



## A word from Mrs Daniels ...

I hope you had a lovely half term break.

On the Friday before half term we had almost 10% of the children out on unauthorised holidays, more by the time we reached afternoon registration. Whilst I appreciate being told the truth about where the children are I am disappointed to see this happening. Please avoid booking holidays during term time—thank you.

I have made some changes to staffing this term, the details of which can be found on page 5. Needing to have in place contingency money for changes such as these highlights the importance of the move we are making to run our own extended day. I am conscious of not drawing parents into ongoing communications between our current providers and the school but have been told parents would find it useful for me to answer questions around school income generation. I have therefore addressed this on page 7.

Finally, today sees the launch of our new look website. There is still work to be done on this but I hope you like the new format.

## THIS WEEK

### Monday 23rd February

Website launch

Book Fair in school this week—  
starting tomorrow

### Tuesday 24th February

### Wednesday 25th February

### Thursday 26th February

Year 1 Active 60 festival

Whole school assembly—dental  
care

### Friday 27th February

Years 4 and 5 Ufton Court

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## Sunset Club update:

Our new team have been recruited and we look forward to introducing them to the children as soon as contracts have been signed.



## Over and Above Friday 13th February 2026

Reception	Sophia Clayton	Phia Chistie
Year 1	Leo Poulakis	Mace Cooper-Chance
Year 2	Leo Wardle	Ilana Hannan Bampini
Year 3	Isaac Perry	Flynn Courtis
Year 4	Amber Hazell	Ronnie Mason
Year 5	Rhys Thornton	Pippa Knowles
Year 6	Bella Pady	Alfie O'Callaghan



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

Not announced the week before half term.

## Calendar for term 4

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
23 Feb Website launch  Book Fair in school this week	24	25 Parent consultation slots released	26 Year 1 Active 60 festival	27 Years 4 and 5 Ufton Court	28	1
2 March	3	4	5 World Book Day 7pm writing work- shop for parents	6 Authors visits	7 MBR	8 MBR
9	10	11	12 Open the Book assembly	13	14	15
16 GB Finance committee meeting	17 Wayne Dixon—Year 6 Easter cracked	18 Year 6 at Eton	19	20 Reports to parents	21	22
23 7pm Governing Body meeting	24 Parent consultations	25	26 Parent consultations	27 Last day of term Finish at 1.30pm	28	29

Staff training day—Monday 13th April

Children return to school on Tuesday 14th April

### Writing workshop for parents 7pm Thurs 5th March

Mrs Bond will be leading a workshop for all parents on how we teach writing at Cookham Rise including some strategies for you to be able to support your child. This will run for an hour in school 7-8pm on Thursday 5th March.



## World Book Day—Thursday 5th March

As always, we will be celebrating World Book Day by focusing on books and a love of reading. We are not asking children to dress up as, in years gone by, we found that the focus often moved to characters from films and the 'book' element was diluted.

This year we have decided to focus on non-fiction books and we will start the day with a whole school assembly where staff will share their favourite non-fiction books with children.

We are fortunate to have two authors coming into school on Friday 6th March.

This has been facilitated free of charge through Maidenhead Big Read.

Years 1 and 2 will have Marielle Bayliss coming in and talking about her series of books called Neurons.



She has provided the link below should any parents wish to order copies of her books.

The link will guarantee free delivery to the school, when parents use the code and list the school as the delivery address. She will sign and personalise any copies during her visit.

[Marielle - Maidenhead Event - Graffeg Books](#)

Information about our KS2 author to follow.

Mrs O'Mahony has organised for the Scholastic Book Fair to be open every day this week from Tuesday—Friday after school.

Card payment only please.

For every book sold we earn free books for the school so thank you in advance for your support.



Maidenhead Big Read weekend then takes place on the weekend after World Book Day. More info here:

[Maidenhead's Big Read Newsletter](#)

## Staffing plans—some changes for term 4

Mrs Pocock has been awaiting a date for a neck operation which has come through sooner than expected. She will be off school from tomorrow for at least three months.

Whilst I am very sad to be temporarily losing her I am pleased for her that she will be getting the procedure over and done with and we all wish her a speedy recovery.

As always, I am very grateful to the whole staff team for being so flexible as my plans have involved a few changes.

Whilst making the changes, I have been conscious of doing two other things:

- ◆ increasing the number of RWI groups in Reception from two to three to enable the children to be taught in smaller groups
- ◆ Giving some additional teaching time to Year 6 as we head towards SATs in term 5

This has meant additional investment from school budget.

### The updated staffing plan for term 4

Miss Maher is going to work every morning and teach a Reception RWI group alongside Mrs Rogers and Mrs Warrington. She is also going to teach Maths (Mon—Wed) with Mrs Collibee in Year 2 giving the cohort additional teaching support with Mrs Pateman doing the same on a Thursday.

Mrs Floyd-Burke will move from supporting Year 6 for the first hour of each day to supporting Year 2 in Literacy.

Mrs Pateman is going to work on Thursday and Friday mornings and give additional teaching support to Year 6.

Mrs Cromarty and Mrs Collibee are looking at how they will share the support of Mrs Allcock on some afternoons and Mrs Bown will also be joining Year 2 for an afternoon a week.

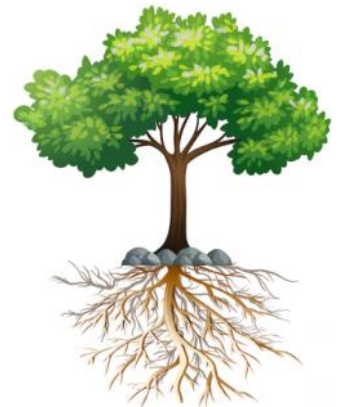
Me and the office team will stand in for Kiss and Drop door opening whilst Mrs Bond moves to the Community Room where Mrs Pocock is usually located.

We will review this plan each half term whilst Mrs Pocock recovers from her operation.

## Dance Festival—Year 3



Thank you to Year 3 and Mrs Strawson for the amazing dance they performed at the festival. I thoroughly enjoyed the show and was very proud of them all!



Email from the event organiser after the dance show on Thursday 12th February:

A Massive THANKYOU & WELL DONE to everyone involved in getting all of the schools ready and there today to perform at the School Sport Partnership's Primary Dance Festival 2026. The show today was fantastic and we have already had so many fabulous comments/ feedback about what a high standard of performance was achieved this year!!!

I would like to thank all of the OFFICE & SUPPORT staff who play a vital role in communication & the organisation required for an event of this size (21 primary schools & almost 800 young people!!)

And to all of the class teachers and school staff who worked so hard to get the pupils & dances ready and come on the day, I am always blown away by what you are able to produce – absolutely superb!! I am so proud of this event, and of all of you, as without all of your hard work & commitment & dedication we wouldn't have an event at all - so thank you!! The pride you take in giving these children such a "special" performance opportunity is written on so many of your faces, and I never tire of seeing the children's faces just as they come off the stage – absolutely thrilled and beaming ear to ear!! I hope you agree that is well worth all of the effort!

## Can schools generate an income from extended day provision?

Yes — primary schools can generate income from extended day provision (wraparound care) in England. Current government guidance explicitly recognises that schools may manage costs and income streams when delivering before and after school childcare.

Here's a clear breakdown based on the latest official information:

### - Schools are allowed to generate income

Government wraparound childcare guidance includes a section on “Managing costs and income streams”, confirming that schools may take in revenue from running extended day services such as breakfast clubs or after school childcare. This is included in the 2024 Department for Education wraparound childcare guidance.

### - Schools can set their own fees

Schools providing wraparound childcare set their own fees for places, meaning they can price provision to cover staffing, resources, and operational costs. We have looked at what is charged by clubs in local schools as well as previously here at Cookham Rise and set our fees accordingly.

### - Income must be managed responsibly

While income is permitted, it must be handled in line with school financial regulations and governance rules. The guidance covers:

Managing costs

Managing income streams

Setting a letting policy

Any surplus is reinvested in educational or childcare provision, as schools are not profit-making entities.

### In summary

Yes — primary schools in England can lawfully make income from extended day (wraparound) provision, as long as it is managed properly within school financial rules and reinvested for the benefit of pupils.

Our budget is monitored carefully throughout the year by our School Business Manager and me as well as by our Governing Body. Regular updates are shared with the Local Authority finance team. All income is reinvested in the school and it's pupils.

# OPAL Charter

## Our OPAL charter

### We have the right to play and enjoy OPAL.

We have the responsibility to make sure everyone enjoys playtime by making sure:

- ✓ everyone chooses what to play
- ✓ we share equipment fairly and kindly
- ✓ we take care of the equipment
- ✓ we treat each other how we like to be treated
- ✓ we keep everybody safe
- ✓ we are kind to others
- ✓ we help people if they need us
- ✓ we allow people to join in games
- ✓ we ask grownups if we need help to sort out our problems
- ✓ we listen to one and another
- ✓ we play safely.

Mrs O'Mahony spent time in assembly before half term reviewing this charter with the children.



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Autism & ADHD Support Service  
East Berkshire



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An online or over the phone, 60 minute session offering support and advice.

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- Require strategies for a new presenting issue.
- Attended workshops/courses previously and need further advice.
- Want to talk confidentially or uncomfortable with group sessions.
- Are neurodivergent themselves or have access needs.

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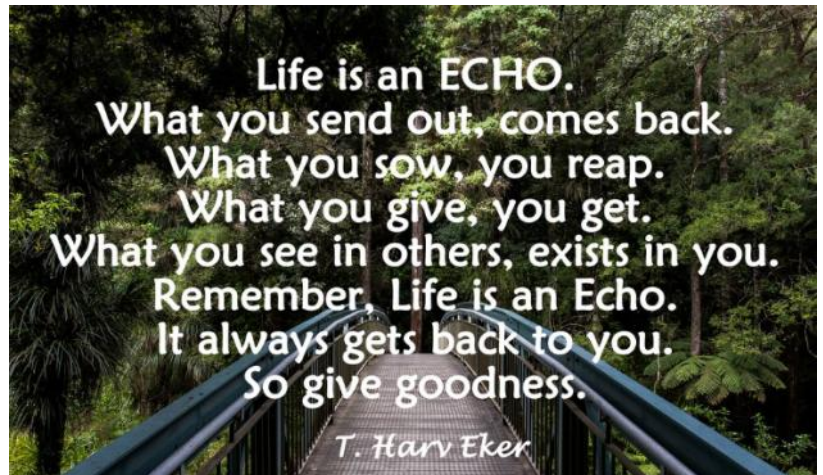
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