



A word from Mrs Daniels ...

Hard to believe that the end of the school year is nearly upon us! It was lovely to meet our new Reception children last Wednesday and to see all of our children so happy in their new classes when they met their new teacher. Great also to hear from Year 6 that they enjoyed their taster days at their various secondary schools. Mr Young also enjoyed his taster day here!

I am very grateful to you all for your flexibility with regards to our condensed sports day and am glad we managed to fit something in for KS2 but sorry that did not happen for Rec and KS1.

I have seen our draft OFSTED report and am hoping that they will send the final version for publication this week, which I look forward to then sharing with you. If it does arrive this week there will be a 9.00am coffee and biscuits in the cabin for us to celebrate and for me to answer any questions on Friday morning.

Sunset Club Reminders

- ♦ There is an end of term session available on the last day of term from 1.30—4.00pm
- ♦ Please submit your booking requirements for next term to the extended-day@cookhamrise.org address by Friday

THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Monday 13th July

Years 2 and 5 to Hayling Island

Tuesday 14th July

Wednesday 15th July

Happy Bags
pm Rocksteady concert

Thursday 16th July

Leavers' production to parents pm
and evening

Book swap day

Friday 17th July

Year 6 mock trial day
Year 6 reports to parents
Year 4 at Cookham Dig
9.00am coffee in the cabin TBC

Monday 20th July

Tuesday 21st July

Final whole school assembly
Year 6 obstacle race

Wednesday 22nd July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.00am
School finishes at 1.30pm
Sunset Club until 4.00pm

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‘Over and Aboves’ Friday 10th July

Reception	Harrison Whitney	Maisie Robertson	
Year 1	Phoebe Bray	Sam Green	
Year 2	Imogen Rees	Fred Wilson	
Year 3	Oliver Peycke	Liya Lachhar	
Year 4	Isla Hayes	Harrison Hillard	Sylvie Van Haarst
Year 5	Alyssia Holland	Henry Moore	
Year 6	Georgie Poulter	Edward Hughes	



Calendar for term 1—so far!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
31	1 Training day	2 Start of new term	3	4 Years 5 and 6 Houses of Parliament 11.30am picnic in the park for new parents in Rec	5	6
7 Class meetings this week and next (times and dates to follow)	8 Year 4 weekly swimming starts	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 6.30pm Rec even- ing for parents - Behaviour, OPAL and safeguarding	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 PTA evening parent event TBC	26	27
28	29	30	1 RWI school development day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Simon Mole KS2 pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Three workshops in school	21	22 6.30pm Meeting for Rec parents— reading, writing and maths	23	24	25

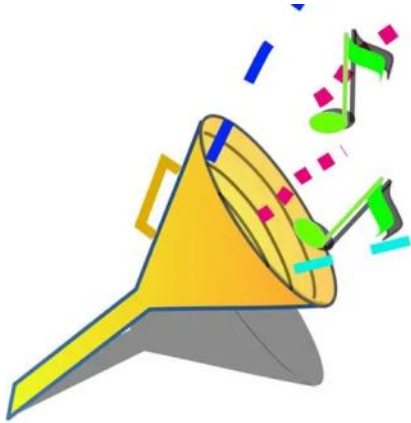
OPAL Gardening



Thank you to Mrs Allcock and our fantastic team of gardeners who have worked so hard in our school garden.

If you would be available to help with watering over the summer please could you let the school office know and we will put a rota together to help keep all our plants alive! Thank you.

Lovely writing—Year 3



SOUND PRINTS

Our school is full of songs,
The classrooms wine in gentle whispers,
The corridor echoes in chatting children,
The hall shrieks in talking people,
The playground sings in bouncing balls,
The library whispers in quiet footsteps,
The office rings of humming doorbells,
We thank you for such beautiful sounds.

By Flynn Curtis

Sound Prints

Our school is full of song,
With classrooms full of excitement and laughter,
The shushing of teachers doing their job,
The hall full of vibration in the drumming ROCK STEADY
The playground full of footsteps and song,
The buzzing of bees in the garden community,
The mumbles of children chattering in class,
The tapping of cutlery on the picnic benches,
The slurping of water trying to escape from bottles,
The sound of counting from teachers outside 1 to 30
Our school is full of magical songs,
Thank you for this fantastic music

By Willow Barratt.

School Uniform—School Days Direct



SCHOOL DAYS DIRECT
The Uniform Specialist

July 2026



COOKHAM RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM LIST

COMPULSORY ITEMS

MAIN UNIFORM	P.E. KIT
 Courtelle Classic Bottle Green V-Neck Jumper Or Courtelle Classic Bottle Green Cardigan <i>Embroidered with School Badge</i> (Compulsory) 	White T-Shirt <i>Embroidered with School Badge</i> (Compulsory) 
Plain White Polo Shirt <i>(Compulsory but can be purchased from anywhere)</i>	Bottle Green P.E. Shorts, Skort or Jogging Bottoms <i>(Compulsory but can be purchased from anywhere)</i>
Grey Skirt, Pinafore or Trousers <u>For Summer:</u> - Grey School Shorts, Grey Skirt or Green Gingham Summer Dress <i>(Compulsory but can be purchased from anywhere)</i>	Black Plimsolls <i>(Compulsory but can be purchased from anywhere)</i>
 BB03 Bottle Book Bag <i>Embroidered with School Badge</i> (Compulsory for Reception and KS1)	
White or Grey Socks Green or Grey Tights <i>(Compulsory but can be purchased from anywhere)</i>	
Black Shoes (not trainers/no sandals) <i>(Compulsory but can be purchased from anywhere)</i>	

Happy Bags



HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

A new season is the perfect time for a wardrobe clear out. Happy School Bag recycle unwanted clothes then donate to our school.

Wednesday 15 July from 8.30am



We accept



Adult and children's clothing



Paired shoes



Fashion accessories



Handbags



Belts



Hats and scarves



Jewellery



Perfumes



We don't accept



Dirty, damaged or wet clothes



Uniforms



Underclothing



Toys, books or DVDs



Duvets, pillows, linen



Carpets, blankets, curtains



Bric-a-brac



KS2 Sports Day





PIC•COLLAGE

Music Event last Thursday



A big well done to all the children who sang or played instruments at the music event last Thursday morning. It was fantastic to see all the musical talent on display!

My thanks to Mrs Rogers for organising the event.



Book Swap—Thursday 16th July



Book Swap

Date: Thursday, 16th July
Location: Cookham Rise Cabin

Event Details

Join In with the Cookham Rise Book Swap! This event is a wonderful opportunity for children to bring in their unwanted books and swap them with others. It's a chance to discover new stories just in time for the summer holidays.

What to Bring

- **An Unwanted Children's Book:** Please ensure that the book is in good condition.



New Menu Autumn 2026

DID YOU KNOW?

We're proud to share that our new menu has been awarded the Silver School Plates Award by ProVeg UK.

At Edwards & Ward, we believe great school food should taste good and do good too. That's why our delicious plant-rich dishes now take pride of place on our menus – bringing great flavour, variety, and choices that are better for the planet.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

All pupils between reception and year 2 are entitled to a free nutritious school lunch.

Everyone automatically gets Universal Infant FREE school meals and can benefit by over £480 per child per year. If your child is in year 3 or above, find out if they could still qualify for a free school meal by contacting the school office.

SPECIAL DIETS

If your child requires a special diet for medical reasons, please check out our website www.edwardsandward.co.uk for a full list of FAQs and to complete our online form.

MENU

Autumn/Winter 2026-27

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a recipe for success

	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Fajita Pizza with Purple Slaw (V) or Fiesta Beany Burrito with Rice (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Banoffee Mousse (V)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) or Rainbow Vegetable Chow Mein (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Swirl (Ve)	Superhero Pizza with Paprika & Garlic Potatoes (V) or Sunshine Sweet Potato Curry with Rice (Ve) Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Cinnamon Apple Whirl (Ve)
TUESDAY	Creamy Cauli & Chickpea Curry with Rice (Ve) or Penne with Beef Bolognese Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Vanilla Shortbread (Ve)	Garden Sausage with Mash & Gravy (Ve) or Creamy Herby Chicken Pasta Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Pinwheel Biscuits (Ve)	Penne with Garden Bolognese (Ve) or Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Chocolate Snap (Ve)
WEDNESDAY	Twisted Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy (V) or Classic Toad in the Hole with Roasties & Gravy Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Apple Flapjack (Ve)	Sage & Onion Whirl with Roasties & Gravy (Ve) or Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roasties & Gravy Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Flapjack (Ve)	Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties (V) or Beef Mince Loaded Yorkshire with Roasties Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Soft Baked Cookies (V)
THURSDAY	Mighty Hero Mac & Cheese (V) or BBQ Chicken Melt with Sunshine Rice Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Rich Pear & Chocolate Sponge (V)	BBQ Mac & Cheese (V) or Texas Beef Chilli Burrito with Crunchy Slaw Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Golden Apple Cake (V)	Classic Mac & Cheese (V) or Golden Chicken Curry with Lemon Rice Homemade Hero Pasta (Ve) Veg of the Day Topsy-Turvy Pineapple Cake (V)
FRIDAY	Cheesy Bean Whirl with Chips (V) or Crispy Battered Fish with Chips Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Crispy Quorn Nuggets with Chips (Ve) or Chicken Nuggets with Chips Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)	Crispy Garden Fingers with Chips (Ve) or Fish Fingers with Chips Jacket Potato with a Choice of Filling (V/Ve Options) Veg of the Day Fruity Jelly (Ve)
	31/8/26, 21/9/26, 12/10/26, 2/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 4/1/27, 25/1/27	7/9/26, 28/9/26, 19/10/26, 9/11/26, 30/11/26, 21/12/26, 11/1/27, 1/2/27	14/9/26, 5/10/26, 26/10/26, 16/11/26, 7/12/26, 28/12/26, 18/1/27, 8/2/27
	Freshly baked bread (Ve), salad, fresh fruit, jelly (Ve), yoghurts (V) and drinking water are also all available daily.		

V - Vegetarian Ve - Vegan - More Sustainable

National Read Aloud challenge 2026

**National
Read-Aloud
Challenge 2026**

Powered by **Fonetti**

Enrol Now



Dear Families,

We have some exciting news! Our school is proud to be taking part in the National Read-Aloud Challenge 2026, powered by Fonetti.



Throughout the challenge, children engage in independent reading using Fonetti, the reading platform. The goal is to enhance reading skills during the summer break, aiming to prevent the typical 'summer slump' while fostering a genuine passion for reading.

During the challenge period, you will receive weekly updates on the children's reading progress. They will earn certificates for reaching the various milestones and have the opportunity to compete on national leaderboards alongside children both locally and nationally.

All you need to do is set up profiles using our school's custom URL or by scanning the QR code above and your child(ren) will be ready to take part in this exciting challenge as soon as it opens on the 1st July.

During the challenge, our pupils will join the school team aiming to read as many books as possible. This could win our school a FREE trip to London for an awards ceremony hosted by Fonetti's brand ambassador Clare Balding CBE. Two teachers and the top two pupils will attend. We look forward to your child(ren) enjoying great books; watch your emails for updates on their progress.

Happy reading!

[Find out more here](#)

What is fonetti?

Fonetti is an award-winning, speech recognition reading platform that helps children improve their fluency and confidence - without adult supervision! It's free for the two months of summer and is the perfect way to help keep their reading skills sharp - in fact, 88% of kids who use the app regularly have seen a significant improvement in their reading.

Plus, it's entertaining - when children read the words aloud correctly, the advanced speech recognition turns them green. If they skip or misread a word, it turns subtly grey and they can simply double tap a word for an audible clue. Get your kids practising this summer with Fonetti: The Read-Aloud App!

"Reading is fuel for our imaginations and reading aloud is all about confidence... So let's get reading!"

Clare Balding CBE, National Read-Aloud Challenge & Fonetti Brand Ambassador



National Read Aloud Challenge

MAIDENHEAD HOCKEY CLUB

NEW PLAYERS WANTED!

**COME AND TRY HOCKEY AT MHC BEFORE THE
SEASON STARTS IN SEPTEMBER!**

- COME AND JOIN OUR TASTER HOCKEY SESSIONS
19th JULY 10am to 11.30am AND 5th SEPT 9am to 10.30am
SUITED FOR U8'S TO U12'S.
- TRAINING/MATCHES IN SEASON SUNDAY WITH
OPTIONAL TRAINING MONDAY NIGHT
- GREAT SPORT FOR FITNESS AND TEAM WORK
- FUN SESSIONS NURTURING SKILLS DEVELOPEMENT
AND TACTICAL AWARENESS

**FROM NOVICE TO COUNTY LEVEL, GOAL
KEEPER TO STRIKER, ALL WELCOME TO
COME AND HAVE A GO!**

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Summer Savings



We are the department for opportunity

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the Great British Summer Savings scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the Great British Summer Savings scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an attraction finder website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP

Secretary of State for Education

RT HON RACHEL REEVES MP

Chancellor of the Exchequer

PTA Position



COULD YOU BE OUR NEXT PTA TREASURER?

The Cookham Rise Primary School PTA is seeking a volunteer Treasurer to join our friendly team and help support the amazing fundraising activities that benefit our children and school community.

What does the Treasurer do?

- Maintain oversight of PTA finances and provide regular financial updates.
- Manage income and payments relating to PTA activities and events.
- Support fundraising initiatives and event organisers.
- Prepare annual financial reports and ensure regulatory requirements are met.
- Help maximise the impact of funds raised for the school.

No previous PTA experience is required. If you are organised, comfortable working with numbers, and would like to make a positive contribution to our school community, we would love to hear from you.

Why volunteer?

- Make a real difference to the school and its pupils.
- Meet other parents and become more involved in school life.
- Use and develop valuable financial and organisational skills.
- Be part of a supportive and enthusiastic team.

Interested in finding out more?

For an informal chat or more information, please contact:

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*'It's not easy to be like others,
just be you and learn from
them.'*

Josh Clayton (Nearly Year 3)

Year 2 wrote quotes with Mrs Strawson on their
Year 3 taster day.



Ilana is having her hair
cut to donate to The
Little Princess Trust. A
lovely thing to do—
well done Ilana!

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

