



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

Drawing on our Vision:

It was lovely to see how many of you were able to join us for our Festival of Harvest in church on Thursday. We were all so proud of the children who created such a special atmosphere with their contributions to our service. Thank you for your kind donation of food items which were collected yesterday afternoon by Food Share and taken to their depot in Maidenhead. The message of kindness, love and friendship which was interwoven throughout our service was incredibly strong and reflected in the words of the prayers written by the children.

Dear God

Thank you for life and for the world around me, inhabited by creatures great and small.

Thank you for the chance to watch the passing of time through the seasons.

Thank you for the autumn when we think about the harvest.

Thank you for the farmers who look after our crops

And the skill and patience they have to make them grow.

Thank you for making the sun blaze and the rain pour

And for tending to our crops so lovingly.

Thank you for providing us with nourishment and people to keep us safe.

Help us to remember those less fortunate than ourselves, those whose crops have failed and whose bellies aren't full.

Let us think about the homeless.

Help us to appreciate the good things that we have been given and to be mindful of the need to share.

Thank you for planting a seed of peace, that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness, compassion and friendship and help us all to share your message of love.

Amen

This week we had an opportunity to say our goodbyes to Revd. Helen who is soon to leave the parish for one in Leeds. In a special assembly on Tuesday we presented her with messages the children had written and a gift which we hope will help her to remember us.

Next Friday we have been asked by the church wardens to be part of the interview panel when hopefully a new vicar for the Cookham Benefice will be appointed. The candidates will be visiting school to meet with a number of children who will be posing questions and offering feedback. We were delighted to be asked to be involved in the process.

Learning from Father David:

On Monday we were delighted to welcome Father David to school. He visited Year 3 to help them in their understand of their current R.E. topic, 'Does taking bread and wine show someone is a Christian?' He gave great insight into the Holy Communion in a session which was enjoyed by all.

EYFS Phonics Workshop:

I do hope that those of you with children in EYFS who attended the Phonic Workshop on Wednesday found the session useful. Mrs Nicol and Mrs Weller have placed the slides they used for the presentation, along with what we hope are useful documents, on Google Classroom. Do take a look.

Sporting News:

We were thrilled that the rain we had on Thursday morning didn't put pay to the football matches we played against Cookham Rise after school. The A team fought hard but, with a final score of 3-0, didn't manage to secure a win. The B team on the other hand were delighted to end their match up 1-0. We were proud of everyone who played and grateful to you for transporting the children to the game.

Next week the football and netball team will be in action. If your child has been selected to play you will have received a letter with details.

Themed Weeks:

We are really looking forward to Science and Technology Week starting on Monday. We launch events with a workshop delivered by Wild Eton Wick who will be talking to the children about bat conservation and bringing in some special visitors for them to meet. The following day the children will be learning about 'Life Long Ago' when they will come face to face with baby dinosaurs! Throughout the week a number of parents are coming in and we end the week with a visit from Science Boffins who are sure to wow everyone with some breath taking experiments.

Thank you if you have already responded to the letter sent to you the other day about our themed weeks this year. We are grateful for your support in helping us make workshops like the ones we have planned for next week possible. It has been emailed to you again today for your convenience. If you could make payment before half term it would help us determine who we can book for our next themed week, Maths & Computing, when we hope Brickies will be able to come to school.

We hope your child is progressing well with their Design Technology challenge, details of which have been posted on Google Classroom. They still have this weekend and most of next week to complete their project before bringing it into school to test and evaluate. We are looking forward to the buzz that's generated when everyone gets an opportunity to see what others have created.

Eco-Council Elections:

On Wednesday, Mrs Weller relaunched our Eco-Council. She is keen to have people help her keep the environment on everyone's minds. In assembly the children watched a David Attenborough film highlighting how the world has changed in the last 50 years and how we can help the planet recover if we all do our bit to preserve it. They really seemed to understand how, being caretakers of the world, we all need to work hard to ensure it is left in the best condition for future generations.

If your child has a passion for the environment or would like to help deliver eco projects in our school and community and inspire others they should consider putting themselves forward for election. Next week any takers will have an opportunity to deliver a short speech they have written to their class mates who will vote on who they would like to represent them on the Eco-Council this year. Do encourage your child to get writing this weekend.

Open House:

Next week from 3:15-3:45pm on Tuesday for KS2 and on Wednesday for EYFS and KS1, you are invited to visit your child's classroom and see their exercise books and chat informally to staff. We do hope you will find the time to drop in.

Clubs:

It was lovely to see so many children perform as part of our choir in yesterday's church service. Choir is open to anyone so if your child would like to join and is able to commit to weekly practice they are very welcome to come along. For details of this and other clubs running next term, please refer to newsletters at the start of term where all the club providers were listed.

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Partners for Change, Ethiopia:

For over ten years our school has supported Partners for Change, Ethiopia and next week we will be inviting members of the team to Holy Trinity to talk about the work they do and how the money we have raised over the years have supported many of their programmes. Mrs. Ransome, Sarah Parfitt and Mulugeta Gebru, a special guest from Ethiopia, will be talking to the children about Debre Birhan School which is the school we are hoping to support this year.

If you would like to find out more about their charity work you are invited to a coffee meet-up next Friday at Costa Coffee in Cookham from 12 noon to 2pm. celebrating the launch of their Social Change Makers campaign. If you would like to attend, please register [here](#):

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cosy-coffee-meetup-social-change-maker-campaign-launch-in-cookham-tickets-733802181077?aff=oddtcreator>

If you live in the Cookham area and would like more details about the coffee meetup, please contact Sarah Parfitt by email at sarah_parfitt@mail.com or by phone at 07900 4117 15.

Maidenhead Advertiser's First Photo:

You will remember that a couple of weeks ago the Maidenhead Advertiser came to school to take a photo of Cygnet Class to put in their 'My First Class' supplement which will appear in the paper on 20th October. If you would like to see the photos they took of the children looking so smart and happy go to: [FIRST CLASS 135835 - Photo 1 of 5 - Baylis Media Photos](#)

No Nut Policy:

Please be mindful that we are a no nut school because of severe allergies that some of our children have. Food with sesame seeds should also not be brought into school for the same reason. Thank you for your support in helping us to safeguard the children.

National Height and Weight Check for Year 6 Pupils:

Next week the school nurse will be in to take measurements as part of the National Child Measurement Programme. Please do refer to the letters sent out to you this week for more details.

PTA Uniform Sale:

Next week, on Thursday, the PTA will be holding another pre-loved uniform sale. Items of clothing will be laid out in the playground so do come along.

Please can we remind you over half term to check that all items of clothing and equipment belonging to your child, including water bottles, are clearly named? This allows us to reunite any mislaid property with their owner quickly. Thank you.

Berkshire Music Trust – Free Taster Sessions:

If your child is keen to try out a musical instrument before you commit to lessons, Berkshire Music Trust is offering a taster day a week on Saturday at their Reading Music Centre in Tilehurst. A flyer has been sent to you today if you are interested.

Cookham Footprint:

After last year's successful FREECYCLING events, Cookham Footprint are planning to hold two more events in November. The first is for winter clothing, and the second will be for toys, books and homeware on 25th November. Half term could be a perfect opportunity to have a sort out ready to hand things on to someone else with anything left over going to local charities.

Toby Knight (Cookham's Footprint Surveyor) will also be holding a pub talk about **HEAT PUMPS** at the Swan Uppers on Monday 23rd October at 8pm. For more details on any of these initiatives contact cookhamsfootprint@gmail.com

Closure of Cookham Bridge:

Please note, as from Monday Cookham Bridge will be closed for emergency repair works which go on for a number of weeks.

Have a lovely weekend.
Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

Please continue to refer to this section in our newsletter throughout the year to keep abreast of what is happening in school. Dates will be added on a regular basis.

16 th – 20 th October	Science & Technology Week
16 th – 20 th October	Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm (KS2 on Tuesday, EYFS & KS1 on Wednesday)
18 th October	B team netball match vs Oldfield (home - selected children informed by letter)
19 th October	School nurse in to complete national weight and height checks for Y6
19 th October	PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Sale
19 th October	A and B team football matches vs Furze Platt Junior (away - selected children informed by letter)
21 st October	Berkshire Music Trust free taster session in Reading
21 st October	Cookham Run – PTA Tea Tent - help needed
23rd - 27th October	HALF TERM
31 st October	Flu Vaccinations
2 nd November	A and B team football matches vs Oldfield (home - selected children informed by letter)
3 rd November	School Photographer in to take Individual and Sibling Photographs
8 th November	PTA AGM – wine and cheese
13 th – 17 th November	Maths & Computing Week
15 th November	Open Evening
16 th November	A team football match vs Braywick Court (home - selected children informed by letter)
24 th November	PTA Quiz Night (details to follow)
3 rd December	Cookham Christmas Street Fair
5 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 2pm
6 th December	Rock Steady Concert
6 th December	EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance 6pm
14 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
24 th February	PTA Ball at Odney – save the date!
4 th – 8 th March	Book week
5 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
7 th March	Virtual Parent Consultations
13 th – 16 th May	KS2 SATs
10 th – 14 th June	Arts and Culture Week
24 th – 28 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
24 th – 4 th July	Sports Week
5 th July	Sports Day
6 th July	HT Fest