



## A word from Mrs Daniels

We are looking forward to seeing you at our parent consultation meetings this week. As you only have ten minutes with the class teacher please do use this time to focus on your child and their learning. If there are any other issues you wish to discuss do come and chat with me or Mrs O'Mahony—we will both be available on both evenings.

Last week we were joined for a day by eight secondary trainee teachers. They watched a phonics lesson in Year 1 and then split their time between Years 4,5 and 6. It was lovely to hear their feedback as they spoke of the warm relationships in school, the behaviour of the children and the high standard of work produced. I think it helped them to appreciate the challenges faced by the children when they move from a school our size to secondary school.

This week we have schools coming from other local authorities to observe the work we are doing in Maths and some of the LA SEND team are joining us tomorrow to look at inclusion in school.

Finally, a message from our PTA -

### THIS WEEK

**Monday 24th Nov**  
KS2 poetry workshop  
7pm FGB meeting

**Tuesday 25th Nov**  
Year 4 swimming  
Invictus Games  
Parent consultations

**Wednesday 26th Nov**  
Wayne Dixon—Year 6  
Year 5 clarinet

**Thursday 27th Nov**  
Parent consultations

**Friday 29th Nov**  
New parent show around

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We're looking for volunteers to help support the Christmas Fair! Most slots are only 30 minutes, and you're very welcome to have your children with you while you help.

Please sign up for a slot here: <https://volunteersignup.org/BWMXXK>

If your year group's slots fill up quickly, feel free to volunteer with another year group or choose one of the general slots—such as set-up or the silent disco. Every bit of help makes a big difference. Thank you!

## Over and Above Awards —Friday 2 1st November

Reception	Felix Lambe	Ines Arthein Donciu	
Year 1	Henry Tran	Mace Cooper Chance	
Year 2	Emmeline Kersey	Daisy Salmon	Myles Ojambo
Year 3	Flynn Courtis	Felicity Kibbler	
Year 4	Esmail Harvey	Alfie Green	Thorin Norris
Year 5	Martha Laidler	Emily Martin	
Year 6	Thomas Snodgrass	Rufus Read	



### The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...

Year 6 were the winners of 'The Golden Boot' last week for being willing to share the dens they had constructed.

## Calendar for term 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Dec Year 6 National archives online	2	3 Years 5 and 6 'Matilda'	4	5 Mufti day for Christmas Fair 3pm Christmas Fair  Tombola donations drop off before school please - bottles for the tombola in KS2 and toys for the tombola in Rec and KS1 would be much appreciated	6	7
8	9 Reception nativity dress rehearsal to the school  2pm Reception nativity for families	10 KS1 dress rehearsal to the school  2pm Rocksteady concert	11 2pm and 6pm KS1 show for families	12	13	14
15 Years 1 and 2 Kenton theatre	16	17 Christmas lunch	18 Reception to Norden Farm  2.45pm KS2 carol concert	19 Last day of term finish at 1.30pm	20	21



Thank you for supporting the Happy School Bags collection last week. This raised £229.05 for the PTA.

Thank you to the parents who organised this, your support is much appreciated.

## **OPAL—thank you**

A big thank you for all the donations to OPAL on Friday. The children will really enjoy the new additions. A thank you also to the parents who tidied and sorted resources in our OPAL she - Casey Robertson, Camilla Sardo, Nicola Bostock and Hayley Adshead.

Mrs O'Mahony



## **Our New School Council**



## How to turn your child's drawing into Christmas cards and more ...

### How to turn your child's drawing into Christmas cards and more

1. Click the link here to find your child's artwork that you completed during October half term; <https://shop.classfundraising.co.uk/>
2. Click the purple section at the top which says 'unlock your child's artwork here before placing your order'
3. You will need to add two codes;
4. The school code is; 407BEF
5. Your child's code which was at the top of the sheet where they completed the drawing.  
If you didn't make a note of this, then you can request it here;  
<https://myfundraisinghub.com/ForgotCodes>
6. Once you have both codes, you can view your child's artwork and order
7. All orders need to be placed by 1st December



## PE News



### PE News

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

#### Football

Our B team played their first match on Thursday against Oldfield, a convincing 4-1 win. With a hat-trick from Barney, and one from Henry. They worked brilliantly as a team, supporting each other with a fantastic defence. Well done boys, keep the positive spirit up.



#### Sportshall Athletics

We had a busy day on Friday with years 3 and 4 competing in the morning and 5 and 6 in the afternoon, a total of 36 children involved representing Cookham Rise. A massive thank you to Mrs Bown alongside Mrs Anjum and Mr Field for supporting our children, also to all parents involved, juggling lifts to and from the event.

The event was competitive, with the intent is to develop teamwork, working with others and leadership. We were proud of all our children's efforts and teamwork.



Coming up events... Years 5&6 Invictus games next Tuesday. Year 3 have the excitement of the dance festival in the Spring term, more to follow!

## Norden Farm lantern decorating with Year 2

Norden Farm joined Y2 last week where the children helped to create a large lantern ready for the Maidenhead lantern parade. A big thank you to the parents who were able to help.



**Join us for the**

**Christmas**

**Fair**



**Friday 5th**  
**December**  
**3 - 5pm**

**Crafts • Bar**  
**Santas Grotto**  
**Stalls • Inflatables**  
**Games • Tombola**  
**And lots more fun!**



**Cookham Rise School**

**Free entry**

**\* Get ready for the \***

# **Tombola**

**The PTA kindly request the following donations for mufti day on Friday 5th of December at morning drop off:**

**\* Rec + KS1: Small children's toys for ages 4-11**

**KS2: Bottle donations (soft and alcoholic) drinks**

## **Cakes**

**All: Any cakes / brownies / mince pies etc would be greatly appreciated please**

## **Stalls**

**We have some wonderful stall holders at the fair. Please note that stall holders will be card or cash only (no tokens accepted)**

**Thank you!**

## January Swimathon

🌊💙 Make a Splash for a Great Cause! 💙🌊

We're thrilled to announce that Cookham Rise School will be diving into the Maidenhead Lions' 41st Annual Swimathon on 11th January 2026 5-6pm a Braywick Leisure Centre!

Please contact Yaeger on 07818 807162 if your child would like to take part! – EVERY SWIM LEVEL WELCOME!

From our tiniest swimmers in Reception to our confident competitors in Year Six, pupils across the school are gearing up for this fun-filled, feel-good community event. It's one of the highlights of our year - and all for a fantastic cause!

The Maidenhead Lions, part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest charitable service organisation, work tirelessly to support individuals and families in need across Maidenhead. Their fundraising helps local charities, community groups, and even international disaster relief efforts.

The Swimathon is one of their biggest fundraising events of the year, supporting:

The Lions Club Charity Fund, and

Over 30 local charities, PTAs, and youth groups through team sponsorships!

With up to 120 teams taking part, it's an incredible community effort- and we're proud to be part of it.

Let's cheer on our swimmers, make waves, and help raise vital funds for causes that make a real difference!

**Go Cookham Rise!**



**Braywick Panto**

**Saturday 13 - Wednesday 24 December 2025**  
**Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead**



# Snow White



**£5 OFF YOUR PANTO TICKET!**

Valid for adult and under 16s tickets on Sun 14 Dec (5pm) and Tue 23 Dec (2:30pm). Offer ends Fri 21 Nov 2025.

**CODE: AMSSP-2025**

Book online at [www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk](http://www.maidenheadpanto.co.uk)



## Kinship Group



For family or friends who  
step up to raise a child.

# Maidenhead Kinship group



Wednesday 5 November

10:30am to 12.00pm

St Luke's Church of England School, Cookham Road,  
Maidenhead SL6 7EG

### A brand new peer support group for kinship carers in the Maidenhead area

- a chance for kinship carers to **meet, listen** and **support** those in similar circumstances
- free to join for **anyone** who is **raising someone else's child** - a group for adults only
- tea and coffee provided

**We'd love to see you there!**

Please contact Keren if you have any questions and to



let us know you would like to come along

email: [keren.beddow@kinship.org.uk](mailto:keren.beddow@kinship.org.uk)



or call/text: 07961 049807

## Playball Christmas Camps



Christmas Camps

We're running 2 days:

Mon 22 Dec - Playball Camp

Tues 23 Dec - Disney Frozen meets Playball

With the help of Sam White a qualified musical theatre teacher from PQA (Pauline Quirke Academy) we are set for a fun packed day of fancy dress, dancing, singalongs as well as arts and crafts.

Places are filling up fast so book your place today!



Suitable for 3-8yr olds

9am – 3pm £40/day

Book Online [www.playballkids.com](http://www.playballkids.com) or scan code to book



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We want ALL of our  
children to shine!

Sylvie did really well at Aylesbury Dance festival last Sunday. She achieved a silver medal in her lyrical solo, silver in her character solo, and bronze in her musical theatre solo. She also received an award for high total scores in her age group. Well done Sylvie!



## You're Never Too ...

by Laura Mucha

You're never too poor to give away kindness,  
you're never too rich to feel sadness or fear,  
you're never too quiet to make others listen,  
you're never too loud to stop and to hear.

You're never too guilty to ask for forgiveness,  
you're never too flawless to need help to cope,  
you're never too big to feel ever-so-tiny,  
you're never too little to give someone hope.

You're never too foolish to try to be wiser,  
you're never too wise to need time to heal,  
you're never too this or too that to make changes,  
you're never too young to say how you feel.

