

School News

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A word from Mrs Daniels

Welcome back to the new term and happy new year. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas.

We never know what will be in store for us weather wise in January and February. My aim will always be for us to open but should there be severe weather necessitating closure it would be announced on the school website by 7.15am along with an email to all families. Let's hope this isn't the case and please just send your child in equipped for colder times outside! There is a new plan in place for lunchtimes which I put in the newsletter before the end of term but have kept in today in case you haven't seen it.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 7th January

Jane Douglas—dance festival work with Year 3

MMR sport coaching—Year 4

New parent show around

Wednesday 8th January

Thursday 9th January

Friday 10th January

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End of term

Over and Above Awards—Friday 20th December

Reception	Margaux Woolfrey	Henry Tran
Year 1	Lola Dabbs	Oliver Troman
Year 2	Bella Phillips	Rudy Pateman
Year 3	Elise-Rose Clement	Bertie Brown
Year 4	William Lowery	Finley Bray
Year 5	Amelia Phillips	Damian Gleave
Year 6	Sophia Anjum	William Veale



Calendar for term 3

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6 Training day	7 Jane Douglas— dance festival work with Year 3 MMR sport coach- ing—Year 4	8	9	10	11	12
13 Finance committee	14	15 KS2 Prime VR day	16	17	18	19
20 7pm GB meeting 7pm PTA meeting	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5 RWI school develop- ment day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Safer Internet Day— Paul Hayes in school	12	13	14	15	16
HALF TERM WEEK						

OPAL news

Lunchtime changes from today -

A summary:

Years 1—6 will all have lunchtime at the same time—**12.15—1.15pm**. Year 1 will go straight to lunch each day at about 12.10 with Year 2 following on after.

Years 3—6 will go outside and then be called into lunch. The order will change each day so that the same class are not always first.

Reception will keep the same lunchtime 11.50—12.50 and be on their own playground for now but may merge with the rest of the school in the summer term.

Years 1—6 will be able to access the same areas of the school together.

KS2 breaktime will change from being 10.50—11.20 to **10.45—11.05**.

Over time we will develop more and more activities for the children. Music has already been introduced and we will soon have a dressing up area. We will keep you updated in this section of the newsletter. Any play that is deemed as being risky will have a lead in assembly where risk is discussed and rules are put in place as a school.

We are in the process of purchasing welly storage for each class and will let you know when that is in place. Eventually, we will want children to be wearing wellies to access the field during muddy months. As always, we will aim to have children outside as much as possible so children need to have warm, waterproof coats please.

We are planning on having a 'grounds day' in school on Saturday 29th March when we will be asking if adults can spare any time to help us care for and develop our outdoor spaces—please save the date!

Thank you for your support.

Mrs O'Mahony



Christmas Lunch



Thank you to our
Caterlink Team—
Enid and Sian.

Wild Cookham

The Big Bug & Bird Bash is a fun workshop for the whole family!

There will be two workshops on offer:

- 1) Re-purpose your natural Christmas Wreath (you will need to bring your wreath with you)
- 2) Build a bird box - all materials for this will be provided

The event will take place from 2pm-4pm at Holy Trinity School, Cookham on Saturday the 18th January. Refreshments will be provided. Places are limited so book now to avoid disappointment!



Join us for a fun-filled day at "The Big Bug and Bird Bash"!

Dive into the world of nature as we transform natural Christmas wreath decorations into cozy bug hotels and build beautiful bird boxes for our feathered friends! This hands-on event promises to be a fantastic adventure for children of all ages, fostering creativity and a love for the environment.

Don't forget to bring your own wreaths to repurpose, while we'll provide all the materials for the bird boxes. With limited space available, be sure to book your place today! Tickets are just £5 for a single child or £10 for a family pass. Let's make a difference together!

BOOK YOUR TICKETS : <https://form.jotform.com/243635552095056>

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*We want ALL of our
children to shine!*

Bella achieved distinction in her initial piano grade exam at the end of last term. What an amazing achievement, well done Bella!

