



A word from Mrs Daniels

The Christmas Fair was, once again, a really lovely event. Huge thanks to everyone involved in the organisation, especially Anita Reynolds who led the team and communicated everything so well with me. Thank you to all of you who supported on the day by running stalls or spending your hard earned cash!

I will share information about how much was raised once I hear but, most importantly, it was lovely to see the children having fun and having the chance to meet with Father Christmas before he gets even busier!

This week we are looking forward to seeing Elm class performing their nativity on Wednesday—to the school in the morning and families in the afternoon—and to Years 1 and 2 performing their Christmas show on Thursday.

I was sorry that the Lantern Parade had to be cancelled on Saturday, due to the weather, but well done and thank you to Year 2 who had made some beautiful lanterns for the event.

THIS WEEK

Monday 9th December

Hour of code week

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Rec nativity for the school
2.30pm Rec nativity for families

Thursday 12th December

2pm and 6pm KS1 Christmas play for families

Friday 13th December

Reports to families Years 1—6



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If you have any old greetings cards that Elm class can cut up and write on then they would really appreciate them! Please leave with the school office. Thank you.

Over and Above Awards—Friday 6th December

Reception	Rupert Ward	Reggie Hannigan	Tiago Haggerty
Year 1	Willa Read	Evelyn McLeod	
Year 2	Carys Cox	Jake Bampton	
Year 3	Lily Squire-field	Sylvie Van-Haarst	
Year 4	The whole class		
Year 5	Amelia Philips Isla Bampton	Bella Pady	Molly Price
Year 6	Zac Hall	Emma Rhodes	



Calendar for term 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
9 Hour of code week	10	11 Rec nativity for the school 2.30pm Rec nativity for families	12 2pm and 6pm KS1 Christmas play for families	13 Reports to families Years 1—6	14	15
16	17 KS1 to Kenton theatre—Snow White	18 Christmas lunch 2.30pm Rock Steady concert	19 Elm to Norden Farm—Pinocchio KS1 to Methodist Church 2.30 KS2 carol concert	20 School finishes at 2pm	21	22

Calendar for term 3

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
6 Training day	7 Jane Douglas— dance festival work with Year 3	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 devel- opment day	6	7	8	9
10	11 Safer Internet Day—Paul Hayes in school	12	13	14	15	16
HALF TERM WEEK						

OPAL news

Does anyone have a sturdy clothes rail they are willing to donate to school for our new outside dressing up area?

In addition, we are keen to collect some clothes for dressing up, such as unusual jackets, skirts, hats and accessories such as bags.

Thank you

Mrs O'Mahony

Some of the items we will be collecting for the playground over the course of the next few terms ...

Upcycled Loose Parts



Baking Pans



Cake Moulds



Ice Cube Trays



Kitchen Tools



Measuring Spoons



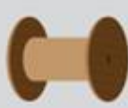
Pots & Pans



Strainers



Baskets



Cable Spools



Cardboard Items



Cones



Containers



Corrugated Pipes



Dress-Up Items



Fabric



Funnels



Milk Crates



Nets



Old Electronics



Pool Noodles



PVC Pipes



Rolling Carriers



Ropes



Shovels & Spades



Sinks & Tubs



Tarps



Tires & Wheels



Wooden Planks

THE DIGITAL DILEMMA: Keeping Your Kids Safe

Thames Valley Police Cyber Protect are running a free webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks young people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours!

Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help you protect them in today's online world.

The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

Reserve your space today!



School Uniform

I have had the following communication from School days Direct with regards to uniform -

Due to rising costs in shipping, staffing, and operational expenses, we have had to review our delivery policy for the New Year, effective on orders received from 1st January 2025.

Please see new delivery policy below for Cookham Rise Primary School:-

Orders over £30.00 will continue to qualify for free delivery.

Orders under £30.00 will incur a standard delivery fee of £6.50.

Free collection from our store remains available for all orders, regardless of value.

Parents are, of course, also welcome to shop in-store if they prefer not to order online.



To support parents we have also agreed to free shipping to school and we distribute the uniform—our delivery day will be a Wednesday.

Christmas Tree Festival



St Luke's Church are hosting a Christmas Tree Festival which includes different Christmas trees being dressed by different schools and organisations. Year 2 got to participate in this and have made beautiful decorations. If you would like to visit the church and see these trees it is open on Friday and Saturday at 10:00 - 19:00 and again on Sunday at 12:00 - 18:00.

A big thank you to
Nicky Cox for
providing our tree.



Year 5 Fire safety presentation



On Thursday, Year 5 welcomed a fire safety presentation from our local Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue service - Maidenhead green watch team. A big thank you to the team for spending time with us and helping us understand the importance of fire safety around the home.



Years 4 and 6 Bebras Challenge

Children in Years 4 and 6 have recently taken part in the Bebras Challenge, which helps children develop their computational thinking and problem solving skills. Congratulations to all the children who took part and especially those pictured, who all received a "Certificate of Distinction". A special well done to Rhys (Year 4) and Yui Shun (Year 6), who won the "Best in School" awards for their year groups.

Year 6 also took part in the Primary Maths Challenge; Hugo, Zac and Liam achieved Gold Awards. We wait to find out if they scored highly enough to progress to the next round of the competition!

Mrs Bond



Swimathon



MAIDENHEAD LIONS

START THE NEW YEAR WITH A SPLASH!

**40th ANNUAL
SWIMARATHON
Sunday 12th Jan 2025
at Braywick Leisure Centre,
Maidenhead**

Dive into the Swimathon for Cookham Rise!

Whoop whoop! It's time to make a splash for Cookham Rise! Set your goggles, set the date, and get ready for an epic evening at Braywick Leisure Centre on January 12th, 5pm! (Yep, we tried for an earlier time, but 5pm it is—prime time for a swim-fun frenzy!)

We're on the lookout for 8 teams of 6-8 swimmers! This is a fantastic event for all ages and swimming abilities to jump in and have a great time.

Calling all parents! We need your help with length counting and poolside support, so if you can't swim, come lend a hand and cheer on the team!

Confirm your attendance and help us spread the word. Every splash counts!

Please contact Yaeger Irwin – 07818 807162 if you are keen to be involved. Or please confirm to your class representative to secure a space in the team!

Sponsorship details and our collective JustGiving page will be out soon! Let's rally together and make waves for a great cause.

Excited to see everyone there!

Touch Rugby Camp



**CHRISTMAS
TOUCH RUGBY
CAMP**

2 & 3 JAN 2025
AGES 5-17

Hosted by Regional and National Qualified Touch Rugby Coaches.

Cost:
£35 for 1 day (9.30am - 3:00pm) or £60 for 2 days.
10% sibling discount.

Includes FREE hot chocolate!!

Venue:
Maidenhead RFC, Braywick Park, Braywick Road, Maidenhead SL6 1BN

REGISTER

To register your junior or for more information, please email sammie@in2touch.com

Camps in association with England Touch's West Region @wildcatstouch
wildcatsjuniortouch@gmail.com

The poster features a dark blue background with festive Christmas decorations including a tree, a reindeer, and colorful ornaments. Two circular images show children playing touch rugby on a field, one wearing a Santa hat. The Wildcat logo is present at the bottom corners.

Booking form

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Please sign up before Friday 20 December 2024 to guarantee your junior's place.

Christmas Lunch

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feeding the imagination

Christmas Lunch Menu

Wednesday 18th December 2024

**Roast Turkey & Pork Chipolata
Sausage with Sage and
Onion Stuffing**

**Sweet Potato/Parsnip loaf &
Vegan Christmas Chipolata with
Sage and Onion Stuffing**

Served with:

**Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots
and Brussell Sprouts**

Dessert:

**Christmas Pudding Rice Krispie
Cake**



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A huge well done to Zac who won gold in his age category in the British 100m OCR championships this weekend at the NEC in Birmingham.

OCR stands for Obstacle Course Racing and the 100m event will form part on the Modern Pentathlon in the 2028 Olympics. He is lucky to train with lots of Cookham kids with Louise Ferriman - who is a World Champion in OCR!

We want ALL of our children to shine!

