



A word from Mrs Daniels ...

We were one of the first schools, a few years ago, to be awarded the LA Inclusion Mark. We are now going to be the first school to go through the renewal of the award which takes place on Thursday. Two members of the Local Authority SEND team and another Headteacher will be spending the day with us looking at inclusion across the school, talking to children and staff, reading the survey results from families and meeting with me and Mrs O'Mahony. My thanks to Mrs O'Mahony for leading on this and the work she has done to prepare but most of all, the work she does day in and day out to ensure the effective inclusion of all pupils. We look forward to sharing our report from the day with you.

Finally, my very best wishes to Sam Carty and Lana Clements who are running the London Marathon on Sunday.

Sunset Club update:

The club got off to a great start last week. If you have any questions or wish to book a space please email extendedday@cookhamrise.org

Club timings are:

Monday—Thursday 3.15—6.00pm

Friday 3.15—4.30pm

If you are using the club please ensure you have completed the appropriate medical and allergy forms, if relevant to your child. These were emailed out at the end of last term. Thank you.

THIS WEEK

Monday 20th April

Tuesday 21st April

6.30pm online Year 6 parent meeting re SATs and PGL

Wednesday 22nd April

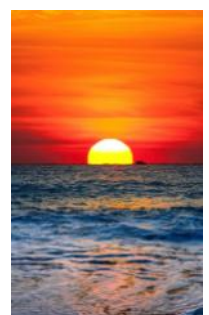
Thursday 23rd April

Inclusion Mark Award review day

Friday 24th April

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End of term 'Over and Above' Friday 17th April 2026

Reception	Becki Robertson	Jacob Thornhill	
Year 1	Fraser Heisse-Seabrook	Joey Thornton	
Year 2	Flossy Spiers	Parker Irwin	Taylor Ojambo
Year 3	Lily Turner	Reuben Martin	
Year 4	Mason Hunt	Rozzie Carroll	
Year 5	Kairi Stevens	Dylan Walker-McKevitt	
Year 6	Felix Noble	Juliette Fernandes	



The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...

The whole school for some fantastic clearing ready for possible tarmacking over the weekend!

Calendar for term 5

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
20	21 6.30pm Year 6 parent meeting re SATs and PGL	22	23 Inclusion Mark Review day	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Year 4 Cookham Festival	9	10
11 Year 6 SATs week	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 7pm GB meeting	19	20	21 RWI development day Year 3 Ufton Court	22	23	24

Cake sale—thank you

The cake sale raised £176, so £88 will go to the PTA and £88 for Battersea. Thank you and well done to our School Council, led by Ms Maher and thank you once again to everyone who contributed cakes.

Calendar for term 6

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 June	2	3	4 Year 4 Mathematical competition	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Summer Fair	14
15	16 Year 2 Mighty Maths competition	17	18 Open the Book assembly	19 Training day	20	21
22	23 OPAL development day	24	25	26 Sports Day	27	28
29 Year 6 at PGL all week	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 7pm GB meeting	7	8	9	10 Reports to parents Reserve sports day	11	12
13	14	15 Bags2School Pm Rocksteady concert for children	16 Leavers' production to parents pm and evening	17	18	19
20	21	22 9.00am Leavers' assembly School finish at 1.30pm				

OPAL news—our new sandpit

The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing in our new sandpit at lunchtime. I hope you haven't found too much sand coming home to you!



Cookham Festival—Year 4 will be performing



Our Children's Cantata



The Commons of Cookham

Don't miss our children from all four local Primary Schools perform in this fantastic cantata by Rob Castell.

Friday 8th May

Sir Bernard Miller Centre, Odney Club

Two performances: 1.30pm & 3pm



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Cookham Festival—events for children



WHAT'S ON FOR KIDS AT COOKHAM FESTIVAL? 1ST - 17TH MAY 2026



SEE THE FULL
PROGRAMME
AND BUY TICKETS



HISTORY IS FUN

Sunday 3rd May

Step into the exciting world of history and archaeology with a fun-filled two-hour workshop run by the Friends of Cookham Abbey - perfect for curious minds aged 8-16. With games, VR and hands-on activities to spark the imagination.



KIDS WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP WITH ZOE DUNCAN



Saturday 9th May

A workshop specifically designed to allow children to learn the building blocks of watercolour - using wet on wet and wet on dry techniques. Experimental, exciting and most importantly - great fun!

COOKHAM CHRONICLES: A MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

Tuesday 12th May

Step into the haunting world of Saxon Cookham Abbey in a spellbinding live performance by Friends of Cookham Abbey trustee David Gilbert and the Queen Chroniclers. A captivating experience for all ages - a story to delight the whole family!



BUGS & DINOSAURS WITH SIMON MOLE

Saturday 2nd May

An interactive session for children 4+ who love dinos and mini-beasts!



ARTCARD WIZARDRY FOR ALL AGES WITH KAREN GOLDSCHMIDT

Sunday 10th May

Be inspired! In just over one magical hour - start with card... add colour and creative wizardry... to produce an inspirational 3D work of art!



cookhamfestival.co.uk





Let's have fun at sportworks short breaks

Join fun activities
from Monday 20 April 2026

Two new clubs at
Maidenhead Community Centre

8 to 13 years old:

Mondays, 4pm to 6pm

14 to 17 years old:

Thursday, 4pm to 6pm

Providing fun, inclusive short breaks for
children and young people with
mild to moderate special educational needs
and disabilities

Please click the links to find out more:

[Monday](#) or [Thursday](#)

Ethan's Ocean Mission

Hi, my name is Ethan, and I'm 11 years old.

This April, I'm going to cycle 200 miles with my dad to raise money for two charities that I really care about:

Coral Gardeners

The Ocean Cleanup

I really love the ocean and sea animals, and I think it's important that we protect them.

My Challenge

Over April, I'll be cycling 200 miles.

Some days might be hard, especially if it's raining or I feel tired, but I really want to finish it and raise as much money as I can.

Why I Chose These Charities

Coral Gardeners help grow and protect coral reefs.

Coral reefs are like homes for lots of sea animals. Without them, many fish wouldn't have anywhere to live. They grow new coral and plant it back into the ocean to help reefs come back.

The Ocean Cleanup helps remove plastic from the ocean.

There is a lot of plastic in the sea, and it can hurt animals like turtles and fish. They build big systems to collect plastic before it causes more damage.

Something That Really Inspires Me

I also think it's really cool how these charities started.

Coral Gardeners was started by young people, including Titouan Bernicot, who saw the coral reefs near their home getting damaged and decided to do something about it.

The Ocean Cleanup was started by Boyan Slat, who came up with the idea when he was still a teenager.

They both started with just an idea and believed in it, and now they are helping the whole planet.

It makes me feel like even kids and young adults can make a difference too!

Why I'm Doing This

I want to help protect the ocean and the animals that live in it for Earth Day.

Even though I'm just one person, I think if lots of people do small things, it can make a big difference.

How You Can Help

If you can, please donate to support my challenge.

Any amount will help these charities continue their amazing work.

Thank you so much for supporting me

All money raised will be split 50/50 between both charities.



[Fundraiser by Gráinne Courtis : Ethan's Ocean Mission](#)

Letter from the Deputy Director for Education re OFSTED and the renewed framework



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April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to provide important information about recent changes to the inspection framework used by Ofsted and what this means for our schools.

As you may be aware, Ofsted has introduced a renewed framework and inspection approach. These changes reflect a national ambition to raise standards even further across all schools. While our schools have continued to work hard to deliver high-quality education, it is important to understand that the expectations against which schools are evaluated are now more rigorous than in previous years. The 'expected' standard is a high bar.

In practical terms, this higher bar can be seen in several key areas, including:

- The quality and coherence of the curriculum
- How well pupils retain and apply their learning over time
- Support for pupils with additional needs
- Personal development, behaviour and attendance
- Leadership and governance accountability

Inspectors are placing greater emphasis not only on outcomes, but on how effectively schools design and deliver their curriculum, how consistently expectations are applied, and how leaders ensure continuous improvement.

We welcome these changes. High expectations drive improvement, and we are committed to ensuring that every child receives the very best education and opportunities to succeed. Our staff continue to work diligently to strengthen teaching, refine curriculum planning, and provide strong pastoral support for all pupils.

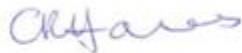
You may notice an increased focus on attendance, reading, homework routines, and communication between home and school. Your continued support in these areas makes a significant difference. Ensuring your child attends school regularly, completes

home learning, and engages positively with school life remains one of the most powerful ways you can support their success.

While the inspection framework has become more demanding, our commitment in RBWM remains the same: to provide a safe, ambitious, and nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school community. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school directly.

Yours sincerely,



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Well done to Alfie O'Callaghan and Alexa Roberts who both recently passed piano exams (Grade 3 and Grade 1). A fantastic achievement!

We want ALL of our children to shine!

