School News

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COOKHAM RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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A word from Mrs Daniels …

Please excuse the brevity of this from me today.

Hopefully you will have seen the email sent out earlier around sickness. We have got children from across the school out today with sickness and diarrhoea. If all families could follow the NHS guidance about being 48hrs clear of both before returning that would be appreciated. Simon is going to focus on cleaning toilets and surfaces today so that hopefully we can minimise other children and staff becoming ill.

Thankyou for your support with this.

THIS WEEK

Monday 9th November

Tuesday 10th November

Wednesday 11th November

Pm concert for the children

Thursday 12th November

Friday 13th November

Fencing at Desborough

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Mrs O'Mahony and I will be at the RBWM Senior Leaders conference in Bath on Thursday and Friday this week. If you have any concerns over this time please raise them with your child's teacher in the first instance. Thank you.

Over and Above Awards—Friday 6th November

Reception	Zaki	Hugo	
Year 1	Meghan	Becki	
Year 2	Enzo	Joey	
Year 3	Atlanta	Willa	
Year 4	Whole class		
Year 5	Solomiia	Olive	Benji
Year 6	Josephine	Anna	

The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were…





The Boot wasn't awarded on Friday as no one stood out to the Play Leaders to be the recipient.

Calendar for term 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
16 Gov finance meeting 6.45pm PTA meeting	17	18	19 Year 6 emotional well-being training	20 Brief reports to parents (Years 1—6)	21	**22**
23 Happy Bags 7pm GB meeting	24 Parent consultations 3.30—6.00pm	25	26 Parent consultations 3.30—6.00pm	27	28	**29**
30	1 Dec	2 OPAL development day	3	4 Christas Fair 3—5pm	5 Christmas tree pick up day	**6**
7	8 KS1 show afternoon and evening	9 2pm Rocksteady concert KS2	10 2pm Rocksteady concert Years 1 and 2	11 KS1 Kenton theatre 2.30pm Rec show for parents	12	**13**
14	15	16 Christmas lunch	17 2.30pm KS2 Christmas concert	18 School finishes at 1.30pm	19	**20**

PE News from Mrs Pateman

PE NEWS



Football

Finally a football tournament went ahead! The B team had a great time at Courthouse, with a mixture of results, a great team effort!

Running



With the weather and temperatures on the turn, running club will endeavour to go ahead, make sure you dress accordingly and pack a change of socks!











Netball Club

An enthusiastic start to netball club on Wednesday for years 5 & 6.

Up and coming events

- Musketeers Fencing Festival, Friday 13th November. Intent: participation

Berkshire Music Trust

Berkshire Music Trust will be visiting us on Wednesday to perform.

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Did your child enjoy discovering the world of woodwind during Listen Up week?

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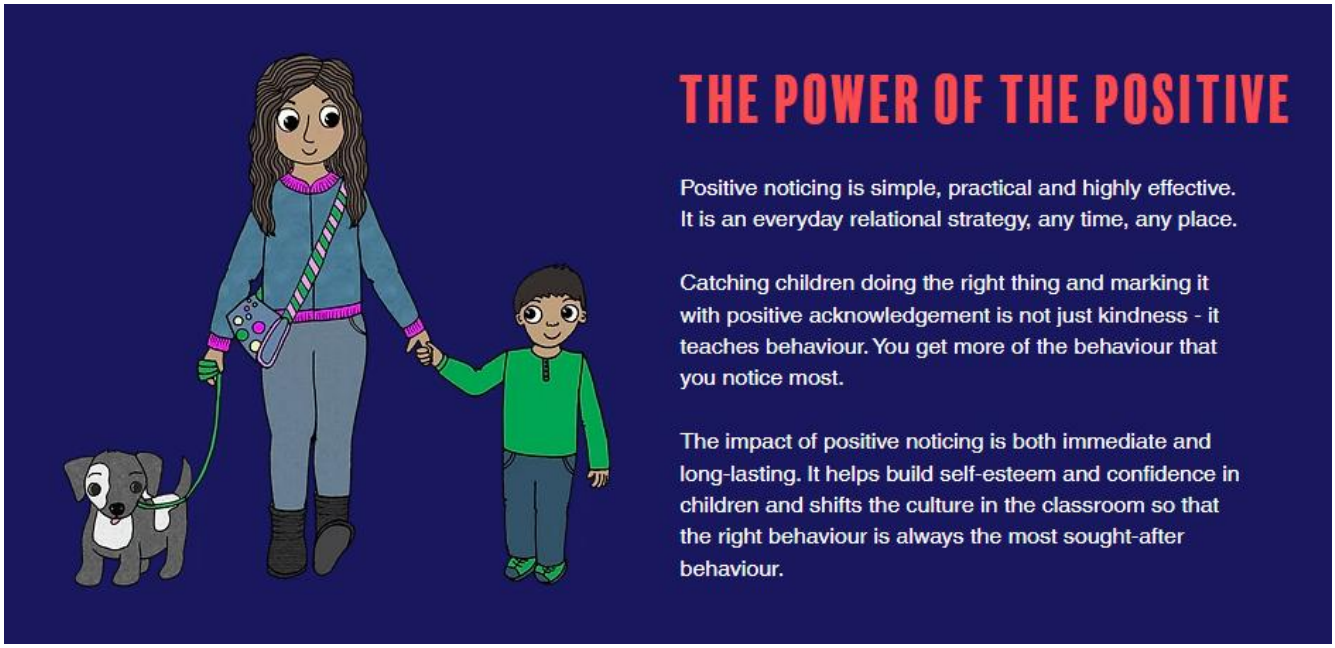
- Fees start from just £10.60 per lesson.
- Discounts are available pupils eligible for Pupil Premium or families receiving benefits.
- We offer affordable instrument hire!

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If you have any questions or problems registering, email admissons@berksmusictrust.org.uk

Positive Noticing Week

This week we are going to be focusing on positive noticing so you will find your child coming home at some point with a brown tag on them with a positive comment. Please have a chat with them about the comment and why it was made—thank you!



Happy Bags



The next Happy School Bags collection is 23rd November. It's the usual drop off location between school and the library. The last collection was the biggest yet saving 520KG from landfill and raising a whopping £234 for the PTA. Next collection dates for diaries: Mon 15th March and Mon 12th July 2027.

Kate Lafford

Free School Meals

Free school meals

From September 2026 there will be three types of free school meals entitlement.

Some children may no longer be entitled to free school meals, whereas others may become eligible for the first time.

The three types of free school meals entitlement follow.

Targeted free school meals (TFSM)

Equivalent to benefits-related free school meals (FSM)

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit with annual household income under £7,400 (£616.67 a month)
- Families with no Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF) subject to separate criteria

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time
- ✓ holiday activities and food programme (HAF) known as FUEL in Kingston, Richmond, and Windsor and Maidenhead
- ✓ other support that may be available at school (eg, free milk where provided)

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year.

Expanded free school meals (EFSM)

New criteria from September 2026

Who qualifies

- Children and young people in families receiving Universal Credit
- No limit on annual household income

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to:

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility will be checked in line with government guidance
- Applicants confirmed as eligible will remain so for the full academic year

Universal infant free school meals (UIFSM)

Who qualifies

- All children in primary school, regardless of family circumstances

This gives access to:

- ✓ free school meals at school during term time

This does not give access to

- ✗ FUEL (HAF)
- ✗ other support linked to TFSM

Eligibility checks

- Eligibility checks are not required

If your child is affected by food insecurity over the school holidays and is not in receipt of targeted free school meals, please contact fuel@achievingforchildren.org.uk

What parents and carers need to do

If you haven't already done so, please provide your details to your child's school.

- Your child's school will let you know if they need any more information from you.
- Your details are usually requested when your child starts or moves school.
- If you have any specific queries re school meal arrangements please contact your child's school directly.

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MAIDENHEAD'S BIG READ

We need you!

Established in 2019 by the community and for the community, Maidenhead's Big Read is looking for a number of volunteers to join our organising committee to help with different tasks associated with setting up, promoting and running our annual reading festival for children in March. This is an opportunity to contribute to and shape a highly rewarding local not-for-profit initiative.

If you have some spare time, we would love to hear from you, particularly if you have experience in any of the following roles:

Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary
weekday & weekend event management
author selection & liaison
social media management
website management
creating publicity materials
grant and sponsorship applications

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Holy Trinity Church Event



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