



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

13th: Gravity Grand Prix
18th: Flu Vaccination
24th: iSingPop Concerts @ St John the Baptist (3pm & 6pm)

October:

4th: Maidenhead Boundary Walk
7th: Individual School Photos
13th: Y2 @ Reading Museum
23rd: Break Up

November:

2nd: Return to School
20th: Inset Day

EVENTS NEXT WEEK SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 8th:

* KS1 Meet the Teacher @ 5.30pm
* KS2 Meet the Teacher @ 6pm

Friday 11th:

* Y6 @ Houses of Parliament



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Welcome back - I hope you had a lovely summer and that you all had a rest! It was lovely welcoming back the children yesterday - staff had spent 2 days in school prior to the children returning getting classrooms ready and training so it is always wonderful to hear the chatter and excitement of children in school. We missed them!

The autumn term is always very busy so please do keep your eye on the newsletters for important information.

And a huge welcome to our new Reception children and their families who are currently settling into our Cookham Dean Family.

PHOTO PERMISSION (YEARS 1-6)

Please complete [THIS Google form](#) for photo consent by Wednesday 9th September. Please read the options carefully. We do not put photos showing children's faces on our social media and we do not print names with photos.

ISINGPOP

We are very lucky to have iSingPop back in our school this September. For those that don't know, iSingPop is a Christian charity that go into schools to teach the children songs and dances with a Christian theme. Sandy, who has been with us for the last few years will be back on 14th September. We will then perform the songs learnt to parents at St John the Baptist Church in Cookham Dean on Thursday 24th September - 1 concert at 3pm finishing at 3.45pm. Please note that we will be finishing school later that day and pick up will be from St John the Baptist. Then children are asked to come back at 5.30pm that evening to perform again to parents at 6pm finishing at 6.45pm. The children love the songs and love performing in the church so please do put these dates in your diary. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles etc are all invited. If you do not want your child to be photographed at these concerts, please make sure you tick NO on the photo google form under 'social media' (link above).

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Please find attached the Home School Agreement for your information. You have already signed this when your child started in Reception but this is as a reminder.

MEET THE TEACHER

You will have a chance to meet your child's new class teacher on Tuesday 8th September - 5.30pm for KS1 and 6pm for KS2. Your teachers will be sending out a zoom link so that you can join online. We will be putting information about PE days, homework etc on the class pages on the website. **(Note this time has changed from the newsletter in the last academic year).**

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

A big thank you to the PTA for funding our outdoor classroom (due to be finished today!). This has been 4 years in the planning and with much help from Mr Francis (dad of Nerys) and Mr Lee (dad of Isaac and Sophia). It will be an amazing addition to our outdoor facilities.

SCHOOL NEWS

THE BIG FUTURE

As children and young people return to school for the new academic year, I am writing to ask for your support in making sure pupils at your school have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, The Big Future. I have only heard from less than ten children at your school.

The survey can be completed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I have already heard from hundreds of thousands of children and young people across England, and the majority of schools have now taken part.

It is crucial that children at your school have the chance to add their voices too, so that their experiences, views and aspirations are represented when I present the findings of the survey to Government.

Every child's voice matters, and I want to make sure that children and young people in every school and college, in every community, have the opportunity to shape the picture of childhood that I will share with Government.

Thank you for your support in helping to make sure your pupils' voices are heard as we begin the new school year.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

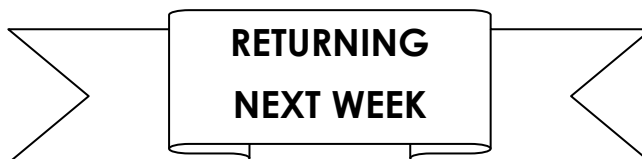
Children's Commissioner for England



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.



POND

Over the summer, we had some amazing volunteers who sweated in the sun whilst digging out our pond (in the corner of the field which has been unusable for as long as I can remember). The plan is to get the pond up and running again as an educational resource. There is a bit more work to do before we put in a new liner so we will be looking for volunteers - watch this space!

WALKING BUS



50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the August & September 50:50 Club winners:

1st prize - Clare Parks & Emma Fulton Lee

2nd prize - Kate Hunt & Ruth Noble

WINNERS

LUNCH REMINDER

Scopay is open for booking school lunches. The menu is continuing from last term, and next week will be Week 1. We have been advised that the price per lunch is now **£2.98**. Children in years R, 1 & 2 are automatically eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please place your orders by midnight on the evening before the meal is required. Thank you.

Cookham & Cookham Dean
Horticultural Society



FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 19th September 2026

Cookham Dean Village Hall

Adults and children's classes

**Local Judges, Prize Presentation,
Prize Produce Sale**

Entry Deadline

Thursday 17th September 2026



For full show details and entry form, go via the QR code above

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LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



Washindi Trampolining Club

at Edgbarrow Sports Centre
Grant Road, Crowthorne, RG45 7HZ

**British Gymnastics
Accredited Club**



Flexible & Inclusive

Dates, times & prices available on request

Various Locations

Trials Available

Health Happiness & Confidence

with Trampolining

We are a **Competitive Club** also offering recreational classes, school sessions, 1:1 & integrated SEND sessions, GCSE and A-level PE work, home school students + adults including stunt register



Ideal for ages 5 years and above (younger on enquiry)

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<https://washinditrampoline.wixsite.com/washindi>



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COOKHAM ON THAMES



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Come and discover 1000 years of history on your doorstep!

 **SATURDAYS 12TH AND 19TH SEPTEMBER**
11.00 – 16.00





QUIET TALK AND TOUR –
Stories in the Stones

Come and hear about some of the colourful characters that peopled Cookham's past and how the church evolved through centuries of use.

 **SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER**
AT 14.00 AND 15.00
No need to book



SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER:
COOKHAM CELEBRATES

We remember and give thanks for all who have been part of Holy Trinity's life with 3 special services



8.00 AM

SAID BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER EUCHARIST



10.00 AM

FAMILY SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE –
a journey through Holy Trinity's rich heritage, highlighted by music from Sara Wood and the choir that illustrates how worship has changed, and assisted by students at Holy Trinity School.



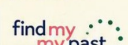
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CHORAL EVENSONG TO CELEBRATE THE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Holy Trinity is pleased to be part of the European wide Heritage Open Days Festival sponsored by the National Trust and Findmypast.



 National Trust

 findmy past