



A word from Mrs Daniels

I hope you had a great half term break.

Miss Alington had a wonderful wedding day and it is lovely to share some photos with you—she will be back in school tomorrow. Year 1 helped to make her last day as Miss Alington in school a very special one, thank you.

We have a very busy half term ahead so please keep an eye on the school calendar. The weather is looking good for Friday 13th June for sports day, further details can be found on pages 6 and 7, so hopefully we will be going ahead with this date.

My thanks to Mrs Hunter and School Council for organising a cake sale for this Friday after school, any donations will be gratefully received on Friday morning.

Next week we have Hester Bancroft in school delivering one of her fantastic talks—this time around supporting your child to be more resilient. The PTA are kindly paying for this, please join us if you can.

The Summer Fair is at the end of the month. This is always a lovely afternoon out as well as being a great fundraiser so please sign up to help for an hour or two if you can!

THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd June

Commonwealth assembly

Tuesday 3rd June

Wednesday 4th June

Thursday 5th June

Year 6—Wayne Dixon re transition

Friday 6th June

Bags2School
School Council cake sale
Donations on the day much appreciated!

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Over and Above Awards—Friday 23rd May

Reception	Joey Thornton	Eva Gakhar	Arlo Bannister
Year 1	Oliver Troman	Lola Dabbs	Fred Wilson
Year 2	Wilfred Ward	Bella Phillips	
Year 3	Harrison Hillard	Thorin Norris	
Year 4	Jacob Steward	Finley Bray	Alvin Spiers
Year 5	Alfie O’Callaghan	Felix Noble	Damien Gleave
Year 6	Layla Bonner	Brooklyn Foley	

School Council Cake Sale - this Friday



School Council’s Cake Stall
(cash only please)

Friday 6th June at 3.15pm

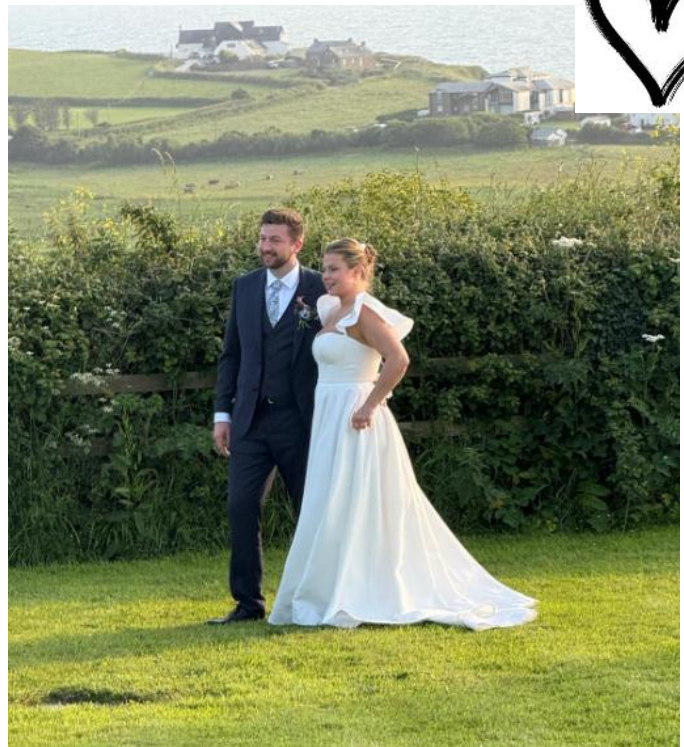
In support of South Bucks Hospice

Please bring donations of cakes, bought or home made, to school on the day.

Thank you!

Mrs Hunter and School Council

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Cromarty!



Calendar for term 6

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 June Commonwealth assembly	3	4	5 Year 6—Wayne Dixon re transition	6 Bags2School 3.15pm cake sale	7	8
9 Phonics Screening Check this week for Year 1 and some of Year 2	10 2.30pm Meeting for parents to look at SRE resources	11 7pm Hester Bancroft talk for parents	12 Year 4 singing practice at Court-house Yr 6 Commonwealth talk	13 Sports day	14	15
16	17 7pm PTA meeting	18 6.30pm Induction meeting for new Rec parents	19	20 Reserve sports day	21	22
23 Year 6 away at PGL	24	25 Year 4 music festival at the Hexagon	26 Years 4 and 5 at Oxford Science Centre	27 Mufti day for summer fair Year 1 at Braywick Nature Reserve	28 12– 4pm Summer Fair	29
30	1 Meet the new teacher morning New Reception induction (half the class at a time for an hour)	2 Years 2 and 5 Hayling Island New Reception induction—whole class	3	4	5	6
7 Year 6 road safety workshop Year 3 Copas Farm trip 7pm Governing Body	8 Year 5 Garageband workshop with Three	9	10	11 Reports to parents Year 6 mock trial	12	13
14	15 Year 3 swan upping	16 Rec to Wellington Country Park 2.30pm Rocksteady Concert	17 Year 4 visiting Cookham dig 1.45pm Year 6 production to parents	18 Year 6 visiting Cookham dig	19	20
21	22 9.00am Whole school final assembly	23 9.00 Year 6 leavers' assembly School finishes at 1.30pm	25	26	27	28

OPAL news



The bikes have now been introduced.

The decision not to wear helmets is a deliberate one and one which has been discussed with the children so that they know how important it is to have one on when out and about on the road.

As the children would have to have shared helmets, which might not fit properly, and as they are cycling on a soft track, surrounded by grass with no traffic it is safer for them not to wear one in these circumstances.

We are looking to have lots of water play this term as part of OPAL, with hopefully warmer weather. If you have any of the following we would really appreciate them:-

buckets (large or small)

washing up bowls

watering cans

pieces of guttering

We are also looking for some road barriers so if anyone is able to support us with this, please let us know.

Many thanks,

Mrs O'Mahony



Plan for sports day—Friday 13th June



We will try to keep to these timings as closely as possible.

10.00 Gates open for families of Rec and KS1 children to come onto the field

10.15 Rec and KS1 races

11.45 Rec and KS1 back into class to wash hands etc

11.50 Gates open for families of KS2 children to come onto the field

12.00 All children come onto the field to have a picnic with their families

There will be no hot school meals on this day—grab bags can be ordered (these should show on Scopay after half term))

12.45 Children back inside for registration, toilet etc (Rec and KS1 stay inside)

1.00 KS2 activities

2.00 KS2 races

approx. 3.00 School finish for everyone

Year 6 obstacle race to take place later in the term

Reserve day—Friday 20th June

All children to please come into school in their PE kit.

Children in Reception and KS1 to wear their usual white tops.

Children in KS2 to wear a t-shirt in their house colour (if there are any problems with this please don't worry and we can provide a band in that colour for them to wear)

Reception and KS1 Sports day

The format will be the same as in previous years with the children doing a mixture of races and activities.

KS2 Sports day

Last year, children in KS2 were given the opportunity to vote for either keeping our system the same (competitive races) or to add in some activities in which the children can focus on their personal best and teamwork. The response from the children was overwhelmingly in favour of a mixture of races and activities. Therefore, we made a few changes to our sports day plan and are going to continue with this for sports day this year, however, the activities this year will be competitive and contribute to the scoring .

We will only be giving out medals and stickers for the races, teachers will be giving out points for the activities.

Children will need to come into school wearing their house colour top, PE bottoms and trainers. Please also ensure they have sunhats/sun cream as needed and a water bottle to take around the activities. At the moment BBC weather is indicating that it will be a hot day! Thank you.



Parents will be designated an area of the field (near the running track) to remain within for the afternoon. We politely ask that you stay within this marked area for the entire duration of the sports day and do not move around the activities. We do need all families to adhere to this , with a couple of planned exceptions, as otherwise it isn't fair on the children and it may be unsafe as the children are practising their throwing!

The children will then go back into school to gather their things and be dismissed from the playground as usual.

Bags 2 School—this Friday



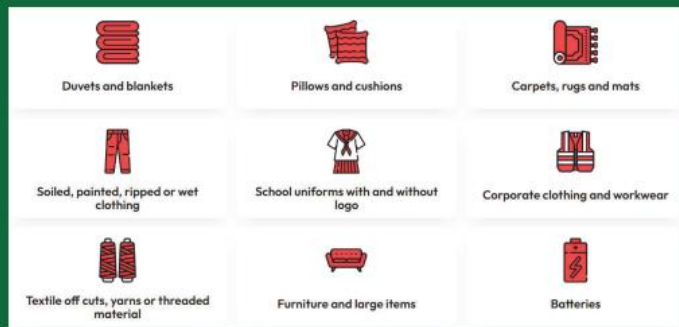
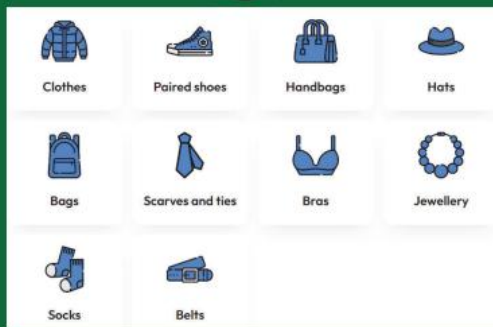
BAG 2 SCHOOL



Friday 6th June

Having a clear out? Support the school by bringing your unwanted clothes to raise funds for the school and support textile recycling.

Below is what we **can** and **can't** collect:



Years 5 and 6 Athletics



Music workshops

Boys Singing Day on Sunday 22nd June at Reading Music Centre

<https://bookwhen.com/berksmusictrust/e/ev-srha-20250622100000>

Only £10

(Only 18 spaces left)

This one off event is a day of singing with like minded boys from across the county. Come for a day of learning about your voice, how to sing at that next level and gain knowledge from some of the best male singers in the county. There will be groups for Unchanged voices, Changing voices as well as for those with voices that have already settled. Including a Masterclass on Classical and Contemporary singing, this full day of singing promises fun, support and camaraderie for boys between 8 and 18 years old. The focus is supporting boys to continue singing through their voices change.

Light refreshments will be provided.



Wicked West End Singing Workshop

<https://bookwhen.com/berksmusictrust/e/ev-skqg-20250528110000>

Join West End performer and Vocal Coach Jamie Read for a singing workshop inspired by the smash-hit musical WICKED!

Jamie will help you hit those high notes and belt out your favourite songs with confidence.

Suitable for students in Year 6 – Year 10.

The workshop takes place at Reading Music Centre from 11am – 12:30pm.

Only £10

Roll Up Roll Up - The Circus is Coming to School!

We're thrilled to announce that on Sunday 19th October The Circus is coming to our school! Get ready for an unforgettable experience full of fun, laughter, and jaw-dropping entertainment.

Date: Sunday 19th October

Time: Gates open 12pm for Bar, BBQ and Circus themed games, Big Top show 2-5pm

Location: Cookham Rise School



Tickets: Early Bird Price £12.50 single or £40 for a family of 4* scan the QR code over page to purchase.

You will get to enjoy amazing performances featuring acrobats, jugglers, clowns, and more—all right here on our school grounds! This exciting event is something we hope everyone at School and the wider Cookham community can enjoy and we can't wait to share the magic with everyone.

Bring the whole family and friends and join us for a spectacular day under the big top!

Tickets are limited so we are opening ticket sales to Cookham Rise pupils and families first before we open to the other Cookham Schools and the wider community after May half term

We want everyone to be able to enjoy this special event, if any families feel they would be unable to attend due to the ticket price please speak to Mrs Daniels.



**THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO
COOKHAM RISE SCHOOL**



**SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER
GATES OPEN 12PM
BIG TOP SHOW 2-5PM**

**BBQ, BAR & CIRCUS THEMED GAMES
FROM 12PM**

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK TICKETS



**EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT
£12.50 SINGLE
£30 FAMILY OF 3
£40 FAMILY OF 4
£50 FAMILY OF 5**



Hester Bancroft
Talk for parents about resilience
Wednesday 11th June 7 -8.30pm

This talk focuses on showing parents how to coach their child around the issues they may be facing. Through learning easily applicable techniques and strategies parents attending will learn how to empower their children by teaching them the art of good communication, problem solving and how to bounce back from life's hiccups. This talk covers:

The importance of building resilience in your child

The building blocks to resilience and how to put them in place

How to help your child to take responsibility for their relationships and their decisions

How to help your child deal with their worries and embrace new challenges

How to help your child move out of their comfort zone towards their goal



**Year 4 will be performing on
Wednesday 25th June**



Junior Music
Festival

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES



Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 June 2025, The Hexagon, Reading

Useful sessions for parents online

GEMS provides support for families who may have a child with an ADHD or Autism diagnosis. GEMS also supports families who are waiting for an assessment or who may suspect ADHD or Autism. They are currently offering some great workshops, many of which are online. Currently there is:-

Empowering calm - Understanding and responding to distressed behaviour in autistic young people with the aims being;

To understand physical responses to anxiety, distress and overwhelm.

To explore what this might look like and think about who is challenging who!

To learn some strategies to try to help.

Tuesday 15th July 2025, 10-12pm, online

Book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/empowering-calm-tickets-1036686004747?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Managing anxiety - What to do when worries take over. Looking at what causes anxiety and some tried and tested strategies to tackle it.

Tuesday 8th July 2025, 10 -12pm, online

Book here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-anxiety-tickets-1036681110107?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Sensory processing - Understanding sensory processing, sensory overload, sensory seeking behaviour, strategies to support and how to manage sensory arousal.

Wednesday 4th June 2025, 7 - 8.30pm, online

Book here <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sensory-processing-workshop-berkshire-east-jun-2025/>

Sleep, autism and ADHD - The workshop will cover: Children's sleep cycles and sleep needs, The reasons behind night settling and night waking, Strategies to feel less stressed when sleep training, new parenting strategies for settling your child to sleep, and staying asleep.

Tuesday 17th June 2025. 7 - 9pm, online

Book here <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/sleep-autism-and-adhd-berkshire-east-june-2025/>

Summer Fair

Cookham Rise Primary School is excited to announce the return of its beloved Summer Fair on Saturday 28 June from 12 – 4pm.

This annual event draws over 400+ attendees, with all proceeds going towards essential reading and educational resources, playground upgrades and enriching extracurricular activities for our children.

The highlight of the fair is undoubtedly the silent auction and raffle, featuring high-quality items generously donated by local businesses and parents.

Join us for a day filled with fun activities, games and entertainment, including splat the teacher, tombola, inflatables, Rocksteady school band performance and local vendors alongside delicious food, refreshments and much more.

Bring your family and friends to this community celebration—everyone is welcome, and your support makes a difference! We really need volunteers to make the day the best it can be, so if you would like to help out please sign up here: volunteersignup.org/4HT7K





**FREE
ENTRY**

COOKHAM RISE PRIMARY



**School
fair**



**12PM
-4PM**



**SATURDAY
28 JUNE**

**BAR
GAMES
FOOD STALLS
ENTERTAINMENT
AND MORE!**



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Benji climbed Ben Nevis while on holiday in Scotland last week. It took him five hours to climb to the summit and 3.5 hours to descend. Sunshine at the bottom and snow, hailstones and temperature of -6c at the top! It is the highest mountain in the UK - 1,345m.

Well done Benji!

We want ALL of our children to shine!

