

School News

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A word from Mrs Daniels ...

We had our first fire drill of the school year last week and the children responded very well, evacuating the building quickly and sensibly. We will also soon be practicing a low key lockdown situation which will just involve a bell ringing in school and children sitting quietly in their classrooms with doors closed. This is all done very calmly and we explain to children that it is just part of the many processes we have in school to ensure they are safe—one of our key rules.

I have started weekly tours for prospective parents which all of the Year 6 children, who want to, will support with. They made a fabulous start last week and are the best salespeople I could wish for! They spoke eloquently and knowledgeably about their school and made me feel very proud.

THIS WEEK

Monday 28th September

7pm Governing Body meeting

Tuesday 29th September

Prospective parent show around

Wednesday 30th September

Selected pupils from years 4 and 5—baseball tournament

Thursday 1st October

RWI in school development day

Friday 2nd October

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Well done to ...



BOTTLE GREEN CLASSIC
SPORTS SHORTS



GIRL'S BOTTLE SKORT

We feel it is working well having the children coming into school in their PE kit and hope you do too. They continue to look smart on these days—thank you for your support with this.

We would appreciate children all wearing the bottle green shorts or skort rather than brighter green versions.

Thank you.

Over and Above Awards—Friday 25th September

Reception	Sienna	Henry	
Year 1	Toby	Poppy	
Year 2	Olive	Elsie	
Year 3	Parker	Lily	
Year 4	Gaby	Rudy	
Year 5	Eva	Harley	Rufus
Year 6	Martha	Alvin	



Calendar for term 1

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
5	6 Year 3 Literacy Festival livestream Year 2 Active 60 festival 7pm PTA meeting	7	8 Simon Mole KS2 pm After school girls football tournament v. Courthouse	9	10	11
12 Year 6 height and weight 9.30am Governor finance meeting	13 Selected KS2 children –Try It festival	14	15 Open The Book assembly	16 Selected Year 6 Young Ambassador training	17	18
19	20 Three workshops in school	21	22 6.30pm Meeting for Rec parents—reading, writing and maths	23	24	25

Speech and Language Support

The Speech and Language School age team from the NHS are offering two online workshops on supporting the communication and language development of school age children. These are designed for parents and carers and will be delivered at different times throughout the year. This support would be great if:-

Your child struggles to follow the instructions that are given to them

They find it difficult to understand and answer questions

Your child struggles to pay attention to you

There is no charge for this support. Further details and links to sign up can be found here:

[School age language development workshops | Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust](#)

PE Update from Mrs Pateman



PE NEWS



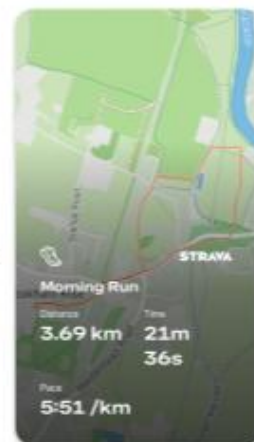
Bowls Buddies Festival



A selection of our KS2 children were lucky enough to try out a morning of bowls. They experienced a range of fun activities in the world-class-bowls-club in Maidenhead. The intent was to try something new. The club are trying to encourage young people to the sport. They are offering FREE sessions on Saturday mornings. Check it out, it seems like a lovely community to get involved in.

Running Club

We've had a great start back to running club. We get lots of positive feedback from the community who see us out running. If you are booked on, please commit to showing up as we do have a waiting list. So if you've changed your mind or can't get there on time, please let the office know so we can open up the space!



Up and coming events

- Baseball Festival, yrs 4&5, Wednesday 30th September. Intent: participation
- Active 60, year 2, Tuesday 6th October. Intent: engage and be active.
- Girls football tournament, 5&6, Wednesday 7th October. Intent: competition
- Try-It festival, KS2, Thursday 13th October. Intent: engage and try something new.
- Young Ambassador training, yr6, Friday 16th October.
- Football tournament, yr6, Wednesday 21st October. Intent: competition
- Football tournament, yr5, Wednesday 4th November. Intent: competition

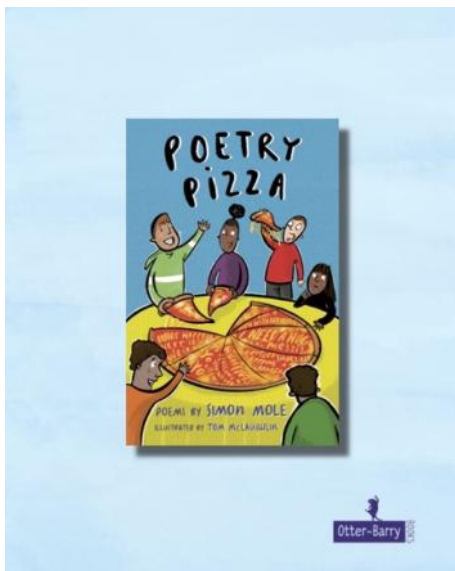
Simon Mole—KS2 poetry—next week

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.

**‘When the parent changes everything changes’
Paul Dix
Some ideas for supporting you at home which align
with our school behaviour policy**

"Your behaviour is the only behaviour over which you have absolute control. To change your children's behaviour, you first need to change your own." Paul Dix

The Secret to Better Behaviour Starts with Us

One of the most powerful messages from Paul Dix's book *When the Parents Change, Everything Changes* is that the behaviour we can control most effectively is our own. The culture of our homes is shaped by the adults who live there. When we become calmer, more consistent and more predictable, children often respond positively.

Top 5 Tips for Parents

1. Stay Calm, Especially When They Don't

Children often mirror the emotions around them. A calm adult can help a child return to calm more quickly.

Try:

Lowering your voice instead of raising it.

Taking a breath before responding.

Leaving a pause before giving a consequence.

2. Connect Before You Correct

Children are more likely to listen when they feel valued and understood.

Try:

Making eye contact.

Using their name.

Listening before offering solutions.

Spending even five uninterrupted minutes together each day.

3. Notice What Is Going Well

Behaviour that receives attention is often repeated.

Instead of: "Stop running."

Try: "Thank you for walking safely."

Aim for lots of encouragement throughout the day.

4. Be Consistent

Children thrive when expectations are clear and predictable.

Remember:

Say what you mean.

Mean what you say.

Follow through calmly.

Consistency builds security.

5. Use Fewer Words

When emotions are high, long explanations are rarely effective.

Keep instructions:

Calm

Clear

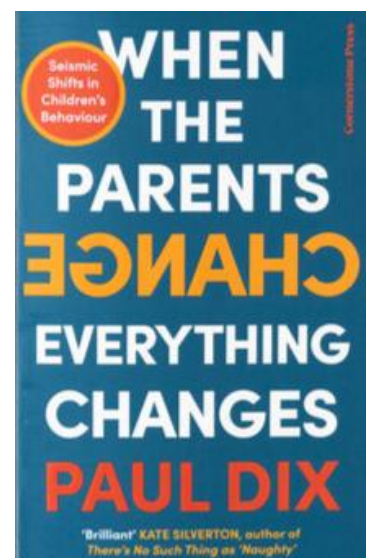
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For example: "Shoes on please." "Time to tidy up."

Next week I'll share five more ways to support with calm, consistent behaviour.

In the meantime this week perhaps you could ...

- ☐ Spend five minutes of uninterrupted time with your child each day.
- ☐ Catch them doing something right and mention it.
- ☐ Replace one raised voice with a calm response.



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"The best behaviour management strategy is a great relationship."

"When the adults around a child remain calm, consistent and caring, everything changes."

"Consistency builds security. Security helps children thrive."

We want ALL of our
children to shine!

