



Newsletter



2026-2027 Issue 3

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October:

1st: Census Day

1st: R & Y1 Phonics Workshop @ 9am

1st: Y4 @ Cogges Farm

4th: Maidenhead Boundary Walk

6th: Y1 & Y2 Active 60 Festival

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

December:

2nd: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 19th:

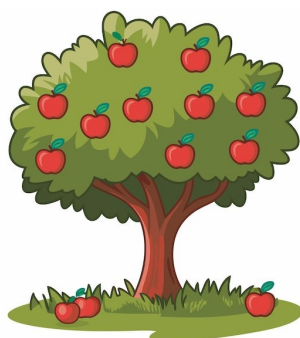
* Cookham Dean Village Fete

Wednesday 23rd:

* Reception 'First Class Photo' (Maidenhead Advertiser)

Thursday 24th:

* iSingPop Concerts @ St John the Baptist (3pm & 6pm)



SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful week the children have had with Sandy from iSingPop learning (with enthusiasm!) songs and dances to perform for you next week. Thank you to the PTA that part funded these 3 days and a big thank you to the Church Council who have already agreed to fund next years iSingPop!

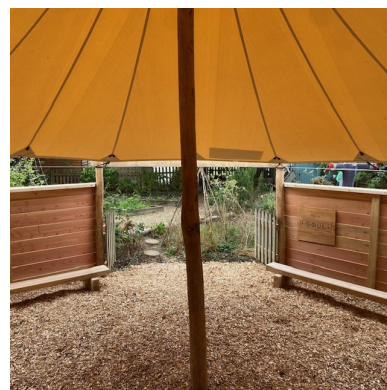
GRAVITY GRAND PRIX

Thank you to everyone who turned out at the Gravity Grand Prix to see the '**Wind in the Wheels**' entry from Cookham Dean Primary School. Caiden (now in Year 3) was very proud of how his design had been brought to life! Unfortunately, due to a burst tyre that was irreparable, we only managed 1 run, but we enjoyed seeing everyone's smiling faces and we won Best Novelty Kart! The winner of the 'guess the time' was **Hugo in Year 3** with 2.27. The actual time was 2.28! Well done Hugo.



OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

The final build is complete! The children will enjoy having lessons outside. A huge thank you to the PTA for their magnificent fundraising!



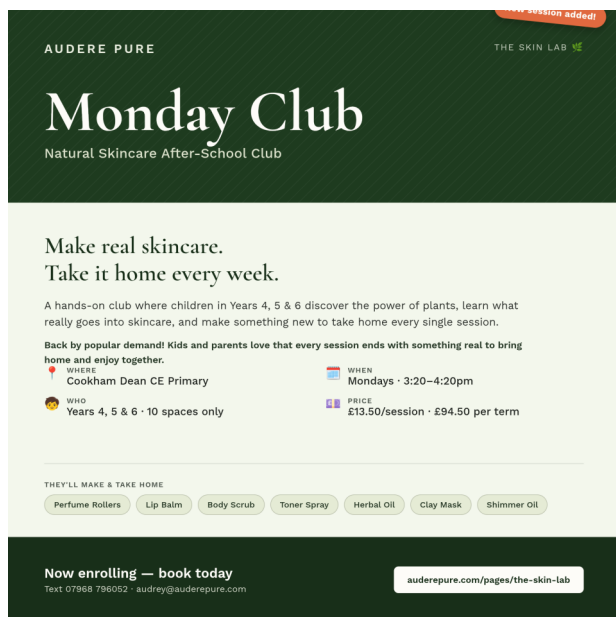
REPORTING EXPECTATIONS

I wanted to let you know how we will communicate your child's progress throughout this year. Reception will have their first parents evening before half term on the 13th and 15th October. Nearer the time you will receive details on how to book your 10 minute appointment with Ms Fernandez. The rest of the school will have their parents evening this term on 17th and 19th November. The week before you will receive a report card showing you if your child is working towards expected standard for their age group. This will then support the discussion at parents evening. You will receive a report card and parents evening in the Spring Term and then in the Summer Term you will receive a report that covers all of the subjects and your child's attainment. Of course if you are worried about anything in between these times, please do drop your class teacher an email through the school office.

SCHOOL NEWS

THE SKIN LAB

Due to popular demand, The Skin Lab has added a new Monday after school club, in addition to their Thursday club.



AUDERE PURE THE SKIN LAB

Monday Club

Natural Skincare After-School Club

Make real skincare.
Take it home every week.

A hands-on club where children in Years 4, 5 & 6 discover the power of plants, learn what really goes into skincare, and make something new to take home every single session.

Back by popular demand! Kids and parents love that every session ends with something real to bring home and enjoy together.

WHERE: Cookham Dean CE Primary

WHEN: Mondays - 3:20-4:20pm

WHO: Years 4, 5 & 6 - 10 spaces only

PRICE: £13.50/session - £94.50 per term

THEY'LL MAKE & TAKE HOME

- Perfume Rollers
- Lip Balm
- Body Scrub
- Toner Spray
- Herbal Oil
- Clay Mask
- Shimmer Oil

Now enrolling — book today

Text: 07968 796052 - audrey@auderepure.com

auderepure.com/pages/the-skin-lab

THE BIG FUTURE SURVEY

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, is inviting children and young people across England to take part in The Big Future survey. The survey gives children the opportunity to have their voices heard and help shape the picture of childhood that will be shared with Government. Hundreds of thousands of children and young people have already shared their views, experiences and aspirations. We would like to encourage all pupils at our school to take part. The survey can be completed online [HERE](#). Thank you.

ISINGPOP

You can buy iSingPop merchandise at <https://isingpop.org/shop/> using the code **COOKHAMDEAN26** by Monday 21st September. The products will then be shipped to school free of charge for us to give out before the concert.

WHATSAPP GROUPS

Can we please remind all parents that the class WhatsApp groups are not the place to raise any concerns that you may have. If there is anything at all that is worrying you, please, where appropriate, contact the class teacher first, or Mrs Reekie if you feel it is not appropriate to speak to the teacher. Thank you for your support.

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

VILLAGE FETE SILENT AUCTION



COOKHAM DEAN
Village Fete

SILENT AUCTION

IS LIVE!

There are some great items up for grabs, including restaurant vouchers, exercise classes and more.

Browse the items

Scan here

Place your bids

BIDDING CLOSES SUNDAY AT 10PM

Happy bidding!

GOOD TIMES
GREAT PEOPLE
BRIGHT FUTURES

The PTA is organising the silent auction at the Cookham Dean Village Fete tomorrow! There are some great items up for grabs - click [HERE](#) - and the PTA gets a large portion of the money raised so every bid helps to support the school! Bidding closes Sunday at 10pm!

Clare Parks, Year 1 & 4 Parent

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

Join the Walking Bus!

HEALTHY KIDS • HAPPIER MORNINGS • STRONGER COMMUNITY

WE LEAVE EARLY, so you get an extra 30 minutes in your day **FOR FREE!**

- BOOSTS PHYSICAL HEALTH**
Fresh air, movement and stronger immune systems
- IMPROVES FOCUS**
Exercise before school helps children concentrate in class
- BRIGHTER MOOD**
A great way to start the day feeling calm and positive
- BUILDS FRIENDSHIPS**
Children walk together, chat together and feel part of a supportive community
- KINDER TO OUR PLANET**
Fewer cars, cleaner air and a greener future

Our Walking Bus Crew!

Walking together for a brighter day!

COOKHAM DEAN WALKING BUS

SAME ROUTE
SAME SMILES
MORE FRIENDS

Better Mornings Brighter Days

SIGN UP TODAY!
<https://eu-submit.jotform.com/261801543874359>

Let's get more children walking, more families time, and brighter school days for everyone!

WALK TALK FRIENDS LEARN THRIVE

WALKING TOGETHER • FOR A HEALTHIER, HAPPIER SCHOOL DAY

ALLERGIES

Effective from September 2026, Benedict's Law requires all schools to have formal allergy policies, individual healthcare plans, spare adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs) as well as staff anaphylaxis training - all of which are in place at Cookham Dean.

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

Sophia



Year 2

Amelia

Year 3

Josh

Year 4

Noah J

Year 5

Freddie



Year 6

Zain



SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP 2026/27

We are very pleased to announce that the following children will be playing a big part in the pupil leadership of our school. We know that they will take their responsibilities very seriously and we look forward to working with them.

School Council

Year 2 - Arabella

Year 3 - Indie & Austin

Year 4 - Thomas, Savannah & Sienna

Year 5 - Ethan

Year 6 - Hattie, Bea, Jamie, Finn Munn & Axel

Digital Leaders

Year 2 - Amelia

Year 3 - Sophie & Samuel

Year 4 - Everly, Kayla & Noah J

Year 5 - Zac & Oliver

Year 6 - Harry & Axel

Eco Warriors

Year 2 - Beatrix

Year 3 - Arabella & Oscar

Year 4 - Grace & Ernest

Year 5 - Zachary

Year 6 - Tommy & Levi

Book Worms

Year 2 - Harriet

Year 3 - Jeevan, Max & Madeleine

Year 4 - Ben, Yahya & Edie

Year 5 - Toby & Poppy

Year 6 - Hal & Otis

Emotional Wellbeing Ambassadors

Year 5 - Maya, Leo, Gigi, Bertie & Tilly

Year 6 - Rufus, Zain, Willow, Finn Munn & Jamie

Sports Ambassadors

Year 5 - Sophia, Trixie, Evie, Dhaya, Gigi, Jyoti, Tilly, Orla, Seisi & Bertie

Year 6 - Oscar, Jamie, Axel, Emily, Charlotte, Bobby-George, Finn Miall & Hattie



PHONICS WORKSHOP

We would like to invite all Reception and Year 1 parents and carers to our Phonics Workshop on Thursday 1st October at 9am. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn more about how phonics is taught in school and how you can support your child's reading and phonics learning at home. We hope you can join us and look forward to welcoming you! Please let the office know if you intend on attending.

METRE MARKET

On Friday 2nd October we will be the chosen charity receiving proceeds from Metre Market's weekly raffle. Head to Cookham Dean Village Hall between 8.30am - 1pm to purchase a raffle ticket. At £5 each, you can be in with the chance of winning an incredible hamper with produce donated by their generous stallholders from local makers and creators. All proceeds of the raffle will go towards supporting our school. Visit the [Metre Market website](#) for more details.



FSM REMINDER

Some families may be entitled to free school meals if they receive certain benefits, including:

Universal Credit
Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

If you think you may qualify, you can apply online directly [HERE](#). Alternatively, please pop into the school office, and we can provide a form and check your eligibility on your behalf.

ISINGPOP CONCERTS



We are delighted to be performing the iSingPop songs that the children have been learning at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday 24th September. There will be an afternoon concert at 3pm, finishing at 3.45pm. Please note that **school will finish later that day and pick-up will be from the church.** The children are then asked to return at 5.30pm for our second performance at 6pm, finishing at 6.45pm. The children have loved learning the songs and are very excited to perform for you all. Everyone is invited!



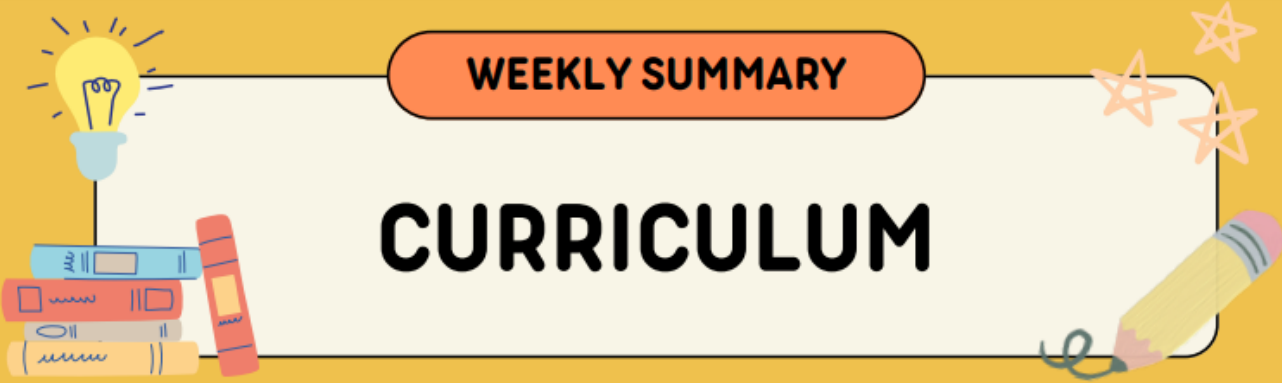
WEEKLY SUMMARY



CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week Reception have started their Phonics learning and they have done a fantastic job at remembering the first set of sounds. In Maths the children have done lots of counting forwards and backwards to ten and also beyond. In PE the children have learned all about finding and moving into spaces safely whilst using different ways to move including walking, skipping, hopping, jumping and running. They have also really enjoyed learning and practising the iSingPop! songs this week.
Year 1	Year 1 have had another lovely week of learning. In English, we have continued exploring <i>What the Ladybird Heard</i> and have been writing our own sentences about the story. In Maths, we have been representing numbers up to 10 in different ways and learning how to write numbers as words. In Music, we have been practising keeping a steady pulse to music using different parts of our bodies. In Computing, we have been learning about what technology is, understanding that it is something made for people to use, and discovering how technology is all around us.
Year 2	This week, we have enjoyed getting stuck into our English text, <i>The Pirates Next Door</i> . We have been learning to summarise key events in the story, write descriptive sentences about Jim Lad and create our own setting descriptions. We have also begun planning our very own new adventure inspired by the story. In Maths, we have been learning to partition numbers to 100 by understanding the value of the tens and ones in a two-digit number. Almost all of the children in the class have had an opportunity to login and use Times Table Rock Stars this week and a few children can confidently remember their login and username details and are able to get started really quickly! Well done :-). In Science, we have enjoyed discovering how different animals grow and change from young to mature. We have been matching young animals to their adult forms and using the correct scientific vocabulary label them.



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Year 3	Year 3 have had a wonderful week. In English, we have been continuing our work based on Roald Dahl's <i>Esio Trot</i> . In Maths, we have been looking at hundreds, tens and ones and finding 1, 10 and 100 more and less. In Geography, we have been explaining how and why mountains are formed. However, the highlight of our week has been being 'recording artists' for our IsingPop songs and practising for our concert next Thursday.
Year 4	This week we have been continuing our journey of place to the value of 10,000. In science we have set up an experiment to see how strong our teeth are in different solutions and in DT have been tasting vegetable crisps, thinking about the taste, texture and shape. On Thursday we made a recording of all the Ising Pop songs we have learnt throughout the week in readiness for our concert next week.
Year 5	It has been a busy week in Year 5. In maths, we have wrapped up our work on place value by rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000 and 10,000. In English, the children have written some action-packed suspense narrative, inspired by the writing of Ross Mackenzie. In RE, we explored what a prophet is and understood their importance in Abrahamic religions. This week, the children loved having Sandy back in to teach us this year's IsingPop songs. We were even professionally audio recorded to be used for their future teaching and promo! Finally, we were all excited to use our new outdoor classroom for extended writing today. It provided a nice change of scenery to get the creative juices flowing!
Year 6	It has been another fantastic week in Year 6, with the children continuing to show confidence, maturity and enthusiasm in all areas. In Maths, we explored place value, negative numbers and rounding of decimals. The children enjoyed applying their maths skills to real-life situations. Inspired by Matt Goodfellow, the children have begun writing their final Year 6 narrative poem, exploring emotions, experiences and personal journeys with great creativity. We are incredibly proud of how resilient the children have been with their graffiti art work.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

FREE GIRLS BMX SESSION





Date:
SUN 18th Oct
1.00–2.00PM

Bike and equipment will be provided and 12 participants can be accommodated, so places are limited. We aim to run these sessions monthly.



Participants need to be able to ride an ordinary bike and stand up and pedal.



Participants also need to wear long trousers, ideally jeans. **NO Leggings.**

☆ **Female only session**

☆ **BMX exercises**

☆ **Skills & BMX techniques**

☆ **Fun games & mini laps**

Hayes Hawks BMX Track
Lake Farm Country Park, Dawley Road,
Hayes, UB3 1EJ

Registration via email
hello@hawksbmx.co.uk

The Free Session will be run by a
Female Coach,
Harriet Alexander 

Featuring guest racer, Iris (Hawks Race Club)





RIDE. LEARN. HAVE FUN! 

 **ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!** 

LIMITED SPACES **EARLY BIRD**
BOOK BEFORE 11TH OCT FOR 10% OFF ALL CAMPS

IPRO FOOTBALL

AUTUMN CAMPS



WEEK ONE

MAIDENHEAD
27th - 29th OCT
3 DAY CAMP
FURZE PLATT SCHOOL
8.30AM - 5.00PM

WEEK TWO

WINDSOR
2nd - 4th NOV
3 DAY CAMP
CLEWER GREEN SCHOOL
9.00 - 2.30PM
SAME PRICE AS STANDARD DAY

GOALKEEPER CAMP THURS 29TH OCT AT MAIDENHEAD ONLY

GREAT CAMP DAYS
NEWS! 08:30AM - 5:00PM

SCAN ME TO BOOK



CALL 07908 172175, VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR EMAIL
US AT OFFICE@PROFOOTBALLCOACHING.CO.UK

DESBOROUGH BOWLS CLUB: JUNIOR SECTION!

Calling all young bowlers aged 8 to 16!

Whether you are a total beginner or have played before, come and join our brand-new Saturday morning sessions. It is all about having fun and learning new skills.

CHOOSE YOUR CAMP:

WHEN & WHERE

START DATE: Saturday 19th September 2026

FREQUENCY: Every Saturday morning (unless advised)

TIME: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

LOCATION: 10 Green Lane, Maidenhead, SL6 1XZ

COST: **ADMISSION IS FREE!**

THE FUN SKILLS CAMP (YOUNGER BOWLERS)

- Relaxed and exciting introduction.
- Soft, colourful bowls used.
- Fun activities to build skills.

THE TRADITIONAL SKILLS CAMP (OLDER BOWLERS)

- Use standard bowls.
- Learn traditional techniques.
- Practice game strategies.

PERKS & EQUIPMENT

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED: Just turn up and play!

FREE REFRESHMENTS: Provided for all participants during a half-time break.

CLUB CAFE OPEN: Available throughout the session for parents and spectators.

FOOTWEAR RULE (TO PROTECT OUR PLAYING SURFACE)

ALL BOWLERS: Must remove outdoor shoes before participating.

OLDER BOWLERS: Flat-soled footwear may be permitted on the green.

GET IN TOUCH & SIGN UP!

PHONE: 01628 629403

EMAIL: admin@desboroughbcc.com

STAY UPDATED: Contact us to sign up for regular news and updates about the Junior Section!

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OPEN TO ALL ABILITIES!

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS

Two great Choirs to join!



Taplow Children's Choir

Children in years 3 - 6

Saturday 10 – 11am
(in term time)

Taplow Village Centre, SL6
0EX

Taplow Boys' Choir

Boys in years 5+

Saturday 10 – 11am
(in term time)

Taplow Village Centre,
SL6 0EX



Both Choirs led by Lizzie Cullen - Performances every term

Part of the Taplow Choirs organisation

www.taplowchoirs.org.uk



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@Taplow Choirs

See our website or contact Director, Gillian Dibden:

gillian.dibden@gmail.com 07799 413746



WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

President: Baroness Theresa May

Conductor **Joe Davies**

Leader **Susie Henwood**

Saturday 28 November 2026 7:30pm

Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead SL6 1BN

BRITTEN

Soirées Musicales

MAHLER

Des Knaben
Wunderhorn
(selection)



Mezzo Soprano
Indyana Schneider

WALTON

Symphony No 1

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