

COOKHAM RISE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



S.H.I.N.E



### A word from Mrs Daniels

Last week KS2 enjoyed a fantastic author visit, see page 10 for further details. Jenny was delighted that 45 copies of her book had been sold and so thank you for your support with this.

On Thursday, Mrs O'Mahony and I attended training regarding the WalkThrus Project that we are part of, along with about 30 other schools in the borough. The purpose of the project is to codify certain teaching and learning strategies, helping these to become second nature in the classroom.

On the same day, Year 5 led a fantastic science day in their classroom, inviting other classes to attend and find out about the work they have been doing. Further details can be found on pages 8 and 9.

We are proud to be asked each year to host a number of secondary trainee teachers to observe good practice. They will be in school tomorrow and Wednesday. We also have Sarah Cottle, our Link Advisor and Gaynor, our Chair of Governors coming in to see WalkThrus in action.

Finally, it is Comic Relief on Friday. Children can choose what they wear to school and we will collect donations for the charity. We would also really appreciate 'loose parts' donations for OPAL—details of what this can be can be found on page 7. Thank you!

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday 17th March

#### Tuesday 18th March

Trial choir session for KS2  
8.15-8.45am

#### Wednesday 19th March

#### Thursday 20th March

BBO computing hub event

#### Friday 21st March

Comic Relief and 'loose part' day!  
(see pages 2 and 7)  
National poetry day

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## Over and Above Awards—Friday 14th March

Reception	Margaux Woolfrey	Darcie Wightman	Rupert Ward
Year 1	Taylor Ojambo	Maia Vornicu	
Year 2	Morgan Clifford	Felicity Kibbler	
Year 3	Zach Finn	Naz Ozgur	
Year 4	Aby Adshed	Jasper Strudwick	
Year 5	The whole of Year 5		
Year 6	George Salmon	Emma Rhodes	

**Comic Relief**  
**Friday 21st March**  
**+ loose parts for OPAL**



Children can choose what they wear to school on Friday 21st March and we will be collecting for Red Nose Day with all the money going to charity. In addition, we would really appreciate you bringing in a 'loose part' (see list on page 5) to support our OPAL project.

Thank you.

## Calendar for term 4

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17	18	19	20 BBO computing hub event	21 Comic Relief and 'loose part' day!  National poetry day	22	23
24 Year 6 - National Reading Champions quiz  7pm Governing Body meeting	25	26	27	28 Brief reports to parents	29 Parents in school day	30
31	1 Parent consultation meetings	2 2.30pm Rock Steady concert	3 Parent consulta- tion meetings	4 Last day of term—finish at 2pm	5	6

### **Trial choir date— Tuesday 18th March 8.15—8.45am for KS2**

Miss Hone, one of our Teaching Assistants, has kindly agreed to restart a school choir. There will be a trial session this Tuesday 18th March @ 8.15am for any KS2 children interested in attending. Once we have seen how any pupils are keen we will email with a plan moving forwards. We are hoping that our choir will sing a song at the VE picnic on Sunday 4th May planned by the Cookham Village Events Committee.

## **PTA Chair**

We are really excited to announce we have two wonderful parents who have put themselves forward for Cookham Rise Chair from September. As such we ask all PTA members to vote so we can elect them accordingly. Whomever is unsuccessful will still be welcome to support the PTA, attend meetings as there are lots of other possible roles.

### **Candidate 1: Kate Veale**

Hi my name is Kate Veale and i'm applying for the role of PTA Chair. I have two children at the school William year 6 and Alice year 4 and I have been actively engaged with the school throughout their time whether it be as class rep or supporting the many PTA events including summer and christmas fairs. I am passionate about ensuring the great work done to date continues so that all our children can benefit from the many wonderful opportunities the PTA creates in partnership with the school. In work i am a senior leader with significant team management experience that i can bring to the role.

### **Candidate 2: Alexis**

Hi my name is Alexis, I'm born in Cookham and grew up here. A father of 3 wonderful boys, 2 in the Rise and third to join next year. I've always been part of the community and would be delighted to support the school, children and families with this responsibility. I'm a good communicator and aspire to do the best in what I do. I hope you can accept me as the right person for this role. Thank you for your time.

We kindly ask all Teachers and parents of Cookham Rise PTA to cast your vote:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JTL5Z2S>

Many Thanks,  
Pip Bradley  
Current PTA Chair

## **A Smartphone Free Childhood**

There is a free online event about a smartphone free childhood, if anyone would like to book a space the link is here -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/family-and-screens-in-a-super-connected-world-tickets-1257097846499?scrllybrkr>

## OPAL news



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really appreciating the support that the parent community is giving to our OPAL project. The children are enjoying the changes we have made so far. We have further exciting things planned which we would appreciate help with. We will be holding an OPAL parent workday on Saturday 29th March and are asking that parents sign up on our volunteer sheet. This can be found...

<https://volunteersignup.org/XK4MC>

We will be looking for help making mud kitchens, treating our wooden buildings and benches as well as constructing a lovely gravel play area. Power tools will be an advantage! Please do think about giving a little time if you are able.

Best wishes,

Mrs O'Mahony



... for a few hours on Saturday 29th March to help with some projects on the school grounds. Thank you!

## OPAL news



New small world play toys were introduced last week along with some more dressing up clothes.

If you have any loose part items to donate, please bring them to the playground on the morning of Friday 21st March—Comic Relief Day. Thank you.

Now that our shed is in place, we'd like to collect loose parts for children to play with. The items we are looking for will enable us to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime. We would appreciate any of the following

- Suitcases of any size and type
- Anything on wheels/castors e.g. baby buggy
- Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays
- Briefcases, especially hard cased ones
- Road signs and cones
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Buckets
- Nets and thick ropes
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators/mobile phones/desk phones/binoculars/cameras that are no longer working
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric)
- camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)
- Hats/scarves/jazzy shirts/elasticated skirts/waistcoats/wedding dresses/character costumes
- Planks of wood of various sizes



## Year 5 science day

Year 5 hosted a Science week activity day last Thursday.

Staff and pupils were impressed with their enthusiasm, knowledge and the variety of experiments.

Well done year 5, a great STEM day enjoyed by all!

Thanks to Mrs Parris and Mrs Bown for their hard work too!





## KS2 Author Visit



As part of Maidenhead's Big Read, Key Stage 2 had an inspirational visit from author Jenny McLachlan, who introduced the children to her "Land of Road" books. Using her childhood experiences with Lego, PlayMobil and dressing up, Jenny shared how building worlds and pretending to be other people helped inspire her writing.

Jenny believes that "Words are magic" and explained to the children that, whilst we can build imaginary words in Lego, we can describe texture, flavour and more with words.

In an hour-long workshop, Key Stage 2 performed a play with Alistair as a 76 year old grandad, Rozzie as Rose (with the greatest eye-roll Jenny has ever seen on a school visit!) and Alvin as Arthur, who had to rescue his grandad from a magical, folded camp-bed! Children cast spells to help a dragon hatch from its egg and saw how the baby dragon grew into a giant, head-and-parrot-eating monster! Jenny read from her latest book, *Dragon Riders of Roar*, and answered questions from the children.

The children were respectful and beautifully behaved; Jenny commented that she thoroughly enjoyed her visit! It was lovely to see Key Stage 2 laughing, engaged and learning from such a brilliant speaker. A huge thank you to Jenny and Maidenhead's Big Read for a great afternoon.





**BRAYWICK**  
nature centre

## Forest Fun Easter Holiday Club

Led by the Wildness and Wonder team in the woods at Braywick Nature Centre for children aged 6 plus, this will be an outdoor holiday club based on Forest School practice, with an emphasis on child-led activities, natural play and woodland arts and crafts.

We will be outdoors all day with all the usual eggciting fun you've come to expect from us, lots of free play, tree climbing, den building, fire lighting, team games, campfire cooking etc. alongside some Easter or egg themed crafts and challenges.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
9am-3pm: £50 per child per day

Enquiries at:

[wildnessandwonder@gmail.com](mailto:wildnessandwonder@gmail.com)

Please book at:

[bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder](http://bookwhen.com/wildnessandwonder)

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**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**



**Braywick Nature Centre, SL6 1UU**

# **Pond Dipping Easter Holiday Activities**

8th, 9th, 10th April  
2025

Sessions at 10am -  
11:30 + 2pm - 3:30pm

Parking and toilets  
available. Ages 4-11.  
£8 per child.





**IN  
MARLOW**

# PLAYBALL EASTER CAMP

**9AM - 3PM  
3-9YR OLDS  
FROM £35/DAY  
(BOOK BEFORE 21 MARCH)**

*scan to book*



## ACTIVITIES

- Playball Games
- Obstacle Courses
- Treasure hunts
- Ball Skills
- Arts n Crafts / Lego
- Dance & Yoga

## DATES

7-10 APRIL  
14 - 16 APRIL



# VE DAY PICNIC ON THE MOOR



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



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**

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*Do things for people*

NOT BECAUSE OF WHO  
THEY ARE OR WHAT  
THEY DO IN RETURN,  
BUT BECAUSE  
OF WHO YOU ARE.

HAROLD S. KUSHNER

*We want ALL of our  
children to shine!*

