



A word from Mrs Daniels

The PTA met last week and talked about the range of activities they are currently planning. It will be very exciting for the children to see a huge circus tent on their school field on the 19th October! Please come along and support if you can—see page 6 for more details and to book tickets.

There is so much in school that couldn't happen without the money raised by the PTA. We are currently looking at making a plan for installing air conditioning across the school over the next few years as well as, in the shorter term, welly storage and canopies.

The PTA are also funding some sport kits as well as a new computer/sound system in the hall.

My thanks to them for all that they are doing and to Ms Maher who is going to be the teacher representative on the PTA this year.

**Roll up roll up—early bird
circus tickets finish tomorrow
so get yours now!**

THIS WEEK

Monday 29th Sep

Tuesday 30th Sep

Year 4 swimming

Wednesday 1st Oct

Thursday 2nd Oct

RWI school development day

Friday 3rd Oct

9.30am show around for
prospective parents

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Over and Above Awards —Friday 26th September

Reception	Imogen Ingram	Noah Stevens
Year 1	Ava Woodward	Leo Poulakis
Year 2	Ilana Hannan Bampini	Josh Clayton
Year 3	Rudy Pateman	Ayaan Anjum
Year 4	Harrison Hillard	Nicolas Nowacki
Year 5	Jasper Strudwick	Sophie Peycke
Year 6	Issy Keegan	Dexter Irwin

Calendar for term 1



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6	7	8 6.30pm Meeting for Reception parents—behavior and safeguarding	9 Year 3 trip—am	10	11	12
13 9.30am Governor finance meeting	14	15	16	17 9.00 Cabin coffee morning—Five to Thrive	18	19 Circus
20	21 Three workshops for Years 2-6	22	23	24 Staff training day	25	26

Calendar for term 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
3 Nov	4	5	6 Individual photos	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Well being Champion training	20	21 Reports to parents	22	23
24 KS2 poetry work- shop	25 Parent consultations	26 Wayne Dixon—Year 6 'Christmas unwrapped'	27 Parent consultations	28	29	30
1 Dec Year 6 National archives online	2	3 Years 5 and 6 'Matilda'	4	5 3pm Christmas Fair	6	7
8	9 Reception nativity dress rehearsal to the school 2pm Reception nativity for families	10 KS1 dress rehearsal to the school 2pm Rocksteady concert	11 2pm and 6pm KS1 show for families	12	13	14
15 Years 1 and 2 Kenton theatre	16	17 Christmas lunch	18 Reception to Norden Farm 2.45pm KS2 carol concert	19 Last day of term finish at 1.30pm	20	21

A change to when we have parent consultations this term ...

This term we have changed the timings of some of the things we do in order to make the most of the time we have with parents.

In the past we have had parent consultation meetings before half term and focused on how children have settled and any questions parents want to raise. We then sent out a report to children in Years 1—6 in December but there was no opportunity to discuss this.

This year we are trying something different:

Face to face class meetings (with the exception of Year 6) in September so you have had the opportunity to meet teachers

An earlier school assessment cycle so that reports for years 1—6 are ready to be sent out on 21st November with the opportunity to discuss them at parent consultations on the 25th and 27th November. The reports will be the same format in November as you have in March with tick boxes for some key areas along with information about whether children are on track to reach age related expectations (ARE) by the end of the school year.

The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...



Last week the boot was won by a group of Year 5 boys for their fantastic turnaround with regards to tidying up,. It was collected in assembly by Charlie Fardon on their behalf.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO COOKHAM RISE SCHOOL

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SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER
GATES OPEN 12PM - BIG TOP SHOW 2-5PM
BBQ, BAR & CIRCUS THEMED GAMES FROM 12PM

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£30 FAMILY OF 3

£40 FAMILY OF 4

£50 FAMILY OF 5

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**Special lunch on Thursday 2nd October
to celebrate the circus coming to Cookham
Rise!**

A vibrant, cartoon-style illustration of a circus scene at night. In the background, there are three red and white striped tents on a green field. The sky is dark blue with yellow stars and colorful confetti. A string of colorful triangular bunting hangs across the middle. To the right, a Ferris wheel is visible. In the foreground, there are various food items: a large burger with a red and white striped bun, a hotdog, a bowl of popcorn, a bucket of fries, and a round of candy floss. The text is centered in a playful, rounded font.

Big Top Burger
(Beef or Veggie)

or

**Roll Up! Roll Up!
Hotdog**
(Classic or Veggie)

Fun Fair Dirty Fries

**Popcorn
Toffee Apples
Candy Floss**

 **edwards and ward**
a recipe for success

Cabin Coffee Morning
Friday 17th October @ 9.00am
'Five to Thrive'



Please join us over coffee in our cabin on Friday 17th October at 9am where we will have Natalie Evans, joining us to learn about 'Five to Thrive.' Come and learn more about how to help your child develop resilience.

The Five to thrive model is a way of understanding how connected relationships are fundamental to human wellbeing and help us to build resilient communities. More than 90% of what we know about the brain has been discovered in the last 20 years or so – research in neuroscience is transforming how we think about wellbeing and resilience. One of the key findings is that people need people. We will explore the five to thrive building blocks and describe a sequence of relational activities that build healthy brains in young children and maintain healthy brain function throughout their life.

More information can be found here
<https://fivetothrive.org.uk/>

Mrs O'Mahony

GEMS workshop

GEMS is an organisation who provide a range of workshops and support for families. The next workshop they are running is 'Understanding Emotional Regulation' on Tuesday 7th October, 7-9pm (online). The workshop will cover:-

- Understanding emotional regulation
- Factors affecting regulation
- The window of tolerance
- The neuroscience of emotional regulation
- Fight/flight/freeze/flop/flood/fawn responses
- Strategies to return to and stay in the window of tolerance

These workshops have been really helpful to our parents in the past who may have been experiencing difficulties with their children but also from parents who want to feel informed and develop their parenting knowledge. You can sign up through the following link...

<https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

Maidenhead Big Read

Maidenhead's Big Read



presents a Bookmark Drawing Art Competition

Theme: "Get Moving!" — Active Adventures in Books

About the Theme

Books don't just take us on mental journeys – they inspire us to move! This year's theme is "Get Moving!". We invite you to design a bookmark that captures the energy of being active, to explore how stories encourage physical activity, sports, and energetic adventures.

Think of:

- Characters running through magical forests 🌲
- Athletes chasing dreams on the field ⚽
- Explorers hiking mountains or sailing seas 🏔️
- Book heroes who inspire you to get up and move 🦸



How to Participate

- Who: Open to all students upto 14 years of age
- What: Create a drawing (hand-drawn or digital)
- Format: PDF or JPEG or PNG
- Deadline: 24th October 2025
- Submit to: hello@maidenheads-big-read-org.uk



Prizes & Recognition

- Winning entries will be printed on a bookmark during MBR2026
- Top artists will receive exciting prizes
- Selected entries will also be showcased at Maidenhead Library, MBR website & MBR social media
- Judging will be undertaken by local Children's Author & Poet Simon Mole

Why Join?

- Celebrate the power of books to inspire action
- Share your creativity with the community
- Be part of a fun and imaginative festival to celebrate love of reading



Let Your Art Move the Story Forward!

Whether it's a wizard sprinting through a spellbound maze or a soccer star from your favorite novel scoring the winning goal – show us how books get us moving!

WINDSOR
GREAT PARK

ILLUMINATED
14 November '25 – 3 January '26

A Magical Family Adventure at Windsor Great Park Illuminated!

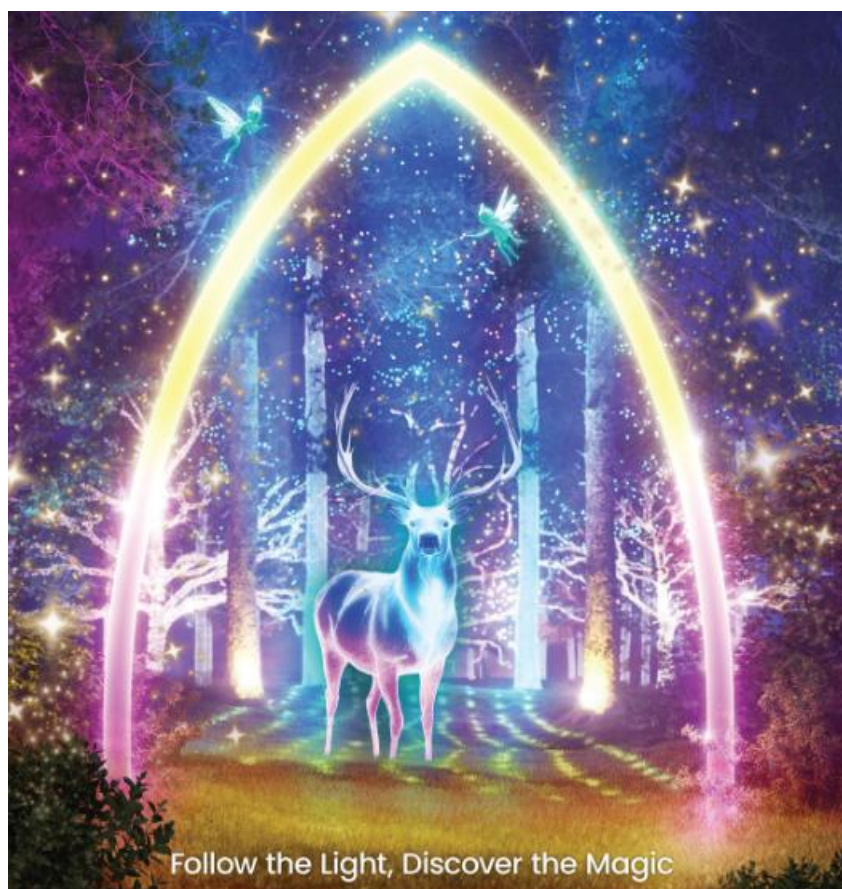
From **14 November 2025 – 3 January 2026**, Windsor Great Park will sparkle with a brand-new illuminated trail, filled with dazzling new displays and returning favourites like the iconic Field of Light and Fairies.

It's the perfect festive outing for families and friends – wander through glowing woodland, watch colourful fountains dance, and stop to toast marshmallows or enjoy hot chocolate under the stars. Best of all, the trail is **dog-friendly every evening**, so even four-legged family members can join in the fun.

New this year is a **Low Sensory Session** on **Tuesday 25 November**, offering a calmer way to enjoy the magic.

Tickets sell quickly, so book early to make magical memories your family will treasure.

www.windsorilluminated.com



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Congratulations to Mrs Floyd-Burke who achieved a distinction last week in her Teaching Assistant Apprenticeship qualification. This is the result of months of hard work and we are very proud of her!

**We want ALL of our
children to shine!**

