



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

19th: Cookham Dean Village Fete

23rd: Reception 'First Class Photo' (Maidenhead Advertiser)

24th: iSingPop Concerts @ St John the Baptist (3pm & 6pm)

October:

4th: Maidenhead Boundary Walk

7th: Individual & Sibling Photos

10th: World Mental Health Day

12th: Y6 NCMP

13th: Y2 @ Reading Museum

22nd: Spooks & Sparkles Disco

23rd: Break Up

November:

2nd: Return to School

13th: Children In Need

20th: Inset Day

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 13th:

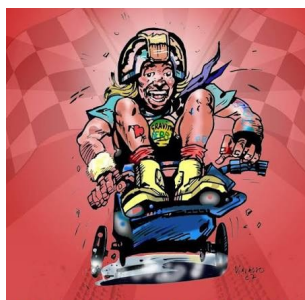
* Gravity Grand Prix

Wednesday 16th:

* National Fitness Day

Friday 18th:

* Flu Vaccination



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

We are very excited to be taking part in this years Gravity Grand Prix and for those that don't know about this...it is a day of go karts racing down the road in Cookham Dean! It is a wonderful community event with food, drink and hopefully sunshine. Our kart this year was designed by Caiden in Year 3, made by our wonderful group of parents and then driven down the track by myself (dressed as Mr Toad). It would be lovely to see families supporting this rather bonkers affair! See you Sunday (first race is at 1pm).

SNACKS

Can we please remind everyone that we are a healthy school which means snacks for breaktime should be - cheese, crackers, yoghurt, fruit or plain rice cakes. If your child has a packed lunch too, please make sure they know what is their breaktime snack. Thank you.

KISS AND DROP

The road that runs alongside the staff car park (the road with no name!) has a kiss and drop section for KS2 parents. This allows them to drop their children off safely so they can make their way into school. Please do not park in this zone (marked by a small child bollard). The zone is located just past the staff car park next to the path leading to the rear KS2 gate.

ONE WAY SYSTEM

The school operates an informal one-way system around the school between 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm to ease the flow of traffic and to minimise any risks to children. We ask parents to adhere to the system and we encourage local residents and villagers to take particular care during these times.

LIBRARY

Do you love reading?
Do you think reading for pleasure
is an important part of childhood?

Do you want to help make our school library the best it can be and help children find books they love to read?

If you can spare some time during the week and want to get involved, please contact Tori Dixon mrstoridixon@gmail.com / 07976 742723

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AT COOKHAM DEAN

Please see the attached article from Mrs Taylor informing you of how we support SEND at our school.

SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP

We are very proud of the opportunities our children have for school leadership. Our head boy, deputy head boy, head girl and deputy head girl are all doing a fantastic job. There are many other exciting roles available e.g. eco warriors, digital leaders, sports ambassadors, bookworms, school council, and emotional wellbeing ambassadors. Children who are interested in applying for one of these roles are asked to prepare a short speech to deliver in class. Please see the Dojo message from your child's teacher for details of when the speeches will take place.

PTA DISCO



SAVE THE DATE

CALLING ALL
Wizards and Witches
JOIN US FOR A

SPOOKS AND SPARKLES

Disco

DATE: OCTOBER 22ND

- **Reception & KS1** 4:30pm - 5:15pm
- **KS2** 5:30pm - 6:15pm

**FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED, MORE DETAILS
ON HOW TO BOOK TO FOLLOW**

SCHOOL NEWS

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

WALKING BUS



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 6 - HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT



VOLUNTEERS

There are lots of opportunities for parents to get involved at school - from parent readers, mystery readers and school trips to general help in school. To be able to do this, you **MUST** have a school DBS. If you haven't got one but you would like to help out, please get in touch with the office so that we can apply for one for you. Thank you.

ISINGPOP

Please remember to complete the photo permission [Google form](#) over the weekend. It needs to be completed by no later than Monday 14th September ready for iSingPop. Thank you.

PTA



1

PTA stands for Parent Teacher Association

Our PTA is made up of all parents, carers, teachers and staff at Cookham Dean Primary School.

Same team ♥



2

That means everyone is part of the PTA

The PTA is not just a small committee — it is the whole school community working together.

Stronger together ♥



3

What does the PTA do?



Raises money for extras that benefit the children and the school



Helps organise events and fun activities



Builds a stronger school community



Supports opportunities and resources beyond the school budget

Small actions make a big difference ♥



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Why everyone matters

Everything the PTA achieves for the school happens because people get involved. Whether you can give ideas, volunteer time, donate, help at events, or simply support from the sidelines, it all makes a difference.

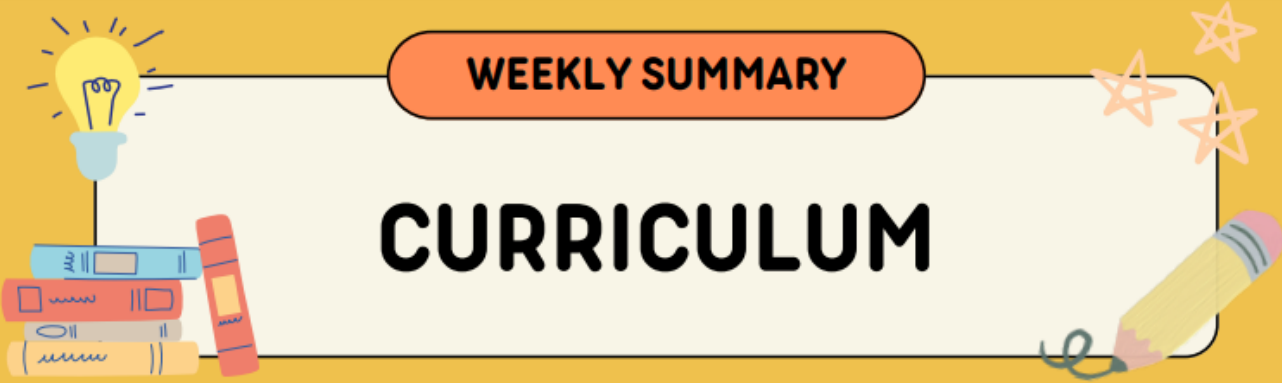
Many hands brighter days ♥

The PTA is all of us — and together we make things happen for our school.

Every bit of support counts.

KINDER BRAVER BRIGHTER TOGETHER ♥

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN HERE ♥

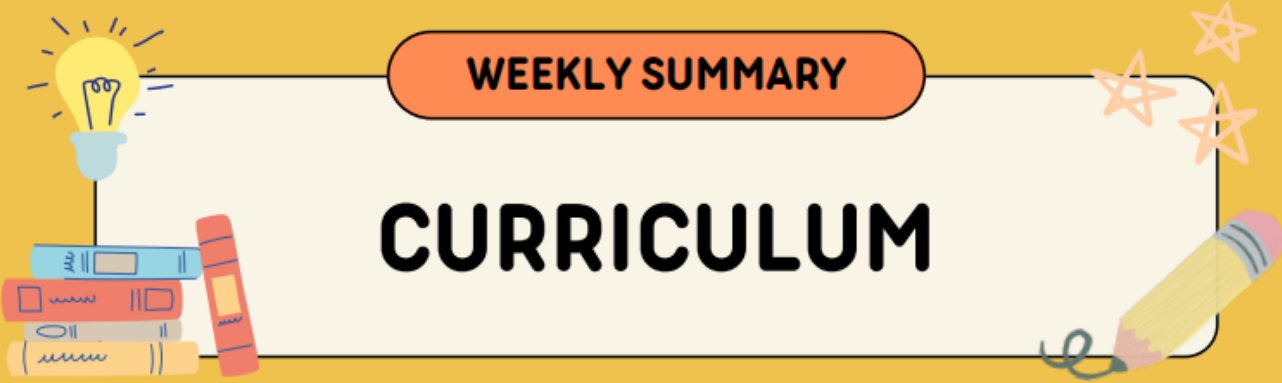


WEEKLY SUMMARY

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Reception	This week Reception have enjoyed getting to know each other, their new classroom and their teachers. Well done Reception for a super start to school!
Year 1	It has been lovely to welcome Year 1 back to school, and they have settled in really well and enjoyed getting back into our routines. In English, we have started our new story, <i>What the Ladybird Heard</i> , and have been enjoying getting to know the story and thinking carefully about what happens in different parts. In Maths, we have been busy sorting and counting objects and finding different ways to represent numbers. We have also been learning about our brains and how they work, linking this to our Zones of Regulation by exploring the different zones, what they might look and feel like, and what we can do to help ourselves return to the green zone. Have a lovely weekend!
Year 2	We have been so impressed with the children this week. They have already shown us their amazing writing skills and impressed us with their fantastic maths knowledge. It has been wonderful to see them confidently share their ideas and put their learning into practice. We were also very impressed with their excellent listening and teamwork during our first PE lesson of the term. The children are already showing what a caring and supportive class they are, looking out for one another and helping each other whenever they can. Most importantly, they are showing us just how well they can follow our 6Rs and are becoming a brilliant Year 2 class. We are incredibly proud of them and are looking forward to another exciting week of learning!
Year 3	Year 3 have had a wonderful week! In English, we have been focusing on our book 'Esio Trot' by Roald Dahl and using apostrophes to show possession. In Maths, we have been representing and partitioning numbers to 1000. In Geography, we were really excited to start out topic on volcanoes and discover more about the layers that make up Earth.



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Year 4	First whole week back and Year 4 have been really busy ! Getting used to a new classroom and routines, looking at place value in maths and starting our new writing unit from our book, Madame Pamplemousse have been a few of the things we have been learning. We have also looked at the function of our teeth and set up an experiment to explore what is best to drink to keep our teeth healthy.
Year 5	It has been a brilliant first full week back in Year 5. The children have loved delving into our writing text, The Nowhere Emporium, thinking about the character of Daniel and the insights we can gain about him through his actions. In maths, we have started the year with a focus on place value. This week, we have explored numbers up to 1,000,000. Throughout the week, we have also revisited how our brains work and explored the Zones of Regulation to support the development of self-regulation strategies.
Year 6	What a busy and exciting week it has been in Year 6! The children have thrown themselves into their learning and are already showing the enthusiasm, independence and maturity that will make this final year at Cookham Dean such a special one. We have been demonstrating our knowledge in the 11+ tests - challenging ourselves and developing those important skills and exam strategies. In History, we have begun our census investigations, becoming historical detectives as we explore what census records can tell us about people and communities in the past. In PE, we have been perfecting our rolls in gymnastics, focusing on technique, control and confidence. In Science, we have been learning how to hypothesise, thinking carefully about what we predict might happen and, importantly, explaining the reasons behind our ideas. And, of course, there was one very exciting event on everyone's mind! We were all incredibly excited about our trip to the Houses of Parliament at Westminster, where we had the fantastic opportunity to meet our own MP, Josh Reynolds. What a wonderful way to begin our final year at Cookham Dean! It was a very grown-up adventure and a truly memorable experience for us all. We loved stepping into the world of Parliament, learning more about how our country is governed and representing Cookham Dean with pride. What a brilliant start to Year 6 - and there is so much more to come!

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



Friends of
**Cookham
Abbey**



**HOLY
TRINITY
CHURCH**

THE PEOPLE OF COOKHAM ABBEY

HERITAGE OPEN DAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2026

Visit Holy Trinity Church between 11am and 4 pm on Saturday 12 September to discover more about the people of Cookham Abbey.



ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

- Find out how evidence from the cemetery trench can help us to understand why people might have come to Cookham during the late eighth and early ninth centuries.
- Be inspired by Queen Cynewthryth's coin and design your own.
- Handle objects from the excavations and understand how spinning took place.




TAPLOW UNITED FC



Calling all Girls U8 & U10 Players! ♥

We're starting our very first youth girls teams and we need **YOU** ♥



***Who*:** School Years
2, 3, 4 & 5 from Sept 2026



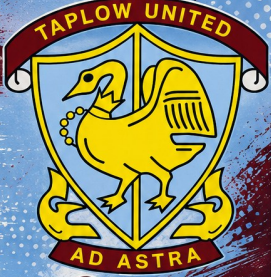
***Training*:**
Tuesdays 6:00pm - 7:00pm



***Matches*:** Saturdays



***Where*:** TUFC ground





Be part of something new and join our growing community! ♥

Interested? Message us at
taplow.utd.fc@gmail.com

☆ All abilities welcome ☆
Together, we are Taplow United. ♥



**WINTER HILL
GOLF CLUB**

Learn
Play
Grow

AFTER SCHOOL JNR GOLF ACTIVITY

For Sch yrs 1-6



**For
Sch yrs 1-6**



**When
Monday OR
Tuesdays**



Where
On site at Winter hill GC,
SL6 9RP



Time
3:40 - 4:40



6 x 1hr sessions



£75 pp

Equipment provided

Start dates 14th & 15th Sept

Contact PGA golf coach
Gavin Clark
on 07789 766872

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Mini Maestros

Come and try a fun, live music class for ages 3-7 at
Space to Thrive, Newland Girls' School, Maidenhead SL6 5JB

Saturdays (term-time only)

Preschool & Reception - 9.40-10.10am
Year 1 & Year 2 - 10.15-10.55am



Free taster session available and a free Recorder Rookies place for any school-age child

www.berksmusictrust.org.uk 0118 901 2370
admissions@berksmusictrust.org.uk



Calling all Young Musicians!

Let's Play Orchestra	Initial Orchestra
Saturday 10.15-11.00am Newlands Girls School Music Room Farm Road, Maidenhead	Saturday 9.00-10.00am Newlands Girls School Music Room Farm Road, Maidenhead
Open to any instrument from beginner up to Grade 1. Explore making music with others through easy parts, beat & melody games, and ensemble fun. £71.00 per term Monthly direct debit payment option available	Open to any instrument Grades 1-3. A more adventurous experience in a musical ensemble. £80.50 per term Monthly direct debit payment option available

Contact laurabridger@berksmusictrust.org.uk to come for a free trial session

This Weekend!

CAMAT 2026

Sat 12th & Sun 13th September
10am - 5pm* Daily | FREE Entry

Meet the artists in their studios or group exhibitions.
Venues are within a 5 mile radius & original work is for sale.

Grab a map at camat.org.uk
and get involved



COOKHAM & MAIDENHEAD
ARTS TRAIL

*Please Note:
Venue 2 - Mameloo's - is open 11am - 4pm Sunday

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

or go to www.cookhamandcookhamdeanhortsoc.co.uk

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