



A word from Mrs Daniels ...

This week we are looking forward to seeing Reception class sing and perform a poem, our Rocksteady performance and our KS1 show.

Reception will finish their performance at about 2.20pm tomorrow at which point you are welcome to take your child home or they can remain in school until the end of the school day as usual.

Details about the KS1 shows can be found in the class letters for Years 1 and 2.

If the Rocksteady concert finishes early we will ask all the children to go back to class until the end of the day as usual as there are a number of children across the school performing.



THIS WEEK

Monday 8th Dec

Tuesday 9th Dec

Reception dress rehearsal to the school

2pm Reception performance for families

Wednesday 10th Dec

KS1 dress rehearsal to the school

2pm Rocksteady concert

Thursday 11th Dec

2pm and 6pm KS1 show for families

Friday 12th Dec

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Another fantastic Christmas Fair—thank you everyone!

Special thanks to Nicky, Heidi, Sam and Freya for leading on the fair organisation and putting so much work into it along with support from Anita and Victoria.

Each year group took on particular responsibilities and so thank you to all the volunteers - especially those who helped to pack away in the rain!

It was lovely to see the children enjoying themselves so much and I had a few kind comments from visitors about how well behaved our pupils were and what a lovely atmosphere there was.

Finally, my thanks to everyone who came along to support as well as to Father Christmas for travelling all this way when he is so busy!

Over and Above Awards —Friday 5th December

Reception	Reyan Pandey	Jessie Crowe	
Year 1	Jensen Sabin	Seth Robertson	
Year 2	Imogen Rees	Emma Baxter	
Year 3	Edward Wightman	Elliott Rees	
Year 4	All of Year 4		
Year 5	Rhys Thornton	Archie Thornton	
Year 6	Felix Noble	Molly Price	



The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...

Well done to Matthew, Alexander, Benji and Zack in Year 4 who won the trophy last Friday thereby giving all of Year 4 15mins extra of OPAL time. They won the trophy for their daily fantastic tidying up at the end of lunchtime.

Calendar for term 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 Years 1 and 2 Kenton theatre	16	17 Reception and KS1—Methodist church Christmas lunch	18 Reception to Norden Farm 2.45pm KS2 carol concert	19 Last day of term finish at 1.30pm	20	21



Monday 5th January is a staff training day

Children return to school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**

Netball report

On Thursday afternoon, the Year 6 netball team played an exciting match against Oldfield Primary School finishing with a score of 3–7. Despite the loss, the team showed fantastic determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout all four quarters.

Right from the first whistle, our players worked hard to keep possession and create scoring opportunities. Cookham Rise defence was particularly strong in the first half, with excellent marking and several well-timed interceptions that kept us in the game. By halftime, the score remained close.

In the third quarter, our shooters found their rhythm, scoring two impressive goals under pressure. The whole team supported each other with quick passes, good movement, and strong communication. Although the opposition managed to pull ahead in the final quarter, our players continued to give their best effort until the final whistle.

A standout moment came when Alexa Roberts made a brilliant interception in the centre third, helping set up our final goal of the match. The whole team demonstrated great sportsmanship and represented the school with pride.

Player of the match: Molly Price, GD

Mrs Cromarty

Lantern Parade

Thank you to Mrs Collibee and all of the families who went along to the Lantern Parade on Saturday.

The lanterns look fantastic!



Poetry week



Children and staff sharing poems during Young Poet's Week.

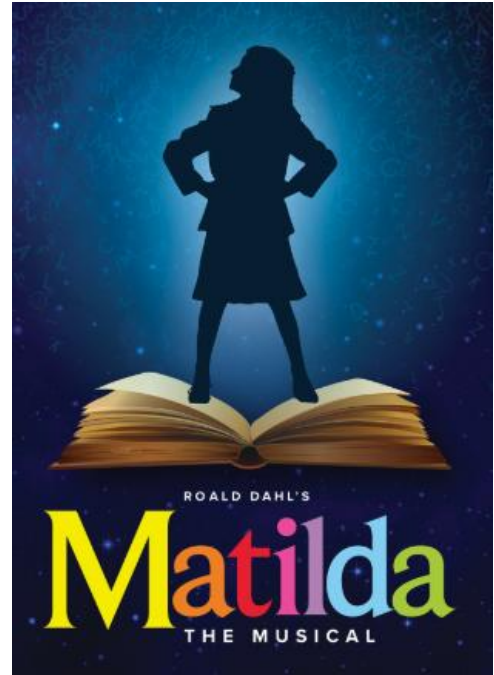


Matilda

Years 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to see 'Matilda' in the West End last week. They behaved brilliantly and were a credit to the school. My thanks to the staff team and Chair of Governors, Gaynor, who accompanied them.

It was a pleasure to see the enjoyment on the children's faces. They all stood up to applaud very enthusiastically at the end. A lovely day to share with the children. Thank you.

Gaynor Sprules—Chair of Governors



The children have written reviews of the show, some of which I'll share in the newsletter next week.

Primary Maths Challenge

Year 6 took part in the Primary Maths Challenge last week. A special well done to the following children:

GOLD Ethan Courtis

SILVER Thomas Beaney , Rufus Read and Thomas Leach

BRONZE Henry Rees, Gabriel O'Sullivan, Euan Sutcliffe and Alfie O'Callaghan



SEND updates

Please see the link below to our local SEND newsletter. Find survival tips for Christmas and a range of useful advice.

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GEMS

GEMS serves families who live or whose GP is based in East Berkshire (Slough, Windsor, Maidenhead, Bracknell). Whether you're early in exploration, awaiting assessment, or seeking strategies for everyday life post diagnosis, we welcome you

We have just released a new date for our next 3 Part ADHD Course.

ADHD Course	<i>Hosted by Parenting Special Children:</i>
A 3-week course	Topics Covered What is ADHD? Challenges & concerns. Strengths and opportunities. Learn to understand children's anxiety and how this relates to ADHD. Gain an understanding of attention deficit behaviours & how to manage these.

ADHD Support

For Parents & carers of children aged 3 and over, primary & secondary school aged children.

Online:

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 25th
February 2026.

7 -
9pm

Booking link : <https://parentingspecialchildren.co.uk/events/adhd-course-berks-east-feb-2026/>

If this is not what you are looking for please view our full range of workshops on our website : <https://www.gems4health.com/workshops/>

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Freddie and Maisie



The Daniels and O'Mahony families

Well done to everyone who took part in the Santa Fun Run yesterday. If your child took part and would like to feature in the newsletter please send photos to the school office and I will include them next week.

(My long distance vision without glasses is very poor so if I didn't see any children waving to me I apologise!)



Freya won her gymnastics competition coming first on the Floor and second on the Vault and also overall winner with the highest score. Well done Freya!