



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

We've finally reached the end of the academic year but before we send you on your way to enjoy the summer holiday let me share with you news of what has been happening this week.

On Monday Year 5 were called upon to take part in the process for appointing an associate priest to work alongside Father Stephen. The candidate delivered a class assembly and then faced questions from the children. Their feedback was shared with Father Stephen and his team. We eagerly await the outcome.

That afternoon Mrs. Weller and members of our Eco-Council went to Braywick Nature Park for a Climate Action Day. They were joined by students, primary and secondary, from across the borough. They had a wonderful afternoon learning about various projects, discussing future plans and using their artistic skills to create an art piece which will be displayed on our eco-board next year alongside our new Eco Code. The winners of our Eco-Council poster competition were presented with prizes in assembly on Wednesday, the day after they had run a very successful book swap for the whole school. They followed it up with an equally successful tote bag sale which many of you were so generous in supporting. The money they raised will be used to get new projects off the ground next year.

On Tuesday our Year 6 cricket team headed off to Reading Cricket Club having been selected to represent the authority in the Berkshire Youth Games. This in itself was an enormous achievement. They had a full day of matches and returned to school with t-shirts to remind them of the day. The day before two of our girls, Annabelle Rootsey and Nye Al-Amin, were successful in securing a place for themselves in the borough's elite dance troupe and we welcomed former pupil and cross-country runner, Frank McGarth in to speak to the children about his journey to destinations across Europe representing Ireland in his sport. His message was powerful in inspiring the children to chase their dreams while developing resilience along the way. It was lovely to see him after such a long time away.

Year 5 did us proud when they joined the Swan Uppers on the banks of the Thames in the village to witness the annual Royal Swan Upping. The weather held out and it was a super experience for them all. You may have seen us on ITV News Meridian and 'This Morning' earlier today. A couple of the children, Savannah Joys and James Burton, who were interviewed by the television crews, did a fantastic job representing the school.

Yesterday Year 4 visited the Friends of Cookham Abbey dig to see the work the archaeologists are undertaking. They had time in the church and ended the morning carrying out a litter pick on the moor. They too impressed everyone with their knowledge and engagement.

With long lazy days ahead you may be looking for things to do to keep your child busy. Don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge which we learnt about in assembly on Wednesday when Jacalyn Lamb from Cookham Library dropped in. All you need to do is take your child to Cookham Library to sign them up. Certificates will be presented to those who complete the challenge at the start of the Autumn Term. For details got to: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Today we celebrated everything our Year 6 leaves have accomplished during their time at Holy Trinity. We were honoured to have the mayor in attendance at our special assembly and so many parents. In their own unique way, the children shared their memories and reminded us of all the things they are proud to have achieved. It is with genuine sadness that we say goodbye; we wish them nothing but success and happiness for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs. Nicol today. Mrs. Nicol has been at Holy Trinity for an incredible thirty one years. She has been a constant force through thick and thin and we will miss her very much indeed. She now starts her retirement with our thanks and very best wishes ringing in her ears.

Annual reports were sent home yesterday with completed exercise books. Unless your child is in Foundation Stage or Year 2 soon to move into Key Stage 2, incomplete exercise books remain in school for him/her to use in September. We are proud of all the work the children have completed this year so we hope you will treasure their books as much as they seem to.

Smartphone Free Policy:

I trust you saw the information in last week's newsletter about our move to become a smartphone free school in the new year. If your child is going into Year 6 and you are considering buying a smartphone for him/her over the holiday please be aware that they will not be allowed to bring it to school. For more information, please refer to our last two newsletters.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

In last week's newsletter I published a timetable of the extra-curricular activities that will be on offer when we start again in September. Places are filling up fast so, to avoid disappointment, speak to club providers to express your interest. The schedule of events is below for your convenience.

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

Looking ahead to September, the catering team would be grateful if you could remember to place food orders during the holiday and certainly at least twenty four hours before the first day of term if you are planning on your child having a school meal. This applies to children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage One as well as in Key Stage Two. Our cook, Sharon, was delighted to receive an award for the quality of her food at a ceremony last weekend. Our congratulations go to her.

The office team would also be grateful if you could clear any outstanding debt on Scopay and the team of teachers and support staff would be thrilled if you could ensure all items of clothing are named before your child returns to school for the start of the new academic year! The PTA will continue to run pre-loved uniform sales and they already have a calendar of other events planned for when we return. It starts with a 'Cheers and Tears' meet-up as soon as term begins for those new to our school. The team are also excited about getting a Young PTA committee off the ground so if your child is interested in putting their name forward, do share with them the details on the flyer which has been sent out.

With that said, all that remains is for me to thank you for your terrific support this year in all sorts of ways including making our PTA so successful. It has been a happy year in which many wonderful memories have been made. Thank you for your generosity and kind words shared with me and the rest of the staff today. Have a lovely summer and we shall look forward to seeing you and the children on Thursday 4th September for the start of a new term and a new academic year.

Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD

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