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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

After the excitement of last week, this week has seemed a little quieter but nonetheless a number of events have happened.

Ducklings in School:

Thanks to the PTA, a duckling hatching kit arrived in school this week. It caused great excitement in Cygnet Class where the eggs were closely watched for signs of ducklings starting to hatch. During the week four out of five have joined our team and been given names by the children who are looking after them well.

Eco-Council News:

On Wednesday our Eco-Council spent the afternoon working with Hannah who heads up Little Muddy Boots, a unique garden and nature club for young people. She was here to help us prepare for this year's Royal Windsor Flower Show. As we have in the past, we will be growing potatoes and exhibiting a wheelbarrow full of plants we have grown. The children had a wonderful time and are now well placed to get planting!

Easter Cracked with Christian Connections in Schools:

Today Year 6 enjoyed a workshop with a friend of our school, Wayne Dixon. During the morning, with his help, they explored Easter themes working in groups and sharing ideas. It was an interesting session for all.

Open the Book Assembly:

Yesterday the Open the Book team were in school leading collective worship. With help from everyone, they told the Bible story of Jacob and Esau. This followed on from our SpaceMaker assemblies earlier in the week led by Year 6 who are now planning House assemblies for next week.

Visit from Green Watch:

Today firefighters from the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue service were in school speaking to Year 5 about fire safety. They also allowed Cygnet Class to look around their fire engine. It created great excitement when it arrived on our playground around 10am this morning.

Sporting News:

This week our teams have been in action. On Wednesday our netball squad welcomed the team from Holyport to school for a home match. With support from Mr Reynolds and lots of parents, they secured a convincing 16-7 win.

Yesterday our football team were out on the field playing Lowbrook. Unfortunately, neither our girls (3-1) nor boys (2-0) were able to snatch a win but all played enthusiastically and represented our school well.

Secondary School Offers:

If you have a child in Year 6, I trust you saw the email sent out on Monday. It informed you that the Admissions Team sent out upper school offers via email and through the parent portal on 2 March 2026. The deadline to respond to those offers is 15 March 2026. The team are keen to point out that failure to respond by this date may result in the offer being withdrawn so if you have not already done so, you are strongly advised to accept or decline the place through the portal as soon as possible.

Please note that completing paperwork directly with your offer school does not constitute a formal acceptance. You must still accept via the portal to prevent your offer from being withdrawn due to non-response.

Extra- Curricular Activities:

For news of clubs running again this term, please refer to the first newsletter of this term where they are all listed. See also attached flyers for clubs which will be running over Easter. Others you have already been sent.

A brand new after-school club, Computer Xplorers is starting after Easter, we hope will be a fantastic addition to the diverse range of clubs already offered at our school. Open to **Years 4, 5 and 6**, the club will introduce pupils to the exciting and creative world of technology. Through engaging activities and hands-on projects, children will have the opportunity to explore how technology can be used to design, create and solve problems. The club aims to inspire curiosity, build confidence and encourage pupils to think creatively while developing valuable digital skills. You have been sent a flyer about this today. Spaces are limited so if your child is interested, don't delay.

Cookham Festival:

Tickets for events running during the Cookham Festival went on sale last week, including tickets for the schools' Cantata, *The Commons of Cookham*, which our choirs will be performing at. There are two performances on 8th May both lasting an hour, one at 1:30pm and the second at 3pm. If your child is in choir don't delay in getting your tickets; I hear they are going fast: [Schools' Cantata | Cookham Festival](#)

Musical Evening:

Just as a reminder the children, not just those in our choirs, have an opportunity to perform in our Musical Evening which is to be held on 20th May. Mrs Brown is holding auditions on 23rd April, so if your child plays a musical instrument or is a talented singer, they are welcome to put themselves forward. They should speak to their music teacher to decide on a suitable piece and keep practicing to ensure they hit the required standard!

Sound Lab at the Maidenhead Festival:

You may have seen in last week's newsletter that the team organizing the Maidenhead Festival will be setting up a Sound Lab event at the Nicholson's Shopping Centre on the 8th and 9th April providing an opportunity for young pianists to perform on a stage. If your child is interested in taking part, contact Joyce Delasalle on 07917 876145. The Berkshire Music Trust will also be there giving people the chance to try out other instruments. Please see the flyer sent out today for details.

Enjoy the weekend and if you are going to tomorrow's PTA ball, I shall look forward to seeing you.

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.**

17 th March	Home netball match vs Riverside (selected children informed by letter)
18 th March	Ascot Bake-Off Finals (Year 5 participating)
19 th March	Girls A and Boys B team home football matches vs Waltham St Lawrence (selected children informed by letter)
25 th March	Rock Steady Concert, school hall 9:30am
30th March – 10th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
21 st April	Boys and Girls away football matches vs Holyport (selected children informed by letter)
23 rd April	Auditions for the Musical Evening Concert
27 th April	PTA meeting 8pm Kings Arms
1 st May	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Opens
5 th May	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
6 th May	Year 4 trip to 'The Lion King' (details to follow)
8 th May	Cookham Festival Schools' Event (tbc)
11 th – 14 th May	KS2 SATs
20 th May	Musical Evening Concert
22 nd May	Mufti Day (non-uniform day in exchange for an HT Fest tombola prize)
25th – 29th May	HALF TERM BREAK
2 nd June	Window for Applying for the Buckinghamshire Transfer Tests Closes
5 th June	PTA Disco
8 th – 12 th June	Arts and Culture Week
12 th June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
17 th June	Arthur Burgin Exhibition (Year 6)
19 th June	Junior Music Festival Rehearsal & Concert for Year 3 (please refer to letter)
22 nd – 26 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
22 nd – 2 nd July	Sports Fortnight
3 rd July	Sports Day
4 th July	HT Fest
10 th July	Spanish Assembly
16 th July	Last Day of Term – Leavers' Assembly (details tbc)