

COOKHAM RISE
PRIMARY SCHOOL



S.H.I.N.E

A word from Mrs Daniels

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the better weather and making the most of their lunchtimes outside. If you are able to spare some time on Saturday 29th March to help us make outdoor play even better we would really appreciate your support. Please see page 5 for the sign up form.

This week you are also being asked to vote for our new PTA Chair—please see page 4 for details.

We had a lovely World Book Day in school last Thursday. The school came together at the end of the day to share what they had been doing and we were even joined by Mrs Strawson's dog, Coco, who seemed happy to be Hairy McClary from Donaldson's Dairy for the day!

This week is National Science week and we look forward to Year 5 leading on some work with other classes on Thursday.

THIS WEEK

Monday 10th March

Tuesday 11th March

Wednesday 12th March

Jenny McLachlan (author) with KS2
Netball match—home

Thursday 13th March

Year 5 science day for other classes in the school

Friday 14th March

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Bag2School raised £50 on Friday. We received 250kg of donations.

Next Bag2School is Fri June 6th just after half term.

Thank you to Kate Lafford and everyone who supported with this.

Over and Above Awards—Friday 7th March

Reception	Henry Tran	Freya Dank-Burrows	Grayson Carty
Year 1	Oliver Troman	Ava Christie	Emmeline Kersey
Year 2	Aston Spence	The whole of Year 2	
Year 3	Alfie Green	Bertie Brown	
Year 4	Freya Anjum	Alice Veale	
Year 5	Otis Bampini	Barney Pateman	
Year 6	Sophia Dawkins	Jessica Bradley	

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
10 Science week	11	12 Netball match— home	13 Year 5 science for the school	14	15	16
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

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

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 with building a large sandpit, 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!

The children are all extremely excited about our OPAL playground project. 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

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



School Council Update - school council's suggestion bags Spring 2025

The children in each class generated a wide range of suggestions via their school council representatives; a grand total of 84 ideas. These included having biscuits on Fridays, relocating 'Liverpool Stadium' to Cookham and requests for specific books or equipment.

We are delighted to discover that many of the suggestions will be fulfilled through our ongoing OPAL project and every class will benefit from these resources (den building, more art, dressing up, more access to the field) Many of the books have been purchased with money from our book fair revenue. Some resources were already owned by school and have had a resurgence, such as the French skipping rope.

The School Council is meeting in mid March to consider details or what is achievable and time scales for ideas that can be actioned when the budget allows.

Our next task is to debate which charity to support and how to fund raise for that.

Mrs Hunter and The School Council



Girls' football tournament



Thank you to Mrs Bown for taking the girls, they all had a great time!

Rocksteady

Rocksteady teach children to play an instrument in their very own band with no experience necessary! Guided by inspirational musicians, children learn songs they love in a fun and supportive in-school group setting. We currently have vacancies for keyboard, vocals, guitar. The lessons happen in school on Wednesday afternoons, and the children perform with their bands in a termly concert. If you would like to sign up, or just find out more, please go to <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Alison Rogers



Parent Governor Elections

Dear Parents

Last week you elected a new parent governor, Kim Field, to the Governing Body. Thank you to the four parents who put themselves forward. Also, thank you to all the parents who voted too. Its great to know that you are all so invested in your children's education. The governors look forward to welcoming Kim at the next meeting on 24th March.

Thank you all for your support.

Gaynor Sprules
Chair of Governors



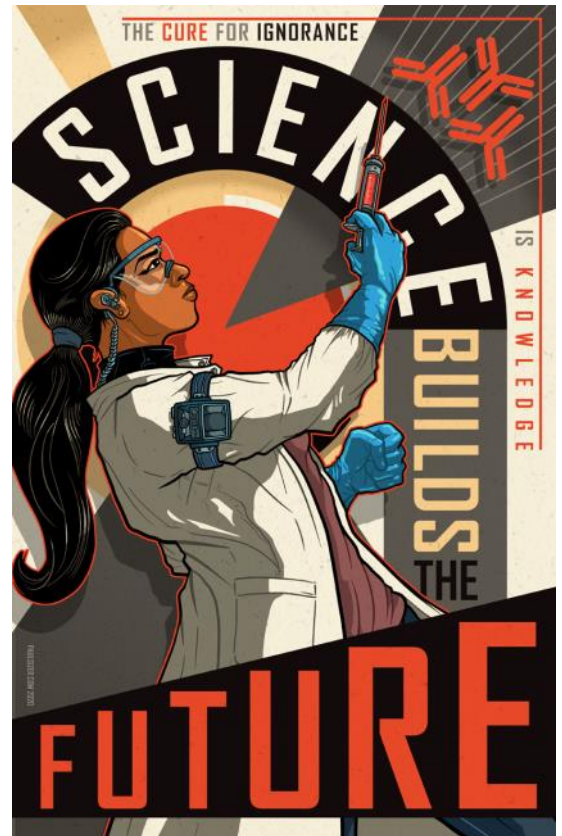
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