

14th September 2026



A word from Mrs Daniels ...

Thank you to those parents who were able to come to our OFSTED meeting on Friday, it was lovely to be able to discuss the report in person. If you weren't able to make the meeting but have any questions you wish to ask please don't hesitate to speak to me or Mrs O'Mahony.

I was exceptionally proud of the Year 6 children who chose to stand for the posts of Head Boy and Girl and Deputy roles. All the children who presented at hustings did so brilliantly and I was very relieved not to be making the final decision! Classes from Year 1 to Year 6 and all the staff took part in the voting and it makes for a great opportunity to talk to the children about one of our key British values—democracy.

My congratulations to Abby and Alvin, our new Head Girl and Boy and to Emily and Teddy, our deputies!

THIS WEEK

Monday 14th September

Tuesday 15th September

Wednesday 16th September

Thursday 17th September
6.30pm Reception evening for
parents - Behaviour, OPAL and
safeguarding

Friday 18th September

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Over and Above Awards—Friday 11th September

Reception	Esme	Idrees	
Year 1	Nelle	Maisie	
Year 2	Margaux	Sam	
Year 3	Erin	Imogen	
Year 4	Morgan	Courtney	
Year 5	Mason	Zach	Lily
Year 6	Mariella	Finley	



Calendar for term 1

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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



Sunrise Club Plan

We had 27 responses to the survey with the vast majority of those replying, who use the club, wanting a 7.40am start. There was a much more mixed response regarding the provision of breakfast with fewer than half of those replying wanting it.

I hope you'll be pleased to know that we will be starting the club from 7.40am at the beginning of January 2027. In the interim, we will be making changes to office and TA working hours and recruiting an additional member of staff.

I am also attending a Heads briefing in October regarding a wider offering with regards to breakfast clubs and so want to incorporate any changes being made nationally into our new offering.

Birthdays

At our staff meeting last week we made the decision to no longer allow birthday sweets/gifts for the class to be brought into school. This is something that many schools already have had in place, including Cookham Nursery.



It is very generous of families to provide sweets and we do know that children enjoy giving things to their friends but we have an increasing number of pupils in the school with food allergies and intolerances and it is also inline with the healthy eating guidance that schools are subject to.

In assembly on Friday all children who have had a birthday that week or over the preceding holiday are invited to come to the front so that the whole school can sing to them and classes also sing to children individually on their birthdays when they fall on a school day.

If you wanted to gift e.g. a picture book to a class instead of sweets, which could then be read to the class and put in their class library that would be very welcomed but is absolutely not expected.

Thank you for your understanding.

WhatsApp Groups

I think it is lovely that we have class WhatsApp groups, they can be very positive when used to remind, support and organise events etc.

I would be grateful, if you have an issue with the school, if you would come to us directly so that we can work with you and solve it.

Thank you for your support with this.



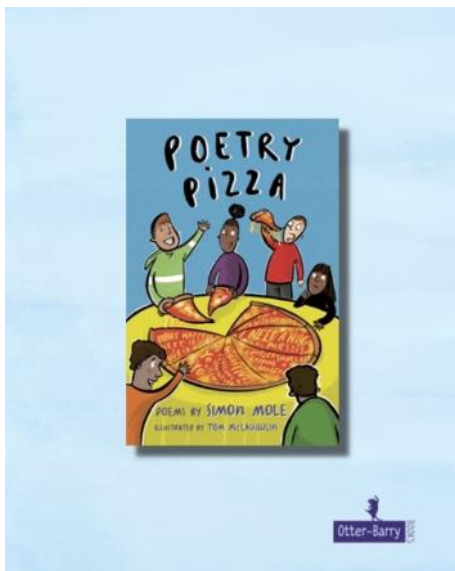
Simon Mole—KS2 poetry

Dear Parents,

To support and enrich the English curriculum this term, we are delighted that acclaimed children's author Simon Mole will be visiting Cookham Rise on **Thursday 8th October** and performing an inspiring poetry and music show alongside musician Gecko for **years 3, 4, 5 & 6**.

Simon is a National Poetry Day Ambassador whose YouTube tutorial videos are used by hundreds of thousands of children and teachers across the world each year, and have been featured on BBC Bitesize.

Very excitingly, children who wish to are able to purchase a personalised signed copy of Simon's latest poetry collection 'Poetry Pizza' which he will be reading from on the day, and was a Guardian Books of the Month pick.



Poetry Pizza £8.99 (paperback) KS2

Bursting with laughs, lyricism, and heartwarming moments, *Poetry Pizza* is a spellbinding collection of poems. Funny, fantastical, and full of feeling - there's a poem in here for everyone!

"This is a wonderful book packed full of beats pizazz and rhythms, mingled with strong feelings." — Michael Rosen

You can order the book from Simon's website at the link below, by **Thursday October 1st**.

<https://www.simonmole.com/bookshop/cookham-rise-primary-school>

Make sure to fill in your child's name and class name on the order form!

Simon will sign and distribute them when he comes into school.

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!

OPAL—weaving activity



If anyone has a bike wheel that they are happy to donate we would like to give the children the chance to make patterns as shown in the illustrations above.

Any spare wool or ribbons or other materials that could be used for weaving would also be gratefully received!

Thank you.
Mrs O'Mahony

Share your child's achievements

It is lovely to hear about your child's successes outside of school so please do share a photo with us and a brief sentence that can be included with the newsletter if you would like them to feature. Thank you.



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
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Year 1	Friday 11th September @ 2.45pm
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Year 2	Monday 7th September @ 2.45pm
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Year 3	Tuesday 8th September @ 2.45pm
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Year 4	Thursday 10th September @ 2.45pm
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Year 5	Friday 18th September @ 2.45pm
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Year 6	Monday 7th September @ 7.00pm on Teams
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Christmas Church Event

A festive poster for a Christmas event. The background is white with falling snow. At the top, there are green pine branches with red berries. The text 'It's a Wonderful CHRISTMAS' is written in a mix of red script and bold red block letters. Below this, a list of activities is provided in red text. The event details, including the date, time, and location, are at the bottom. A small logo for St John the Baptist Church is on the right side.

It's a Wonderful **CHRISTMAS**

Mulled Wine ~ Spiced Warm Apple Cider ~ Mince Pies
Craft Stalls ~ Christmas Tombola ~ Traditional Stalls
Santa's Grotto & Balloonatic Artist for Children
Christmas Carols by local Schools & Northants Sings Out Choir

Free Entry & a Free
Cowdery's Sausage Roll! *

* 1ST 100 PEOPLE THROUGH THE DOOR

RAISING FUNDS FOR


St John the Baptist
COOKHAM DEAN

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 11AM TO 4PM
COOKHAM DEAN VILLAGE HALL

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
or go to www.cookhamandcookhamdeanhortsoc.co.uk
or contact info@cookhamandcookhamdeanhortsoc.co.uk

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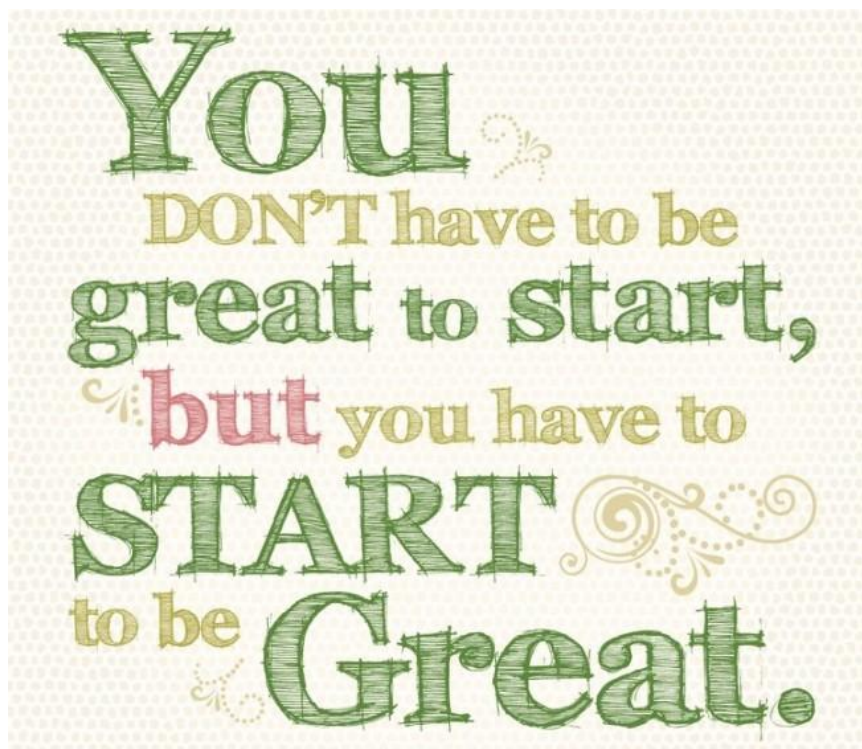
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We want ALL of our
children to shine!

