



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

14th: Y5 Fire Safety Talk

20th: SEN Parent Support
Group @ 8.45am

EVENTS NEXT TERM

JANUARY

Monday 6th:

* Inset Day

Tuesday 7th:

* Return to School

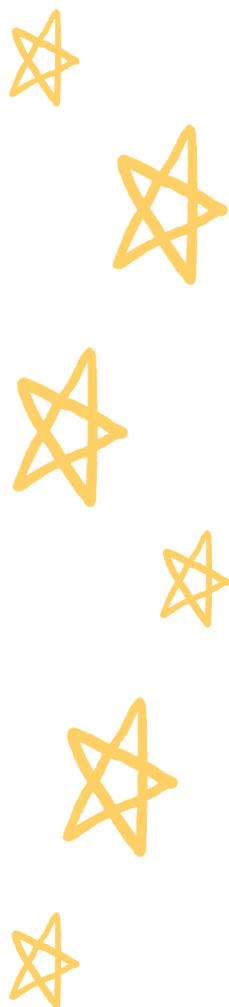
* Y5 @ Ufton Court

Thursday 9th:

* Y5 Return from Ufton Court

Friday 10th:

* Y3 Swimming



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

A huge thank you to the PTA, particularly Mrs Bennett, for organising a wonderful singalong to finish off our Autumn term. Thank you to the Reception parents, especially Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Harris, who organised the great raffle hampers - they looked fantastic. We hope you enjoyed them if you won!

It has been a particularly busy and long term and the children and staff are ready for a rest. I wish you all a very peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

We are back to school on Tuesday 7th January - see you then.

THE TIMES

TOP 1000 PRIMARY SCHOOLS

I am very proud to tell you that Cookham Dean Primary School made it into The Times top 1000 best primary schools. We are equal 788th and only 5 schools in Maidenhead made the list. Well done to all the staff and children who work tirelessly to make this happen!



SCHOOL NEWS

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

Everyone!



Year 2

Savannah

Year 3

Poppy



Year 4

Everyone!

Year 5

Everyone!



Year 6

Everyone!



BOOK COMPETITION

BookTrust have launched their 'Great Books Guide' and are giving you the chance to win all 100 books for our school. Simply answer the question [HERE](#) and fill in your details by 11pm on Tuesday 31st December 2024.



HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to team Diamond who are the overall winners for this term with 509 points!

DIAMOND - 509

EMERALD - 487

TOPAZ - 450

SAPPHIRE - 412

RUBY - 382

AMETHYST - 305

RECEPTION NATIVITY

It was brilliant watching the Reception nativity yesterday - they sang beautifully, recited their lines clearly and even put in some dance moves. A big thank you to our wonderful Year 6 who supported them! It still blows me away to think that some Reception children are 4 years old and still manage to confidently speak in front of a huge audience. You were amazing Reception!

COOKHAM DIG WORKSHOP



Friends of
**Cookham
Abbey**

Year 6 enjoyed an archaeological dig workshop last week from the Cookham Dig in association with Reading University. The children got to handle 2000 year old pottery and animal bones. Did you know that Cookham used to be a major trading site because it was on the river? We recreated Cookham Abbey and investigated tools they use in the field.

Mrs Satterley, Year 6 Teacher

SCHOOL NEWS

PARKING

Please do not park in the first 2 spaces after the staff carpark entrance. These spaces are used for 'kiss and drop' in the mornings. If you park here it means that parents are stopping in the road to drop their children which is obviously not safe. Thank you for your help in this.

PTA NEWS



It's been a busy but fabulous end of term! We have lots of people to say a **huge** thank you to: Maddi and her team of Reception parents for the Christmas raffle, the hampers looked amazing! The raffle has raised a brilliant **£1,426**. Mich and Kim for organising the fabulous Christmas Tree Sale, and everyone who helped with the tree deliveries. It raised an amazing **£1,860**! Tracey, Claire and everyone else who helped at the brilliant Tree Pick-Up Party, which raised **£502**. Everyone who has served refreshments at the various Christmas performances, together they raised **£449**. Isa and Abbe for always making sure we have the stock to serve! Esme, Tori and everyone else who has made and sold apple chutney. They used apples that would otherwise have gone to waste, and raised **£395**! And a massive thank you to everyone for all their support this term! Looking forward to seeing you all in 2025; we'll be kicking off with the Swimathon on 12 January which is always a brilliant event. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Pippa, Mich, Marie and Tessa

OUTDOOR SHOES

Please make sure that your child has outdoor shoes in school (welly boots or sturdy walking boots - not trainers). We encourage the children to be outside but it is very muddy and we want to keep our classroom carpets as clean as we possibly can.

CAROLS AT WINDSOR CASTLE

Well done to Year 6 who sang so beautifully at Windsor Castle yesterday underneath the stunning Christmas tree in St George's Hall.



OPAL

If you are having a clear out before Christmas, we would love scooters, skateboards, dolls prams, dolls, bits of wood (make sure all nails and sharp bits are removed please), old saucepans, watering cans, sand play equipment, trunkis, suitcases. Thank you.



see you in

2025

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



Reception have been absolutely brilliant in all their performances this week! I'm super proud to be the teacher of such an amazing class. Wishing you all a fabulous Christmas.

Year 1



In Year 1 this week we have:

Phonics: This week the children have been recapping all the Phonics learning from this term and have also practiced spelling tricky words.

Maths: This week the children reviewed and recapped all of the Maths they have learned this term.

English: This week the children learned about different word classes including adjectives, nouns, adverbs and verbs as well as learning about the suffix 'ed' and how this changes verbs from present to past tense.

DT: This week the children worked on their moving storybooks of Humpty Dumpty.

Lastly, we had lots of Christmas fun and enjoyed a Christmas party full of games and dancing!

Year 2



In English we planned and wrote an explanation text for mice about 'How to stay safe from cats'. Children developed some good ideas and thought carefully about the advice they'd give to mice so they could stop being caught by Dread Cat. In maths the children completed end of term assessments based on the learning this term. In PSHE, we developed an understanding about gender stereotypes particularly about jobs that were suited to males/females. We also thought about what children wanted to be when they were older. We had a top three of vets, policemen and performers!



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Year 3



It has been a fantastic week celebrating everything the children have achieved this term. They have created some wonderful cushions for DT. All the children showed plenty of resilience. Have a great Christmas break!

Year 4



In maths we have been looking at plotting co-ordinates, Christmas style! We have finished off our art project of power prints and ended the week with party games. I would like to take the opportunity to wish all parents and carers a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Year 5



What a busy week we've had! The main work this week has been our DT project. The children made the most amazing books with pop-ups, levers and sliders to create a Christmas story which they then shared with Y1. Some of it was quite tricky but all the children showed the 6Rs throughout. Well done Year 5! Another key aspect of our week has been preparing for Ufton Court. Our residential will start on the 7th January. We are all very excited!

The Y5 staff team would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a very happy and healthy 2025.

Year 6



Well, What can I say? It's been performing all the way with Year 6 this week. We had our wonderful church Carol service on Tuesday; we sang to the residents of Harwood House on Wednesday; Thursday we were performing at Windsor Castle and helping with the reception Nativity. I am immensely proud of our Year 6 class. They really have excelled this term. Have a lovely, restful Christmas.

