



Our Guiding Light
Jesus said

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my Disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13-34-35)

KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

HT Fest:

It was wonderful to see so many of you at last Saturday's HT Fest. What a terrific day we had watching the children of our school shine on the stage as they entertained everyone with their extraordinary talents. I hope you enjoyed their performances and everyone else's.

My thanks go to you all as members of our PTA for supporting the event, whether you were there enjoying the atmosphere, manning stalls, setting up beforehand, helping to put everything away afterwards or donating prizes for our tombola and auctions. We are enormously grateful because of the impact your fund raising has on the learning experience we can provide for the children. To give you an example, this week Year 6 have had a full day's workshop with Samurai ahead of transitioning to secondary school. This was something funded entirely by the PTA after discussion at one of our meetings. You can read about it below.

Transition:

Last week I wrote about the provision we have in place to ensure our Year 6 leavers transition is successful to their senior schools in September. This week, on Monday, they spent the day in a workshop with Samurai. They learnt a number of general self-defense techniques and were given top tips about how to ensure a positive start when the new term begins. It was a super day which the children really enjoyed. Our PTA funded this initiative and, because of its success and relevance, we hope to offer it to future Year 6 cohorts. I am sure you will agree that this is a wonderful way to spend the money you raise throughout the year.

Music Concerts:

After the success of performing at HT Fest on Saturday, those same children and many others have shone in other concerts this week. On Wednesday our Rock Steady bands took to the stage and in the afternoon music from our steel pans played by Year 5 and Year 6 rang out. If you were able to come along to either or both of these concerts, thank you for giving up your time to support the children.

Hockey Festival:

Year 5 had the experience of playing hockey at Marlow Hockey Club on Tuesday when they took part in a borough hockey festival. They had a fabulous time. We are enormously grateful to those of you who transported children there on this occasion and many other occasions throughout the year. Without your support we would be unable to enter as many events as we do. Thank you.

Eco-Council's Book Swap:

Following the success of our book swap during Book Week and mindful of the benefit to the environment, our Eco-Council have planned another next week. Everyone is invited to bring in a book to school on Monday or Tuesday which they have read and are willing to donate. The Eco-Council will set them all out in the hall for anyone who wants to, to visit. They ask that books that are brought in are of good quality and suitable for primary aged pupils. Next week Jacalyn Lamb from Cookham library will be visiting us to tell the children about the Summer Reading Challenge: [Summer Reading Challenge](#) Our Book Swap is a perfect opportunity for everyone to get a head start on this.

The Eco Council will also be raising money for their next project by selling tote bags after school on the back playground on Wednesday. Do support them in this venture.

Spanish Assembly:

If you were able to come along to our Spanish assembly this morning, I hope you enjoyed hearing how much progress the children have made. Mrs. Pow will continue to run her Spanish clubs next year on various days during the week. For information about this and other clubs on offer, see below.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

As we move into the last week of term, extra-curricular clubs will be finished or finishing. Ahead of the holiday, we are delighted to be able to give you a taste of what is on offer from September. A number of flyers have already been circulated but this week the children learnt about a science club that will be coming to our school and others are in the pipeline. The timetable below is almost complete, with a start date if we have been informed, so already you can see some of the activities that will be available. While we have tried to avoid clubs clashing, with only 5 days in the week, with limited space to use and with providers only available at certain times it has been difficult. It may well be that come September choices will have to be made. That said, many of our clubs continue to be popular, so be sure to book early to secure a place for your child in the club of their choice.

Our extra-curricular offer next year is excellent and we remain enormously grateful to those club providers who give up their time voluntarily without any remuneration. Mr Lucas continues to do a wonderful job training our Year 5 & Y6 netballers and Mrs Neal, with her team of parents, has inspired and engaged the children in her Maths Club. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Activities from September 2025:

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: holytrinity@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 Free taster session on 9.9.25	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
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 Start date 8.9.25
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. Start date 8.9.25
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 Start date 9.9.25	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
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 Start date 9.9.25
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	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 Start date 17.9.25
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 Start date 10.9.25
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 Details to be confirmed	Collect from the back gate
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
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 Start date 12.9.25
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 Start date 19.9.25
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

Trips and Events Coming Up:

Next week a couple of local trips which you have already been informed of will be happening. If you are able to come with us to The Ferry on Tuesday or the Cookham Dig on Wednesday, please let Miss Buckley and Mrs. Weller know. Also on Wednesday, our Year 6 cricket team will be completing in the Berkshire Youth Games and our Eco-Council are off to Braywick for a Climate Action Day. We are also supporting Father Stephen and his team in the interview process for an associate priest. Candidates will be in school on Monday to be interviewed by selected children.

Attainment Results:

Over the last few weeks, we have received results from the phonics screening Year 1 did recently and the Year 4 Multiplication Check. This week KS2 Standard Attainment Test (SATs) results were published. We are proud of all the children across the school who have worked so hard for these results which will be shared with you next week as part of your child's annual report.

On Tuesday your child will bring home with them completed exercise books so if you could send them in with a plastic carrier bag, that would be most helpful. Incomplete books will move up with them to their next class.

Smartphone Free Policy:

I trust you saw the information in last week's newsletter about the borough's move to ban smartphones in school until a student reaches Year 9 at the earliest. We are in full support of this so from the end of 2025 we will not be allowing Year 6 (or any other child on roll) to bring smartphones to school. If you feel your child needs a device for safety reasons, such as when travelling to school, they may bring a phone without internet connectivity (a 'brick' phone) but, as is the policy now, they will need to be handed in at the start of the day and locked away until 3:15pm. This new policy comes into effect from the start of January 2026 but it is preferable if, with your support, smartphones are not brought into school when the new term starts in September.

To show your support for this campaign, I again encourage you to put your name to the Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact. It can be found at: [Sign the Parent Pact](#) If you need any further convincing, take a read of what research has revealed as published in last week's newsletter.

Parking:

It won't be relevant for some time but next week and when we return after the holiday, please can you be considerate if you need to drive to school and park your vehicle in the vicinity. In particular, please do not park in the residents' Permit Parking only bays in School Lane. Thank you.

Thank you for your support this week; have a lovely weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you on Monday for the last four days of term.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

11 th July	Spanish Assembly 9:30am
14 th July	Climate Action Day at Braywick (selected children informed by letter)
15 th July	Eco-Council Book Swap
15 th July	Year 5 Trip to The Ferry to see the Swan Upping event 1:15pm (please refer to email previously sent)
15 th July	Year 6 cricket squad to participate in the Berkshire Youth Games (selected children informed by letter)
16 th July	Year 4 Cookham Dig (please refer to email previously sent)
16 th July	Summer Reading Challenge assembly
16 th July	Eco-Council fund raising sale – back playground at 3:15pm
17 th July	Last day of term & Leavers' Service at 10am for Year 6 parents
3 rd September	Start of the Autumn Term (please see 2025-2026 Term Dates sent today as an attachment)

Thursday 4th September: Start of the New Academic Year

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TERM DATES 2025/2026

School term and holiday dates for community and voluntary controlled schools. Academy, free and voluntary aided schools can set their own term dates, so please check with your school.

Autumn 2025

Term 1 (38 days)

Term starts on: Wednesday 3rd September 2025* **Term ends on:** Friday 24th October 2025

October holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Term 2 (35 days)

Term starts on: Monday 3rd November 2025 **Term ends on:** Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring 2026

Term 3 (30 days)

Term starts on: Monday 5th January 2026 **Term ends on:** Friday 13th February 2026

February holiday: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Term 4 (25 days)

Term starts on: Monday 23rd February 2026 **Term ends on:** Friday 27th March 2026

Spring holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026
(Good Friday – 3rd April 2026; Easter Monday – 6th April 2026)

Summer 2026

Term 5 (29 days)

Term starts on: Monday 13th April 2026 **Term ends on:** Friday 22nd May 2026

May holiday: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Term 6 (38 days)

Term starts on: Monday 1st June 2026 **Term ends on:** Wednesday 22nd July 2026
