



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

1st: Families@4

1st: Christmas Tree Collections

2nd: Y6 NCMP

3rd: Y6 @ Boyne Hill Church

3rd: KS1 Choir Performance

5th: Reindeer Run Assembly

5th: Christingle @ 6pm

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

NOVEMBER

Monday 25th:

* Twelfth Night Performance

* Y5 & Y6 @ Dawkes Music

Tuesday 26th:

* Five to Thrive Parent
Workshop @ 8.45am

Thursday 28th:

* Mad Science Assembly

Friday 29th:

* Headteacher For The
Morning



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

A huge well done to the children who were finalists in our Cookham Dean talent show who then went on to the Lions Maidenhead final last Saturday afternoon at Furze Platt Senior School - our wonderful Year 6 children (Milly, Lily, Seb, Luke, Max, Freddie, Hadley, Alice, Henry, Charlie, George, Zuzu) and Louis and Samuel from Year 5. All the children were amazing and myself and Mrs Thompson were so very proud of them! Well done to all of you.



CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you to everyone for being so crazy with your hair last week (some traces are still to be seen!) In total we raised **£149.55** which will be sent off to Children in Need. Thank you.

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Please see attached a letter from the headteachers of Cookham Rise, Holy Trinity and Cookham Dean. Please do sign up to the pact.



SOCKS

Please could we have donations of old socks for children who get their socks wet during playtime and lunchtime. It would be really nice if we could give them a clean, dry pair of socks if they needed some.

School Council

FIVE TO THRIVE

Don't forget to inform the school office if you will be joining the Five to Thrive parent workshop next Tuesday at 8.45am.

HEADTEACHER FOR THE MORNING

Next Friday, Zak (Y3) and Ben (Y2) will be headteachers for the morning after guessing the fastest time at the Gravity Grand Prix! It will be a non-uniform day and children need to bring in a book about their favourite animal.

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CHRISTMAS DATES

Whole school Families@4 Christingle Service - Sunday 1st December 4pm

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

MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ

Please find below the link to MBR's November Newsletter. Their MBR2025 festival is scheduled for March 2025 and the theme is wings.

[MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ NEWSLETTER](#)

FUEL CHRISTMAS CAMPS

FUEL are running their Winter Programme on 23rd December, 30th December, 2nd January and 3rd January. Book through their eequ system [HERE](#). To find out if your child is eligible, please visit the [FUEL website](#) for more information.

COOKHAM FREECYCLE

It's time for a clear out in time for Christmas. We are holding our preloved Freecycle on Saturday 7th December 10am to 12pm at the library, and this time it's **HOMEWARE, BOOKS AND TOYS**. Bring the kids so they can choose some presents to give the family. Drop off from 9.30am on the morning.

Cookhams Footprint

NEWSLETTER

Please submit any requests for the newsletter by 9am on Friday mornings. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE



We are now in the season for coughs and colds but we need, as a school community, to balance this with good school attendance. If you are not sure if you should send your child in, have a look at the [NHS website](#) for advice. As you know, holidays will not be authorised and may occur a fine. Please keep medical appointments, unless an emergency, to outside of the school day or the holidays.

OPAL

If you have any of the following items, kindly bring them in for OPAL. Thank you.

crates

planks of wood

pallets

tarpaulin

wooden spoons

old saucepans & frying pans



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PARKING REMINDER



School Keep Clear



**NO STOPPING
NO PARKING
NO WAITING**

Why do I have to leave it clear?

For safety - to ensure clear sight lines for both motorists and children, as well as for other road users, outside schools. They provide a clear area in which children and adults can cross more safely.

Am I okay just to pick up on the zig-zag markings if I am only there for a second?

Under no circumstance should you stop on zig-zag markings at any time, even just for a second. A stationary car can prevent a driver seeing a child crossing the road.

But it's raining, can I just drop off?

Don't be pressured by bad weather into parking on the Keep Clear zig-zags.

Rule 238 of the Highway Code states;

"You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping."

Better a wet coat than parking illegally which could result in a fine.

Keep the Zig-Zags clear- No excuses!



PHARMACY FIRST

We're encouraging all parents to

Think Pharmacy First



Earache
(Children
aged 1 to 17
years)

Did you know that community pharmacies can now offer clinical appointments with medication available (if required) for **five clinical conditions** particularly relevant to school age children?

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)
- Sinusitis (over 12s)

GP practices are busy and making an appointment with them is not always necessary!

When your child is ill with any of these conditions, head straight to your local community pharmacy where you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice, guidance and even medication if it's needed. Let's get your child on the road to recovery as soon as possible.



Infected Insect Bite
or Impetigo
(Children and adults
age 1 and over)



Sore throat
(Children
and adults
age 5 and up)

The majority of Frimley Health and Care community pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service.

Remember - if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or a suspected infected insect bite think **Pharmacy First**.

For more information visit:
www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies

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

Harvey

Year 3

Miss Kilpatrick

Year 4

Jamie

Year 5

Sami

Year 6

Harvey





WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week in our phonics lessons, Reception have looked at the sounds z, qu and ch. We have also been trying to spell cvc words. In maths, we have been looking at the names and properties of 2D shapes. During our RE lesson, we listened to the nativity story, made our own puppets to act out the story and started learning songs for our nativity.
Year 1	This week Year 1 have been learning the following: Maths - learning how to describe position, direction and movement as well as starting to learn about measurement including measuring length and height using uniform (non-standard and standard) units. English - learning about question words and question marks and how to use them to write questions as well as using adjectives to write character descriptions about the monster best friends that they designed. Phonics - we have started introducing and learning split digraph sounds this week and applying them to reading and writing. This has included 'a_e', 'o_e', 'u_e', 'i_e' and 'e_e'. Geography - we have been expanding our map drawing skills and using directional language to locate and draw an accurate map of the school playground whilst also being able to identify features of the playground.
Year 2	Year 2 have been busy planning their own stories based on Julia Donaldson's book 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and this week chose four new characters and changed the storyline for each of the animals. They created new story maps and then wrote the beginning, middle and ending of their new stories. In maths, children have been learning to use a 100 square to add and subtract tens numbers from 2 digit numbers. In science, we have been researching larger Habitats around the world such as the Desert, Rainforest and Arctic and discovering more about the conditions, the animals that live there and food sources available.





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Year 3	This week in maths, the children have been learning how to add 3-digit numbers using partitioning, as well as using a ruler to measure. In English, they have been learning to use inverted commas for speech. Also, they really enjoyed making stop-frame animations in computing.
Year 4	This week we have been starting to think about the features needed to write a diary. We have been looking at up-levelling our verbs and adjectives and have started to plan it. At the beginning of the week in maths, we were learning about fractions and equivalent decimals, focusing on tenths and then we have been adding two 4 digit numbers in many different ways, from using counters to help us to problem solving. In art we have been 'drawing with scissors.'
Year 5	Anne Boleyn has featured again in our written work this week. Year 5 have been working on persuasive arguments to convince a jury that Anne Boleyn was innocent or guilty. Out of 24 children, only one wrote that she was guilty. He made a very strong case! In maths we worked on division at the beginning of the week, moving on to protractor work. We have spent 3 days measuring and drawing angles – this can be very fiddley but everyone persevered with great success. Super job Y5! In computing we have been working on using shapes to create vector graphics. Penguins and colourful parrots this week, moving onto Christmas graphics at the end of the term.
Year 6	What an exciting week we have had in Year 6. We have completed our Design technology ROAR 2024 projects, which will be on show after school. We also had a fabulous workshop with Norden Farm where we built Pinocchio shadow mobiles. Next week continues with The Young Shakespeare company visiting on Monday. We will also be taking a trip out to see Brass For Africa - an amazing percussion group. We will also be planning our electric Christmas decorations. In maths we are covering shapes including measurements: surface area and volume. In our writing we will be working on a magical journey story.



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KS2 INVICTUS GAMES FESTIVAL



On Tuesday 19th November, some children from Year 3, 4 and 5 went to an Invictus Games event where we did lots of different games. Firstly, we did Danger Ball, which is where you have to throw little balls at a giant ball to try and make the big ball move over to the side. Secondly, we did Pillow Hockey which is where there were 2 goals and each team had a hockey stick with a cylinder-shaped pillow and you had to hit a squishy ball into the other team's goal. Next, we had a very squishy ball because we had to get the balls into a circle. Each one you got in would be worth 10, 30, 40 or 50 points - or 100 if you got it in the middle. If you missed it, next time you could get a point. Finally, we did Skate Drones. You had to skate the drones to the middle of a target and whatever colour was the closest, their team won and that was the end. We had the best day and thank you to the staff for taking us.

Willow, Sophie & Lily, Year 4

PTA CHRISTMAS TREE SALE 2024

There is one week left to order one of our beautiful, premium-quality, Nordman Fir Christmas trees!

For over 20 years our PTA has upheld their annual tradition of selling Christmas trees from one of the largest and most respected growers of quality Christmas trees in the country. Money raised goes towards much needed funds for the school. So if you're considering buying a real tree this year, please consider buying one from us.

The trees are British-grown and available from 4ft all the way up to 8ft. Trees can be delivered to your doorstep on Friday 29th November or join us at the pick-up party on Sunday 1st December to collect your tree.

Visit our [website](#) to order.

Don't miss out!

*Michelle Patiar & Kimberley Milne
(Reception & Year 2 Parents)*

COOKHAM DEAN SCHOOL PTA

CHRISTMAS TREES

ONE WEEK TO GO
ORDER NOW!

DELIVERY ON FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER
PICK UP ON SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER

BRITISH GROWN - PREMIUM QUALITY - NORDMAN FIR

Prices from £36.00

CLICK & COLLECT
from school

LOCAL DELIVERY
£5.50 charge

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<https://xmastreescdps.square.site>

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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Christmas jumper day will be Thursday 12th December this year. We will be raising money for Daisy's Dream - a charity that support grieving children. We have had to refer children to this charity a few times and the work that they do is so important. We are asking for you to donate to Daisy's Dream using [this link](#). Thank you.

Daisy's Dream Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 12th December



Wear your best festive jumper for charity!

Suggested Donation £2

Registered charity number 1177145



Daisy's Dream
Supporting children through bereavement

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

TAKE FLIGHT

PRESENTS A WEEKEND OF FREE EVENTS

OPEN A BOOK & SPREAD YOUR WINGS

8TH & 9TH MARCH 2025
MAIDENHEAD LIBRARY
 INSPIRING, ENTHUSIASM AND ENTERTAINING
 THROUGH LITERATURE & THE ARTS

Author Sessions
 Storytelling
 Activities

Scan for more details

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 Boys' Prep School · Co-ed Pre-Prep & Nursery

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MEMBERSHIP OF A WORLD-CLASS CHOIR · OUTSTANDING MUSIC TUITION
 EXCEPTIONAL PREPARATION FOR MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS TO SENIOR SCHOOLS

Would your son like to join our world-famous choir?
Saturday 11th January, 2.30 - 7.00 pm
 Open to Current Years 2, 3 & 4 boys

Rehearse with the Cathedral Choir, perform at Evensong & experience life at CCCS. Cathedral Chorister school fees are subsidised with additional bursary support available.

Sign up: cccs.org.uk/beachorister
 Email: registrar@cccs.org.uk

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Ofsted Registered

Over 300 Google Reviews

Camps Start at 9am
 Drop Off From 8:30am

5-12 Year Olds to 3pm
£27.50 Per Day

4 Year Olds to 1pm
£21.50 Per Day

MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

- Caversham | Thameside Primary School
- Arborfield | Farley Hill Primary School
- Maidenhead | St Luke's Primary School
- Reading | New Town Primary School
- Windsor | Hilltop First School
- Bracknell | St Margaret's Primary
- Woodley | South Lake Primary School
- Slough | Claycots School (Townhall Campus)

FOOTBALL CAMPS

- Bracknell | Garth Hill College
- Woodley | Woodford Park 3G
- Caversham | Thameside Primary School
- Slough | Claycots School (Townhall)

SmartRasperry
 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

Bisham CofE Academy
 10-15 Year Olds

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