



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

12th: Christmas Jumper Day
12th: Christmas Lunch
12th: KS1 Nativity @ 6pm
13th: Reindeer Run
13th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 1.45pm
13th: Parent Forum @ 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

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

DECEMBER

Sunday 1st:

* Christmas Tree Pick Up Party
* Families@4

Monday 2nd:

* Y6 NCMP

Tuesday 3rd:

* Y6 @ Boyne Hill Church
* KS1 Choir Performance @ 2.45pm

Thursday 5th:

* Reindeer Run Assembly
* Christingle @ 6pm



SCHOOL NEWS



MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

This morning Mr Exworth and Mr Parks (known as Zac and Ben) greeted everybody at the gate dressed smartly with our lanyards. Then we did assembly. We gave out the certificates; we sang Mr Exworth's favourite hymn (Child in a Manager Born); we did the 6Rs and birthday stickers. We played 'Revoltin' Children' as the children came in to assembly because we know the school liked it and because Mr Parks watched Matilda last night. Then we did our

learning walk. We went round every class to see what they were learning and we gave the best behaved children dojos. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 were learning about the Titanic, Year 3 were learning their times tables, Year 4 and Year 5 were doing extra maths lessons and Year 6 had a partner and they were telling them which animal book they brought into school and why. After that, we did playground duty. Mr Exworth helped 1 child who was crying because they had fallen over and had hurt their hand. Now we are writing the newsletter. So far we had lots of fun. It is quite tricky being headteacher but is also good fun and we know the children are having good fun too.

Mr Exworth & Mr Parks



REINDEER RUN



Next Thursday, Thames Hospice will be coming into school to speak to the children about a sponsored Reindeer Run that we will be taking part in on Friday 13th December. Please look out for the flyer next week to donate to this very worthwhile cause.

FAMILIES@4

We are so looking forward to seeing you at our Families@4 Christingle Service this Sunday 1st December at 4pm at St John the Baptist.

EXPRESS

Each term we invite parents into school for the children to 'express' their learning. This term is busy with nativities (Reception and Year 1 & 2) and Christingles (Year 3 & 4) where the children will be showing you all the hard work that they have been putting in this term. For Year 5 & 6, parents are invited to a class express where the children will demonstrate their learning. The dates for these are:

Year 5 - 2.30PM on Friday 13th December

Year 6 - 2.30pm on Monday 16th December

MAD SCIENCE

We are so pleased to be offering a new club in the new year - Mad Science. Yesterday they took our school assembly - please look out for a flyer in your child's book bag.

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TWELFTH NIGHT PERFORMANCE

The play was about 2 twins, Viola and Sebastian, who got shipwrecked. Viola landed on Illyria and dressed up as a boy, Cesario, to become Orsino's servant. Orsino loved Olivia but Orsino thought Cesario, AKA Viola, was a boy. Meanwhile, Sebastian had decided to visit Illyria looking just like Cesario. It made me feel like I was in Illyria, seeing it all happen in real life. It was so fun participating in all the actions. It made me laugh! I loved how the Young Shakespeare Company kept switching between roles and adding modern songs into their play. There was nothing really to dislike.

Young Shakespeare Company
Touring inspirational educational theatre since 1988

Alice, Year 6

YEAR 6 NETBALL

On Tuesday 26th November, the core Year 6 netball team plus Henry F played a match at home against Braywick Court. The end score was 11-2 to Cookham Dean (our first win!), but both teams played very well and we all had a great time. Our player of the match, nominated by Braywick, was Max.



Then on Wednesday 27th November, the team plus George played another match, this time against Oldfield. They were tougher opposition, the end score was 8-2 to Oldfield, but both teams had fun and played a fair match. Our player(s) of the match, nominated by Oldfield, were Max & George.



Alice,
Year 6

CHRISTMAS DATES REMINDER

KS1 choir performance - Tuesday 3rd December at 2.45pm
Year 3 & 4 Christingle - Thursday 5th December at 6pm
Whole school Christmas Lunch - 12th December
Whole school Christmas Jumper Day - 12th December
Year 1 & 2 Nativity - Thursday 12th December at 6pm
Whole school Reindeer Run - 13th December
Rotakids at Elizabeth House - 16th December at 10.30am
Whole school Carol Service - Tuesday 17th December at 2pm
Reception Nativity - Thursday 19th December at 2pm
Year 6 singing at Windsor Castle - Thursday 19th December at 10.30am
Class Christmas parties - TBC
Whole school Rocksteady concert - Wednesday 18th December at 1.30pm
Whole school raffle & singalong - Friday 20th December at 1pm
Break up - Friday 20th December at 2.15pm



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)

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NEW CLUB STARTING JANUARY 2025 - MAD SCIENCE



AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

HERE AT
YOUR
SCHOOL

The Club

Mad Science Afterschool Clubs provide the perfect mix of fun, interactive, educational content. Taking aspects of physics, chemistry and some biology to engage and excite all children enrolled. Our hands-on, enquiry based sessions encourage independent learning skills and discovery at their pace. They'll be immersed in a fully unique and different topic each week during the course, so there's plenty to explore as they get to grips with key science concepts and fun STEM based explorations.

**They'll have so much fun,
they forget they're learning**

Booking



www.madsciencesw.schoolipal.co.uk

Scan QR code to access registration.

For Guidance scan the purple help code

1. Create your parent account
2. Add your child's details
3. Book Your Course

If you have an iPAL account with us, simply log in and choose your new club dates to secure your space.

Cookham Dean Primary School

MONDAY

13th, 20th, 27th of January
3rd, 10th, 24th of February
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th of March
2025

**Registration Deadline:
Fri 14th DECEMBER 2024**

**Please register before this time
to secure your child's space.**
Spaces are limited - first come first served

BOOK ONLINE TODAY

<https://bit.ly/madscienceREG>



1 Hour
from end
of the school day

[Link is Case Sensitive]



All Staff
Enhanced DBS
Safeguarding Trained



All Materials
& Consumables
provided

Spark Their Curiosity

REGISTER & BOOK TODAY!

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CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP PARTY - THIS SUNDAY!



CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP PARTY

DECEMBER
1st

12-3pm



IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Collect your Tree, Craft Bag, Wreath Making Kit,
and Apple Chutney from our very own apple tree.

Crafts for the children and mulled wine and
turkey rolls available on the day
from our festive cafe

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YOGA CLUB - EXTRA DAY STARTING JANUARY



AFTER SCHOOL AT "COOKHAM DEAN SCHOOL"
TUESDAY - 3.30PM TO 4.30 PM
WITH SALLIE

FREE
TRIAL
AVAILABLE



JANUARY 10TH 2025 TO THE 4TH APRIL
£8 PER SESSION - PAID TERMLY

To book - Contact
sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com or
07846992824



MORNING CLUB AT "COOKHAM DEAN SCHOOL"
FRIDAY- 7.45 AM - 8.30 AM
WITH SALLIE

FREE
TRIAL
AVAILABLE



JANUARY 10TH 2025 TO THE 4TH APRIL
£7.50 PER SESSION - PAID TERMLY

To book - Contact
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07846992824

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

Ava K

Year 3

Theo

Year 4

Charlotte & Emily

Year 5

Bowie & Lily

Year 6

Charlie





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, we have revised all the sounds we have learnt so far. We have also been focusing on our letter formation especially letters l, i, t, u and j. In maths we have been looking at the days of the week and months of the year. The children have learnt which month their birthday is in and which season that falls into. During our knowledge and understanding of the world lessons, we have been looking at the solar system and naming the planets in it. We have also been looking at how rockets get into space and thinking about what it might be like to be an astronaut.
Year 1	This week Year 1 have been learning the following: English - we have focused on learning about verbs and instructional language. This included writing a set of instructions to make a jam sandwich as well as a set of instructions on how to look after the Monster Best Friends we created in a previous lesson. Maths - We have been further learning about addition and subtraction, specifically thinking about methods we can use to add or subtract 1, 2 or 3 more/less. We also started to look at how to add 3 numbers together using our doubles and bonds to 10 knowledge to help. Phonics - we are continuing to practice all the sounds already taught but have also learned new sounds this week which have included 'ew', 'ie' and 'aw'. PSHE - this half term the children have been learning about Families and Relationships. This week the children were thinking about how friendships can make us feel and how we can also work with new people. This involved working as a team to build a tower as tall as possible out of different materials.
Year 2	This week Year 2 have started a new text in English. Using Michael Rosen's 'Dreadcat', the children have learnt how adverbs can make sentences more specific and interesting. They have also used this to write a description of Dreadcat. In maths, the children have had a very practical week measuring in cm. They now know how tall they are and the length of their feet! They have also begun to work with position and direction, providing instructions to navigate around a map. In RE, the children have continued to ask the question 'Why is Christmas important to Christians'. They have looked at a range of Christmas carols to explore their meaning. They have even added their own verse to 'Away in a manger'.





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Year 3	This week in maths, Year 3 have been working on measuring with a ruler, and measuring the capacity of different containers. In English, the children have been writing information texts about dog ownership. In geography, we have been exploring our local area using OS Maps. All of this alongside practicing for our Christingle service next week.
Year 4	In maths we have been learning how to round 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 and relating this skill to problem solving and why rounding is important. In English, we have finished our diaries about fighting a harpy in Ancient Greece and in history we have been comparing similarities and differences on how Athens and Sparta were ruled.
Year 5	Our week started with the Shakespeare production of "Twelfth Night" which we really enjoyed. In the afternoon we headed to Dawkes music to watch Brass from Africa. Monday was very exciting! This week in English we have been writing a newspaper report on Anne Boleyn's execution. As an imagined eyewitness stated: "it was grim". In maths we have continued our work on angles and moved on to using compasses. This is quite a skill and the children, as last week, have shown resilience and determination to get the measurements right. In dance we started to learn rock and roll moves. We are now expert hand jivers!
Year 6	What a fabulous week we have had in Year 6 . Monday, we had a wonderful performance by the Young Shakespeare Company. Twelfth Night was brilliant: funny and thought provoking, this was followed by an afternoon in Dawkes Music studio with a Ugandan Brass band. It was a great opportunity to talk to some of the people and learn about their culture. Next week we begin our journey towards Christmas: In religion we will be exploring incarnation, in literacy we begin a study of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, in maths we will be venturing into the world of percentages, including finding percentages of money and the best value Christmas gifts. We will continue with our Science Festive projects creating dimmer switches. In a combined computing and DT project we will be designing and creating a buzzer Christmas game.



LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



FREECYCLE BOOKS, TOYS & HOMEWARE

SATURDAY 7th Dec
10.00am to 12.00pm

**At Cookham Library
Community Room**

See us on Facebook - contact us at:
cookhamsfootprint@gmail.com



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FREE
until
JAN 25



Understanding the Teenage Brain
Watch this recorded session in your own time, to learn why our teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

Thursday
5th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
17th Dec
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Facing Defiance
Effective interventions for handling defiant behaviour. ADHD, ODD and PDA relevant as well as regular challenging behaviour. Introduction to the FACE programme - Facing Defiance - 6 week course

Tuesday
7th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Anxiety-Based School Avoidance
Understanding and supporting children who are anxious about school. Steps you can take to help them back into the classroom.

Thursday
9 Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



AUTISM:
Improving Communication
Looking at how small changes in how we communicate with children on the spectrum can lead to big improvements.

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CHRISTMAS TRACTOR DRIVE-IN

at THE SHIRE HORSE PUB, A4, MAIDENHEAD
on Wednesday 4th December
from 5.30pm onwards.

A static display of vintage and modern tractors decorated with Christmas lights and decorations in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

Come along and see the spectacular display.
Tractors by invitation only as space is limited.

To donate click here.

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In memory of
Robert Wilson



British Heart
Foundation

