



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October:

10th: World Mental Health Day
12th: Y6 NCMP
12th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
13th: Y2 @ Reading Museum
13th & 15th: Reception Parents Evening
22nd: Spooks & Sparkles Disco
22nd: AGM & PTA Meeting @ 7.30pm (The Jolley Farmer)
23rd: Break Up

November:

2nd: Return to School
11th: Remembrance Service @ 10.45am
13th: Children In Need
14th: Pond Volunteering
16th: Anti-Bullying Week
16th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
16th: Y6 @ Science Museum
17th & 19th: Y1-Y6 Parents Evening
20th: Inset Day
23rd: Young Shakespeare Company Performance

December:

2nd: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm
10th: Christmas Jumper Day
11th: Parent Forum @ 2.30pm
15th: Carol Service @ 9.30am
18th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

OCTOBER

Sunday 4th:

* Maidenhead Boundary Walk

Tuesday 6th:

* Harvest Festival
* Y1 & Y2 Active 60 Festival

Wednesday 7th:

* Individual & Sibling Photos

Thursday 8th:

* Poetry Workshop

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Autumn is such a beautiful time of year, with the changing colours, crisp mornings and plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors and we have definitely had some chilly mornings but then by the afternoon, super warmth. As the weather becomes cooler and more changeable, please remember to **send your child to school with a suitable coat each day**. Even when the morning starts off bright, the weather can quickly change, and we want all our children to stay warm and comfortable throughout the school day. Please also remember to bring in wellies/outdoor shoes so that the children can play on the field whilst still keeping our classrooms clean.



UNIFORM

Please make sure all your child's uniform is named - even coats. If it is named, it will find its way back to you but unnamed it all ends up back in the second hand uniform shop. I have sorted 2 bags of unnamed uniform this week! If your child comes home with a piece of uniform that is not theirs, please do not rip off the label and adopt it but return it to the owner. Thank you.

TISSUES

It is getting into that season where there are more coughs and sneezes - if you are shopping this weekend, we would appreciate it if you could pick up a box of tissues to donate to the classes. Thank you.

GDPR

A gentle reminder to all families about the importance of **GDPR and protecting personal information**. We take the privacy and safety of our children, families and staff very seriously. Please remember not to share photographs, videos or personal information about other children or families on social media or in group chats without permission. By working together, we can help ensure that everyone's privacy is respected and that our school remains a safe and welcoming community for all. Please find our privacy notices on our [website](#).

HARVEST FESTIVAL

A reminder that our Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 6th October at 9.15am at St John the Baptist Church. All parents and carers are warmly welcome to attend. Please bring in donations for those less fortunate than ourselves, such as tinned goods, rice, pasta sauces and toiletries. These items will be taken to the church and collected by Foodshare Maidenhead. Thank you.

THE BIG FUTURE SURVEY

I am writing because there are now just three weeks left for pupils to take part in [my national survey](#), The Big Future. Every response matters. I want to make sure that when I speak to Government about what children and young people want for their futures, I am able to represent the voices of children across the whole country - including those at your school. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner for England



SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 4 COGGES FARM

This week, Year 4 went to Cogges Farm to learn about food and farming. We did so many activities, including spinning wool, weaving a basket, making vegetable crisps, making butter, feeding the sheep and goats and making sure the animals on the farm were living in the right conditions to be Farm Assured. We even milked a cow (not a real one), which was fun.

Miss Thompson, Year 4 Teacher

50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to the October 50:50 Club winners:

1st prize - Sarah McGowan

2nd prize - Nicola Studer

WINNERS

OPAL

We are excited to be getting our OPAL (outdoor play and learning) provision up and running again. We would really appreciate donations of any of the following items. If you have anything you no longer need, please bring it into the school office:

- Trunkies
- Old suitcases
- Old prams
- Tarpaulins
- Guttering
- Old washing baskets
- Spades
- Buckets
- Kitchen items (saucepans, frying pans, spatulas, baking trays etc)
- Small-world play items (toy animals, people, vehicles, buildings etc)



INDIVIDUAL & SIBLING PHOTOS

Wednesday 7th October will be school photo day. If you would like your child to have a photograph with their sibling from outside of our school, please arrive between 8-8.30am. Siblings who attend our school will have their photograph taken together during the school day. If it is your child's PE day, they will have their photograph taken in their PE kit.

NHS GUIDANCE

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

SCHOOL NEWS

PTA DISCO

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 - 6:30pm

FANCY DRESS ENCOURAGED, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK




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Walking together for a brighter day!

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

WALKING TOGETHER • FOR A HEALTHIER, HAPPIER SCHOOL DAY



The 6 Rs - CHAMPION OF THE WEEK!

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

Resilience, Responsibility, Readiness, Resourcefulness, Respect & Reflectiveness

Year 1
Adam

Year 2
Harriet & Jack

Year 3
Oscar

Year 4
Ernest & Grace

Year 5
Theo

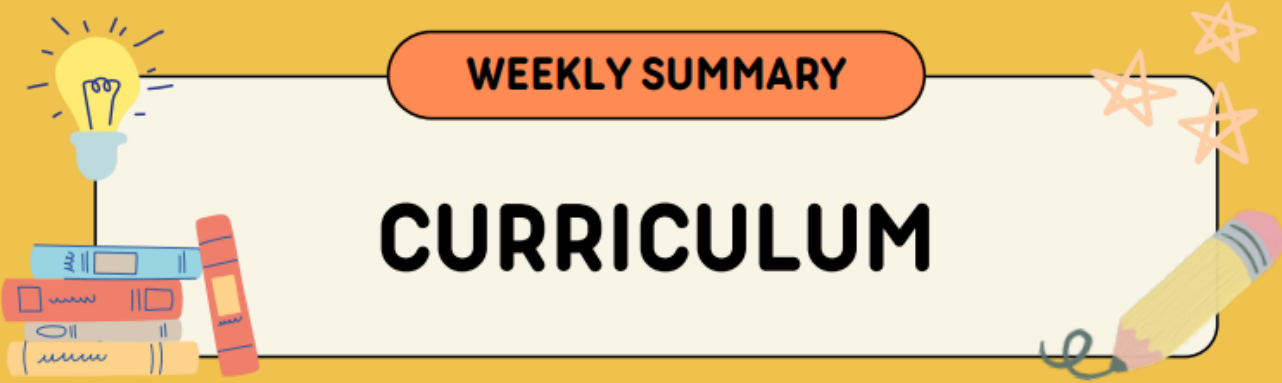
Year 6
Otis







CLEANEST CLASSROOM OF THE WEEK: YEAR 6

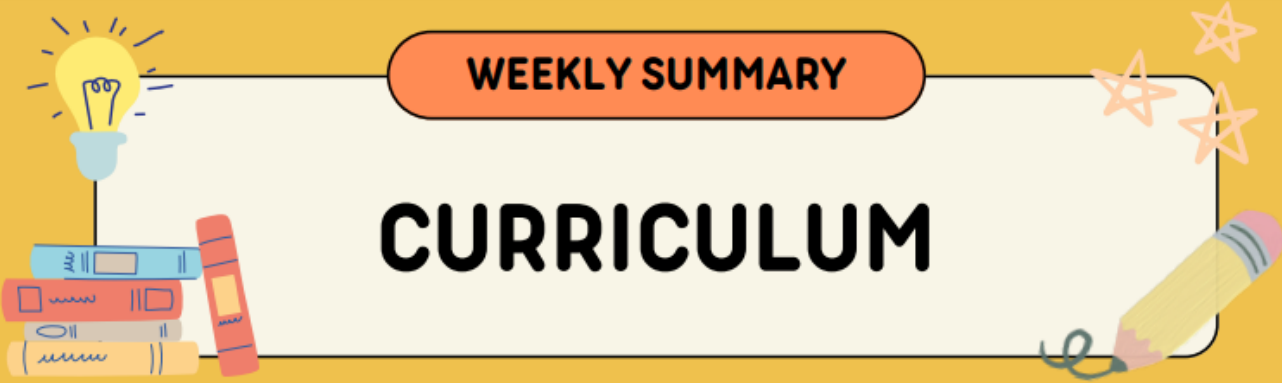


WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

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Reception	This week in Phonics Reception have learned four more phonemes and have practised hearing them in different blending games. They have also been busy practising writing these letters both in their morning work and their busy learning. In Literacy this week Reception listened to The Little Red Hen and then retold the story and described the hen. In Maths Reception have continued working on sorting into groups and also started to learn about comparing length and weight. In our Understanding the World Topic the children have been learning about Autumn and created brilliant Autumn tree observational drawings.
Year 1	Year 1 have had another lovely week full of learning and fun! In English, we have started our new book, Stanley's Stick, and have been exploring the story by sequencing the events in the correct order. In Maths, we have been practising finding one more and one less than numbers up to 10. In Science, we had lots of fun drawing and labelling the different parts of the human body. In Music, we have continued exploring pulse, using our bodies to move and show the steady beat of the music.
Year 2	In English we have began the week getting to know our new text, <i>Meerkat Mail</i> , and developing our understanding of the story by answering questions and writing setting descriptions of the desert, using interesting and descriptive vocabulary. In Maths, we have been learning to compare and order numbers up to 100 and counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s. In History, we travelled back in time to discover what school was like during the Victorian era and compared it with school today. The children brainstormed questions to ask a visitor and there was lots of fun and laughter when they interviewed 'Margaret Smith' who answered all of their questions!



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Year 3	Year 3 have had a super week. In English, we have been thinking what it would be like to be a Roman child living in Pompeii. We have also been making predictions as to what we think will happen in our new book 'Escape to Pompeii.' In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting 1s and 10s in numbers to 1000. In Geography, we have been researching different types of volcanoes and finding examples from around the world. In PSHE, we have been thinking about how different emotions can affect our bodies.
Year 4	This week we have been writing a short story in English and have been learning to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, in maths. In science we learnt about the journey our food takes through our bodies and how important eating a balanced diet is to keep our bodies healthy. The best part of the week was our school trip to Cogges Farm to learn about food and farming. We even made our own vegetable crisps!
Year 5	It has been a great week in Year 5. In maths, we have wrapped up our learning on addition and subtraction this term, focusing on using inverse operations and finding missing numbers. In English, the children have started to think about the character of Lucien Silver in preparation to write a biography on his life next week. In RE, we explored how Christian and Islamic belief differs on Jesus (Isa). Today, we had a brilliant art lesson with the children expressing their personalities through painting using colour and expressive brushstrokes.
Year 6	What a wonderful week of learning we have had in Year 6! The children have shown great enthusiasm and determination as they tackled new challenges across the curriculum. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of prime, square and cubed numbers, using our reasoning skills to spot patterns and solve problems with increasing confidence. Meanwhile, in Science, we explored the fascinating world of light by creating rainbows and investigating how light bends when it passes through different materials. The children loved seeing these scientific concepts in action through practical investigations. Alongside this, our English lessons have encouraged the children to reflect on the friendships they have built throughout their time at primary school. Inspired by our Final Year Book, they have written thoughtful and emotional poems about friendship, capturing special memories, shared experiences and the importance of supporting one another and what happens when those friendships go wrong. It has been a pleasure to read such heartfelt pieces of writing and to see the maturity and creativity shown by the children.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



PRO FOOTBALL ACADEMY

OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

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FUN FOOTBALL ALL HALF TERM!

FUN CHALLENGES & PRIZES!

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- ✓ Shooting, dribbling & passing sessions
- ✓ Fun challenges & prizes
- ✓ Qualified PFA coaching staff

OCTOBER HALF TERM DATES:

Monday 26th – Thursday 29th October

TIME: 9.30am – 12.45pm each day

LOCATION: Wooburn Park HP10 0PN

AGES: 5–15

SPECIAL OFFERS

£20 per child, per day

- ✓ 3-Day Special: £48
- ✓ 4-Day Special: £66

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8U COUNTY OPEN DAY

FOR PLAYERS BORN 2020, 2021 OR 2022

Sunday 18th October 2026 at Cox Green Leisure Centre, 12:00-13:15

Join 8U County Captain Rob Flynn and 10U Performance Lead Nigel Mann for an exciting session full of tennis fun, informal assessment, and valuable parent education.

This event is open to passionate players born in 2020, 2021, or 2022 who train regularly, want to increase their play, and are looking to progress to the next level.

Players must reside or be born in Berkshire and not currently be involved in the county set-up.

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TOUCH RUGBY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Youth players aged 5–17

Tuesday 27 to Wednesday 28 October

09:00–15:00

Maidenhead Rugby Club

£60 per player for 2 days

£35 for 1 day

10% discount for siblings

Skills development:
passing, catching, evasive running

Interpersonal skills:
communication, teamwork and creative problem-solving

Centenary

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OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER




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MARLOW SPORTS CLUB
SL7 2AE
SATURDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Marlow Sports Club (MSC) on Pound Lane are embarking on a large fundraising campaign to renovate the outdated clubhouse.

The opening fundraising event, **The Big Club Bash**, is being held on 14th November in a marquee accommodating 200 local guests at the Sports Club. Tickets include food and live music, which is provided by Beanz (from the Marlow Riders).

All are welcome to join for a fun evening. To buy tickets, please click [HERE](#).

For those that can't attend and would like to support the fundraising efforts, please bid on some of the wonderful list of items in the auction, most of which have been kindly donated by local businesses and individuals. <https://app.galabid.com/mscauction2026/items>

We hope this is a great start to this amazing fundraising project to benefit lots of the local community. Any questions, please email mscauction26@gmail.com