

# School News

Issue 1

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COOKHAM RISE  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



S.H.I.N.E

## A word from Mrs Daniels

Welcome back to the new school year and a special welcome to the new families joining us. Our Reception class have settled well and it has been lovely to welcome them to Cookham Rise!

We have had a lovely start back with the children looking very smart in their white polo shirts. Please could I ask that nail varnish and jewellery (apart from small stud earrings for pierced ears) are removed for school and that hair accessories are kept to a minimum.

Teachers look forward to meeting with you virtually over the next couple of weeks to talk about the year ahead and in person with our new Reception families.

I was exceptionally proud of the 16 Year 6 children who took part in the hustings on Friday. They had prepared excellent speeches about why they should be head girl or boy which they delivered confidently to years 1—6. All children and staff took part in the vote, which proved to be very close, so this year we have chosen to have deputies as well.

## THIS WEEK

### Monday 9th

6.30pm PTA meeting at The Swan  
Uppers in Cookham

### Tuesday 10th

11+ practice paper for Year 6 children  
sitting the test

Year 4 start swimming

6.30pm Year 5 virtual class meeting

### Wednesday 11th

Clarinet lessons start for Year 5

Individual piano lessons starting

6.30pm Year 4 virtual class meeting

7.30pm Year 1 virtual class meeting

### Thursday 12th

Reception class start full days

11+ test

6.30pm Year 6 virtual class meeting

### Friday 13th

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## Over and Above Awards—Friday 6th September

Reception	Whole class	
Year 1	Joshua Clayton	Lily Brocklebank-Holland
Year 2	Ayaan Anjum	Morgan Clifford
Year 3	Alexander Reynolds	Florence Morey
Year 4	Ted Oliver-Romero	Rhys Thornton
Year 5	Thomas Beaney	Alexa Roberts
Year 6	Sophia Dawkins	Jessica Bradley



### Staffing update

I am delighted to welcome Miss Prout to the school who will be teaching Year 2 this year. Miss Prout completed part of her teacher training here and so whilst new to her role she already feels like an established part of our team!

Whilst I am sad to be announcing that Mrs Hunter is going to be retiring at the end of the school year I am delighted for her. I know that a whole new world of opportunities will open up which she will take full advantage of and am grateful for the advance notice so that we will have a clear succession plan in place.

On a lovely final note, we have a year of weddings approaching! Miss Prout is getting married in February 2025 and Miss Alington in May 2025. Simon also announced over the summer that his daughter is engaged. I am sure you will join me in sending our congratulations.



# Calendar for term 1

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
9 Elm class finish at 1pm  6.30pm PTA	10 Elm class finish at 1pm 11+ practice Year 6 Year 4 swimming	11 Elm class finish at 1pm	12 Elm class full days start 11+ test Year 6	13	14	15
16	17 Year 4 swimming	18 7.00pm Elm—supporting your child with reading and writing evening for parents	19	20 Inflatable fun TBC  Flu vaccine	21	22
23 7.00pm GB meeting	24 9.30 new parent tour Year 4 swimming	25 7.00pm Maths session for parents—multiplication and division	26	27	28	29
30 Parent consultation slots released	1 Year 4 swimming	2 Year 5—Cressida Cowel  7.00pm Meeting for Elm parents—behaviour and safe-guarding	3 Year 6—Hannah Gold	4	5	6
7	8 Year 4 swimming	9 RWI school development day	10	11	12	13
14 Three workshops in school	15 Year 4 swimming Year 6 Holy Trinity Church	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Year 4 swimming Parent consultations 3.30—6.00pm	23	24 Parent consultations 3.30—6.00pm	25 Training day	26	27

Half term—Monday 28th October—Fri 1st November

Training day—Monday 4th November

## **Class meetings—Years 1—6**

**These will be virtual and teachers will send the link via Seesaw nearer the time**

Rec	Meeting in school on Wed 18th Sep @ 7.00pm
Year 1	Wednesday 11th September @ 7.30pm
Year 2	Tuesday 17th September @ 6.30pm
Year 3	Thursday 19th September @ 6.30pm
Year 4	Wednesday 11th September @ 6.30pm
Year 5	Tuesday 10th September @ 6.30pm
Year 6	Thursday 12th September @ 6.30pm

## **Our new Head Girl and Boy + Deputies!**

Congratulations to our new  
head girl and boy -

Sophia Anjum and Finn Abbott

and their deputies -

Willow Galloway and Raphael  
Van Haarst



## Mornings

At the moment the side gate is open a little longer as Reception class have a staggered start to the day.

From Thursday, they will have full days in school and so we will be aiming to lock the gate by 8.50am.

8.40am—gate unlocked

8.45am—Reception and Years 1 and 2 into class with KS2 lining up on the playground to go in

8.50am—gate locked

We appreciate that this is a quick turn around but we want to make the most of the school day and get registers and lunches sorted as soon as possible so the first lesson can begin. Your support with this is much appreciated.

On occasion, the gate may be unlocked whilst we wait for parents to leave the playground but we will direct late comers round to the front of school as the KS2 block may already be closed and the registers up with the office. It is important that children don't come through the side gate late and miss getting marked in the register.

## Communication

If you would like to get in touch with your child's classteacher there are a few different ways to do this. Please do feel free to message them on Seesaw between 8am and 5.30pm or send an email to the office email address ([office@cookhamrise.org](mailto:office@cookhamrise.org)) which they will forward on to staff.

Please be aware that teachers will not be checking Seesaw messages during the day as they are teaching so if there is something you need them to know for that day then it would be best to phone or email the school office.

If you wish to contact Mrs Daniels and Mrs O'Mahony please do so via email and not Seesaw. Thank you.

## Our child friendly school development plan

### Enhance play across the school

- ✓ Re-develop the EYFS playground
- ✓ Work with OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) to enhance breaktimes and lunchtimes



In 2024-25  
let's make  
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even better!  
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### Make sure that teaching is really good

- ✓ Explain and model things clearly
- ✓ Make sure our brains don't get overloaded



- ✓ Take time to practice
- ✓ Take time to review what we have learned

### Make our curriculum the best it can be

- ✓ Understand how new learning builds on the learning we have already done
- ✓ Use our Studio and the technology around us as effectively as possible
- ✓ Be part of the 'Mastering Numbers' programme
- ✓ Continue working hard to improve our writing
- ✓ Embed new schemes in PSHE (Life skills) and RE



A detailed SDP (School Development Plan) sits behind this but I thought I would share with you what will be shared with the children and on display around school.

Mrs O'Mahony is going to be leading on an exciting new OPAL project and we look forward to sharing more information with you about that as the year goes on. All teachers, with the exception of those new to the profession, lead on a subject area and they will continue their work in specific areas and we will also be continuing the 'Walkthrus' project which will focus on the science and the art of teaching and learning!



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Fundraiser Gig  
Saturday Oct 5th 8pm  
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**Work hard,  
be kind, and  
amazing things  
will happen.”**

CONAN O'BRIEN

“

A new school year  
means new beginnings,  
new adventures, new  
friendships, and new  
challenges. The slate  
is clean and anything  
can happen.”

DENISE WITMER

We want ALL of our  
children to shine!

