



KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Welcome to the start of a new term. I hope the return has gone well for you and that your child has enjoyed being back in the classroom with their friends. We have certainly had a productive week. The children have settled in quickly and are working hard. It has been a positive week with lots happening.

PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Party:

If your child is returning to school this evening for the PTA Popcorn and Pyjama Party, I trust you saw my email earlier in the week advising you that if your child is at an after school club, they should go home first before returning for the party.

- KS1/EYFS - arrive at the front entrance at 4:45pm (pick up from the rear door of the hall at 6pm)
- KS2 - arrive at the front entrance at 6:15pm (pick up from the rear door of the hall at 8pm)

Your child may bring a blanket and pillow but we ask that you ensure they take them away with them at the end of the session. Mobile phones are strictly forbidden. If you have made arrangements for someone else to pick up your child, please inform the PTA organisers and be aware that in line with our safeguarding procedures, we will not be allowing pupils to leave the event unaccompanied. We look forward to seeing them later!

An Evening With David Fettes:

On Tuesday evening a different PTA event, this time for adults, took place. David Fettes is a renowned and widely travelled wildlife photographer as well as grandfather to two children in school. While sharing some spectacular photographs, he spoke about his encounters with wild animals. It was fascinating to hear him. We are enormously grateful to David for giving up his time and to those of you who came along. I hope you enjoyed the event as much as I did.

PTA AGM – Wednesday 12th November:

Next week you are all warmly invited to our PTA AGM at 7:30pm in the school hall. Do come along, join in the discussion and enjoy some cheese and wine!

Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle:

Swans had a fabulous day out on Monday visiting Windsor Castle. As well as a tour around, they enjoyed a workshop during which they learnt about the history of castles and why Windsor is such a significant one. If you accompanied staff on the trip, thank you for your time and support.

Pupil Voice:

We were thrilled by the number of Year 6 children who put themselves up for House Captain elections at the end of last term. They along with the children who are PTA Young Ambassadors and who met this week with the PTA Committee are doing a wonderful job helping to steer our school with their ideas. This week we have also elected Eco-Councillors. Successful candidates were congratulated in assembly this afternoon and are already looking forward to their first meeting with Mrs Weller, our Eco-Lead. They now build on our success having gained Green Flag status at the end of July.

SpaceMakers:

During Collective Worship this week we have continued to focus on what it means to be resilient. Next week our newly elected House Captains will be leading house assemblies and reinforcing the importance of trying hard, not giving up and believing in ourselves.

Since September on a weekly basis our Year 6 children have also been leading SpaceMakers. This is a type of collective worship which allows time to reflect. This term we will be focusing on 'Noticing' which will encourage us all to reflect on those things we are grateful for as well as those things which have contributed to us not being our best selves. The sessions end with everyone seeking balance in their lives or in the world around us by making small changes.

Shoe Box Appeal:

Thank you for your generosity in donating to our shoe box appeal. The team have now collected the 56 boxes you sent ready to distribute them to children across the world who desperately need our support.

Open Evening:

On Wednesday 19th November we have our annual Open Evening when we invite prospective parents to come into school, meet the staff and talk to the older children. Almost every Year 5 and Year 6 student has signed up to be here, modelling lessons, giving tours and acting as ambassadors. If your child is yet to return the permission slip, please can it be brought to school on Monday so final preparations can be made. The letter that was sent out on Wednesday to those of you with children in Year 5 and Year 6 has been sent again today for your convenience. Please note that on this day all after school clubs including Wrap Around Care have been cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Maths and Computing week:

Also sent out today as an attachment is the letter from Ms. O'Reilly about Maths and Computing Week. If you are able to come in and speak to the children do get in touch. It is our aim to make the week rich with experiences. Thank you.

During the week we will be welcoming Childnet in to work with every class on aspects of online safety. The team will also be running a parent workshop at 7pm on Monday 17th November in which they will be guiding you on how best to support your child when they are online.

Their Parents' and Carers' session explores different areas of online risk, and then provides practical tips and supporting resources.

The categories of risk covered are:

- **Conduct:** What children may be doing online, including sharing personal information, screen time, nude image sharing, online reputation and AI
- **Content:** What children may be seeing online, including filtered lives/self-image, upsetting and harmful content, algorithms, online hate and adult content
- **Contact:** Who children may be speaking to online, including online bullying and group chats, grooming and online sexual harassment
- **Commerce:** Any risk with a financial or contractual element, including influencers, scams, in-app purchases, and sextortion
- **Advice:** Discussing three steps, 'Talk, Support, Report'. Including tackling tricky conversations, victim blaming, how to manage privacy and parental settings, digital wellbeing, reporting, useful websites

Please see a letter from Mr. Redjeb sent to you today explaining more.

Remembrance Service:

On Tuesday of next week (11th November) you are invited to attend our Remembrance Day Service. The whole school will walk to the War Memorial leaving from school at 10:45am and returning at approximately 11:05am. Do join us for the walk there as well as the service.

All this week our Year 6 pupils have been reminding everyone else why this time of year is so significant for many people. They have manned our poppy stall which has been frequented by lots all wanting to make a donation to the Royal British Legion. The children are encouraged to wear their poppies on Tuesday.

Parent Survey:

We are very grateful to those of you who have already completed our parent survey details of which were sent out on Wednesday. If you are yet to complete it, please do so as we are keen to hear your views. Simply use the link:

[Parent Survey 2025-26](#)

Free Kickboxing Tournament for Little Samurais:

Samurai is running a FREE Kickboxing Tournament for Little Samurais (age 4 - Year 2), **on** Sunday 16th November **at** St Piran's School, Maidenhead (9 - 11am) with the aim of giving children an opportunity to experience the fun and energy of Kickboxing in a friendly, encouraging environment. They will be able to take part in exciting activities such as High Kick and Flying Kick, with every participant receiving a medal. There'll also be a Kickboxing demo from their Instructors, which is always a highlight, and there will be a café open for refreshments. Whether children choose to join in or just come along to watch, it promises to be a morning full of energy, smiles and fun! Do support them in this venture.

A reminder of Extra-Curricular Activities running this term:

Please note ALL clubs are cancelled on Wednesday 19th November owing to our Open Evening.

Club	Year Group	Day/Time	Contact Details	Arrangements for drop-off/pick-up
Early Bird Club	All	Start time 8am each day of the week	No requirement to book, simply drop off anytime between 8am and 8:30am. Payment of £2.50 per session should be made through your ScoPay account	Arrive through the back door of the hall
After School Provision	All	From 3:15pm	Book directly: holyltrinity@wraparoundcare4u.com	See WrapAroundCare4U for details: information sent out via email
LAMDA Club	Year 5 & 6	Monday before school at 8am	Book directly by contacting Zoe Lister To be confirmed	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:00am
Spanish Club	Year 4	Monday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Ukelele Club	Year 4, 5 and 6	Monday lunchtime	No need to book; Mrs Lucas is looking forward to starting up her band	N/A
Art Club	Year 3 & 4	Monday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall.
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mr Lucas	Arrive at the side gate promptly at 8am ready to be let in by Mr Lucas
Spanish Club	Year 2	Tuesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Spanish Club	Year 3	Tuesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Football Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Please refer to Mr Whittle's email sent this week for dates	Collect from the back gate
Art Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday after school, finish time: 5pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Hyslop: Nickyw1@hotmail.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
Cooking Club	Year 1 - 6	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Little Samurai	EYFS, Y1 & Y2	Tuesday, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Hand Chime Music Club	Y3 & Y4	Tuesday, finish time 4:00pm	Led by Miss Smith Limited spaces – please email the office to confirm a space (start date 11th November)	Collect from the front entrance of school
Rock Steady	EYFS – Y6	Wednesday morning	Book directly: 0330 113 0330 Rocksteadymusicschool.com	N/A lessons take place during the school day
Spanish Club	Year 1	Wednesday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Mad Science Club	Year 1-6	Wednesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Refer to flyer for booking details	Collect from the front entrance of school
Yoga & Mindfulness	Year 1 - 6	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie_windsor@nurturekidsyoga.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Brown larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Young Samurai	Years 3 - 6	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly: 07828 534817 www.SamuraiKickboxing.com or info@SamuraiKickboxing.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Netball Club	Year 2, 3 & 4 (numbers limited)	Thursday after school, finish time: 4:15pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Thomas	Collect from the back gate
Boys Physical Theatre	Years 4-6	Thursday From 4:45pm to 5:45pm	Book directly with Mrs Lucas – see previously sent email	Drop off and collect from the back door of the school hall
Maths Club	Year 5 & 6 (by invitation)	Friday before school at 8:15am	Organised by Mrs Neal with a rota of children invited to attend every few weeks	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:10am ready for a 8:15am start
Spanish Club	Year 5	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: 07939 045722 francesca@the-pows.co.uk	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Sewing Club	Year 1 – 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: 07782 253565 anita@dhaaga-sewing.co.uk	Collect from the front entrance of school
IPro Football	Years 1 - 6	Friday after school, finish time: 4:30pm	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk Children attending this club are permitted to come to school wearing their school P.E. kit with a football shirt to change into at the end of the day if they wish.	Collect from the back gate
Maestro Music Lessons	EYFS – Y6	Various days during the week	To find out more, go to: Homepage - Berkshire Music Trust berksmusictrust.org.uk	Times of lessons determined by Maestros

Children in Need – Friday 14h November:

Next Friday we will be supporting Children in Need. There is no obligation to take part given that we have done a lot of charity work since September. However, if your child would like to come in next Friday wearing Pudsey ears and/or a splash of yellow somewhere on their uniform (yellow socks, a yellow tie, yellow ribbons etc.) they are very welcome to do so. There will be buckets at the gate for any donations you or they may wish to make.

Given that this year the focus is 'Challenge Yourself to 25', during the week we will be trying to clock up 25 acts of kindness ready to celebrate in assembly at the end of the week.

Finally, at the end of last term we said goodbye to Miss Eagles. This week we have welcomed a new member of staff to our team of support assistants. Miss Yeo is working in a number of classes across the school and has already made a positive impact. Thank you for the welcome you have given her.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

While some key dates appear below, please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year as new dates will be added on a regular basis as events come up. **Any new additions (or any changes and deadlines) are highlighted in blue.**

11 th November	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
12 th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm in school
13 th November	Year 3 trip to the Chiltern open Air Museum (please refer to the letter sent out this week)
13 th November	Boys A team football match vs Cookham Rise (home) - selected children informed by letter
14 th November	Children in Need – come wearing a splash of yellow
17 th November	Year 6 Height and Weight with the School Nursing Team
17 th – 21 st November	Maths & Computing Week
17 th November	Childnet Education meeting for parents 7pm not 3:45pm as previously advertised (see letter)
19 th November	Open Evening (no clubs operating)
21 st November	Sportshall Athletics at Braywick (selected children to be informed by letter)
24 th November	Barnardo's Royal Albert Hall Concert for our choirs
25 th November	Invictus Games at Braywick (selected children to be informed by letter)
3 rd December	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
5 th December	Year 5 Trip to the Harry Potter Studios
6 th December	Cookham Christmas Street Fayre
9 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
10 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
15 th December	Carols with the Choirs in Holy Trinity Church
16th December	Christmas Lunch (please book via ScoPay) & Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children UK
17 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
17 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
18 th December	Christmas Service in Holy Trinity Church
18 th December	EYFS & KS1 trip to the pantomime in the Wycombe Swan (details to follow)
18 th December	KS2 Christmas Party

22nd December – 2nd Jan Christmas Holiday

2 nd – 6 th March	Book week
3 rd March	Virtual Parent Consultations
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATs
8 th – 12 th June	Arts and Culture Week
22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day

