



Newsletter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

5th: PTA Non-Uniform Day
5th: Everybody Writes Day
8th: Healthy Schools Week
8th: Sports Day
9th: R & KS1 Drama Workshop
9th-12th: Y6 Bikeability
15th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
18th: PTA Summer Disco
19th: Inset Day
22nd: Y3 @ Ufton Court
27th: Summer Fete

July

1st: Musical Soiree @ 6pm
9th: Spanish Assembly
13th: SEN Parent Support Group @ 8.45am
14th: Leavers Vs Remainders Cricket Match
15th: Rocksteady Concert @ 1.30pm
17th: Y6 @ Legoland
21st: Leavers Church Service
22nd: Leavers Assembly
22nd: Leavers Farewell
22nd: Break Up @ 2.15pm

EVENTS NEXT WEEK

MAY

Sunday 17th:

* Y6 @ Rhosy

Monday 18th:

* Walk To School Week

Tuesday 19th:

* Reception @ Braywick Nature Reserve

Thursday 21st:

* Census Day

Friday 22nd:

* Mix Up Maths

* Break Up

Saturday 23rd:

* Y6 Return from Rhosy

SCHOOL NEWS

MRS REEKIE'S MESSAGE

Well done Year 6 who finished their 4 days of SATS papers yesterday (Statutory Assessment Tests). You approached every day with positivity and an amazing attitude. You have worked hard throughout your whole 7 years at Cookham Dean and you deserve every success. But remember these do not define you! You are much more than this - you are kind, helpful, respectful, a great friend, a great son or daughter, a great brother or sister. You care about nature and our world; you are going to be our future leaders, our teachers, our nurses and doctors, our engineers, our police, people who look after us and we are proud of every single one of you. Enjoy Rhosy next week - you deserve it!



KISS AND DROP

Please do not park in the spaces just past the staff car park entrance - this is the kiss and drop space where parents and carers can pull in to drop their children safely. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Don't forget the Walking Bus is running every day next week, not just on Wednesday. Meet at Cookham Dean Cricket Club for a prompt 8:05am departure. The route is around 1 mile uphill. Even if it's just for one day, come and give it a try! Sign up [HERE](#).

YEAR 5 ASHMOLEAN MUSEUM

On Tuesday 12th May 2026, Year 5 went to the museum in Oxford. Firstly, we got off the coach outside the Ashmolean Museum and walked through the back entrance to our lunch room. We put our belongings on the pegs and sat down at the tables where we were introduced to our tour guide. We walked into the main museum and sat down with our tour guide (Michaela) who talked to us about what we would be doing that day. We explored the Ancient Greek statues and learned a bit more about their jobs. Then, we identified some Greek artefacts and went back to the lunch room to have our lunch. In the afternoon, we explored the museum by ourselves and looked at all of the different Greek exhibits. We had to find certain objects in the museum with our groups to learn more about them. Then, we went to get our belongings and we got back on the coach to go back to school. We all really enjoyed the day.

By Finn & Annabelle, Year 5

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CRICKET FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 12th May, Year 3 and 4 took part in a cricket festival at Pinkneys Green cricket club. When we arrived we had to do a warm up and then we did several activities, such as bowling, batting and we played mini games. It was a great afternoon and we all had fun.

By Jyoti, Year 4

PTA SILENT AUCTION

We're busy organising the summer fete silent auction and would love your help to make it a success.

Do you run your own business or work for a generous company that might be willing to donate a prize? Or do you know someone who might be able to help? Could you offer a skill or experience?babysitting, decorating, baked goods, tutoring, dog walking, gardening help, sewing, or anything else you could offer - big or small ★ it all helps! Or if you are visiting attractions or restaurants yourself and want to ask on our behalf that would be very appreciated. In return we can promote the business in the school newsletter and on our socials. If you're able to help, please contact Marie (Y1/5 mum) via pta@cookhamdean.org

Marie Hepworth, PTA Secretary

THE SKIN LAB

BY AUDERE PURE

The Skin Lab

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■ To book your place: audrey@auderepure.com

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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.



Reception

Gabriel & Thomas



Year 1

Harriet

Year 2

Caiden

Year 3

Ophelia

Year 4

Orla

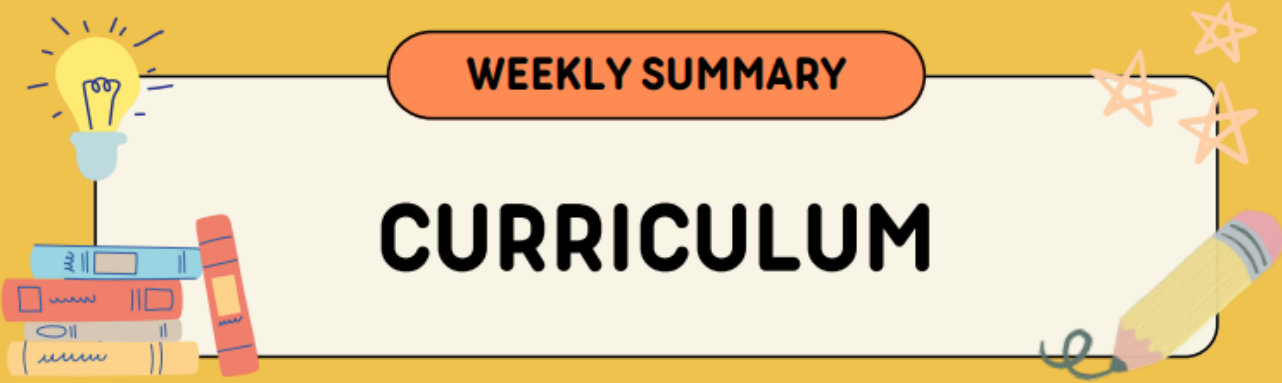
Year 5

Everyone

Year 6

Everyone for SATS!





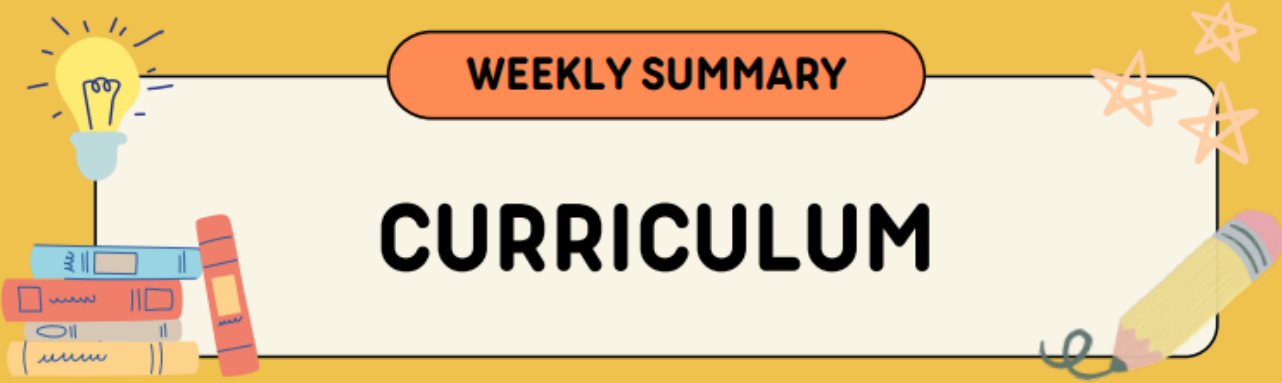
WEEKLY SUMMARY

CURRICULUM

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Reception	In Phonics the children have worked hard on reading and writing new tricky words and have been practising their digraphs by both reading words and sounding out and spelling words. In English the children continued with their work on 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and this week the children planted their own beans and wrote their own bean plant diaries. In Maths the children continued learning about 2D shapes focusing on shape properties as well as using positional language to explain where shapes are on a picture. The children also created their own pictures using shapes and experimented with creating different shapes by putting shapes together. In PSED we are currently learning all about wellbeing and this week the children focused on being a safe pedestrian. This included talking about road safety, being aware of other pedestrians or obstacles on the path and how to stay safe. They children went outside and practised crossing the road safely with an adult. Lastly, in Understanding the World the children learned about the parts of a plant, what plants need to grow and also did observational drawings of plants from our school playground.
Year 1	In English this week Year 1 have started looking at instructions and identifying their key features while putting them into chronological order. In Maths, we have finished learning about fractions and finding a quarter of an amount. In RE, we loved sharing a special Shabbat meal and learning about its importance. In Science, we enjoyed sorting objects based on whether they were magnetic or non-magnetic.
Year 2	This week in English, we have been taking on the role of the lighthouse keeper by thinking about his thoughts, wishes and fears and recording these as questions we would like to ask him. We have also been learning how to use adverbs to improve our sentences. In Maths, we have been learning the difference between unit and non-unit fractions and recognising that $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ of a shape or amount are equivalent. In Science, we discovered the different ways that seeds travel and how their design helps them to be dispersed.





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Year 4	This week we have been very busy learning about the different angles, triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons, especially drawing on our knowledge of parallel and perpendicular lines. In English, we have completed our non-chronological report about a newly discovered animal and in geography we have been plotting the longest rivers in the world on a map.
Year 5	It has been an exciting week in Year 5. In maths, we have started exploring percentages, looking at their connection to fractions and decimals. In English, we have enjoyed reading The Song from Somewhere Else, exploring AF Harrold's language. In art, the children created interactive art installations, focusing on space and scale. We also enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Ashmolean Museum on Tuesday. The children learnt lots about the Ancient Greeks, and handled some real artefacts. I hope everyone has a great weekend!
Year 6	What a fantastic week we have had in Year 6! Firstly, we are incredibly proud of all the children for the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown during SATs week. They approached every test with maturity and positivity, and Mrs Satterley thinks we absolutely smashed it! The children should all feel very proud of themselves for the effort they have put in throughout the year and especially this week. Each afternoon, we enjoyed switching gears and getting creative with our memory relief sculpture project. The children have shown great imagination and teamwork while designing and building their pieces. Thank you so much for all of the cardboard donations - they have been hugely appreciated and put to excellent use! In Science, our final project has been creating podcasts all about the circulatory system and digestive system. The children have worked hard to research, write scripts and present their learning in an engaging way. Please take a look at some of the podcast links attached and enjoy hearing all about their fantastic scientific knowledge.

LOCAL INFO / EVENTS / CLUBS



WOW!

SPRINGBUCKS GYMNASTICS CLUB

HOLIDAY CAMPS

27th May Hazlemere & 28th May Marlow

BOOK IN TODAY!

2026

www.springbucks.co.uk

May 2026

Tennis Camps

Bisham Abbey SL7 1RR

26th -29th May 9-3.30pm

come and join the fun
this May half Term!

scan the QR or email to book your place



group ages: 4-7, 8-11, 11+

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DID YOU LOVE BOWLS TODAY?

COME BACK FOR MORE FUN!



WHEN?
Saturday 6th of June – 10.00am to Midday

WHO CAN JOIN?
All kids welcome – beginners & future champions!

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- ✓ Learn cool new skills
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Fun games & challenges
- ✓ Lots of laughs!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST COME ALONG! ★

Bring your friends and try something new!
Parents or Guardians must be in attendance

★ DON'T FORGET! ★
SATURDAY = BOWLS DAY!
We can't wait to see you again! ♥

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The Croft Clinic

Coffee Morning — Event —

Making Sense of Neurodiversity

 Friday 5 June 2026 |  11:30am – 1:00pm

 Wellness Suite, The Odney Club
Odney Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 9SR

Guest Speaker: Masie Cass

Founder of Diversity Does
ADHD Speaker & Neurodiversity Consultant

Join us for a relaxed and welcoming morning of **coffee, connection, and conversation.**

This insightful session will explore ADHD and autism through a compassionate, real-life lens—helping you better understand experiences beyond labels and build greater clarity & confidence.

Open to individuals, families, and those in local schools, whether already part of our clinic community or joining us for the first time.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to admin@thecroftclinic.com, along with any dietary requirements.



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"I'd give this party 1000/10 and one of my favourite parts was painting and printing with broccoli! The neon paint was really cool!" – Mara, age 7