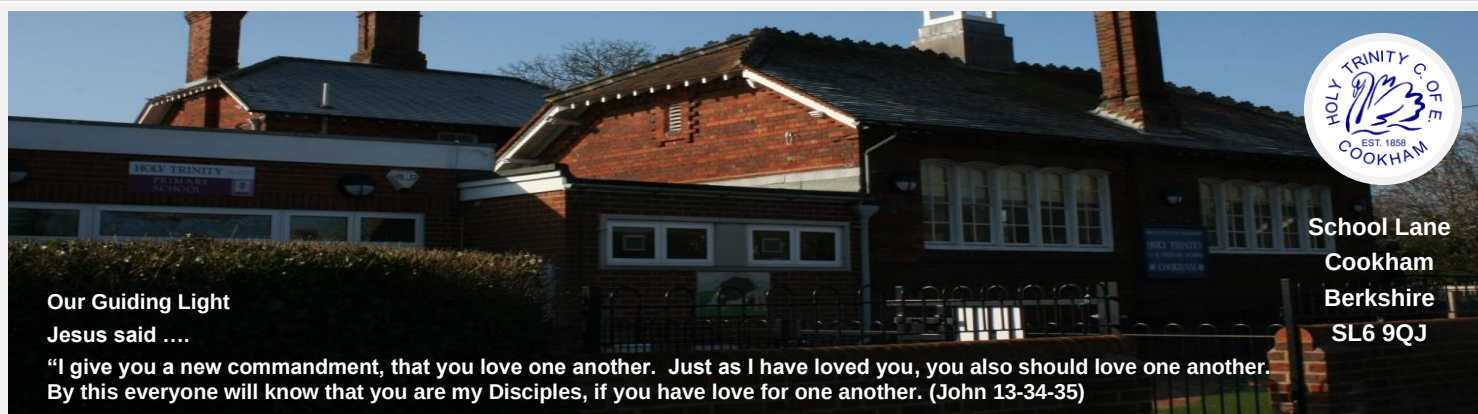




KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

If you were able to join us for our Service of Remembrance on Tuesday, thank you for your time. I was so proud of the children in the way they behaved and in particular our Year 6 students who led the service brilliantly. It really was a special event. Everyone has been incredibly generous in their support of the Royal British Legion.

Although our Year 3 children couldn't be at the service, they did mark the 2 minutes silence on the side of the pool. One member of the public commented on how superbly they also behaved.

PTA News:

I hope your child enjoyed last week's Popcorn and Pyjama party which was incredibly well attended. My thanks go to those of you who stayed to help.

News of the event was reported at this week's PTA AGM which again several of you attended. Congratulations to our newly elected committee and thank you to those who stepped down as well as you for your continued support in raising money and organising events for our community to enjoy.



Last week I reported on the opportunities we give the children to share their views and have an input into the life of our school. We saw this on Tuesday when Year 6 led our Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial and the day after our newly elected House Captains led House Assemblies. They spoke about the importance of approaching every day with resilience and determination. They encouraged us to work hard, to keep trying even when obstacles appear in our way and to always have self-belief. Their message was strong and everyone listened attentively. I was incredibly impressed with their presentation skills and their perception in knowing what worked well and what they might change next time. House Assemblies will continue next month.

Year 3's Trip To Chiltern Open Air Museum:

Yesterday Year 3 travelled back to the Stone Age when they visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum. They had a fabulous time making spears, building shelters, firing arrows, creating sparks to light fires and foraging for food. Perhaps they enjoyed most the opportunity to paint their faces with charcoal in order to camouflage themselves before hunting! It was a wonderful day out during which the curriculum was magically brought to life.

Cookham Abbey Archaeological Dig:

You may recall that last year we received a visit from the team involved in the archaeological dig in the village. They spoke to all the children in assembly about their work and then spent time with our current Year 5 pupils exploring further. On Tuesday the project was featured on the programme 'Hidden Wonders' on More4 when Sandi Toksvig and Raksha Dave (TimeTeam) spent time exploring the excavations. Cookham looked magnificent! If you didn't see it and are interested in doing so, go to [Friends of Cookham Abbey | Support the Archaeological Dig](#) for information.

Football Match:

On Thursday we welcomed Cookham Rise to school for a football match. Unfortunately, the team walked away without a win but their determination and resilience was never in question.

Open Evening – Wednesday 19th November:

Next week we will be holding our annual Open Evening so if you know of any families who are considering a place at Holy Trinity, do direct them to our website for details. **Please note, ALL clubs that day are cancelled.** Apologies for any inconvenience this causes.

Maths & Computing Week:

Next week we embark on our second themed week of the year, Maths and Computing Week, which many of you have signed up to join us for. Thank you. All week the focus will be on these specific areas of the curriculum with workshops timetabled which we hope will inspire and motivate. During the week our older children will embark on the Primary Maths Challenge, a mathematics competition for students aged 9-11, designed to foster enthusiasm and problem-solving skills. They have been prepared for this by Mrs Neal and her team who come in every week before school to run maths club. We are enormously grateful to them for giving up their time to inspire the children.

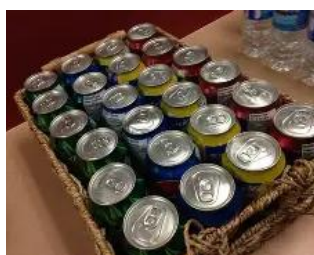
One of the workshops next week will be led by Childnet who will focus on online safety. **You are invited to attend their parent workshop at 7pm on Monday 17th November** during which they will be guiding you on how best to support your child when they are online.

They will speak about:

- **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

There is no need to book a place, simply turn up at the back door of the hall. A letter from Mr. Redjeb about the event is attached again for your convenience.

During the week the children have been set a challenge, to take a photograph of an array which they find at home or out and about. Entries should be uploaded onto Google Classroom by Thursday 20th November. The more creative, the better!



Parent Survey:

We are very grateful to those of you who have already completed our parent survey details of which were sent out last week. If you are yet to complete it, please do so by Friday 21st November as we are keen to hear your views.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Please refer to last week's newsletter for before, during and after school activities happening this term.

Lost Property:

Quite a large amount of unnamed lost property has built up. Anything named is very easily and quickly returned to its owner so we do ask that you check that everything your child brings into school, whether its clothing or equipment, is clearly named. Unnamed property we will hang from time to time on the black fence at the entrance to school. Do help yourself. Periodically it will be disposed of.

Children in Need:

Finally, thank you for helping us support Children in Need today. We are delighted to have collected £163.66 so far and to have finished the week with an assembly during which we celebrated acts of kindness. 'Challenge Yourself to 25' was hugely successful. We have also marked National Anti-Bullying Week with a series of lessons around this year's theme, 'Power for Good' which was chosen to empower children and young people to support others and 'build a world where kindness wins'. It has been a week of coming together to think of others.



Finally, I end with a special thank you to Kate Winrow-Davies who stepped down as PTA Chair this week. Mrs Winrow-Davies has done a superb job steering the team during the four years she's been chair, bringing everyone together for events and helping to raise an enormous amount of money for our school all of which has had a positive impact on your child.

She was presented with a gift on Wednesday and would like to share the following:

"Thank you so much for the wonderful gift and the many kind words shared with me — I have been truly touched by your generosity and support. It has been an absolute privilege to serve on the PTA! Nothing we achieved would have been possible without our fantastic parent community, whose enthusiasm and involvement make all the difference. I'm delighted to hand over to such an energetic new committee and event leads, and I know that 2025/26 is set to be a brilliant year for the PTA and the whole school community."

Have a wonderful weekend ahead of Maths and Computing Week starting.

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 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)
18 th November	Netball match vs Riverside Primary School (selected children to be informed by 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
16 th 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
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