



# Newsletter



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

11th: Remembrance Service  
13th: World Kindness Day  
15th: Children In Need  
15th: Reports Out  
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  
20th: Christmas Raffle & Singalong @ 1pm  
20th: Break Up @ 2.15pm

## EVENTS NEXT TERM

### NOVEMBER

#### Saturday 2nd:

\* Cookham Dean Village Bonfire Night

#### Monday 4th:

\* Back to School

#### Tuesday 5th:

\* Y2 @ Reading Museum

#### Thursday 7th:

\* Parent Bingo Night

#### Friday 8th:

\* PTA Muffin Day  
\* Phonics Workshop @ 9am  
\* MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Thank you for your patience this week with the lack of internet at school. It has certainly tried our resilience! We are now back up and running - normal service is resumed! Thank you to those parents who attended my Year Ahead Meeting. Below is the link to the PowerPoint presentation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will get back to you after half term. I hope you all have a wonderfully peaceful and restful week next week and we look forward to seeing you on 4th November for our 'Christmas term'.



[year ahead october 2024.pptx](#)

### MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON



The prefects will be running a MacMillan Coffee afternoon to raise money for this worthwhile charity on Friday 8th November from 2pm. If you would like to join us for tea, coffee and cakes please sign up in the office.

### MRS THOMPSON

In today's assembly, we celebrated Mrs Thompson's 25th anniversary of being a member of staff at Cookham Dean Primary School. She was recruited 25 years ago as deputy head and then headteacher before her maternity leave 16 years ago. She returned after having her baby to be a co-head and then decided that she would love to go back into the classroom, where she has been ever since - first in Year 3 and more latterly in Year 5. She has played such an important part of our school community and we thank her enormously. The children sang songs, read poems, rapped and made cards to celebrate this very special occasion. Congratulations Mrs Thompson!



### CHILDREN IN NEED



The School Council have planned a 'Crazy Hair Day' for this years Children in Need, Friday 15th November 2024. If your child would like to take part then a £1 donation would be very welcome. If you are planning on using coloured hair dyes, please make sure these are temporary, wash in wash out colours.

Miss Windle, Deputy Headteacher & SENCO

## SCHOOL NEWS

### PTA BINGO NIGHT



Please get your bingo tickets! Going to be a fantastic night!

Lots of incredible prizes!

Yummy pizza!

Delicious desserts!

And FUN!!

It's a new event so we would appreciate all your support!

[LINK FOR TICKETS](#)

Chanel Ledgerwood,  
Reception & Year 1  
Parent

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Our school Remembrance Service will be on Monday 11th November at 11am. We will hold a short service at school. If you would like to join us, please arrive at school at 10.50.



### LIBRARY SURVEY

Thank you so much to the 37 children who took part in our library survey. There were some great ideas in there that we will work towards, and we will be buying some more new books soon based on your suggestions! The prize draw closed on Thursday evening and a random number generator picked Darcy from Year 6 as the winner of the £10 book token, generously donated by The Little Bookshop Cookham. If you still have any thoughts to share on the library or suggestions of book titles to include, we will leave [the survey](#) open over half term. (Check out the flyer contained in the newsletter regarding The Little Bookshop's sixth birthday party on Saturday 2nd November!) Thank you!  
Tori Dixon, Parent Librarian

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

What a wonderful month we have had exploring Black British pioneers. In Year 6 we have been using Legacies Black British pioneers to study the life of Stormzy. Did you know Stormzy, who was born in Croydon in 1993, was the first British Black solo artist to play Glastonbury. He started his own publishing company to promote books by Diverse voices. It was called #Merky Books. He has also set up his own scholarship fund to help able black students attend Cambridge. In Year 5 they have been looking at sportsmen such as Usain Bolt and others. They also looked at black political leaders e.g. Barack Obama and Rishi Sunak who have been black pioneers to the world and the black community. In Year 4 they have been exploring 2 books which were: Young, Gifted and Black to and Little People with Big Dreams. They have also been focusing on Louis Hamilton, Malorie Blackman, Kadeena Cox, Oswald Boateng, Aretha Franklin and Pele. Year 3 worked on the book Young Gifted Black and individuals such as Mo'Nique and a array of different black pioneers.

Harvey & Oscar D, Year 6



## SCHOOL NEWS

### RBWM CYCLING CAMPAIGN

**NOW YOU SEE ME,  
NOW YOU DON'T**

Don't be a disappearing act this winter



**Your bike should have:**

- a white light on the front, with a white reflector
- a red light on the back, with a red reflector
- amber reflectors on each pedal (spoke reflectors also helpful)

Wearing bright, high vis and reflective clothing will make you more visible on the road

More info 

It is a legal requirement to make sure you ride with the correct lights when it is dark

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### WYCOMBE SWAN

Some of our amazing children are starring in Annie at Wycombe Swan next weekend!

Book by THOMAS MEEHAN Music by CHARLES STROUSE Lyrics by MARTIN CHARNIN

Florence Nightingale HOSPICE CHARITY

PROUDLY PRESENTS AN AMATEUR PRODUCTION OF

**Annie**

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER  
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**WYCOMBE SWAN**  
— HIGH WYCOMBE —

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**WYCOMBE SOUND**

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Churnin  
Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols  
Produced by David Meyer, Stephen R. Friedman, Lewis Allen  
Adapted by The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts  
Based on the book by Thomas Meehan  
Originally produced by The Goodspeed Opera House, Michael F. Price, Executive Director

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### The 6 Rs - CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!

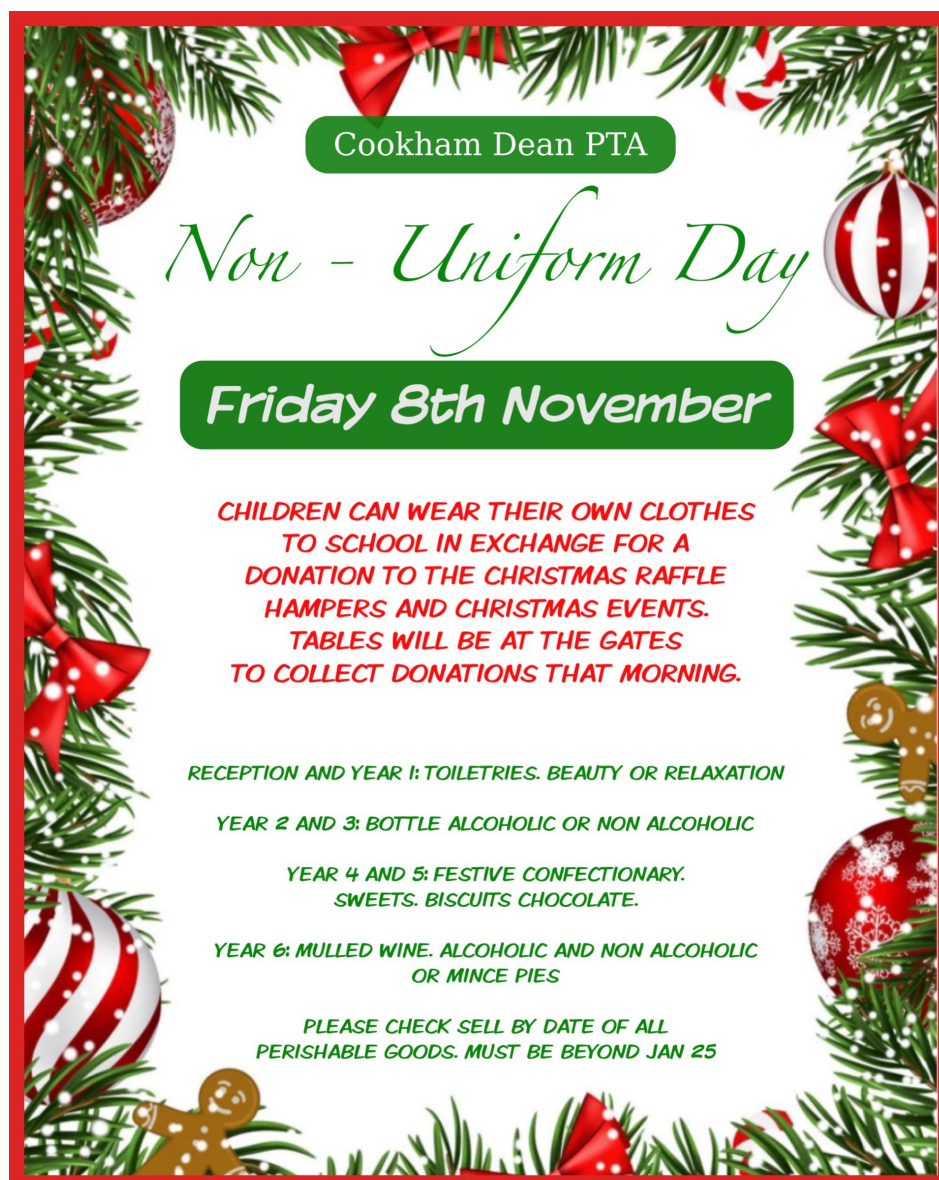
Each week we celebrate children across the school who have encompassed a number of our values:

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

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|  | <b>Year 1</b><br>Teddy                                                              |  |
| <b>Year 2</b><br>Harry                                                              |  | <b>Year 3</b><br>Ralphie                                                              |
| <b>Year 4</b><br>Cross Country Children                                             |                                                                                     | <b>Year 5</b><br>Everyone!                                                            |
|  | <b>Year 6</b><br>Everyone!                                                          |  |

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MUFTI DAY



### PTA NEWS

Thank you very much to everyone who came to the PTA AGM and meeting on Tuesday evening. A particular thank you to the new parents from Reception who came, it was great to see you all there! For those who couldn't make it, we wanted to share with you all how much we raised last year: **£29,276!!** You can see below how much was raised by each event. This was a huge team effort and we're very proud of what we all achieved together. This will go to fund, amongst other things, the outdoor classroom, which will be built later this year, and new playground equipment. Looking ahead to this year, we're now fundraising for a new set of class iPads, and have already got off to a great start!

A huge thank you to the Year 2 class reps, Peter and Jen, for organising last night's disco, and to all the parents who helped. The children had a great time and there were some amazing costumes!

I stepped down as PTA Secretary at the AGM on Tuesday, and would like to say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to my amazing presents. I really wasn't expecting it and am very grateful indeed to have been given such lovely things. Thank you so much, it's really, really appreciated. I've now handed over to Marie Hepworth; thank you Marie for volunteering for the role!

Wishing everyone a happy and relaxing half term!

Tessa Allanson, PTA Secretary



# COOKHAM DEAN PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA



## 23/24 HEADLINE FIGURES

**TOTAL RAISED: £29,276!**

**£97**

Village  
Fete

**£1307**

Gravity  
Grand Prix

**£238**

Bonfire  
Night

**£561**

Autumn  
Disco

**£463**

Boundary  
Walk

**£350**

Chutney

**£572**

Tea  
Towels

**£2104**

Christmas  
Trees

**£1393**

Christmas  
Raffle

**£620**

Christmas  
Refreshments

**£1332**

Copas  
Mulled  
Wine

**£623**

Wine  
Tasting

**£1586**

Swimarathon

**£643**

Movie  
Nights

**£169**

Storytelling  
Night

**£364**

Easter  
Trail

**£209**

Child  
Choice

**£901**

Quiz  
Night

**£337**

Musical  
Soirée

**£776**

Summer  
Refreshments

**£508**

Summer  
Disco

**£9000**

Summer  
Fete

**£1153**

Leavers  
Cricket

**£580 - 50:50**

**£760 - Running Club**

**£1066 - Uniform**

## SCHOOL NEWS

### CHRISTMAS TREES



COOKHAM DEAN SCHOOL PTA

# CHRISTMAS TREES

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### YEAR 6 - SCIENCE MUSEUM

On Thursday 24th October, Year 6 went to the Science Museum in London to learn about light and electricity although we also enjoyed more exhibits about: space, who you are and The Industrial Revolution. The whole of the class really enjoyed the trip and had a great time exploring and learning about all the different subjects and areas. Everybody was so well behaved that Mrs Satterley took us to the Wonderlab which was an all interactive area where you could do lots of really cool experiments. Including a machine that when you put a straw onto a long spike of metal and bit onto it and you could hear music and you could wire up cables to make a circuit light glow or sounds to go off. Every one had a great time including Mrs Satterley!

Max & Isla, Year 6



## SCHOOL NEWS

### PHONICS REMINDER



Reminder - this will be held for Reception and Year 1 parents on Friday 8th November at 9am in the Reception classroom.

### KS2 CROSS COUNTRY COMPETITION

On the 23rd of October Years 4, 5 and 6 competed in a running competition at Altwood school against all the other schools in the area. we had to run 800m around a field and through a muddy footpath. Two boys and two girls from each year group were selected to represent the school. On arrival we all warmed up as a team and prepared to race. First up it was the Year 4 boys who were Finn and Rufus. Finn came 2nd and Rufus 5th which was amazing for our team and they both did a super job. The finish was so fast! Then it was the Year 4 girls which was Hattie and Bea, the girls were all finishing so close together and the sprint for the line was epic! Year 5 saw races from Flynn, Archie, Flo and Anna. Anna had never run a running race before and was so brave and the competition was fierce. The start line jostles and nerves were exciting and they all scored brilliantly for our team. Year 6 was Max, Henry F, Zuzu and Isla. We were all nervous but so excited to start and run as fast as we could. The course was short so we had to all run fast from the very beginning. Max took gold, Zuzu bronze and Isla and Henry scored for the team. Overall Cookham Dean School came 3rd and took home bronze medals, the team spirit was awesome and Lou (coach) was very very proud of us all. We cant wait to get back to training and take on some more races in the Spring.

*Henry F, Year 6*

### NETBALL



On Wednesday 23rd October, a netball team from Year 6 played their first match of the season. The team was made up of Alice, Max, Lily, Zuzu, Emily, Isla, Tabitha and, due to an injury, Sophie from Year 4 for a few minutes of the match! We played Holy Trinity School and the end score was 12-1 to Holy Trinity, but both the teams played really well. The player of the match for us (chosen by Holy Trinity) was Max because he scored our goal. We are looking forward to our next match after half term.

*Alice, Year 6*

### YEAR 3 - THE LIVING RAINFOREST

On Monday Year 3 went on a school trip to The Living Rainforest. When we first got into the rainforest we had a tour and were told all about the animals. I liked the monkeys, Zachary liked the caiman, Poppy like the iguana and everybody loved a bird called Luigi. After the tour we had a snack break and then we went into groups and filled in worksheets about animals living in the rainforest. At the end of the day I had learnt lots and lots of facts.

*Margot, Year 3*

### 500 WORDS

[Entries are open](#) for the BBC 500 words competition. Half term is an ideal opportunity for your child to write a story. We want children to have fun writing their stories, be as creative as they can and make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by what we are reading. Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves. Children can only submit one story each. There are very few other rules on 500 Words but please read them [HERE](#).



## LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

FOR GIRLS  
AGED 7 - 16

### OCTOBER HALF TERM NETBALL CAMP

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DAYS

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Mon 28th October  
Tuesday 29th  
October  
Wednesday 30th  
October



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**FIREWORKS  
AND  
BONFIRE**

**Saturday 2nd November 2024**  
**Gates Open 5.30pm**  
**Fire Lighting 6.30pm**  
Grove Island (end of Odney Lane)

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Children aged 5 and under free  
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➤ Wednesday 30th October  
➤ Thursday 31st October  
9am-3pm\* £30 Per Day

\*Late Pick Up (4pm) is an additional £10.

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