



A word from Mrs Daniels

Mrs O'Mahony and I had a very productive two days at the RBWM leadership conference last week. We had a day learning about AI and are working hard to move ourselves into a different way of thinking! My thanks to the staff team for all they did to support us attending.

This week we are holding Pupil Progress Meetings and looking at data with teachers. This will be shared with parent of children in years 1—6 in a very brief report being sent out on Friday ready for discussion at parent consultation meetings next week.

It would be good to restock some of our OPAL supplies and there is a mufti day on Friday to support with this. Please see page 4 for some suggestions of what could be donated. Thank you in advance for your support!



THIS WEEK

Monday 17th Nov
GB finance meeting
7pm PTA meeting

Tuesday 18th Nov
Happy school bag donations
Year 4 swimming
Well-being Champion
training for six Year 6 children
New parent show around

Wednesday 19th Nov
Year 5 clarinet

Thursday 20th Nov
Norden Farm lantern work-
shop Year 2

Friday 21st Nov
Mufti day for OPAL
Reports to parents
(years 1—6)

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Over and Above Awards —Friday 14th November

Reception	Heidi Williams	Phoebe Alexander	
Year 1	Phoebe Bray	Fraser Heise-Seabrook	
Year 2	Ilana Bampini	Lily Brocklebank-Holland	
Year 3	Jake Bampton	Lily Turner	
Year 4	Amber Leatherby	Dexter Bostock	George Leathers
Year 5	Belle Floyd-James	Charlie Fardon	Oliver Bostock
Year 6	Isla Bampton	Alba Ortiz	



The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...

Reception were awarded the Golden Boot for how well they have integrated with the rest of the school at lunchtime. Well done Elm class!

Calendar for term 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
17 Pupil progress meetings this week GB Finance meeting	18 Well being Champion training New parent show around	19	20 Nine 'Teach Maidenhead' students in school for the day Norden Farm lantern workshop	21 Mufti day for OPAL Reports to parents	22	23
24 KS2 poetry workshop 7pm FGB meeting	25 Parent consultations	26 Wayne Dixon—Year 6 'Christmas unwrapped'	27 Parent consultations	28 New parent show around	29	30
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

OPAL—mufti day on Friday 21st November

We will hold a Mufti day on Friday 21st November. In return for wearing their own clothes, children are asked to bring in a donation for OPAL. We are especially looking for...

Dolls and doll prams

Skateboards

Swimming noodles

Tents without poles

Marquees but no poles

Large pieces of fabric/sheets/tarpaulin

Ropes

Large pegs

Small world figures - fairies, soldiers, people characters

Cars and diggers

Bikes suitable for Y5 & 6 children

Full size buggies

Many thanks,

Mrs O'Mahony



Welly Boots

We are working towards ensuring that we have appropriate welly storage in school for all classes.

Reception—we are investigating storage options now that they have joined whole school OPAL and hope to have a storage unit in place before Christmas.

Currently, Years 1 and 2 have storage and so please could all children bring boots in so that they can change at lunchtime and access all of the OPAL areas.

Year 3—there is a storage unit ready please could children bring in a pair of named wellies.

Years 4 and 5—we have ordered a gazebo style unit that will provide storage for wellies along with seating. We will let you know as soon as this is in place.

Year 6—we have a cupboard about to be ordered which we hope to have in place soon.

Thank you for bearing with us whilst we source, fund and get these things in place!



PE News from Mrs Pateman

PE News

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



Sadly, the cross country was cancelled last week due to water-logged pitches at Altwood. Thank you to those parents who were ready to take and support their children. We will let you know if and when we get a new date!

Football

The A's have had two wins recently, 5-0 to White Waltham before half term and 3-0 to Holy Trinity last week! Well done. Thank you for the continued support of parents especially to Scott Field for his time coaching and refereeing matches.

This week the B's have their first match, GOOD LUCK year 5!

Despite grim weather, the girls showed up and got stuck into our new lunch time training session! Mr Brown was impressed.



Netball

The team have been practicing hard ready for their match this week. Good Luck!



Up coming events...

We have sportshall athletics this Friday for years 3-6, followed by Invictus games for years 5&6 next week. Thanks again to all parents giving up their time, supporting the school by helping with transport! We couldn't do it without you!

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 at 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!



Happy School Bag recycle—tomorrow



HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

A new season is the perfect time for a wardrobe clear out. Happy School Bag recycle unwanted clothes then donate to our school.

Tuesday 18 November from 8.30am



We accept



Adult and children's clothing



Paired shoes



Fashion accessories



Handbags



Belts



Hats and scarves



Jewellery



Perfumes



We don't accept



Dirty, damaged or wet clothes



Uniforms



Underclothing



Toys, books or DVDs



Duvets, pillows, linen



Carpets, blankets, curtains



Bric-a-brac



Norden Farm

Exciting news! A child from your school could have the chance to turn on the Christmas lights in Maidenhead this year!

We're inviting young artists to enter our art competition for a chance to win a goody bag, including 4 tickets to a family show in Spring 2026 and some art supplies. One winner will be selected from each age group, and the overall winner will be invited to help switch on the Christmas lights at Maidenhead Town Hall on Saturday 22 November!

All entries will be displayed at Norden Farm from Tuesday 25 November – Saturday 3 January.

How to Enter:

Create your own artwork inspired by *The Comet*:

Draw or paint a comet soaring across the sky in your hometown, or

Draw or paint a cosy room for Nyla, Dad, and Fig the cat

Entries are judged in two age groups: 3–5 years and 6–8 years.

Please submit your artwork using the Art Competition Frame Download entry form which you will find attached to this newsletter.

On the back of your entry, make sure to include:

Child's School

Child's name

Child's age/Year Group

Send your entries to:

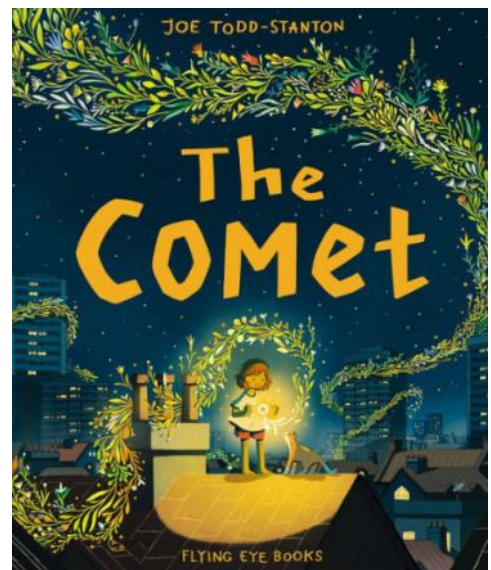
Norden Farm Centre for the Arts - Altwood Road,
Maidenhead, SL6 4PF or

Drop them into our Box Office (Tues–Sat).


Deadline for entries: Monday 17 November at 12pm with Winners contacted by: Wednesday 19 November

Only entries received by the deadline will be included in the competition and displayed.

We can't wait to see the amazing artwork and celebrate the festive season together!



January yoga club




Nurture kids yoga
with Sallie

**EARLY MORNING YOGA CLUB -AT "COOKHAM RISE"
WEDNESDAY'S**

**8am to 8.45am only £8.00 a session paid termly
8th Jan until 25th March 2026**

All Years Welcome! Free Trial available!

Help your little ones embrace calm, focus,
and fitness through Yoga and
Mindfulness Classes for Kids!



Contact me for more information
sallie.windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com or
07846992824

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

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GEMS—Empowering calm workshop

Empowering Calm

Hosted by The Autism Group:

Understanding and responding to distressed behaviour in autistic young people' with the aims being; To understand physical responses to anxiety, distress and overwhelm.

To explore what this might look like and think about who is challenging who! To learn some strategies to try to help.

Autism Support

For parents & carers of primary & secondary school aged children.

Online:

Thursday 5th March 2026

7:30 - 9:30pm

Booking link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/empowering-calm-tickets-1541207315569?aff=oddtcreator>

If this is not what you are looking for please view our website to see what other support is available.

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 or scan code to book



Netball opportunity




NETBALL

Furze Platt Leisure Centre


— Every Monday —

4:30PM - 5:25PM	RECEPTION TO YEAR 4
5:30PM - 6:25PM	YEAR 4, 5 & 6
6:30PM - 7:25PM	YEAR 7 & 8

Scan to Book or Visit
www.leisurefocus.org.uk



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**Kindness can become
its own motive.
We are made kind by
being kind.**

– ERIC HOFFER

**We want ALL of our
children to shine!**

**SOMETIMES IT TAKES ONLY
ONE ACT OF KINDNESS AND
CARING TO CHANGE A
PERSON'S LIFE.**

– JACKIE CHAN

