



A word from Mrs Daniels

Mrs O'Mahony and I will be out of school on Thursday and Friday this week attending the RBWM Senior Leaders Conference. This year the theme is 'Navigating Education's Future'.

This comes hot on the heels of the recent publication of 'The Curriculum and Assessment Review' which was commissioned to ensure that our education system is fit for the future and addresses the diverse needs of our young people. The review recommends various changes to the national curriculum and assessment system. The Government has responded to this and we will wait to hear what changes will be coming. There is a 2028 deadline for implementation across the education sector.

The document is 200 pages but there are a number of summaries available to read online if you are interested. I think, whilst we will see a number of changes at primary level, the most significant will be at secondary level.

Mrs Strawson has not been needed for jury service and so we have been fortunate not to have lost her for these two weeks. She will be out of class, on Thursday morning in our absence with Mrs Bond out part of each afternoon.

THIS WEEK

Monday 10th Nov

Tuesday 11th Nov

Year 4 swimming

New parent show around

Wednesday 12th Nov

Year 5 clarinet

KS2 cross country for some children

Thursday 13th Nov

Friday 14th Nov

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Over and Above Awards —Friday 7th November

Reception	Eli Barrett	Kilean McMullen
Year 1	Darcie Wightman	George Hobbs
Year 2	Leo Wardle	Ava Christie
Year 3	Maisie Field	Gabriel Ortiz
Year 4	Bertie Brown	Lily Squire-Field
Year 5	Teddy Haggerty	Freya Anjum
Year 6	Euan Sutcliffe	Georgie Poulter

The Golden Boot Award Winners last week were...



The boot was awarded to a group of Year 5 girls who have done amazing work sweeping leaves and supporting Simon.

They have earned an extra 15mins of OPAL time for the whole of Year 5.

Calendar for term 2

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
10	11 New parent show around	12	13	14	15	16
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	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



Lunchtime football club for girls

We're excited to announce that from this Monday we will be adding a new, Free club for girls in years 4,5 and 6.

Mr Brown, our fantastic sports coach, will be leading an additional football club on Monday lunchtimes, 12:45-1:15. The hope is to get our girls match ready and loving football in a fun, relaxed and safe-competitive environment.

All are welcome. Come in PE kit, with preferably football boots (trainers will do if you don't have boots), shin pads if you have them but not needed if not!

This is an extra so years 5&6 girls football will continue after school on Mondays.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mrs Pateman

Sports Lead



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

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:

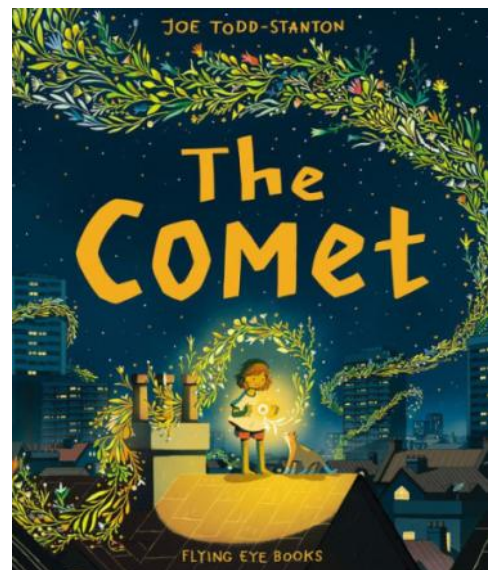
Norden Farm Centre for the Arts - Altwood Road,
Maidenhead, SL6 4PF or

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
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Maidenhead's Big Read

Maidenhead's Big Read



presents a Bookmark Drawing Art Competition

Theme: "Get Moving!" — Active Adventures in Books

About the Theme

Books don't just take us on mental journeys – they inspire us to move! This year's theme is "Get Moving!". We invite you to design a bookmark that captures the energy of being active, to explore how stories encourage physical activity, sports, and energetic adventures.



Think of:

- Characters running through magical forests 🌲
- Athletes chasing dreams on the field ⚽
- Explorers hiking mountains or sailing seas 🏔️🌊
- Book heroes who inspire you to get up and move 🦸



How to Participate

- Who: Open to all students upto 14 years of age
- What: Create a drawing - hand-drawn or digital
- Deadline: 1st December 2025
- Submit to: In person at School or hello@maidenheads-big-read.org.uk

Prizes & Recognition

- Winning entries will be printed on a bookmark during MBR2026
- Top artists will receive exciting prizes
- Selected entries will also be showcased at Maidenhead Library, MBR website & MBR social media*
- Judging will be undertaken by local Children's Author & Poet Simon Mole



Let Your Art Move the Story Forward!

Whether it's a wizard sprinting through a spellbound maze or a soccer star from your favorite novel scoring the winning goal – show us how books get us moving!



*only child's first name and age will be visible.

Freecycle



FREECYCLE BOOKS, TOYS & HOMEWARE

**SATURDAY 15th Nov
10.00am to 11.00am**

**At Cookham Library
Community Room**

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

Madison did some fantastic goal keeping this weekend and won the parent's player trophy for her team, Cookham Dean Lionesses this weekend. Well done Madison!

