



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

8th: Healthy Schools Week
8th: Sports Day
9th: R & KS1 Drama Workshop
9th-12th: Y6 Bikeability
15th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
16th Year 2 Maths Competition
17th Y5 Drowning Prevention
18th: PTA Summer Disco
19th: Inset Day - Legoland PTA Tickets available
22nd: Y3 @ Upton Court
27th: Summer Fete

July

1st: Musical Soiree @ 6pm
3rd: Art Exhibition
6th: National Schools Sports Week
9th: Spanish Assembly @ 9.15am
13th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
14th: Leavers Vs Remainders Cricket Match
15th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm
17th: Y6 @ Legoland
21st: Leavers Church Service
22nd: Leavers Assembly
22nd: Leavers Farewell
22nd: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

JUNE

HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday 8th:

* Sports Day

Tuesday 9th:

* Y6 Bikeability Tuesday-Thursday
* Peter Pan Drama Workshop Reception & KS1

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful start to our Friday - Everybody Writes Day ; the theme - World Environment Day. The children were enthused by the book 'That's not my tiger', or writing about animals in danger of extinction or using the Michael Jackson Earth Song as inspiration to write a poem or rap. Thank you to all the parents who joined us and brought their creativity to help the children with their writing.

FACEBOOK

I am very excited to launch our own school Facebook page. This page will be used to share events at school on a more regular basis than our newsletter. Please do take a look and share. We want to celebrate the great things we do at our school with a wider audience.

Follow this link https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61590316389193&locale=en_GB



SPORTS DAY

We are planning on going ahead on Monday with our sports day. The weather forecasts are so unreliable but they do say at the moment, that there will be no rain until 10.30/11am - and even that could change over the weekend. If it changes to thunder and lightning, then we obviously will cancel and we will let you know as soon as we can. Your child can wear their house colour t-shirt but for the rest of the week, as it is Healthy Schools Week, the children must wear PE kit every day.

We have a great week lined up for the children including skipping, scooting/skateboarding, fencing, golf, yoga, dancing and many other activities. The idea is to get them to think more about a healthy life style, physically and mentally. I am sure they will have a great week.

POETRY COMPETITION

Please do remember to practise for our poetry competition - teachers will be letting you know about the class heats soon.



SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 4 MATHS COMPETITION

On Thursday 4th June, three pupils from Year 4 took part in the Maidenhead Thames Rotary Maths Event. The event was really fun, but it was quite tricky as well!!

Some of the questions made your mind stretch very far, while others were a bit easier. We all worked as a team and we were all very proud of our achievement as a group.

Poppy Bath, Year 4

SCHOOL COUNCIL STALLS AT THE FETE

For the summer fete, the School Council are running some stalls. Can you please donate some old footballs so we can sell them at the school fete. Please remember to clean the footballs if they are dirty before you bring them in to school. Thank you!!

Toby and Blossom on behalf of the School Council



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.



Reception

Nerys



Year 1

Harriet & Ruby

Year 2

Caiden

Year 3

Everyone

Year 4

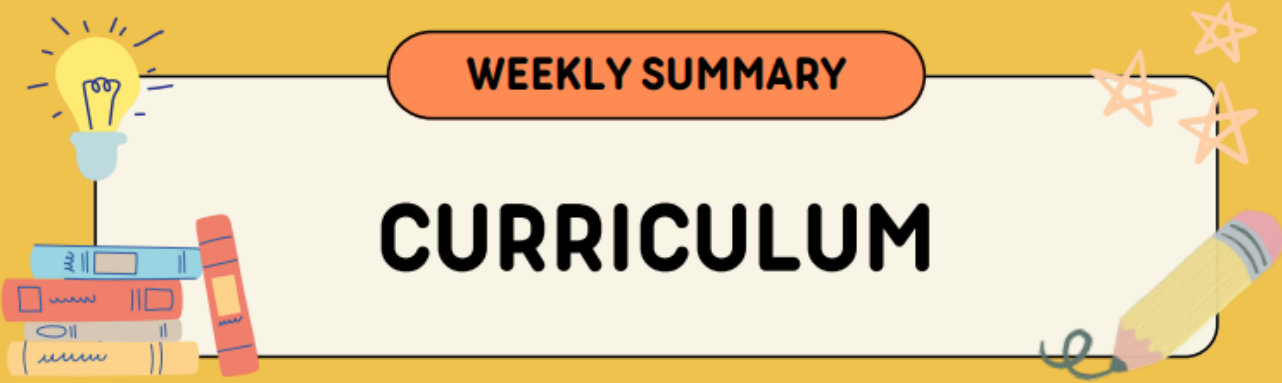
Jyoti, Margot, Evie

Year 5

Everyone

Year 6

Everyone - auditions



WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

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Reception

Reception have had a busy first week back after half term. In Phonics we have been focusing on Phase 4 sounds and have done lots of blending practise. The children have also been using their sounds to complete their spellings each day. This week the children started their new English text called 'Peepo!' by Janet Allan Ahlberg. The children played a variety of traditional games and voted on their favourite one to play. They also compared how games today are similar or different to games played in the past. As well as this, they learned all about toys from the past and described them. In Expressive Arts and Design the children are starting a structure building project where they will be designing their own boats. This week the children focused on making predictions and testing different materials to see which were waterproof and which were not. In Maths the children have continued their learning on Grouping and Sharing by focusing on grouping odd and even amounts as well as equal and unequal amounts. They also revisited their learning on building and making numbers from 11-20 and doubles.

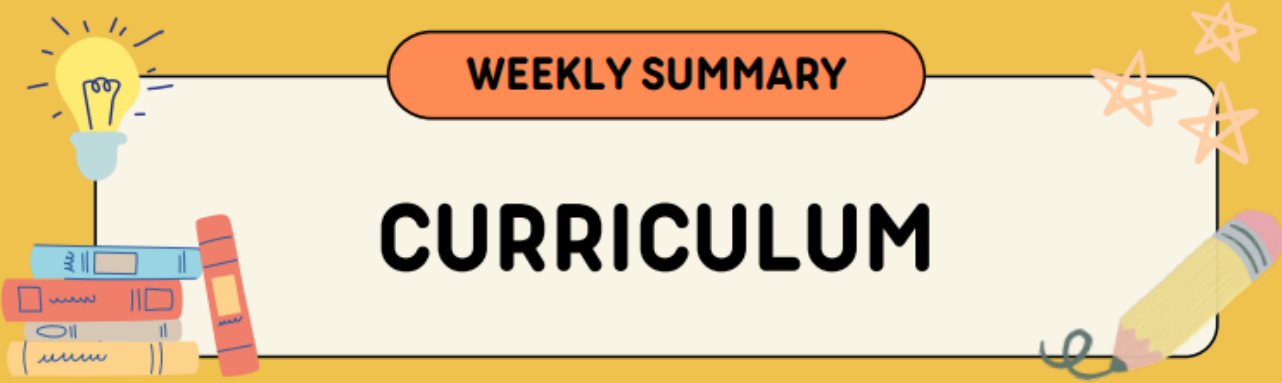
Year 1

This week, Year 1 enjoyed learning all about alligators, carefully observing their features and using their research to write informative, non-chronological reports. In Maths, we finished our unit on position and direction, exploring the language of place and practising ordinal numbers, which was perfect preparation for Sports Day. In Science, we began our exciting new topic by investigating what is growing in our gardens and identifying different fruits and vegetables that could be grown there. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm as they shared their ideas and experiences. It was also wonderful to end the week with so many parents joining us for Everybody Writes.

Year 2

We have had a fantastic week in class! The children enjoyed a great introduction to our new RE topic, learning about what it means to be a leader and sharing their own ideas thoughtfully. We have also been really impressed with the effort and progress shown in English, particularly with the use of varied sentence structures. The children have demonstrated excellent listening skills throughout the week and have worked hard. There is also lots of excitement building for Sports Day next week, and we are all looking forward to taking part in the activities!





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Year 4	We have had a very busy week in year 4. In English we spent time finishing off our play scripts and in maths have been looking at different aspects of time and even learnt a poem to help us remember how many days there are in each month. In geography we looked at the human and physical features of our local river and in RE we answered the question, Why do people follow God?
Year 5	It has been a great first week back in Year 5. In maths, we have started exploring statistics by drawing, reading, and interpreting line graphs. In English, the children have finalised an information text on Rhinoceros Beetles, as well as starting to draft a formal letter. In PSHE, we talked through the risks around paying for things online. Much of our discussion was around micro transactions and subscriptions in video games. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.
Year 6	This week has been full of purposeful and creative learning in Year 6. We have programmed Microbits in our Computing Lessons to display messages and act as keypads. The children have written formal and informal letters about our trip to Rhos Y Gwaliau, exploring differences in tone, structure and vocabulary while reflecting on their experiences. We have completed our "Memories of Cookham Dean" relief sculptures, inspired by Liza Rawson, with pupils using texture and layering to represent meaningful places. We have started our Sports Science topic, investigating how different surfaces affect performance and safety in sport. In Maths, pupils have applied their learning to a bakery context, using ratio to find best value and calculating profit and loss. We are very much looking forward to Sports Day and our Bikeability lessons next week.

SCHOOL NEWS



OUR FUN AND FABULOUS SCHOOL GARDEN

A classroom garden is at the heart of Chelsea Flower Show this year and it inspired me to take this photo of our own school garden. Unfortunately I wasn't there in time for Garden Club today, but you can see just how busy everyone has been.

Gardening can not only help to spark children's imagination but also creates richer learning experiences by bringing nature into everyday education. A big thank you to all those who help to make our garden such fun and so fabulous.

Claire Phillpot, Chair of Governors

AI AWARENESS WEEK

We As part of AI Awareness Week, the children have been exploring what artificial intelligence is and how it is used in everyday life. They discussed both the opportunities and risks of AI, including how it can support learning as well as the importance of thinking critically about the information it provides.

Through class discussions and activities, pupils developed their understanding of how to use technology safely, responsibly and thoughtfully.

Please see the Digital Parenting leaflet attached to the newsletter for useful tips and strategies to support safe and positive technology use at home.

Mrs Satterley, Computing Lead

PTA 50:50 CLUB JUNE WINNERS

First prize goes to Sarah McGowan

Second prize goes to Rachelle Cornell

CONGRATULATIONS!!

PTA NEWS

PTA SILENT AUCTION

We're busy organising the summer fete silent auction and would love your help to make it a success.

Do you run your own business or work for a generous company that might be willing to donate a prize? Or do you know someone who might be able to help? Could you offer a skill or experience?

....babysitting, decorating, baked goods, tutoring, dog walking, gardening help, sewing, or anything else you could offer - big or small ★ it all helps! Or if you are visiting attractions or restaurants yourself and want to ask on our behalf that would be very appreciated. In return we can promote the business in the school newsletter and on our socials. If you're able to help, please contact Marie (Y1/5 mum) via pta@cookhamdean.org

Marie Hepworth, PTA Secretary

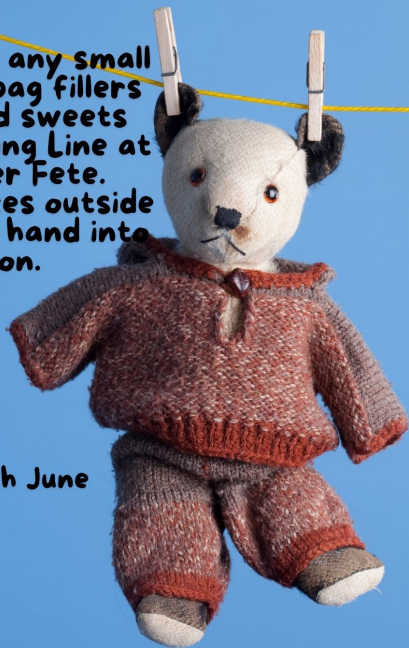


PTA NEWS

Washing line

Please collect any small toys/ party bag fillers and wrapped sweets for the Washing Line at the Summer Fete. Collection boxes outside KS2 gate - or hand into reception.

Deadline : 18th June



COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

TEDDY TOMBOLA DONATIONS NEEDED

MONDAY 8TH JUNE

TABLES WILL BE AT THE GATES TO COLLECT CUDDLY TOY DONATIONS THAT MORNING AND AFTERNOON FOR THE SUMMER FETE TEDDY TOMBOLA.

A BOX WILL BE LEFT BY THE GATES UNTIL 19TH JUNE FOR EXTRA DONATIONS.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL SOFT TOYS ARE IN A CLEAN AND UNDAMAGED CONDITION.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY PTA

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sun 26 july 2026

BACK IN TIME PROMOTIONS PRESENTS

BIG PEOPLE GARDEN

STRICTLY BACK IN TIME MUSIC
NO MUSIC AFTER 2000 IS ALLOWED

**MAGNOLIA PARK VALLEY RD,
HIGH WYCOMBE HP14 4LA**

DOORS OPEN 2PM UNTIL 10PM www.bigpeopleparty.co.uk

DOORS CLOSE FOR ALL TICKET HOLDERS AT 6PM
DRESS TO IMPRESS | NO SEARCH NO ENTRY | NO ID NO ENTRY
SECURITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY

Carnival Merchandise

LIGHTS UP SINGING LESSONS

Availability for students at Cookham Dean Primary School from SEPTEMBER 2026

25 minute private - £22 per week
25 minute joint lesson - £16 per child

CONTACT LUCY FULLER:
LIGHTSUPTHEATRE@OUTLOOK.COM

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You don't have to do this alone.

PARENTS/CARERS GROUP

For parents and carers of young people recently diagnosed with autism.



INFORMATION

Share and learn from others who understand.



ASK QUESTIONS

A safe space to ask, talk and get answers.



SUPPORT

Connect with others who get it. Share, listen, encourage.



UNDERSTANDING

No judgement. Just understanding, acceptance and shared experiences.



Led by Croft Clinic Occupational Therapist, Laura Charleton who has extensive experience of both assessing young people for autism and supporting them following diagnosis.



Held at The Odney Club in Cookham



Thursday 16th July 6-8pm



To book a place for £25 please contact Laura via laura@therainbowotcompany.co.uk

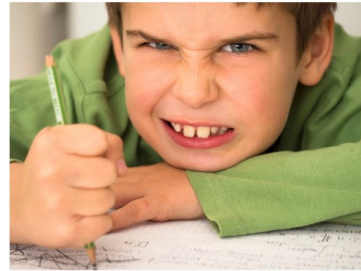


The Croft Clinic

The Croft Clinic is pleased to support this group as part of our ongoing post-diagnostic support services.



Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

COOKHAM DEAN PAINTERS

Cookham Dean Painters will be exhibiting as part of Bucks Art Weeks at the Old Cricket Pavilion on the Old Cricket Common, Cookham Dean, SL6 9LZ from June 6th to 21st. Opening times are 11am to 5pm weekends and 1pm to 5pm Thursdays and Fridays.

<https://www.bucksartweeks.org.uk/open-studios/cookham-dean-painters/>

TOM DEAN SWIM SCHOOL

CRASH COURSES

MAY HALF TERM

Make a splash this May

Boost confidence, build skills and have fun with intensive swimming lessons for all ages and abilities.



EXPERT TUITION



FAST PROGRESS



FUN & FRIENDLY



MAY HALF TERM

Book now to secure your place!

BOOK NOW

TOMDEANSWIMSCHOOL.COM

SCAN HERE TO BOOK!



DID YOU LOVE BOWLS TODAY?

COME BACK FOR MORE FUN!



WHEN?

Saturday 6th of June - 10.00am to Midday



WHO CAN JOIN?

All kids welcome - beginners & future champions!



WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ Learn cool new skills
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Fun games & challenges
- ✓ Lots of laughs!



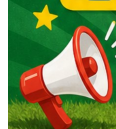
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED -

JUST COME ALONG! ★



Bring your friends and try something new!

Parents or Guardians must be in attendance



★ DON'T FORGET! ★
SATURDAY = BOWLS DAY!

We can't wait to see you again! ♥

