



Newsletter



2024-2025 Issue 2

13th September 2024

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

21st: Cookham Dean Village Fete

23rd: SEN Parent Support Group @ 1.45pm

24th: Y4 @ Cogges Farm

26th: Reception Photo for Maidenhead Advertiser

October

6th: Maidenhead Boundary Walk

9th: iSingPOP Concerts @ 3.45pm & 6.45pm

17th: Individual & Sibling Photos

18th: Talent Show Competition

21st: Reception, KS1 & Y3 Drama Workshop

22nd: AGM @ 7.30pm followed by PTA Meeting

23rd: Year Ahead Meeting @ 7pm

24th: Spooks & Sparkles Disco

25th: Break Up

November

25th: Twelfth Night Performance

December

13th: Thames Hospice Reindeer Run

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 15th:

* Gravity Grand Prix

Tuesday 17th:

* Y5 Knights Workshop

Thursday 19th:

* Cookham Dig Assembly

Friday 20th:

* Flu Vaccination - Whole School
(please complete the online form by Thursday 19th)



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a lovely day to end a lovely week on - crisp and sunny! The children have definitely settled into school life again. Although the weather has not been great (to say the least!) we do try to get the children outside for fresh air in light rain - not torrential rain don't worry. So please make sure that your child has a coat in school every day.

Can you please also make sure that your child has wellies in school. These can be placed in their class welly stores. With wellies on, the children will be able to play on the field otherwise I am afraid the children will only be able to play on the playground - to save bringing mud into the classroom.

OPAL

Outdoor play and learning will be available from next week. The children love playing on the scooters, bikes, trunkies, crutches, making dens, dressing up, playing in the mud kitchen. Of course, this isn't always clean playing so can I apologise now if your child comes home with mud on their clothes! It means they have had fun. The second hand uniform shop is a great place to buy extras so please have a look on the website under [Parents > Uniform Ordering](#).

YEAR AHEAD MEETING

Date for the diary - 23rd October at 7pm. This is a chance for you to hear about the plans for the school for this year; a chance to ask questions and a chance to meet our Governors. If you are able to attend, please let the office know. We look forward to seeing you then.

SOFA

If you are getting rid of a small children's sofa that you no longer need, can you please let us know as we would like one for the Year 1 classroom. Thank you.

MEET THE TEACHER

I hope that you found these meetings informative but if you were not able to make it, information shared is now on the class pages on the school website.

MRS GARDENER

Today, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Gardener who has been a teaching assistant at Cookham Dean Primary School for 13 years. She has worked in KS1 as a class teaching assistant and lately working 1:1 supporting children with SEN. She is going to be a coach helping young people to find jobs or go on to further education. We wish her all the best!

VOLUNTEERS

There are many opportunities for you to come in to volunteer in school - mystery readers, class readers, help with trips etc. If you feel this is something you could do, please ensure you have an updated DBS. If you haven't got a DBS, please contact the office to apply for one. You will need to provide 3 ID documents e.g. passport, driving license and your latest council tax statement.

SCHOOL NEWS

SINGING LESSONS

We have a new (in addition to Ms Fuller) singing teacher Gabrielle France who will be in school 2 afternoons a week - to start with. Please see her flyer below. I have met with Ms France and she has experience of musical theatre, similar to Ms Fuller. Please contact Ms France direct to book lessons.



A flyer for singing lessons featuring a microphone, musical notes, and a treble clef. The text is arranged in a central column with two pink circles on either side.

SINGING LESSONS

SIGN UP TODAY!

GABRIELLE FRANCE
VOCAL COACH & SINGING TEACHER
ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

BUILD CONFIDENCE IN A SUPPORTIVE AND FUN ENVIRONMENT

COME AND LEARN TO SING WHILST HAVING ENDLESS FUN

EMAIL: GABRIELLEFRANCE1@OUTLOOK.COM

FAMILIES@4

Our next Families@4 service at St John the Baptist is on Sunday 6th October at 4pm. This service is very much focussed on children and families followed by high tea in the vestry. We love to have the children to read bible verses, prayers and sing. Please let the office know if you will be attending so that we can give the children readings and prayers to practise.

iSING POP



As we no longer have Mrs DeSalis helping with hymn practise, we are going to be introducing iSingPOP into school. iSingPOP aim to empower children to find their voice and discover their potential in a changing world and support schools in creating inspirational collective worship and equip churches with fresh all-age worship resources.

The whole school (Reception up to Year 6) will spend 3 days (26/27 and 30th September) learning songs with the iSingPOP team at school. Then on Wednesday 9th October we will be holding 2 concerts at St John the Baptist church - the first concert at 3.45pm and the second concert at 6.45pm. The children will come to church to rehearse in the afternoon and then stay for the concert at 3.45pm. They will need to be collected from church at 4.30pm, and returned to church for the evening concert at 5.45pm in their school uniform. We would like as many children to attend both concerts but understand that they may have other commitments. If your child is **not** able to make any one of the concerts, can you please let the office know by Friday 4th October.

This is a very exciting new adventure for us and we are sure that the children will really love it!

As parents, you are invited to attend either of the concerts - please bear in mind, it might be standing room only!

SCHOOL NEWS

PTA

Thank you to our *tree*-mendous kart team!

As excitement builds for Sunday's Gravity Grand Prix racing, we'd like to say an enormous thank you to all the parents involved in creating the kart that Mrs Reekie will be braving the hill in. How lucky are we to have such talented, imaginative and dedicated parents amongst us?! In previous years, we've had the Reekie Rocket, Fiery Tales (pictured!) and the Teakie Teapot, which were all incredible. We can't wait to see Molly's apple tree design brought to life on Sunday. A huge thank you and *tree* cheers to Year 4 parents Dan, Vicci-Lee, Nic, Jess, Connor, Richard, Jo and Sarah (and their children and everyone who painted the apples!) for doing this for the school. They have worked unbe-leaf-ably hard and we're all very grateful!

Please do sponsor Mrs Reekie and our kart [HERE](#) and remember to include your children's guesses for her fastest time down the hill. The winner will be Headteacher for a morning, which is a very cool prize!

And do come along on Sunday to *root* for Mrs Reekie. Will anyone *pip* her to the post?! Will the kart make it safely down the full *core*-s? Will it be *apple*-y ever after? The racing starts at 1pm, you'd be *bark*-ing mad to miss such a *tree*-rific day!! (And don't forget to go to the village hall to get a cup of tea and slice of cake from our tea room while you're there! All donations of cake also very gratefully received, please bring along to the village hall from 10.30am on Sunday morning, thank you.)



Village Fete - Saturday 21st September

Can you spare a small amount of time on Saturday 21st to help out at the village fete? We're looking for people to man the PTA stall and also for people to help the village fete committee to man the road closure. You can sign up for both here: <https://volunteersignup.org/77HLF> Thank you very much for supporting this village event!

PTA AGM - Tuesday 22nd October

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd October at 7.30pm, and will be followed immediately afterwards by a regular PTA meeting. Please save the date, everyone welcome!

LOCAL ARTS TRAIL

Cookham and Maidenhead Arts Trail (CAMAT) is taking place this weekend. Please see details [HERE](#).

GARDENING CLUB

A massive thank you to all the parents and children who helped pick apples from our school tree, donated jam jars and made chutney. We have already finished off 110 jars and will be able to sell them at the Gravity Grand Prix this Sunday and the Cookham Dean village fete next weekend.

Esme Howarth, Y2 Parent

SCHOOL NEWS



FRIDAY LUNCHTIME 12-1.10

GARDENING CLUB

Help the children enjoy the outdoors, learn to grow food and flowers, and explore nature.

We're looking for volunteers to help run the free 1 hour session.

All involvement is welcome, whether you can do it monthly or more regularly, even during lunch breaks.

Want to get involved? Email Esme - esmechowarth@gmail.com
You must be DBS checked and have read the school safeguarding document.



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

Zlata



Year 2

Ben

Year 3

Tilly

Year 4

Mrs Gardener

Year 5

Jenson

Year 6

11+ children



50:50 CLUB



50:50 club

**Would you like the chance to WIN
UP TO £50 and help the school
while you're doing it? Then join our
50:50 club!**

**Anyone can join! ask your
friends and neighbours.**

For just £2.50 a month you could help provide equipment,
resources and opportunities for pupils, and have a chance at
winning some cash yourself in the monthly draw £££.

**Sign up today and you could
be our next WINNER!!**

For more information contact Helen Jackson,
helenrymer80@gmail.com

Congratulations to the August and September winners:

AUGUST

1st prize - Corinne Campbell

2nd prize - Lisa Karter

SEPTEMBER

1st prize - Jacqueline Abel

2nd prize - Claire Murrill

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LIONS CLUB OF MAIDENHEAD



1 in 8 men will get prostate cancer.

A simple blood test could save your life.

Males (aged 40 and over) are invited to come for a

FREE PSA BLOOD TEST

On Saturday, 28 September 2024

10am to 4pm

Desborough Bowling Club

10, Green Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 1XZ

Early diagnosis and treatment may vastly improve
your chances of survival

BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT TODAY AT

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#MISSIONMARLOW



MARLOW GIRLS RUGBY

SUNDAY 9.30AM-11AM

TUESDAY 6PM - 7PM

YEAR 6 - YEAR 13

**ALL GIRLS WELCOME
REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE**



OPEN TO AGES 11-18, ANY AND ALL ABILITIES AND EXPERIENCE
CONTACT: MARLOWLADIESRUGBY@GMAIL.COM TO REGISTER INTEREST
MARLOW RUGBY CLUB, RIVERWOODS DRIVE, SL7 1QU

MAIDENHEAD JUDO CLUB

CHILDRENS JUDO
beginning September 2024

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AGE 8 +

BENEFITS OF JUDO

- Great for Self Defence
- Improves Physical Health & Fitness
- Develops Core, Balance & Overall Strength
- Teaches Discipline & Respect

COMMUNITY CLUB
QUALIFIED COACHES



Maidenhead Community Centre, 4 Marlow Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7HY

Contact **Jack 07775 990723**
to reserve your place

follow us @ [maidenheadjudoclub](https://www.maidenheadjudoclub.org.uk) Email: info@maidenheadjudo.org.uk
maidenheadjudo.org.uk



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**STUDY
SMART**
Free Online Courses



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Education & Skills
Funding Agency

Fully Funded School Support Course

www.studysmartuk.online

**Next Start date
30th September**

CACHE Certificate in Understanding
Safeguarding & Prevent
CACHE Certificate in
Understanding Challenging Behaviours
CACHE Certificate in the
Principles of SEN
Levels 1, 2 & 3



**Six Week
Course
Mon - Fri**

9:30 - 11:30am

12:30 - 2:30pm

4 - 4:30pm

**(last optional session for
reflection and support if needed)**

Cookham & Cookham Dean Horticultural Society

FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 21st September 2024
Cookham Dean Village Hall



Over 60 classes for homegrown
fruit and veg, flower arranging,
baking, beverages, handicrafts
and children's classes too

Just 50p per entry
Childrens' Classes Free

Local Judges, Cup Presentation
and Charity Produce Auction

Entry forms and fees to be
submitted by 6pm Thursday 19th
September 2024
LATEST

For full show details and entry form go to Cookham.com, check out the Cookham Dean
Village Fete Facebook page or contact helenphilip@hotmail.co.uk/07549 519246

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**BERKSHIRE
MUSIC TRUST**

AGES 0-7

MINI MAESTROS

FUN AND EDUCATIONAL MUSIC CLASSES

Windsor Music Centre
Dedworth Middle School
Smiths Lane
Windsor
SL4 5PE

Classes (Saturdays)
Reception - 8.55am - 9.25am
Children's Choir - 9.30am - 10.00am
Year 1 - 10.05am - 10.45am
Year 2 - 10.50am - 11.30am



Enjoy a **FREE** taster session!



All classes are led by musicians



School-age children receive a
FREE choir place

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BERKSHIRE **Mini
Maestros**

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**COOKHAM DEAN
VILLAGE FETE**

2024
Saturday 21 September
1pm - 5pm

PROGRAMME

9am - 11am	Staging of Entries for the Flower & Produce Show in the Village Hall
11am - 1pm	Judging of the Flower & Produce Show (Village Hall closed during this time)
12.30pm	Registration starts for Dog Show entries
1pm	Official Opening of the Fete Cookham Cluckers Ukulele Band Village Hall - Flower & Produce Show opens Afternoon teas in the WI Hall provided by Elizabeth House
2pm - 2.30pm	Dog Show: Part 1
2.30pm - 3pm	Presentation of Cups for the Flower & Produce Show in the Village Hall
3pm - 3.30pm	Dog Show: Part 2
3.30pm - 4pm	Charity Auction of Produce from the Flower & Produce Show (by the War Memorial)
4pm	Cookham Cluckers Ukulele Band
4.30pm	Silent Auction Closes
5pm	Fete Closes

All profits from the Fete go to local Charities
Thank you for your support

**SAFE
PROJECT**

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!

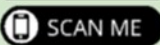
Gaining the views of **young people** aged 11-18 yrs old or up to 25 with SEN about safety when out in the community within the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

We would also like to gather the views of parents and carers of young people as well as local community members - closes 27th Sept

Scan the QR code or go directly to the link and you could be in with the chance to win one of two £50 or three £30 amazon vouchers.
<https://forms.gle/HYISIHASuXukHzTA>



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for children**

 **SCAN ME**

 **WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**

President: Rt Hon Lady Theresa May

Conductor Leon Gee **Leader** Susie Henwood

Saturday 9 November 2024 7:30pm
Baylis Theatre, Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead SL6 1BN

Charity Gala Night
'A Night at the Movies'

Presenter **David Emanuel**
fashion designer for the Royal Family

in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support**

Solo Saxophone **Maddie Stewart**
WMSO Young Musician Concerto Competition winner 2023

Tickets £15; student/child £5 from www.wmsso.org.uk

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no. 296537 www.wmsso.org.uk

