



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

16th: Y6 Express @ 2.30pm
16th: Rotakids @ Elizabeth House
17th: Carol Service @ 2pm
18th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm
19th: Y6 @ Windsor Castle
19th: Reception Nativity @ 2pm
20th: Christmas Raffle & Singalong @ 1pm
20th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

January

6th: Inset Day
7th: Return to School
10th: Y3 Swimming
14th: Y5 Fire Safety Talk
20th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

EVENTS NEXT WEEK DECEMBER

Wednesday 11th:

* Y6 Cookham Dig Workshop

Thursday 12th:

* Christmas Jumper Day
* Christmas Lunch
* KS1 Nativity @ 6pm

Friday 13th

* Reindeer Run
* SEN Parent Support Group @ 1.45pm
* Parent Forum @ 2.30pm
* Y5 Express @ 2.30pm



SCHOOL NEWS



MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful start to our Christmas celebrations! Year 3 and Year 4 performed their Christingle Service last night to a packed hall. They sang beautifully, listened to each other and spoke so eloquently about what they wished for Christmas. Some children asked for special times with family near and far, some asked for presents but a lot asked for juicy, plump turkey. Thank you Year 3 and Year 4 it really got us into the Christmas spirit! We also raised **£116** for The Children's Society which is an amazing amount of money.

Next week, I will be away from school Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for personal reasons. Miss Windle will be deputising in my absence.

GRAVITY GRAND PRIX

This week your child will have come home with a design sheet for next years gravity grand prix cart! This is always such a lovely community event and we are so proud to be a big part of it. Now entering our 5th year - the first year was the pencil, the second was the fairytale book, the third was the teapot and then of course last year was the apple tree. This year the design team are looking for a cart with a space theme. We look forward to judging the entries!

SCOOTERS & SKATEBOARDS

If you are having a clear out before Christmas and maybe getting rid of scooters and skateboards, please donate them to our OPAL collection. Thank you.

CLOTHING

Can you please send in any spare underwear, tights, socks, trousers, skirts, tracksuit bottoms that you may have so that we can replenish our stock of spares. If your child comes home having changed at school, please return the spares to the school.

PINNOCHIO WORKSHOP

Year 6 worked with Norden Farm last week on their Pinocchio themed gallery installation, the work the students created looks wonderful and Norden Farm are thrilled with the gallery space. They have used the mobiles to throw shadows over the walls in the space and there is an interactive shadow theatre where children can create their own shows. You are invited to visit Norden Farm to look at the children's work. The gallery is open Tues 26 November - Sat 28 December. You can find out more information about the exhibition [HERE](#).

REINDEER RUN ASSEMBLY

Yesterday Hannah from Thames Hospice visited to let the children know about the Reindeer Run. This will take place on Friday 13th December throughout the day. The children have brought home a sponsorship form to raise money for this worthwhile cause. Please help us to raise as much money as we can whilst having lots of fun! The children will need to bring in their sponsorship forms and money on Friday 13th December.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Currently our whole school attendance is 95.46%.



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SWIMARATHON REMINDER

A poster for the Swimarathon 2025. The background is a light blue water texture. At the top, the word 'SWIMARATHON' is in large white letters with a red lifebuoy on either side, and '2025' is below it. A white oval contains the text 'Sun 12th Jan - 2pm' in blue and 'Braywick Leisure Centre' in red. Below this, three paragraphs of text are centered. At the bottom, there is a QR code, the text 'Scan below to sponsor' in a script font, and two phrases in red script: 'Let's make this Year the Best one yet!' on the left and 'Get Involved!' on the right.

**SWIMARATHON
2025**

Sun 12th Jan - 2pm
Braywick Leisure Centre

More than 80 children from Cookham Dean school will be swimming as many lengths as they can in 50 minutes!

Children of all abilities will be taking part and we know they will rise to the challenge and support each other.

All sponsorship will be split evenly between our school and the wonderful Maidenhead Lions charities.

Scan below to sponsor

Let's make this Year the Best one yet!



Get Involved!

ROOTS AND BRANCHES

Maidenhead PCN Roots and Branches proudly present a Children and Young People's seminar where you can come and talk to our CYP and Family Social Prescribers to build a profile of your child as supportive evidence for school/EHCP's and strategies and tools to help support those with neurodivergence or any challenges that may be arising in school or at home. It will be taking place on Tuesday 17th December, 10am-12pm, St Marks Hospital in the large conference room. (Head to the café and a member of the team will meet you there). If this is of interest, please respond via email with confirmation that you would like to attend to: be-pct.socialprescribing@nhs.net If for any reason you cannot make it, please give 48 hours' notice so we can offer your place to another parent in the community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Roots and Branches (Maidenhead PCN)

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the December
50:50 Club winners:

WINNERS

1st prize - Mandy Bains

2nd prize - Michelle Patiar

WILDNESS & WONDER

Due to challenges with staffing this term, we have taken the difficult decision to take a break from running after school clubs. We apologise for any disappointment and inconvenience this may cause.



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KS2 FOOTBALL CLUB 2025

CLICK ON THE FLYER TO BOOK



Cookham Dean After School Clubs



- Children in years 3-6
- Wednesday 3.20-4.20pm

STARTS: 15th January

FINISHES: 2nd April

11 Sessions



For more information, please contact Mitchel:
07985266203, to book your child's place please visit
<https://mwfootballcoaching.class4kids.co.uk>



PARENT FORUM

Please let the office know if you will be attending and if there is anything you would like discussed.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Please submit your [questionnaire](#) by Monday 9th December. We value your comments and ideas. Thank you.



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PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Remember to get your Christmas Raffle entries in by 13th December. A great selection of prizes to be won. Venture photography vouchers, Christmas Hampers, beauty vouchers and much more.

Pay by cash, or transfer into the PTA account:

- Sort code: 30-95-36
- Account: 00403103
- Reference: Raffle + Child's surname

Please use the envelope to return payment and folded stubs (quartered please) for the tickets you have bought or sold along with any unsold tickets by 13th December at the latest, to Maddi Parkinson (Reception parent) or leave in the office. Please ensure that you complete all ticket stubs in books bought!



Maddi Parkinson (Reception Parent)

FAMILIES@4

On Sunday I went to church and played Away in a Manger on the recorder. I felt confident when I got there and I felt really good in the real thing, only a little nervous.

Toby, Year 3



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We are asking the children to wear Christmas Jumpers next **Thursday 12th December** (which is also the same day as Christmas Lunch) in support of Daisy's Dream - a charity providing support for children and young people who have been affected by bereavement. Please donate [HERE](#). So far we have raised £70! Remember there is a box outside to put outworn jumpers in and for parents to take a new one!



REMINDER OF CHRISTMAS DATES

Christmas Lunch - 12th December
 Christmas Jumper Day - 12th December
 Year 1 & 2 Nativity - Thursday 12th December at 6pm
 Reindeer Run - 13th December
 Rotakids at Elizabeth House - 16th December
 Carol Service - Tuesday 17th December at 2pm
 Reception Nativity - Thursday 19th December at 2pm
 Year 6 at Windsor Castle - Thursday 19th December
 Class Christmas parties - w/c Monday 16th December
 Rocksteady concert - Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm
 Raffle & singalong - Friday 20th December at 1pm
 Break up - Friday 20th December at 2.15pm



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FREE TVP DIGITAL SEMINAR

CYBER PROTECT 

The Digital Dilemma

Keeping Your Kids Safe Online

December 4th, 11th, 18th

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS
Thames Valley Police

Hints and tips to secure your family online, covering:

Gaming  **Social Media**  **Email**

BOOK YOUR SPACE:
Eventbrite: Police - South East Cyber

DON'T LET IT BE GAME OVER
LEVEL UP  **YOUR ONLINE SECURITY**

SCHOOL MILK

Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5  **Child OVER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DfES.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com



Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA - SEARCH COOLMILKSCHHEME

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 Jeevan	
Year 2 Ava H		Year 3 Everyone!
Year 4 Everyone!		Year 5 Everyone!
	Year 6 George	



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	In phonics this week, Reception have learnt the sounds sh, th and ng. We have also been trying to write c-v-c words. In maths, we have looked at the coins 1p, 2p, 10p and 20p. We have found the correct coins to buy items from our shop. We have talked about the start of Advent and enjoyed 'Wild Worship' with Year 6.
Year 1	This week Year 1 have been learning the following: Maths - we have started learning about Money focusing specifically on recognising and identifying each of the different coins and ordering them in value. English - we have been learning about the conjunction 'because' and how we can use this word to connect ideas and extend sentences. Furthermore, the Year 1 children wrote a book review which included giving their opinions on our new English book, Little Red. Phonics - This week we have been recapping and revising all of the sounds and tricky words that we have learned during this half- term. Design & Technology - This week the children were learning about mechanisms that can be used to make a moving card. They learned about sliders and how these can make different parts of a card move. The children also made their own rabbit in a hat moving card.
Year 2	In English this week, we have been learning that adverbs describe verbs and were able to change some verbs and add adverbs in the story 'Dread Cat' by Michael Rosen. Children then wrote poems about the main character in the book using adjectives, adverbs and verbs! In maths, we used 100 squares to add 2 digit numbers by adding the tens first and then the ones. Then we also learnt to subtract 2 digit numbers by counting back the tens and then the ones. In science, we designed our minibeast hotels and thought carefully about the materials we could use to attract certain minibeasts and look forward to making them in the school grounds next week!





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Year 3	This week in maths, Year 3 have been finishing their work on capacity, and starting to revise placing numbers on a number line. In English, we have been focusing on using speech and writing a setting description. The children were fantastic in their Christingle service on Thursday. You made yourselves and your families proud.
Year 4	Year 4 have had a very busy week. We have been subtracting using column method and counting on to find the difference which helps with our mental maths skills. In English, we have started to look at describing a setting and in art have been using different techniques to create patterns and contrast using wax resist materials. The best part of our week was our Christingle service last night, which we thought was amazing.
Year 5	This week Year 5 have been working on their Tudor presentations on crime and punishment. The children have worked in groups to present their information either in poster form or as a PowerPoint. In maths we have been looking at numbers to decimal places and linking those to the equivalent fraction. We finished the week with an exciting RE session where we hot seated Mary and Joseph, quizzing them on Mary's unexpected news, the long journey to Bethlehem, the stable birth and the visitors. All the Marys and Josephs were very thoughtful in their answers, replying to some tough questions.
Year 6	Wow, another fabulous week. We are well and truly into the Christmas spirit, even after a week of assessments. Boyne Hill Church Christmas Experience was great. We learnt lots and made Christmas wreaths. Next week we will put the circuits into our Christmas Science projects and create our DT Steady hand games. We will continue reading and watching A Christmas Carol and prepare for our Carol Service. In art we are creating Christmas graffiti cards. On Wednesday afternoon we have a very exciting workshop all about Cookham Abbey and the dig that Reading University are carrying out.



LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



CHRISTMAS TOUCH RUGBY CAMP

2 & 3 JAN 2025
AGES 5-17





Hosted by Regional and National Qualified Touch Rugby Coaches.

Cost:
£35 for 1 day (9.30am - 3:00pm) or £60 for 2 days.
10% sibling discount.
Includes FREE hot chocolate!!

Venue:
Maidenhead RFC, Braywick Park, Braywick Road, Maidenhead SL6 1BN



REGISTER

To register your junior or for more information, please email sammie@in2touch.com





Camps in association with England Touch's West Region @wildcatstouch
wildcatsjuniorstouch@gmail.com



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cookery school

Christmas Holiday Workshops

Beaconsfield & Marlow

Sign your budding young bakers up to cook some fun Christmas recipes this holiday season!

20th & 23rd December

10:00-15.00

To find out more or to book your child a place click on your preferred venue below:

Jordans Village Hall
5-10 Year Olds

Alfriston School
10-15 Year Olds

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10-15 Year Olds

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