



A word from Mrs Daniels

The Christmas countdown has begun! A dedicated team of parents have been working hard to get the Christmas Fair organised for Friday. My thanks in advance to all of them.

School will finish at 3pm for everyone. Children will be dismissed from their classes as usual so that you can meet them in the playground and then come into the fair. It is a mufti day for the children and we are asking for tombola donations—please see page 6 for more details. These items will be collected in the playground in the morning.

Wraparound Care will be using the Year 1 classroom as the Community Room will be in use for the Fair. Please also note that the KS2 corridor will be locked so children will need to make sure they have their belongings with them at the end of the day.

There is a reindeer who needs to be named on their way to us and I have been reliably informed that Father Christmas may also be finding time to visit us! I look forward to seeing you on Friday ...

THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd December

Year 6 height and weight

Tuesday 3rd December

Final Year 4 swimming session

Wednesday 4th December

Bike shed out of action all day

Thursday 5th December

Fire presentation for Year 5

Friday 6th December

Mufti day for Christmas Fair
Christmas Fair 3-5pm



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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 29th November

Reception	Darcie Wightman	Margaux Woolfrey	George Hobbs
Year 1	Myles Ojambo	Leo Witney	
Year 2	Freddie Abbott	Callum Fletcher	
Year 3	Bjorn Norris	Isla Hayes	
Year 4	Dylan Walker- McKevitt	Martha Laidler	
Year 5	Alfie O'Callagan	Myles Austin	Ethan Davison
Year 6	Whole class		



Football news

Well done to our football team who played Riverside last week—winning 4—0.

Calendar for term 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 Year 6 height and weight	3 Year 4 swimming	4	5 Fire presentation for Year 5	6 Mufti day for tombola donations 3—5pm Christmas Fair	7 Lantern parade	8
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

Christmas Fair Stallholder preview

With less than a week to go until our Christmas Fair, we wanted to share one of our fantastic stall holders creations, that you can order now, for collection before Christmas Eve. Gemma makes beautiful hand painted Christmas Eve plates for your little ones. You can order by emailing Gemma on gemma-gallon@hotmail.co.uk

Thank you
PTA



OPAL update from Mrs O'Mahony

Planning for OPAL continues to move forward! A big thank you to Hayley Adshead (Y4 parent) who has agreed to be our 'Parent play champion' for OPAL. This means that Hayley will be involved in observing our playtimes, attend our working party meetings, help parents to understand the school's approach to play, communicate ideas and contributions to parents and beyond as well as supporting the ongoing resourcing of loose parts from parents and the wider community. Hayley owns Playball and therefore understands how important it is to have a scheme like OPAL in school and to advocate for play.



Over the course of the next 18 months, the PTA fundraising events will be contributing to the development of the OPAL project and we are excited that this has enabled us to purchase a large storage shed which is now on its way to us! This wouldn't be possible without the PTA support and we are extremely grateful to everyone who works to raise funds and everyone who contributes to those funds through events such as the Christmas Fair, a big thank you.



The shed will house lots of 'loose parts' play equipment for the children to access independently. Loose parts are open-ended materials such as those below. Keep an eye on the newsletter as we will ask for very specific requests of how you can support.

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



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 they have also offered free shipping to school and we distribute the uniform to you from here which we are happy to accommodate.



Christmas Fair

The PTA kindly request the following donations for mufti day on Fri 6th Dec at drop off:

Christmas Fair

Tombola donation requests:

KS1: Small children's toy for ages 4-11

KS2: Bottle donations (soft and alcoholic drinks)

Cake stall requests:

ALL: Any cakes/brownies/ mince pies/ yule log would be awesome

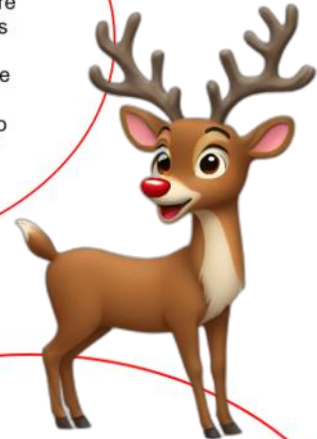
Year 5 and 6 visit to The Houses of Parliament



Guess my name at the Christmas Fair ...



Hello Cookham Rise! My name is... well actually I'm not sure! But I've been sent by Father Christmas to help everyone get ready for the big day, before I land in my new home! I've got lots of jobs to do before I can come and join you at your Christmas fair where I will hopefully get my new name. If you guess correctly, I get to come and live with you!
I'm safely belted into the car on my way to my first stop... I wonder what it could be?



Day 1



My first stop was to go and collect my Christmas tree! I was allowed a sneaky early collection, but I know lots of you are collecting yours on Saturday at the cricket club to help raise money for your school!
Next on my list to help me prepare for the big day is some pampering. I wonder where I'll end up?

Day 2



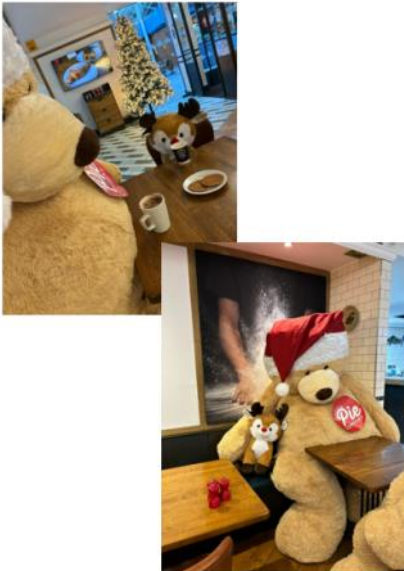
Wow! What a day of pampering!
I heard that lots of parents get their hair and nails done this time of year so thought I'd have a go!
I found a lovely dog grooming salon (who take reindeers too) and they brushed my hair, trimmed my hooves and got me to pose on their Christmas table.
Then it was time to get my nails done! The staff gave me a lovely frothy coffee and I chose a red to match my nose.
Soon, I'll be making my way to Cookham Rise ready to meet you all at the fair! But I've got a few more adventures to go on first!

Day 3



Can you guess where I've been to visit today? It's quite chilly, but not as cold as the North Pole! I wonder if I could ask anyone for directions to Cookham Rise?

Day 4



Did you guess where I was?

That's right, I found myself in Windsor! I managed to find this lovely little pie shop where Mr Bear was having a hot chocolate, so I asked if I could join him! Unfortunately, he didn't know the way to Cookham Rise... ☹️



Day 5



So, I wandered back to the castle as I thought the King would be able to help me find my way to Cookham Rise, but he wasn't in!

Luckily, this policeman who was standing guard outside the castle gave me some directions to the train station. Yippee.

Lantern Parade—Saturday 7th December

Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

THE LANTERN PARADE

**CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS
OUR ANIMAL NEIGHBOURS**

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER 2024

Free Event

Entertainment begins at 4.30pm at Maidenhead Town Hall
Get parade ready by joining us at a Lantern Making workshop

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Year 2 Lanterns



THE LANTERN PARADE

**Saturday 7 December
4.30pm**

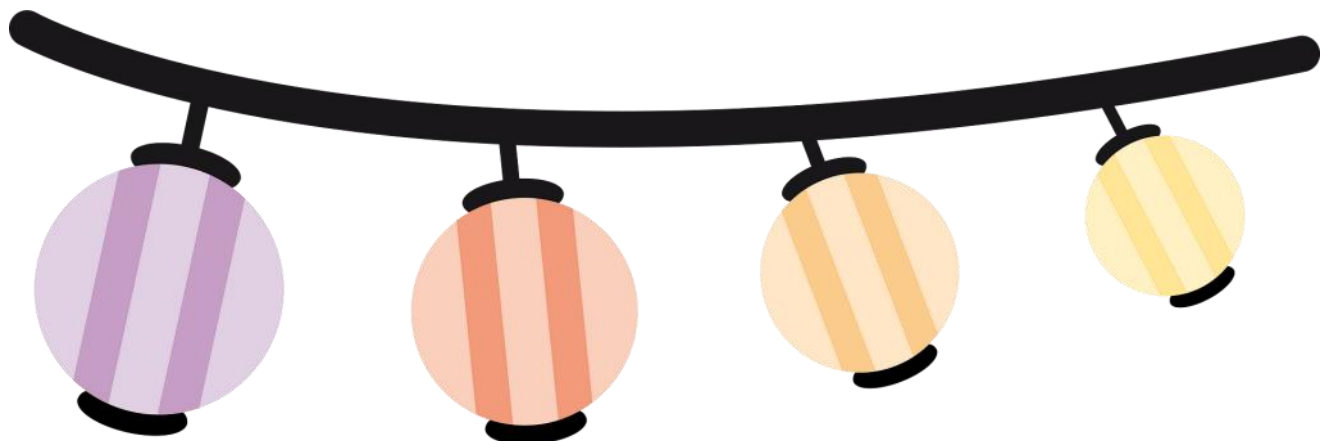
The Carnival of the Animals Lantern Parade will be held on Saturday 7 December featuring live music and entertainment as we light up the night in Maidenhead.

We will have live music from Babel Brass and Ronak Mela Baja as well as a host of beautiful handmade lanterns from local schools and community groups.

Your school's lanterns will be all set up and ready for you to take one and join in the parade from 4.30pm. We hope to see you there!

Contact Jess on
jessica.thompson@nordenfarm.org
if you have any questions before the event, or comments afterwards!

 **Norden Farm**
Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead



Freecycle



FREECYCLE BOOKS, TOYS & HOMEWARE

**SATURDAY 7th Dec
10.00am to 12.00pm**

**At Cookham Library
Community Room**

See us on Facebook - contact us at:
cookhamsfootprint@gmail.com

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!

Christmas Lunch

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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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Well done to all our 5km Santa fun runners!



Isla Thornhill in Year 2



Thomas, Louis, Emily, Finley and Charlie from year 4
Freddie Fardon year 2
Oliver Troman year 1

We want ALL of our children to shine!

