

COOKHAM RISE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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THIS WEEK

Tuesday 6th May

Year 3 Ufton Court
7pm PTA meeting

Wednesday 7th May

Dance for years 2 and 4 with Jane Douglas
6.30—8pm Thermomix demo session

Thursday 8th May

VE Day assembly

Friday 9th May

A word from Mrs Daniels

A huge well done to our newly formed choir who sang beautifully at the VE day picnic on the moor on Sunday. A big thank you to Ms Hone for leading them.

There are two evening sessions going on in school this week, the first is our PTA meeting this evening at 7pm and tomorrow Millie Poulter is running a session around healthy meals and how to involve your children in this. It will take place between 6.30 and 8pm in the hall and there is no charge.

Next week is Year 6 SATs week and the year group are all invited to have breakfast in school from 8.15am.

We are having some challenges with children wanting to bring bikes through school from 8.00am onwards. It is often difficult for the children to manoeuvre their bikes and has led to chipped paintwork and sometimes messed areas that Simon has recently cleaned.

This week we will trial unlocking the side gate at 8.00am so that any children bringing bikes can put them away and then come around to the front of school to enter the building. I think it is only fair that we give the same respect to the library and don't have bikes going through so again, if you are using Kiss and Drop and want your child to have their bike, please can it be taken and left on the playground first.

If the trial works we will continue to do this and if not we'll think again!

For those arriving at usual school time, please do not leave your child on the playground before 8.40am.

Thank you.

Over and Above Awards—Friday 2nd May

Reception	Margaux Woolfrey	Jorgi McBride	Ted Drewett
Year 1	MylesOjambo	Florence Spiers	Alanya Gould
Year 2	Liya Lachher	Oliver Peycke	
Year 3	Nicolas Nowacki	Cydney Foley	
Year 4	Oliver Bostock	William Lowery	Mariella Poulakis
Year 5	Juliette Fernandes	Isla Bampton Thomas Beaney	Dexter Irwin
Year 6	Chloe Mcllahatton	Gethin Cox	



Seesaw opportunity

Earn pocket money with Seesaw

Seesaw are currently looking for children (aged 7-17) and their families to help develop lessons for their UK customers. If you'd be interested in helping out – and if your child would like to earn some pocket money - please take a look at:

<https://seesawstars.my.canva.site/seesawstars-uk>

Calendar for term 5

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
5 May Day	6 Year 3 Ufton Court 7pm PTA meeting	7 Jane Douglas dance with years 2 and 4 RWI development day 6.30—8pm Thermo-mix session for parents	8	9	10	11
12 Year 6 SATS	13 Year 6 SATS	14 Year 6 SATS Jane Douglas dance with years 2 and 4	15 Year 6 SATS Year 3 Ancient Egypt workshop	16	17	18
19	20 Year 6 - Maidenhead walk and Mosque visit	21 Jane Douglas dance with years 2 and 4	22 Year 4 practice @ Courthouse	23 Heritage Centre visiting Year 6	24	25

Some dates for term 6 ...

Sports day—Friday 13th June / reserve day Friday 20th June

Year 6 PGL w/c 23rd June

Year 4 Hexagon 25th June

Years 4 and 5 Oxford Science Centre 26th June

Year 1 Braywick Nature Reserve 27th June

Summer Fair 28th June

Full calendar to follow next week ...

Thermomix session for parents Wednesday 8th May 6.30—8.00pm

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Thermomix, our aim is to support healthy eating habits early in life. We're excited to invite you to a special Thermomix Event at Cookham Rise, where you'll discover how to make delicious, nutritious meals from scratch, effortlessly!

Join us for an interactive session and learn:

- ✓ Quick and easy ways to cook balanced, family-friendly meals
- ✓ Fun ways to involve children in making healthy food choices
- ✓ How to reduce ultra-processed foods in your family's diet

Event Details:

- 📅 Date: 7th May
- 🕒 Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- 📍 Location: School Hall

This in-person event is also a great opportunity to:

- Taste delicious samples prepared with the Thermomix
- Hear how you can earn a Thermomix for free and an extra income

By attending this event you will also be supporting the school who will be gifted their own Thermomix to support your children.

Don't miss out on discovering the smallest, smartest kitchen in the world.

We can't wait to welcome you for an inspiring (and tasty) evening!

Warm wishes,

Millie Poulter
(Mum to Georgie in Year 5)

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School Council News

School Council meeting 25th April

The children debated which charity to support in the summer term. The nominations were -

Cancer Research

South Bucks Hospice

World Wildlife Fund

Alexander Devine Children's Hospice Service

These were accompanied by thoughtful and articulate information about each.

The council representatives voted for their favourite charity but the first round of voting resulted in a tie.

The second round concluded that our nominated charity will be South Bucks hospice.

We will be planning a cake stall to raise money for this worthy cause and will let you know how you can help very soon!

With best wishes,



OPAL news

A plea for a few items -

We would love some watering cans if anyone has any spare—thank you.

The children are asking for arts and crafts resources to be made available during OPAL play. If anyone has any contacts for scrap paper or any other materials that would be helpful, they would be really appreciated. We especially need felt pens.

We will have a box in the playground as you come in the side gate for any of the above items to be placed in on Friday.

Thank you for your support

Many thanks,

Mrs O'Mahony



Den building started last week ...



Some letters from Year 2 about OPAL

OPAL Has been great
so far!

Things that have changed since
OPAL started is Adding Sarcas
and dressing up and more friends to
play with.

My favourite part of OPAL is the
Amazing dressing up and
the Beautiful Sarcas and my favourite
gymnastics.

OPAL has given us opportunity to
practice gymnastics skills and have fun about
and have fun and make friends.

I would like to see more of dressing
up and logs in the Reading Area
and more Sarcas.

OPAL is the best!

Heidi 12

OPAL has been a great
addition to our school!

Things that have changed
since OPAL began are now
we can play with more people.
My favourite parts of OPAL
are playing in the mud kitchen
because I like to get
creative and make mud pies.

OPAL has given us the
opportunity to go in lots
more areas of the school.

I would like to see more
tunnels, sarcas and sports
equipment. I love OPAL!

Dylan 12

Maidenhead Big Read—plea for support

For the past seven years, we have proudly and progressively grown, organising the annual "Maidenhead's Big Read" festival engaging authors, illustrators and story tellers and related activities in celebration of the World Book Day. Our aim has been to support local schools and families in encouraging broader reading habits among Reception to Year 7 students, fostering a passion for reading, especially among those who may be hesitant or reluctant to read, as well as create fun in our local Community.📖

This year's MBR festival was a tremendous success, reaching over 5,000 pupils at 25 local schools over a two-week period. Additionally, we attracted nearly 3,000 attendees to the Maidenhead Library (and Once Upon A Bus) over a weekend. A great achievement!

However, the development and delivery of the MBR programme for this year presented significant challenges due to dwindled MBR organising group size and funding constraints. We urgently require additional committee members and a team of additional helpers to ensure the ongoing success and continuity and growth of MBR. Without this support, we may regrettably have to discontinue this valuable community initiative.

Members of our MBR organising group would be happy to meet up with any interested persons to provide more info. (contact details below), but in any case we have arranged an open MBR Volunteers Information meeting for Tuesday 20 May 2025, 7.45 till 9 pm, at the Maidenhead Community Centre, 4 Marlow Road, SL6 7HY (free car park at the back) . Anyone interested is welcomed to attend.

I implore you to promote our plea to seek volunteers to join the MBR organising group. The group's role would involve identifying and securing authors and illustrators, planning, organising and promoting the Maidenhead's Big Read programme, as well as securing the necessary funding. We generally convene via Zoom in the evenings, with meetings taking place on average of once every six weeks.

Promoting our plea would be great! Thank you for your consideration and anticipated support.

Kind regards

Stephan

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Year 3 Golf

Well done to the group of Year 3 children who went to a golf competition at Winter Hill last week. They came third!
Thank you to Mrs Bown and Mrs Peters for accompanying them.





GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service
East Berkshire



01753 373 244 / 0800 999 1342
weekdays 9am to 5pm



<https://www.gems4health.com>



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GEMS is for children and young people who are diagnosed with, or who may have, autism and/or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The service also supports parents and carers and is open to anyone living in Slough, Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead or Bracknell Forest.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS AND COURSES

ADHD Course - Monday 28th April, 12th & 19th May - 7 to 9pm

Sensory Processing - Wednesday 23rd April - 7 to 8:30pm

Managing Anxiety - Wednesday 23rd April - 10am to 12noon

Empowering Calm - Wednesday 7th May - 10am to 12noon

Autism Course - Thursday 8th, 15th & 22nd May - 7 to 9pm

Girls and Autism - Tuesday 10th June - 10am to 12noon

Sleep - Autism and ADHD - Tuesday 17th June - 7 to 9pm

Adolescence - Wednesday 2nd July - 10am to 12noon

Visit our website to book your space - www.Gems4Health.com



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 PRICE
£12.50 SINGLE
£40 FAMILY OF 4



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



Letter from Educational Welfare



Champions for children and families

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Royal Borough
of Windsor &
Maidenhead

May 2025

Dear parent/carer,

This communication is to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

Many thanks,
The Education Welfare Team

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A big thank you to Mrs Woolfrey for putting together the two hanging baskets in front of school—a really lovely gift that we can enjoy every day!



We want ALL of our
children to shine!

