



A word from Mrs Daniels ...

KS2 once again enjoyed their VR day on Friday—see page 6 for some details about what they experienced.

We had our first Pupil Parliament session of the year last Monday. Children in KS2 moved into their house teams whilst Reception and Years 1 and 2 stayed in class. Year 6 pupils split up amongst the classes to lead discussions about school lunches and our clubs.

The teachers praised how well our Year 6 children led the discussions which they then fed back to me very professionally.

The consensus was that children are enjoying our school lunches and they feel that our new caterers cook tastier food with bigger portions. There was some feedback about individual meals with sausages being a firm favourite! I will let Edward and Ward know what the children have said.

It was also interesting to hear about the clubs that they enjoy, what they might like offered in the future and hear some of their ideas for our new Sunset Club. I have listened and will definitely be using some of their ideas.

This week—reptiles!!

THIS WEEK

Monday 26th January

Group of Year 5 and 6 children attending mini basket ball

Tuesday 27th Jan

Wednesday 28th Jan

Reptiles in school

Thursday 29th Jan

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Friday 30th Jan

Group of children attending KS2 Panathon

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Over and Above Friday 23rd January 2026

Reception	Phoebe Alexander	Ines Arthein-Donciu	
Year 1	Arlo Bannister	Xanthe Baker	
Year 2	Imogen Rees	Maeve Walker-McKevitt	
Year 3	Lily Turner	Aston Spence	
Year 4	Benji Rodger	Olive Read	
Year 5	Alyssia Holland	Belle Floyd-James	William Lowery
Year 6	Thomas Leach	Freddie Field	



The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...

Year 2—this was won for the class because Josh has followed the 'no footballing on the field at the moment due to the weather' rule really well!

Calendar for term 3

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
2 New website launch day	3 Internet safety day workshops and assembly	4	5	6 PTA Quiz Night	7	8
9 Rec height, weight and vision	10	11	12 Year 3 dance festival	13	14	15

Half term break Monday 16th February—Friday 20th February

Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood has a templated email parents can send to their MP to add their voice to the discussion in parliament at the moment on raising the social media access age.

[Email your MP about raising the social media age to 16](#)



Well done everyone!



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Cookham Rise Primary School

Dear Helen Daniels

As we begin Term 3, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to you and your team on your outstanding academic results for the 2024/25 year.

Seeing the school outperform national averages across most areas is a significant achievement. This success is a clear testament to the dedication of your staff, the strategic commitment of the Governing Body, and the exceptional learning environment you have established.

Primary Results 2024/25

EYFS	National	RBWM	School
% of good level of development	68%	71%	79%
Phonics	National	RBWM	School
% working at standard	80%	81%	97%
KS2 Validated data	National	RBWM	School
	62%	63%	67%

Following the release of the validated data from the Department for Education, I would like to formally recognise your school's success. Your commitment to providing pupils with the necessary tools and support to reach their full potential is clearly reflected in these outstanding results.

My sincere congratulations to you, your staff, and the Governing Body on these impressive achievements for the 2024/25 academic year

Yours sincerely

Clive Haines
Deputy Director of Education

PE Update from Mrs Pateman

PE News

What we've been up to this week...



Speedstacking

Years 3-6 joined the fantastic Speedstacking event at Altwood, run by our sports partnership. The children had a blast taking part in different activities and games, they came back to school buzzing! The intent was to try something new and teamwork.



10@10 Work Out

Classes took part last Wednesday with the guys at Braywick, completing a 10 minute blast of fitness! Events include:



Coming up...

Girls Football Match V's Cookham Dean at home. Monday 2nd February. Fingers crossed for bright skies!

Panathlon festival at Braywick on Friday 30th January.

Mini ballers Basketball for 5 & 6 at Desborough on Monday 26th ! Last year this was a fantastic event, so we were keen to get involved again. The aim is to try something new and have fun!

Dance Festival, year 3, Thursday 12th February. Always a fantastic day and opportunity for our children. They are practicing hard. I can't wait to watch it!

VR day



On Friday, Key Stage 2 had their annual opportunity to virtually explore their history or geography topics with Prime VR.

Year 6 learnt about climate change, Year 5 discovered different biomes, Year 4 went back in time to learn about the Mayans and Year 3 found out about how the Romans have influenced the world today.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their workshops and we're really grateful to parents for supporting this incredible opportunity to bring learning to life!



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Smart Energy Show—7th February 2026

1pm-4.30pm

The Smart Energy Show returns to Cookham on Saturday 7th February between 1pm-4.30pm, with talks and practical ideas for cleaner, cheaper home energy.

The event is a free, friendly way to explore smarter approaches to home energy. Taking place during a time of rapid energy transition, the show brings together local suppliers and independent experts to help visitors understand how new technologies can create comfortable efficient homes.

Whether you're motivated by cutting carbon, cutting bills, or both, this is the Show to visit. Residents can ask questions and explore different technologies to suit budget, property and life-style.

Key themes include renewable and low carbon technologies such as solar PV and battery storage, air source heat pumps, infrared heating, heat battery boilers but also draughtproofing and retrofit.

Peter Gibbs, the BBC Presenter and meteorologist, will start the talks at 1.30pm. He will explain why he believes low carbon technologies are so important for the environment. This will be followed by further talks and presentations throughout the afternoon.

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead will have a stand to present their new Climate Change and Environment Strategy. In addition they will be able to advise residents on the WARM HOMES GRANT, which enables low income residents to apply for insulation and renewables such as Solar PVs in order to reduce their energy costs.

With the recent government announcement of a £15 billion investment in the WARM HOMES PLAN, where low and zero interest government backed loans will be available for renewables, now is the perfect time to learn more about these technologies

The event is being held at the Chartered Institute of Marketing in Moor Hall, SL6 9QH. Hopefully many residents will be able to walk there, but there's plenty of parking and refreshments will be available.

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- 💡 I care about climate change and want to do my bit.
- 💡 I'm interested in FREE thermal images of my home?
- 💡 What is a Hybrid system?
- 💡 What is the Great British Insulation Scheme?
- 💡 Is my house suitable for cavity wall insulation?
- 💡 I want to find out more about Air Source Heat Pumps and are there alternatives?
- 💡 I'm interested in an electric car and need a charger.
- 💡 Do Air Source Heat Pumps work in old properties?
- 💡 What is the advantage of having a battery and can it save me money?
- 💡 Can I get FREE draughtproofing?
- 💡 What grants are available?

Throughout the afternoon there will be short talks covering topics such as Solar Panels (pvs) and batteries, Air Source Heat pumps, Zero Emission Boilers as well as talks by **WildCookham** who will be promoting their **WILD ABOUT GARDENS AWARDS**.

Peter Gibbs, meteorologist and broadcaster, will start the talks at **1.30pm** explaining his enthusiasm for these technologies, and what his motivation was for installing them.

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