



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Welcome back to the start of a new term. We all hope you had a wonderful half term break and that your child has enjoyed being back in the classroom learning with their friends. This week we have been gearing up for Arts and Culture Week and praying for good weather for the afternoon of Friday 14th June when you are all invited to come in and see our show. This year with history as a theme, we will be taking you through the ages with poetry, song and dance. See below for details and do ensure the date is in your diary.

PTA School Disco:

I do hope your child is looking forward to this evening's PTA disco if they are coming along. The team will be waiting at the front entrance to sign them in.

- EYFS & KS1 - 4.30 - 5.50
- KS2 - 6.00 - 7.30

Children in EYFS and KS1 should arrive at 4:30pm. **If your child is at Sewing Club or iPro football training and you would like us to take them directly to the disco from the club, please inform the office if you haven't already done so, so we can be sure of which children to collect. If your child is going to WrapAroundCare first, please inform Sophia and her team yourself.**

Children in EYFS and/or KS1 should be collected from the back door of the hall at 5:50pm. We will be as quick as we can handing them over but it may take a little while. Thank you for your patience while we do this.

Once all the younger children have safely left, we will then open the doors at the front of school to allow KS2 children to come in. **They too should be collected from the back door of the hall at 7:30pm.**

We would be grateful if you could discourage your child from bringing unnecessary items with them which may get mislaid. Thank you for your help in making this a wonderful evening for the children.

Marking D Day:

As so many others have, this week we have commemorated D Day in an assembly yesterday and by sending our Year 5 children to a special service at the War Memorial in the village. Representing our school community, they joined father Steve and several others in a two minute silence to honour those who gave so much.

A trip up to the West End for Year 4:

On Wednesday, Teal Class enjoyed a fabulous trip up to London to see the RSC's production of the musical 'Matilda'. If you've not been, go, it's magnificent! The children had a wonderful time and came back full of inspiration for how to ensure their performance at our celebration of arts and culture next week is spectacular!

Arts and Culture week:

From Monday we embark on a week of arts and culture. A number of workshops have been planned and we are excited to welcome the reach out team from Norden Farm into school to deliver a range of activities. We are also incredibly grateful to those of you who have also offered to come in and run sessions for the children all of which will expose them to new experiences many linked to the world of work.

During the week, we will spend some time perfecting our show which you are invited to come along and see on Friday afternoon. Each class will be performing routines with a focus on history which will take us through the ages. You are welcome to arrive at the front entrance from 1:30pm and make your way down to the field ready for our show to begin at 2pm. The PTA will be running a Pimm's Tent. Cash and card payments are accepted. Bring rugs and cushions to sit on and pray for good weather! In the event of having to postpone, we will find a date hopefully next week and inform you as soon as we are able.

Please refer to Google Classrooms for costume embellishments which you can help us with. For the most part, the children should come to school on Friday wearing the basic kit comprising a plain black short sleeved t-shirt and plain black shorts or leggings. Please help us by ensuring these items are plain without any logo. Thank you. At the end of the performance, the children will be escorted back up to their classroom from where you will then be able to collect them. We will finish no later than 3:15pm.

Trinity Times hits the News Stands:

This week, the latest edition of our school newspaper, written entirely by a handful of children in Year 6, has gone on sale. Please do pick up your copy for 50p at the back gate at the end of every day. The sale of last month's issue raised £55.37 for WWF and this month all proceeds go to the NSPCC. Inside you will find a number of interesting stories one of which focuses on the impact of D Day for Cookham.

Our Year 6 editors are currently looking for eager reporters in Year 5 to whom they can pass the mantle. Today they shared a PowerPoint on what the job of writing the newspaper entails. They have set Year 5 the task of writing a story which will be published in next month's edition and which will help them decide who might be best to carry on the role. It is likely that interviews will also take place!

Year 6 Residential Trip:

With only two weeks to go before Year 6 head off to CRS Adventures in Devon there are still a couple of things outstanding. If you are yet to complete the online CRS medical and consent form please do so this weekend and all payments should now have been made; the deadline passed today. Next week you will receive another couple of documents containing relevant information about our departure plus a request to send in any medicines. Perhaps this weekend you can start to get this ready to hand in.

Transition:

On Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd July when the majority of our Year 6 children will be off visiting their new schools, we will have two days of transition for the remaining pupils. They will spend these two days in what will be their classroom in September working for the most part with their new teacher. On these two days we also plan to invite in the children who will be joining us in EYFS at the start of the new academic year.

Lunch Orders:

Please can I remind you to spend a moment ordering lunches for your child to help the kitchen staff cater for the right number of pupils. Several have turned up at the hatch this week without an order having been placed. The menu, which hasn't changed, can be found on line and orders should be placed in the usual way. Thank you.

Class photos:

On Monday 17th June the photographer will be in to take class photos and individual photographs of our Year 6 leavers. If your child has P.E. on this day please send them into school looking smart wearing full school uniform. There is no need for them to bring PE kit to change into.

Attendance:

As we are at the start of a new term, can I reiterate that attendance at school is compulsory unless a child is poorly. Requests for holidays, even if it's just one day, should not be made; I am not permitted to grant them. Absence because a holiday has been taken goes down on a child's record as an unauthorised absence. These unauthorised absences are scrutinised by the school's Education Welfare Officer who meets with me on a regular basis and who requests meetings with parents when attendance becomes a concern.

Any time away from the classroom is incredibly disruptive. A lesson missed puts a pupil at a disadvantage especially when that lesson falls within a sequence of planned learning activities. See the link below which contains findings from DfE research, published in 2022, which highlights the connection between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4.

[The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/explore-education-statistics/service.gov.uk)

Throughout the year, requests for term time absence, specifically for holidays, have been made. This term and further into the future, please can I ask you to do all you can to avoid taking your child out of school for reasons other than illness.

In a move by the DfE to crack down on unauthorised absences, I share again information (sent as an attachment) from the borough about Fixed Penalty Notices coming in in Autumn 2024. Please take a moment to read about these changes. Term dates for the next academic year can be found on the borough website at: [School term dates 2024/25 | Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead \(rbwm.gov.uk\)](https://www.rbwm.gov.uk)

Walk to School Week:

Walk to School Week last term was highly successful. We hope the children, with your support, continue to find creative ways to come to school in order to learn about the magic of nature, movement, happiness, friendship and community which will also help alleviate congestion and parking frustrations around the village. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Windsor Flower Show:

Tomorrow is the Windsor Flower Show [ROYAL WINDSOR FLOWER SHOW - The Royal Windsor Rose & Horticultural Society \(rwrhs.com\)](http://www.royalwindsorflowershow.co.uk) Our school is exhibiting in two categories: the beautiful fabric piece which Year 4 constructed when they visited the Busy Buttons workshop a while back will be displayed along with the wheelbarrow which Cygnets have planted up and which some of our older children have created pottery pieces for. Last year the judging was done by Her Royal Highness, Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh and Alan Titchmarsh so the stakes are high!

Wild Cookham:

The Wild Cookham team continue to do fabulous work in the area encouraging us all to support nature on our doorstep. For details of special events happening, their newsletter is full of information. To find out what is going on, go to: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/3qCkkosIDScMFCCg?ref=Link&loc=play>

In addition please refer to the latest schools' newsletter from Brian Clews, sent out today as an attachment, which contains information about the 'Big Garden Safari' on 22nd and 23rd June.

Cookham Scout Fair – Saturday 15th June:

The Cookham Scout Fair is a fantastic opportunity for the community to come together for a fun-filled day of activities, games, stalls and delicious treats. This year, to add to the excitement, a **Fancy Dress Parade** will be kicking off the festivities at **10:45 am**, judged by Mandy Brar. Children are encouraged to unleash their creativity and come dressed in their favourite costumes. Whether it's pirates, princesses, superheroes, or anything else that sparks their imagination, I'm led to believe the parade promises to be a delightful way to start the day. For more details of this and other things happening, please see the flyer sent out to you today as an attachment.

Have a wonderful weekend after which we shall enjoy launching into Arts and Culture Week.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please note, new dates added to the calendar this week have been highlighted in blue to help you see any changes.

7 th June	PTA Disco (details tbc)
8 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
11 th June	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
13 th June	Year 3 at Junior Music Festival Rehearsal (tbc)
14 th June	Arts and Culture Week performance 1:30pm for a 2pm start
10 th – 14 th June	Window for completion of Year 1 Phonics Screening
17 th June	Photographer in to take class photos
18 th June	Mighty Maths Competition for Year 2 (details to follow)
19 th June	Year 6 Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition (tbc)
21 st June	PTA Quiz Night tbc
22 nd – 23 rd June	The Big Cookham Wildlife Weekend
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
26 th June	Junior Music Festival Year 3
27 th June	Year 5 participating at the Borlase Hockey Festival at Marlow Hockey Club 9-11:30am (tbc)
28 th June	Year 5 participating in the Brownlee Triathlon at Bracknell Leisure Centre 11-1:00pm (tbc)
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Weeks
2nd & 3rd July	Transition Days
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	HT Fest
9 th July	Spanish Assembly – 9:30am
10 th July	Rock Steady Concert 9:30am
19 th July	Leavers Service (tbc)
19 th July	End of Term – Summer Holiday begins (normal finish time: 3:15pm)