hope parents can make it.



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

Oscar



Year 2

Hazel

Year 3

Everyone!

Year 4

Otis, Hattie & Lily

Year 5

Everyone!

Year 6

Hadley & Tabitha





WEEKLY SUMMARY

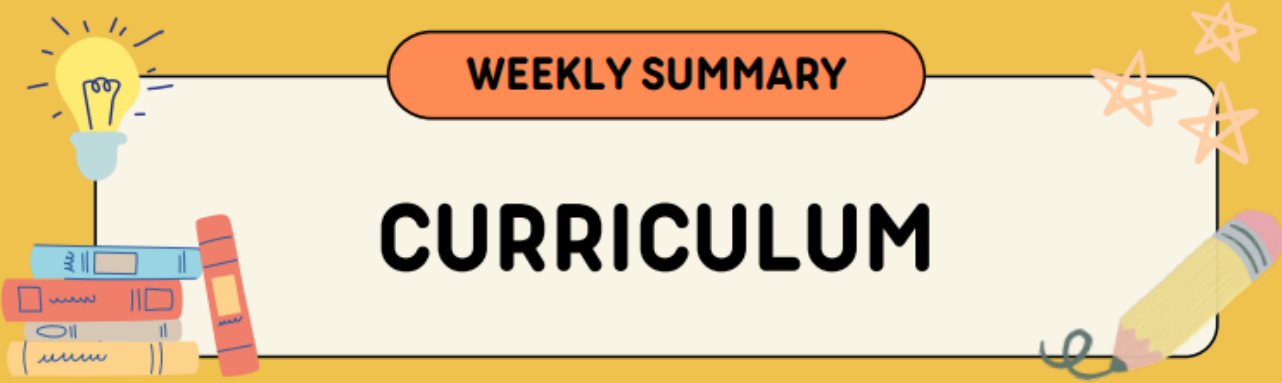


CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week we have been busy revising all our phonics that we learnt last term including our tricky words. The children have also been looking at the book 'Here comes Jack Frost' by Kazuno Kohara; discussing the signs of winter, animals that hibernate and writing lists of what they enjoy about winter and how they know whether its winter or spring. In maths we have been practising our counting to 20 and saying the next two numbers from a given number. In our knowledge and understanding of the world we have been looking at what its like in the artic and have named lots of different artic animals. In our RE session this week we have looked at how people celebrate New Year and discussed the traditions people have.
Year 1	Phonics – this week we have recapped the sounds that we have already learned and also introduced some new alternative sounds including 'y', 'oe', 'ea' and 'wh'. We have also applied these new sounds to spellings. English – in English this week we have been looking at sequencing stories and learning about the beginning, middle and end of stories. We have also recapped our learning on question writing and how to write and punctuate questions properly. Maths – in maths this week we have revisited one more and one less and then extended this learning to 2 more and 2 less. We have also looked at locating missing numbers on a 0-100 bead string focusing on identifying and recognising 2-digit numbers. Science – this week we have started our new science topic of Everyday Materials where the children discussed the different materials and had to pick different items in the class and identify what they are made from.
Year 2	This week in Year 2, we have begun a new text in English called 'The Great Kapok Tree'. We will be creating some persuasive writing in the next few weeks so the children have sent some very persuasive letters to Mrs Reekie to ask for a non-uniform day! In Maths, we have been counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, finding missing numbers in sequences and solving problems related to multiples of 2, 5 and 10. In DT, we have begun to think about our latest project, building a chair for Baby Bear from the story of Goldilocks. The children have become familiar with the key vocabulary and were able point out objects that have good stability.





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Year 3	Year 3 have had a great week getting settled after the Christmas break. We have hit the ground running, working on dividing with remainders in maths. In English, the children have been writing their sequels to the story Journey by Aaron Becker. The children were also fantastic at our first swimming lesson this morning. This was even pointed out by one of the swimming teachers!
Year 4	We have been very busy this week learning about classifying materials into solids, liquids and gases. In English we are writing a quatrain poem using onomatopoeia and in maths we have been weighing objects to the nearest 100 grams and converting it into kilograms. Transferring this information onto a bar graph and writing questions that will give us information about our graph.
Year 5	What a fantastic start to 2025! Year 5 have spent three days at Ufton Court residential centre to complete their Tudor topic. Whilst there they completed a variety of activities to learn more about life in Tudor times. Activities included archery, fire lighting, exploring the Tudor home (including seeing and learning about the priest hole), making a bow and arrow, a court session and a fabulous Tudor banquet with dancing and games. The children were complimented on their excellent behaviour, super listening skills, thoughtfulness, kindness and helpfulness by all the members of staff there. We are so proud of them all – for the above but also for their team spirit and resilience. Great job Year 5!
Year 6	This week we have settled back in and started our new topics. We have explored who the Maya were and when they settled. We have started our new book 'Holes' and written some non chronological reports. In maths we have been working with bigger numbers, greater than 1 million. We have been rounding them and estimating. In science we have learnt about Carl Linnaeus and his classification of all living things. Next week we will be learning about identification and the family trees of animals. We will be perfectly our gymnastics jumps and learning new skills with Mitch.



LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



FOUNDATION

BOOTBANK

PLEASE DONATE
Football Boots and Trainers
4th January - 8th February 2025

Not sure what to do with outgrown football boots?
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Why not donate to our Bootbank?

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OFFBEAT

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THE BIG NIGHT OUT

2025

SATURDAY 1 FEBRUARY
Pinder Hall, Lower Road,
Cookham Rise, SL6 9EH
7 TO 11PM

TICKETS
Adults - £13; 16 and under - £5.50
tickets.mp/big-night-out

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Hayley Fuller



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THE BIG BUG & BIRD BASH

SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY
2PM - 4PM

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL
SCHOOL LANE
COOKHAM SL6 9QJ

WILD COOKHAM

Join us for a fun-filled day at "The Big Bug and Bird Bash"!

Dive into the world of nature as we transform natural Christmas wreath decorations into cozy bug hotels and build beautiful bird boxes for our feathered friends! This hands-on event promises to be a fantastic adventure for children of all ages, fostering creativity and a love for the environment.

Don't forget to bring your own wreaths to repurpose, while we'll provide all the materials for the bird boxes. With limited space available, be sure to book your place today! Tickets are just £5 for a single child or £10 for a family pass. Let's make a difference together!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS : <https://form.jotform.com/243635552095056>



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FREE TRIAL STARTS
WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY -
WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY

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Why Join Dodgeball?	AGE 5-11 YEARS	4 WEEK FREE TRIAL
✓ Improves confidence, resilience & focus	YEAR 1 - 3 5:15pm-6:15pm	Usually £6.50 per session
✓ Inclusive environment with friendly coaches	YEAR 4 - 6 6:20pm-7:20pm	Scan the QR code or visit our website to book
Skill Development		LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Alwyn Infant School, Maidenhead, SL6 6EU

For More Information go to www.mnrcoaching.com

BEBCA Charity no. 300236

Bourne End Community Centre
Wakeman Road

Forum Players present

Robin Hood

A pantomime by Alex Jackson

Sat 18th January 2.30pm
Sun 19th January 2.30pm
Sat 25th January 2.30pm & 6.30pm
Free show for OAPs:
Wed 15th January 7.30pm

Tickets £12
Family (2 adults, 2 children) - £40
Tickets available from Centre Website

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