



### A word from Mrs Daniels

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break. Great to start the summer term off with some lovely weather!

It is a pleasure seeing the children playing at lunchtime and how children are supporting and playing with the younger members of the school. I have included some pictures of this on the OPAL pages so please take a look.

We had a training day for staff last week where we looked at our behaviour policy and our next 'Walkthru' which is based on this policy. In the afternoon, we did some work on reading and looked at new research on best practice. This will influence how we teach our whole class reading sessions from Year 2 upwards.

Wishing everyone a lovely bank holiday when it arrives and hopefully see some of you at the VE day picnic on Sunday.



### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 28th April

#### Tuesday 29th April

Elm class—Pizza Express  
Group of Year 3 children—golf @ Winter Hill

#### Wednesday 30th April

Dance for years 2 and 4 with Jane Douglas

#### Thursday 1st May

#### Friday 2nd May

School Council Meeting

#### Sunday 4th May

VE day picnic—school choir singing three songs with Cookham Dean @ 12.40pm

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**A fantastic £369.88 was raised on 'Break the Rules' day on the last day of term—thank you!**

## Over and Above Awards—Friday 25th April

Reception	Leo Poulakis	Fraser Heise- Seabrook	Ava Woodward
Year 1	Preston Hannigan	Erin Baxter	Noah Wardle
Year 2	Isobel Wood	Ayaan Anjum	
Year 3	Madison Thrift	Matthew Reynolds	
Year 4	Year 4		
Year 5	Molly Price	Thomas Leach	
Year 6	Alisitair White	Niko Kioussis	



## 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
28	29 Elm class—Pizza Express	30 Jane Douglas dance with years 2 and 4	1 May	2	3	4 Cookham Moor VE day celebration picnic
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 pratice @ 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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# OPAL news







The children are really enjoying the new areas that have opened up following all the work that parents and staff did back on the weekend before we broke up for Easter.

New areas include:

Gravel pit with diggers

Reading area at the end of the field

Mud kitchen area (with six kitchens!)

Cart building area

Staff had more training with OPAL on Friday afternoon where we talking about health and safety and being pragmatic and dynamic approach. We talked about the benefits of risky play and how we can support children to evaluate their own safety.

The next area to open up will be den building which Mrs O'Mahony will be discussing with the children in our play assembly on Wednesday.

## 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

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## Well done Year 5

We had some lovely feedback at the end of last term from the Bikeability instructors. They said how impressed they were with year 5. They finished their sessions early due to listening so well and working hard. They also commented on what a lovely school it is.

Well done Year 5 and thank you !



## Support with mental health

The NHS are running some helpful training for parents and carers to recognise, understand and support children and young people who are experiencing mental health difficulties. This training is online and free to access. Further details and booking information can be found here

<https://cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/our-services/training/training-for-parents-and-carers/>

Current courses on offer include:-

Understanding the teen brain

Children and young people's mental health and navigating services

Having constructive conversations with distressed young people

Supporting young people with low mood

Overcoming childhood anxiety

Supporting young people with anxiety

**Star Writer**  
**Harrison Hillard Year 3**

Dear diary,

Today was a remarkable and adventurous day, but ~~but~~ today was no ordinary day it was a gray, boring and sad day. Colour draining clouds loomed over the bored people with their backs slumped forward like millions of dumbbells were on their backs, they plodded miserably to their still frozen box. I sat in my cube restless, suddenly in a glimse of my eye I saw thousands of trees gairzing at my tall it cube. it was like it was saing, "Come and explore my magicall forest," All of a sudden I felt bold and inquirzative to explore the wonders of the forest. So I staped out of my room to get my friends.



# Calling All Young Cricketers!

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# GEMS

Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire



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weekdays 9am to 5pm



<https://www.gems4health.com>



[gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)

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](http://www.Gems4Health.com)**



# VE DAY PICNIC ON THE MOOR

**Date: Sunday 4th May**  
**Time: 12-late!**  
**Live Music: 12-5**  
**Venue: Cookham Moor**

**80**  
**VE DAY**  
 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
 A UNITED NATIONS OF U.K. INITIATIVE

To celebrate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, the residents of the Cookham's are coming together for a **HUGE** community picnic & **EVERYONE** is invited! Grab your friends, neighbours, picnics, blankets or tables & chairs and come down to the moor for an afternoon of entertainment

**FREE ENTRY. No booking required**  
**No additional parking is available so please walk if possible**

Our new Cookham Rise choir will be singing with Cookham Dean choir at 12.40pm.

We have asked all children singing to wear red, white and blue—thank you.

**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



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