School News

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COOKHAM RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A word from Mrs Daniels …

Last Thursday we had another very useful and successful RWI Development Day. Our consultant has been coming to Cookham Rise every term for the past 13 years and it is always good for the team to learn about new updates to the programme, discuss the progress of pupils and also celebrate all the good work they are doing. Mrs Rogers leads on this and I am very grateful to her and all of the EYFS and KS1 team who put so much work into delivering our phonics sessions.

Our PTA are meeting for the first time this school year. The meeting is tomorrow evening, 7pm at school. Everyone is welcome, please join us if you can.

On Thursday afternoon we have Simon Mole coming into school to perform to KS2.Plesae see page 6 for details about him, his show and his new book of poetry which children at Cookham Rise have contributed to.

THIS WEEK

Monday 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

Year 3 Literacy Festival livestream

Year 2 Active 60 festival

7pm PTA meeting

Wednesday 7th October

Thursday 8th October

Simon Mole KS2 pm

After school girls football tournament v. Courthouse

Friday 9th October

Sunset Club News

As the popularity of Sunset Club has increased we are increasing our staffing levels. I am delighted to welcome Lily to the team, who starts this week.

Soon we shall also be joined by Ava who is going to have allocated time for two days a week to hear our younger children read and support pupils who would like to do some of their homework at the club.

Over and Above Awards—Friday 2nd October

Reception	Ella	Arlo
Year 1	Joven	Emilia
Year 2	Grayson	Seth
Year 3	Noah	Lola
Year 4	Dylan	Aston
Year 5	Alexander	Thorin
Year 6	Harper	Abby



Calendar for term 1

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
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

Thank you!



A big thank you to the team of parents , Mrs Allcock and some of the children for all their hard work in the OPAL garden on Friday afternoon. We really appreciate your support!

PE Update from Mrs Pateman

PE NEWS







Baseball Festival

This is the third year we've taken part in the baseball festival. A selection of year 4 and 5 took went along on Wednesday morning to partake in skills and games at Maidenhead Softball Club. The sun eventually came out, making it a fun and active morning for all.





Running Club... making the most of the Autumn sun!

Football

We have matches coming up for all our football teams, we wish them luck. We have lots of events this term so keep an eye out for letters but we tend to send them a week before so we don't get muddled with reply's.

Missing Kit

We're missing some of our new kits, girls and boys. If you've ever taken one home, can you please check and bring in asap if you find one! Thank you



THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all parents who make it possible for us to partake in so many events and festivals. We know everyone is busy and it's not always easy so we really appreciate your help, not only taking your own children but clubbing together make sure everyone can go! Thank you!

Up and coming events

- 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

Reception at lunchtime

Reception children have joined in brilliantly with the rest of the school at lunchtime, accessing all that OPAL has to offer.
They wear high vis vests just so staff can keep an extra eye on them!













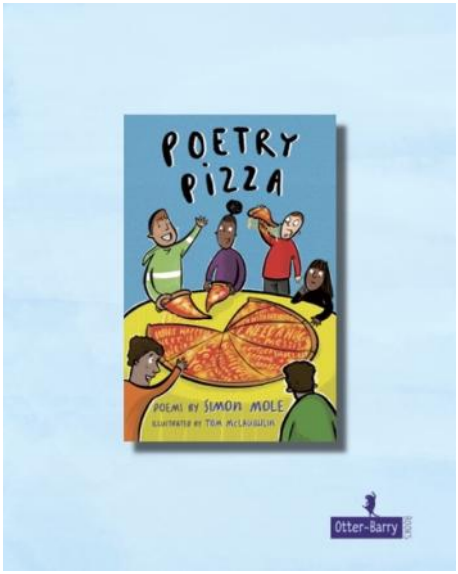




Plus an amazing mud birthday cake from some of our Year 3 girls!

Simon Mole—KS2 poetry—this 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.

Half term rugby

🏉 October Half Term Touch Rugby Youth Development Camp 🏉

📍 Maidenhead Rugby Club, Braywick Park, SL6 1BN

📅 Tue 27 & Wed 28 October 2026

⏰ 09:30 - 15:00

🏉 Ages 5-17

Junior Touch Rugby Camps @ Maidenhead Rugby Club - All Camps 2026 (Parent/Legal Guardian Consent Form)



Berkshire Tennis



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

Five More Ways to Encourage Positive Behaviour

6. Separate the Child from the Behaviour

Children make mistakes. That does not make them a "bad" child.
Instead of: "You're being naughty."
Try: "That wasn't the best choice. Let's put it right."

The message is: I value you, even when I don't like your behaviour.

7. Build Helpful Routines

Many behaviour challenges disappear when routines become predictable.
Examples include:

Morning checklists
Homework routines
Bedtime routines
Family mealtime expectations

Routine reduces stress for everyone.



8. Repair After Conflict

Every family argues from time to time.
The important thing is what happens next.
Help children learn to:

Apologise
Reflect
Make amends
Move forward

These are valuable life skills.

9. Focus on What You Can Control

Parents cannot control every decision their child makes.
We can control:

Our response
Our tone
Our consistency
The example we set

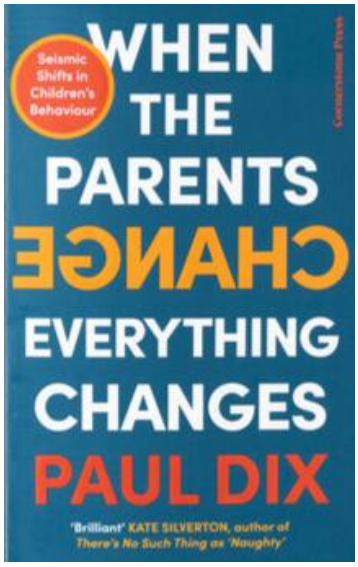
Children learn far more from what we do than what we say.

10. Be the Behaviour You Want to See

Children are always watching.
If we want them to be:

Respectful
Kind
Patient
Honest

then we must model those qualities ourselves.



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We want ALL of our children to shine!





