



# Newsletter



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

18th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

19th: Parents Evening

21st: Parents Evening

25th: Twelfth Night Performance

26th: Five to Thrive Parent Workshop @ 8.45am

### December

1st: Families@4

1st: Christmas Tree Collections

2nd: Y6 NCMP

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

17th: Carol Service @ 2pm

18th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

19th: Choir @ Windsor Castle

19th: Reception Nativity @ 2pm

20th: Christmas Raffle & Singalong @ 1pm

20th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

## EVENTS NEXT WEEK

### NOVEMBER

#### Monday 11th:

\* Remembrance Service

\* Parents Evening Booking System Opens @ 3pm

#### Tuesday 12th:

\* Odd Socks Day

#### Wednesday 13th:

\* World Kindness Day

#### Friday 15th:

\* Crazy Hair Day for Children In Need

\* Friendship Friday

\* Report Cards Out



## SCHOOL NEWS

### MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you to the PTA for a wonderfully entertaining evening of bingo. It was lovely seeing everyone enjoy themselves and win great prizes too! A fun evening - can't wait for the next one!

Yesterday we invited Marion Standing, our Diocesan advisor, into our school to take our assembly and talk to the children, parents and staff about spirituality and what this means to us in our school. Please see later in this newsletter more information about this from Mrs Thompson, our RE lead.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

This year Anti-Bullying Week takes place from 11th – 15th November. The theme is "Choose Respect" and each class will be having daily lessons focussing on respect and bullying. On Tuesday 12th November, the children are invited to wear odd socks to school to express themselves and celebrate their uniqueness. On Wednesday 13th November we will be celebrating World Kindness Day and on Friday 15th November we will be closing our week with Friendship Friday (and Children in Need).  
*Mrs Thompson, PSHE Lead*

### REPORT CARDS & PARENTS EVENING

Next Friday, you will be receiving your child's report card. This will inform the discussions that you will have at parents evening for Year 1 - Year 6. Parents evenings are Tuesday 19th November and Thursday 21st November. On Monday 11th November at 3pm you will receive an email with a link to book your parents evening slot. The system will close on Friday 15th November at 3pm - please make sure you have booked before then. Please also note that we can only allocate 1 parent evening slot per child.

Reception parents - you will receive a report card but you have already had your parents evening for this term. If there is anything in your report that you are concerned about, please contact Ms Brown via the school office.

### HEADTEACHER FOR THE MORNING

On Friday 29th November Zak (Y3) and Ben (Y2) will be headteachers for the morning. A reminder for children to wear mufti that day and bring in a book about their favourite animal. Zak and Ben have requested an extra long playtime, a special hot school lunch pudding, an extra history lesson about dinosaurs and the Titanic for KS1, an extra maths lessons for KS2 and extra art lessons for the whole school.

### MACMILLIAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our lovely MacMillan Coffee Afternoon today. We raised a fantastic £145 for the charity! Your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

### FIVE TO THRIVE

A reminder to please let the school office know if you would like to attend the Five to Thrive parent workshop on Tuesday 26th November at 8.45am.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MUFTI DAY

Lovely to see the excitement this morning as the children showed off their home clothes! Thank you all for the great donations, if anyone forgot please can you pop your donations in the second hand uniform box or give them to Maddi (Reception mum).  
*Maddi Parkinson, Reception Parent*

### LOCAL DANCE CLASS

Wednesdays - 4:30-5:30 - Pinder Hall, Cookham - Ages 8-12

Learn to dance for fun whilst building confidence and fitness! For more information and to sign up, please contact Lucy Fuller (one of our singing teachers): [lucyfuller12@icloud.com](mailto:lucyfuller12@icloud.com)

The classes will cover a range of styles including:

- Jazz Technique
- Musical Theatre Choreography
- Street and Hip Hop Style
- Contemporary Dance

# Dance

### PTA

Thank you very much to Year 3 mums, Nina and Nicola, for organising the sale of lanterns and the gates being manned for fireworks on the green! Fab to see so many children taking part in the parade and enjoying the display! Thank you to all parent volunteers. The disco was a huge success! Thank you to Year 2 reps, Jen and Peter, for organising the fun - and Lidl for sponsoring our snacks! The night raise **£537!** Thank you to Chanel and the team for a fabulous bingo night last night! 1st of many, we're sure!

*Pippa Jeans, PTA Chair*

### METRE MARKET

On Friday 15th November we will be the chosen charity receiving proceeds from Metre Market's weekly raffle. Head to Cookham Dean Village Hall between 8.30am- 1.00pm to purchase a raffle ticket. At £5 each, you can be in with the chance of winning an incredible hamper with produce donated by their generous stallholders from local makers and creators. All proceeds of the raffle will go towards supporting our school. Visit the [Metre Market website](#) for more details.



### 50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the November 50:50 Club winners:

# WINNERS

**1st prize** - Penny Rymer

**2nd prize** - Tessa Allanson

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### SWIMARATHON

## 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!*

# SCHOOL NEWS

## PINS PROJECT

Partnerships  
for Inclusion of  
Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



### School Survey for ALL Parents

- This national pilot aims to **improve the support for neurodivergent children** in mainstream primary schools.
  - It takes a whole school approach that fosters a **culture of inclusion** that **benefits all pupils**.
- At the start of this project, we invite **all parents** to **share your school experiences**. In less than 5 minutes you can provide valuable insights. Your voice matters.

**Cookham Dean C of E  
Primary School**

<https://forms.office.com/e/VAJ9bSyBcH>  
**Survey Closes 11th November**



Scan me!

- You may complete a survey for **each** child attending the school.
- The **survey** is **hosted by SEND Voices RBWM**, the Royal Borough's Parent Carer Forum.
- It is completely **anonymous** and only themes will be shared back with your school.



**NHS**  
Frimley



For any enquiries, please email: [pins@svrbwm.org.uk](mailto:pins@svrbwm.org.uk)

PINS is a national pilot funded by the Department for Education, supported by the Department for Health & Social Care, NHS England and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums

## BIRTHDAY BOOKS



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**CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH  
YOUR CLASS BY DONATING A  
BIRTHDAY BOOK!**

If you wish to donate a book for your birthday, all our teachers have created a wishlist with The Little Bookshop Cookham. Find your class list on the website at [www.thelittlebookshop.info/collections](http://www.thelittlebookshop.info/collections) (CD Reception, CD Year 1, etc). Buy online and email Chantal ([read@thelittlebookshop.info](mailto:read@thelittlebookshop.info)) with your child's school, name and class and she will personalise a bookplate label for you!



## The 6 Rs - CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!

Each week we celebrate children across the school who have encompassed a number of our values:

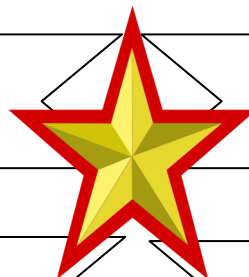
**Readiness, Reflective, Resourcefulness, Resilience, Responsibility and Respect.**



**Year 1**  
Audrey



**Year 2**  
Amira



**Year 3**  
Margot

**Year 4**  
Everyone!

**Year 5**  
Max



**Year 6**  
Oscar T



## SCHOOL NEWS

### BOOK FAIR

Stuck for Christmas/birthday or just enjoyment ideas? We have the answer! From 13th-18th November, in the school lobby area, we will be holding a Book Fair. With all the latest titles, there will be something for your child to read, to promote the love of reading. The book fair will be open from 3.20pm. Look forward to seeing you all next week.

Miss Thompson, Reading Lead

FREE books for your school when you buy at the Book Fair!

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# COME to the BOOK FAIR

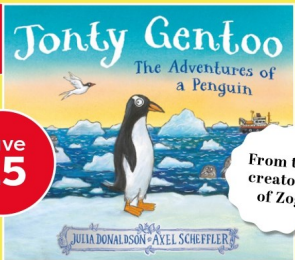
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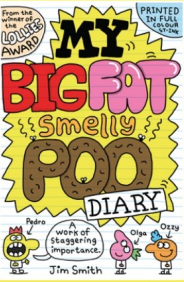
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## SCHOOL NEWS

### CHRISTMAS TREES



COOKHAM DEAN SCHOOL PTA

# CHRISTMAS TREES

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### TALENT SHOW



MAIDENHEAD LIONS  
PRESENT



**MAIDENHEAD SCHOOL TALENT SHOW 2024**

Watch your school and others in Maidenhead showcase their amazing talents!

When: Saturday the 16th of November, 1-3 pm  
Where: Furze Platt Theatre, Furze Platt Road, Maidenhead, SL6 7NQ

All funds raised will go to Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service.  
Snacks and refreshments will be available in the interval.

Get your tickets at [www.maidenheadlions.org.uk](http://www.maidenheadlions.org.uk)

 [www.maidenheadlions.org.uk](http://www.maidenheadlions.org.uk) Lions Club of Maidenhead CIO  
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### SCHOOL PRIORITIES

Last week, Mrs Reekie sent out the presentation from the Year Ahead Meeting but in summary these are the school's priorities for this year:

- Ensure attainment in maths is in line with reading and writing
- All children are fluent in times tables appropriate to their year group
- Teachers are ensuring that all learners are supported with resources and adult and peer support, targeted questioning, a creative environment and exciting curriculum
- Teachers are using strategies to ensure deeper learning in history and geography
- Ensure a culture of inclusion across the whole school
- Improve attendance with focus on reducing the number of term time holidays
- Develop a language and understanding of spirituality
- Ensure that all children are encouraged to be courageous advocates

We are very excited to further develop our curriculum, our teaching, our environment so that the children at Cookham Dean receive the best education. Over the year, there will be initiatives that we keep you updated with and maybe ask for your support with. We look forward to working together as a team.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## ECO WARRIORS



November is Cut Your Carbon month! This year we are taking part again as a school and joining many young people across the UK to take action on their carbon footprint. Completing the 6 simple actions in the checklist (attached) with family and friends will raise awareness, change behaviours, and Cut Your Carbon, a greenhouse gas responsible for driving climate change. So grab a magnet, stick this checklist to your fridge, and take action!

As part of 'Cut Your Carbon' month we wanted to remind families about our Walking Bus which happens every Wednesday. We are in need of more volunteers for this - if you feel you can help walk children to school on Wednesday mornings, please let the school office know.



We would also like to remind drivers as temperatures fall the impact that idling your car has on the environment and on the air quality around our school.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### SPIRITUALITY

Over the last few months we have been exploring what spirituality means and how it looks in our school. Reverend Jo worked with last year's Pupils for Praise to delve deeper into their understanding of spirituality and the staff worked together to agree on a draft definition to help the school community have a clear, shared understanding. The draft definition is as follows:

***Spirituality is not something we can see; it is something we feel inside ourselves. It is about awe and wonder, asking questions, inspiration and being aware of something 'bigger' outside of ourselves.***

In order to help the children understand spirituality in a more child-friendly way, we have introduced the approach of Windows, Mirrors, Doors.

#### Appreciating the world around us: Windows



The World: giving children opportunities to become aware of the world in new ways; to wonder about life's 'WOWs' (things that are amazing) and 'OWs' (things that bring us up short). In this, children are learning about life in all its fullness.

#### Reflecting and thinking about ourselves and how we feel about things: Mirrors



Ourselves: giving children opportunities to reflect on their experiences; to meditate on life's big questions and to consider some possible answers. In this they are learning from life by exploring their own insights and perspectives and those of others.

#### Thinking about how others feel: Doors



Responding: giving children opportunities to respond to all of this; to do something creative as a means of expressing, applying and further developing their thoughts and convictions. In this they are learning to live by putting into action what they are coming to believe and value.

Using the vocabulary and approach of Windows, Mirrors, Doors, we are allowing time for the children to develop their spirituality across the curriculum as well as giving time for the children to reflect in mindfulness sessions, wild worship and Space Makers in Collective Worship. As we progress through the school year, the children will be able to understand this concept more easily so please remember to ask your child about it.

We would now like to invite you as parents to comment on, or suggest ways of improving, our draft definition of spirituality: ***Spirituality is not something we can see; it is something we feel inside ourselves. It is about awe and wonder, asking questions, inspiration and being aware of something 'bigger' outside of ourselves.***

Here are some questions that might help your thoughts:

- Does this reflect what you think spirituality is?
- Does this reflect what your child/ren think spirituality is?
- Is spirituality important to all of us in this day and age?
- Do we as a school do enough to encourage spirituality?
- Is there anything more that you would like to see?

Thank you.

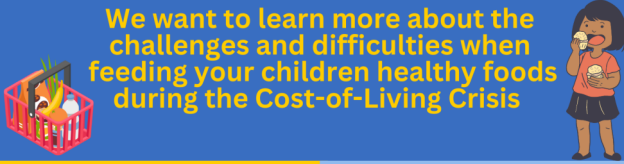
Mrs Thompson, RE Lead

## LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

**Brunel University London**

**Are you a parent/guardian with a child between the ages of 5-11?**

We want to learn more about the challenges and difficulties when feeding your children healthy foods during the Cost-of-Living Crisis






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**Hannah.froome@brunel.ac.uk**

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This study is being conducted by a doctoral researcher and has been approved by the College of Health, Medicine, and Life Sciences Research Ethics Committee (Brunel Research Ethics Approval: 44814-MHR-Jun/2024- 51239-3)

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**We are working with a number of children struggling to get to school because of distance.**

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**Thank you**

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