

School News

Issue 1

7th September 2026



A word from Mrs Daniels ...

It has been a lovely start back to the new school year, thank you again for your support in ensuring the children are ready for learning and wearing correct school uniform.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Young to our staff team, he has already settled in brilliantly!

A big welcome too to our new Reception children and their families. We are very proud of the way in which they have settled and thank you for choosing Cookham Rise.

Hopefully you have had the opportunity to read our OFSTED report. I am really pleased with what has been written and there is a coffee morning on Friday to discuss it in more detail and answer any questions you may have. This will go live on the OFSTED website at some point this week at which point it is available for public viewing.

Extended day

Please respond to the brief survey linked below regarding Sunrise Club.

We are currently recruiting for Sunset Club as we have growing numbers. We have also had to say goodbye to Tiffany which we are sad about but delighted for her as she is off to university!

[Survey regarding Sunrise Club - Fill in form](#)

THIS WEEK

Monday 7th September

Class meetings this week and next (times and dates on page 11)

Reception start full days

Tuesday 8th September

Year 4 weekly swimming starts
Hustings for Head Girl and Boy

Wednesday 9th September

Thursday 10th September

Friday 11th September

9.00am coffee morning for parents re OFSTED report

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‘A great start back!’ Friday 4th September

Reception	The whole class	<i>For settling in so well to new routines</i>
Year 1	Mason	April
Year 2	Mace	Eva
Year 3	Catherine	Sienna
Year 4	Freddie F	Callum
Year 5	The whole class	<i>For a great first trip of the year</i>
Year 6	The whole class	<i>For a great first trip of the year</i>



Calendar for term 1—so far!

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
7 Class meetings this week and next (times and dates on page 11) Reception start full days	8 Year 4 weekly swimming starts	9	10	11 9.00am coffee morning for parents re OFSTED report	12	13
14	15	16	17 6.30pm Reception evening for parents - Behaviour, OPAL and safeguarding	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 PTA evening parent event—Bingo	26	27
28 7pm Governing Body meeting	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

A huge thank you to everyone who came into school over the holidays to water the garden. Our plants would not have survived without you!



**Thank
you!**



Our produce



This is a photo of our harvest last week! The children were absolutely delighted that the plants had thrived the drought. They had great fun digging and looking for potatoes and were surprised they found so many! Catherine, our cook, cooked them for lunch last week.

Huge thanks to Mrs Allcock for all the work she has done with the children on this.

If anyone has gardening tools they no longer need we would love to have them please?
(items suitable for children such as spades, forks, etc)

OFSTED—coffee morning @ 9.00am on Friday

Hopefully you will have had the opportunity to read our OFSTED report which was published last week.

It has now been linked on our website and I have copied the covering letter from me and Mrs O'Mahony below.

I have put a coffee morning in the diary for 9.00am on Friday in order for us to celebrate and answer questions about the report. Please join us if you can.

Dear families,

Please find attached our OFSTED report.



We are incredibly proud of the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. Ofsted has consistently reminded schools that, under its new inspection arrangements, "Expected is a high bar", and we are therefore delighted to have achieved this standard across every area of the framework, with several areas recognised as Strong. Importantly, the framework is not based on a "best fit" judgement; every criterion must be met for a school to achieve a particular standard. While we would, of course, have loved to see every area judged Strong, a single point relating to the attainment of a small group of pupils in writing meant that the Achievement and Leadership and Governance sections did not reach that threshold. We take great encouragement from the fact that this was the only bullet point preventing a higher judgement in those sections.

There is a huge amount to celebrate, and we will continue to work hard to ensure that all the positive things we do are maintained. Any development points raised in the report have already been actioned in our School Development Plan for this year. If you would like to join us both to find out more about the inspection and for us to answer any questions you may have then please join us on Friday 11th September at 9.00am for a coffee in the cabin. If you cannot make this time then please do feel free to phone either of us so that we can answer any questions you may have.

Finally, thank you! We all appreciated the support you showed us during the inspection, especially during such hot weather.

Kind regards

Mrs Daniels and Mrs O'Mahony

Bingo Night—Friday 25th September

Cookham Rise Bingo Bangers Night

COOKHAM RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA
PRESENTS

MUSICAL BINGO Night

— PRESENTED BY —
CHANEL

**FRIDAY
25TH
SEPTEMBER
2026**

**DOORS OPEN
7:30PM
EYES DOWN
8:00PM**

£15

INCLUDES:

- ✓ 4 ROUNDS OF BINGO
- ✓ DABBERS
- ✓ NIBBLES
- ✓ FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

**PURCHASE
YOUR TICKETS
TODAY!**

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/cookham-rise-bingo-bangers-night>

A FUN FILLED NIGHT OF MUSIC, BINGO AND GOOD VIBES!
BRING YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR LUCKY DABBER AND GET READY TO SING, DAB & WIN!

Some reminders ...

The children looked really smart on their return to school last week—thank you.

I absolutely understand that there are uniform items you want your children to wear until they no longer fit but as you replace items please could all children have a school cardigan or jumper with the fleece being an added extra if needed.

On PE days children can wear PE kit and plain white or black trainers and teachers will communicate these days with you via Seesaw.

Children are welcome to wear a watch to school but we ask that smartwatches are not worn, although Fitbits or similar are acceptable.

Stud earrings can be worn by those children with pierced ears, but no other jewellery, please.

Hair below shoulder-length should be tied up please.

We would be grateful if children could have some form of waterproof so that they can then go outside when it is raining. Later in the term, it would be great if all children could have wellies in school as well.



Children have been reminded to dismount scooters and bikes before coming onto the playground for their safety and the safety of those around them.



Years 5 and 6 visit to the Houses of Parliament

Years 5 and 6 celebrated the start of the new year with a visit to the Houses of Parliament. The children saw a debate in the Commons, learnt about democracy and making laws, then Year 6 explored Parliament Square and Year 5 saw Floella Benjamin and Robert Winston in the Lords. It was a great day and a wonderful chance to be part of a thousand years of history.





Class meetings for the Autumn Term

Last year we moved our first parent consultation meeting of the academic year to the end of November so that teachers have had more of an opportunity to get to know your children and have data to share with you.

We have, therefore, put face to face class meetings in the diary for years 1—5 towards the end of the school day and a 7pm Teams meeting for Year 6 parents.

Reception parents have two evening sessions in the diary as part of the induction process.

We hope you find this a positive way to start the new school year, with the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, find out a little about the year ahead and ask any questions.

Reception	Thursday 17th September @ 6.30pm in the hall Thursday 22nd October @ 6.30pm in the hall
Year 1	Friday 11th September @ 2.45pm
Year 2	Monday 7th September @ 2.45pm
Year 3	Tuesday 8th September @ 2.45pm
Year 4	Thursday 10th September @ 2.45pm
Year 5	Friday 18th September @ 2.45pm
Year 6	Monday 7th September @ 7.00pm on Teams

Heritage Open Days

You are warmly invited
to join our celebrations at

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

COOKHAM ON THAMES

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS
REFRESHMENTS • DISPLAYS • CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Come and discover 1000 years
of history on your doorstep!

SATURDAYS 12TH AND 19TH SEPTEMBER
11.00 – 16.00

QUIET TALK AND TOUR –
Stories in the Stones

Come and hear about some of the colourful
characters that peopled Cookham's past
and how the church evolved through
centuries of use.

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER
AT 14.00 AND 15.00
No need to book

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER:
COOKHAM CELEBRATES

We remember and give thanks for all who have been part
of Holy Trinity's life with 3 special services

**8.00 AM SAID BOOK OF COMMON
PRAYER EUCHARIST**

10.00 AM FAMILY SERVICE WITH A DIFFERENCE –
a journey through Holy Trinity's rich heritage,
highlighted by music from Sara Wood and the
choir that illustrates how worship has changed,
and assisted by students at Holy Trinity School.

**17.30 CHORAL EVENSONG
TO CELEBRATE THE
HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Holy Trinity is pleased to be part of the
European wide Heritage Open Days Festival
sponsored by the National Trust
and Findmypast.

National Trust

find my past

Cookham Flower and Produce Show

Cookham & Cookham Dean
Horticultural Society



FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday 19th September 2026
Cookham Dean Village Hall
Adults and children's classes

Local Judges, Prize Presentation,
Prize Produce Sale

Entry Deadline
Thursday 17th September 2026



For full show details and entry form, go via the QR code above
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or contact info@cookhamandcookhamdeanhortsoc.co.uk

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Calling all Young Musicians!

Let's Play Orchestra

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Newlands Girls School Music Room
Farm Road, Maidenhead

Open to any instrument from beginner up to Grade 1. Explore making music with others through easy parts, beat & melody games, and ensemble fun.

£71.00 per term

Monthly direct debit payment option available

Initial Orchestra

Saturday 9.00–10.00am
Newlands Girls School Music Room
Farm Road, Maidenhead

Open to any instrument Grades 1–3. A more adventurous experience in a musical ensemble.

£80.50 per term

Monthly direct debit payment option available

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Mini Maestros

Come and try a fun, live music class for ages 3-7 at
Space to Thrive, Newland Girls' School, Maidenhead SL6 5JB

Saturdays (term-time only)

Preschool & Reception - 9.40-10.10am

Year 1 & Year 2 - 10.15-10.55am



Free taster session available and a free Recorder Rookies place for any school-age child



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Well done to ...



George climbed Scafell Pike over the summer holidays. This follows his climb up Snowdon last year. He is aiming for Ben Nevis next year. Well done George!

Just before the summer holidays, Darcie took her Grade 1 ballet exam and passed with a distinction! Well done Darcie!



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National Read-Aloud Challenge 2026

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Well done to all those who took part. We would like to share some impressive results from Amber and Heidi.

Amber is 117th in the country and 6th in her age group in the South East, and Heidi is 710th and 20th in her age group in the South East.

Fantastic—well done to both of them!

We want ALL of our
children to shine!

