



A word from Mrs Daniels

A big thank you to Victoria and everyone else who helped and supported the quiz night on Friday—please see page 5 for details of what was raised.

Tomorrow is Internet Safety Day and all of the children will have the chance to work with Paul Hay, an expert in this area. He will also be running a workshop for parents 7-8pm in the school hall so please come along if you can. There is no charge for this.

I am really looking forward to seeing Year 3 perform at the dance festival on Thursday and wish them all the very best of luck.

January and February can feel a little bleak at times and so I am very grateful to work in a place that is quite the opposite of that! Thank you to the staff, the children and to all of you for making these months bright and purposeful. I wish you all a good half term break and look forward to the warmer months to come!



THIS WEEK

Monday 10th February

Tuesday 11th February

MMR sport coaching—Year 3
Safer Internet Day—Paul Hayes in school

7pm evening internet safety session for parents

Wednesday 12th February

Thursday 13th February

Year 3 dance festival

Friday 14th February

Year 1 toy event

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Sending our love and best wishes to Miss Prout who is getting married on Friday 21st February!

Over and Above Awards—Friday 7th February

Reception	Jensen Sabin	Freya Danks-Burrows	Meera Argula
Year 1	Evelyn McLeod	Imogen Rees	Leo Wardle
Year 2	Freddie Danks-Burrows	Isaac Perry	Carys Cox
Year 3	Nicholas Nowacki	Solomiia Kuzova	
Year 4	Pippa Knowles	Oliver Bostock	Jessica Snodgrass
Year 5	Gabriel O’Sullivan	Izzy Keegan	
Year 6	George Salmon	Jessica Bradley	



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



Calendar for term 4

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
24 Feb Book Fair in school	25	26 Netball match v. Cookham Dean away	27 Year 6 - Eton College science and geography workshops 6—8pm Rotary Writing Competition Celebration event	28	1	2
3	4 Liz Flanagan (author) virtual session for years 3 and 4	5 Dassu virtual session for Years 5 and 6	6 World Book Day Fiona Barker (author) in school Rec and years 1 and 2 Oldfield football away A + B teams	7	8	9
10	11	12 Netball match— home	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 BBO computing hub event	21 Comic Relief 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

Quiz Night—Thank you!

A vibrant graphic with a black background. At the top left, a pink banner reads 'COOKHAM RISE'. The words 'QUIZ NIGHT' are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif letters, slanted upwards. To the right of the text are several colorful stars and arrows in yellow, pink, and blue. Below the main text, a yellow rounded rectangle contains the text 'TOGETHER WE RAISED £1,600!' in pink, bold, sans-serif letters. At the bottom of the graphic, there is a row of small pink dots.

COOKHAM RISE

QUIZ NIGHT

TOGETHER WE RAISED £1,600!

With special thanks to.....

- Hayley Adshead & Nicky Cox for setting up
- Nicky Cox & David Strudwick for running the bar, event & evening clear up
- David Strudwick for Saturday clear up

Thanks to everyone that came along, we hope you had a great time!

Victoria, Treasurer PTA

Exciting opportunity- PTA Chair Role

Hello Everyone,

I truly can't believe this is my final year at Cookham Rise as a parent and a member of the PTA. Reflecting on the past six years, I can honestly say it's been an incredible journey filled with fun, collaboration, and a deep sense of community. Working alongside other parents, PTA members, school staff, and our local Cookham schools has been a highlight of my time here. As my time as Chair comes to a close, we are actively seeking someone to step into this rewarding role. I wanted to share a few insights to give you a sense of what the position entails:

1.It's the easiest role in the PTA!

Honestly, I don't do nearly as much as our amazing Secretary and Treasurer.

2.Chairing PTA Meetings:

The main responsibility is leading our one-hour meetings (only 6–7 per year). These are focused on ensuring our activities are productive and aligned with the school's goals and priorities.

3.Promoting & Supporting Fundraising Events:

Your level of involvement is flexible—you can do as much or as little as your time allows. We always have committees to help organise and run our annual fundraising events.

4.Approving Budgets:

This is a straightforward part of the role, as it's integrated into meeting agendas. Our wonderful Treasurer, Victoria, handles all the detailed work—you just need to provide a quick review and approval.

In truth, the Chair role is all about fostering collaboration and maintaining a positive and supportive environment. Together, we aim to create opportunities that enhance the educational experiences of our Cookham Rise children.

If you're interested or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. This is such a fulfilling role, and I know it will be a rewarding experience for the next Chair.

Please text 07871124701 if you want to know more!

Best regards,

Pip Bradley

Internet safety talk for parents Tomorrow 7-8pm

ROBLOX

Special Parent Talk
Help to Keep your Child Safe Online

FORTNITE

Cookham Rise
7 – 8pm Tuesday 11th February

Our children live in the Internet Age. They love to use technology and play the latest games. However, it is not always easy for parents and carers to understand what they are doing and how we can help to do the right things to keep them out of danger.

The school will be having a Special Internet Safety Day. The children will learn about going on line and how to keep safe.

MINECRAFT



It is important that parents are also involved so they are able to help their children when they are at home. We would like to invite you to a special talk.

The talk is being given by Paul Hay, who is a specialist in Internet Safety.

He will tell you :

- **How young people use the Internet.**
- **Show how children use programs such as Minecraft, Roblox, Instagram, SnapChat and Tik Tok**
- **Describe how information young people post can be misused by people who are not their friends.**
- **Explain what you, as parents, can do to help keep them safe.**



Instagram



Above all it will give you as parents and carers the confidence to help your child get the most benefit and enjoyment from the internet while keeping safe.

Topics will be discussed in language we as parents understand. No technical or computer knowledge is required or expected.



You are welcome to bring a friend or adult family member with you.

Our new calm space and wall art



Over the past few weeks we have converted our small room that sits near the Rec and KS1 lobby into a more calming space.

The finishing touches are being added today with the installation of wallart.

We also have a new piece of wallart going into the hall with our three school rules on it: ready, respectful and safe.

My thanks to the Shanley Foundation who donated £2500 towards this project.



Playball at half term



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Participants:	Ages 7-20
Dates:	Tuesday 18th February 2025 & Wednesday 19th February 2025
Time:	10.00 - 14.00
Location:	Indoor Dome, Uxbridge High School, UB8 3PH
Cost:	£25 per day / £47.50 both days

Scan to book, or for more info, please contact Craig Peters at: cpeters@brentfordfcst.com



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