

KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

I hope your child has enjoyed the week and has shared with you lots of news from school. If they haven't, please don't worry, it's not unusual. Hopefully weekly newsletters will give you some idea of what we have been up to and the EYFS weekly class newsletter should also help those of you with children who have just started school.

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

We hope that those of you who have been able to attend the last of our virtual 'Meet the Teacher' meetings this week have found them useful. For reference, slides and class newsletters have been posted on your child's Google Classroom to help you navigate your way through the term. Class Newsletters have also been sent out to you today as attachments.

National Testing Programme:

As your child moves through school they will be points on the journey when they will encounter national tests. These are statutory assessments that children through England are required to take. A letter will be sent to you next week outlining when these are, what your child is required to do and how their results are used. Look out for this, and accompanying DfE leaflets, next week.

Themed Weeks:

If you are new to our school, you may not be aware that throughout the year, we organise themed weeks to promote specific areas of the curriculum. There are five in total and 'Science and Technology Week' is coming up first. You can see when the other weeks happen as they are listed on the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

During these weeks we book workshop providers to come in to school to work with the children. This comes at a cost just as taking your child out on a trip does. These themed weeks are something extra that we offer. They are a unique selling point of our school and they help us to enhance the learning experience for the children. As they are costly to run, in order for them to happen we ask you for a contribution. A letter containing details was sent to you on Wednesday. We would be most grateful if payment could be made by the end of term. Thank you.

Science and Technology Week:

Our first themed week of the year is 'Science and Technology Week' in less than a month's time. Please refer to the letter from Mrs Weller and Mr Redjeb who are coordinating the week for ways in which you can get involved. It was emailed to you this morning.

SEN Support at Holy Trinity:

Thank you for your patience in allowing class teachers to support children into settling into new routines that being in a new year group brings. Comprehensive transition meetings have taken place between staff and new class teachers are reassessing children and implementing existing support that is recorded on SEN support plans. This includes support in class, and interventions outside of the classroom. These plans will be reviewed and sent out in the first week of October for you to reflect on. During our parents' meetings in October, there will be an opportunity to discuss these updated plans. Thank you for your patience as we get to know your child in more depth and see how the support which is already in place is continuing to impact their learning.



Heritage Open Days at Holy Trinity Church, Cookham:

This weekend is your last opportunity to visit Holy Trinity Church and see the art work Year 6 have produced for the Heritage Open Days. Do go and see the lovely work they have produced which the space inspired.

The usual Eucharist service is at 11am on Sunday if you would like to go along then.

Raising Resilient Kids - A Parent's Guide

Helping your child bounce back from life's challenges



What is Resilience?

Resilience means being able to:

- ✓ Bounce back from setbacks
- ✓ Keep trying when things are tough
- ✓ Manage big feelings
- ✓ Learn and grow from mistakes



How Parents Can Help

- ✓ Encourage problem-solving
- ✓ Praise effort, not just results
- ✓ Stay calm – children copy you
- ✓ Allow safe mistakes and 'try again' moments
- ✓ Listen and validate feelings



Everyday Ways to Boost Resilience

- ✓ Keep daily routines for security
- ✓ Teach calming strategies (deep breaths, counting to 9)
- ✓ Encourage teamwork and friendships



Final Thoughts & Resources

Resilience grows step by step – every small effort matters!

Developing Resilience in our children:

You may be aware of a report that has been in the news this week which documents individual accounts of 600 people who were under 18 during the Covid pandemic.

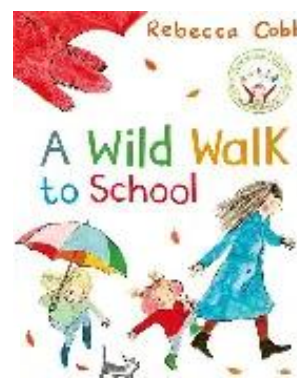
During the pandemic the resilience of all of us was tested. Understanding the importance of having strategies to cope when things get tough, we have worked hard in school since the pandemic to develop the children's ability to overcome adversity.

We began the year using Rebecca's Cobb's book 'A Wild Walk to School'. The story tracks the journey of two brave explorers who encounter numerous hurdles on their way to school. They support each other and have fun along the way. Every class read the book and took inspiration from it.

Each classroom in school has a growth mindset display and the children understand how important it is to embrace challenge. We encourage them to be persistent and we praise effort regardless of outcome. They know that feedback is there to help them deepen their understanding of a topic and if they can't do something, they talk about not being able to do it YET. Above all we want them to be inspired and motivated, not threatened by the success of others, and to always support each other on the learning journey.

Assemblies this week have reminded the children of what being resilient means and they were confident in coming up with strategies they might use when they face obstacles. We watched a short animated clip 'Soar' which illustrated the importance of never giving up. You can find it in the 'Collective Worship' section of Google Classroom.

We hope that throughout the year you



will help us by promoting this message at home so we can work together to make our children independent and resilient learners.

Attendance:

I was delighted to be able to present four children with certificates in assembly today celebrating the fact that last year their attendance was 100%. This is a remarkable achievement and says a lot about their resilience and determination.

Attendance is monitored very closely in our school and we are proud of our figures. Attendance impacts significantly on attainment as data has shown; pupils with the highest attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall absence rate of 4.7%, compared to 3.5% among those meeting the expected standard. Moreover, the overall absence rate of pupils not meeting the expected standard was higher than among those meeting the higher standard (4.7% compared to 2.7%).

Attendance is compulsory and requests for absence for anything other than medical appointments, religious festivals and exams are not permitted. Thank you for supporting us in this.

PTA Meeting:

We are still awaiting a safety check on our newly installed trim trail equipment but as soon as the handover is done, the children will be able to enjoy the space which your fundraising has helped us enhance.

Our first PTA meeting of the year is next week on 24th September; all are welcome. Do come along to find out how you can get involved. In the meantime, do ensure you have joined the PTA Class WhatsApp group. This is simply a platform for sharing information and keeping you informed of what is going on.

In assembly today the children were reminded of our plan to invite those keen, to stand in our election for PTA Junior Ambassadors. Elections will be early next week so they have the weekend to prepare their campaign speech ready for sharing it in class. They should be ready to present on Monday. The information which was first circulated last term, has been sent out again today as an attachment.

Our thanks go to members of the PTA who this week set up a pre-loved uniform sale on the playground. If you were able to go along on Tuesday, I hope you picked up some bargains. I apologise that the date for this was incorrectly recorded on last week's newsletter but I hope the alerts on the PTA Class WhatsApp helped you plan your diary.

Extra-Curricular Activities:

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	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
Ukelele Club	Year 4, 5 and 6	Monday lunchtime	No need to book; Mrs Lucas is looking forward to starting up her band	N/A
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
Playball	EYFS & Year 1	Monday, finish time: 4pm	Book online: http://www.playballkids.com/t/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall.
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	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
Football Club	Year 5 & 6	Tuesday after school, finish time 4:30pm	Please refer to Mr Whittle's letter	Collect from the back gate
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
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 (Start date to be confirmed)	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
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	Collect from the back gate
Maths Club	Year 3/4/5 then 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

Finally, next week we will be joining many others across the country to support Macmillan Cancer Support as they launch their coffee morning campaign. We will do so by having a cake sale after school on Friday on the playground at the back of school. In order to make it as successful as it has been in previous years we are asking for your help. If you could send your child to school on Friday with cakes, we would be most grateful. Individual fairy cakes are best, bought or made, and if they come in in a container that you wish us to return, please ensure your child's name is clearly written on it. Secondly, please come along to our sale with cash to spend! Last year we raised £295.60 for the charity so we'd love to do the same this time.

If you send cakes in, please remember our very strict no nut/no sesame policy. Cakes containing these items, or traces of these items, cannot be brought in. Thank you for helping us safeguard those children who are vulnerable.

Calendar dates are listed below with any additions or any changes highlighted in blue.

Have a lovely weekend.

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 are added in order to keep abreast of what is coming up in school.

23 rd September	Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip in the summer (4:30pm) Postponed until 7th October still at 4:30pm
24 th September	PTA Meeting (time and venue tbc)
25 th September	'My First Class Photo' Maidenhead Advertiser in to take a picture of Reception Class (please inform us if you do not wish your child to feature)
26 th September	Macmillan Bake-Sale
6 th – 9 th October	Y6 Bikeability
7 th October	Y2 trip to the Henley Literary Festival (letter to follow)
7 th October	Meeting about the Year 6 Residential Trip in the summer (4:30pm)
8 th October	Y4 trip to the Henley Literary Festival (letter to follow)
10 th October	PTA Quiz Night
13 th – 17 th October	Science & Technology Week
14 th & 16 th October	Virtual Parent Consultations (information to follow)
17 th October	Flu Vaccination Programme (Deadline to complete consent form is 16th October at 9am. Please refer to email)
21 st October	KS2 (Year 3-6) Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm
22 nd October	EYFS & KS1 Open House Session to view classrooms 3:15pm -4pm

27th – 31st Oct

HALF TERM

4 th November	PTA event (details to follow)
7 th November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Night
11 th November	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
12 th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm in school
14 th November	Children in Need
17 th – 21 st November	Maths & Computing Week
19 th November	Open Evening
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
17 th December	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party
17 th December	PTA Carols in the Courtyard
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