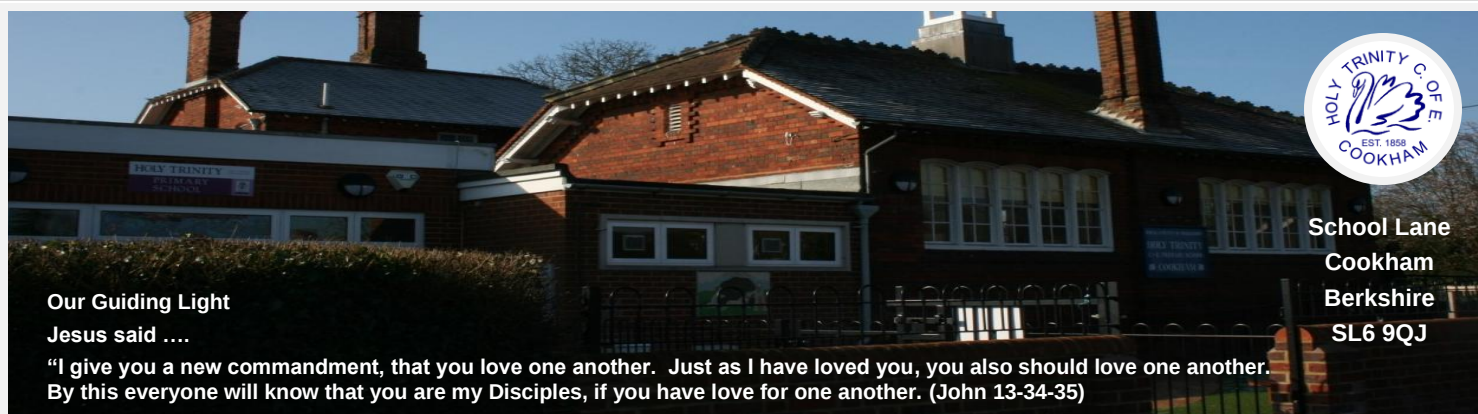




KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Thank you for taking the time to come in this week and see your child's classroom and their exercise books. We hope you enjoyed seeing their work and meeting their teacher informally. There will be another opportunity to come in again in February.

We are enormously grateful for the number of shoe boxes that have been sent in in support of the charity Blythswood: [Shoe Box Appeal | Blythswood](#) Having received notification from the local organiser this week, I am pleased to inform those of you whose children would still like to take part that the deadline for sending in boxes has been extended to 8th November. Boxes can be brought to school up until Friday 7th November. We also have more leaflets delivered if you would like one. Thank you so much for your support. The children have really got behind this project and shown real excitement about being able to make the world a slightly fairer place for others this Christmas.

News from recent Sporting Fixtures:

It was a disappointment that the weather prevented our football match from being played but our netball team has been in action this week. On Wednesday our netballers went over to Holyport School for a thrilling and very competitive match. They didn't quite secure a win, the final score was 16-13, but all played with great determination and skill. A number of fixtures have been organised for after the holiday so do keep an eye on the calendar.

School Photographs:

Following the visit from our photographer on Monday, you have now been sent QR codes which will allow you to view the images before deciding if you wish to make a purchase. Please note there is a discount code but it will expire on 3rd November.

Secondary School Applications:

If you have a child in Year 6 and you missed notification on last week's newsletter, please be aware that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place for September 2026 is 31 October 2025.

Pupil Voice:

We were thrilled that so many children put themselves forward to be a PTA Junior Ambassador recently. This week elections for House Captains were held. The ten children elected, two from each house, were given badges in assembly today. Inevitably there were mixed emotions given the number that chose to stand. We have, however, been incredibly impressed by the way the children have supported each other, with those winning the election being sensitive to the fact that disappointment has been felt by others. Their efforts were rewarded when they received a visit from Lord Young today to whom we are very grateful. Their understanding of politics and democracy is now superb!

Today a message was put on Google Classroom about Eco-Council elections that will be held after the holiday. Take a look and do encourage your child to take part.

Trips to Places of Interest:

As soon as we return from the half term holiday, Year 1 are off on their trip to Windsor Castle. Other trips have been booked on the run up to Christmas so do take a look at the calendar. We will also be celebrating the world of maths and computing in our next themed week starting on 17th November. After the success of parent workshops last week, we hope some of you will be willing to come in during Maths and Computing Week. Look out for details of how to get involved after the holiday.

Head Lice:

Fortunately, we have not received any notification of head lice infestations this term. Long may it continue. It would seem, however, that not all schools are in the same position. This week I received information from the nursing team which I thought might be useful to share.

Head lice can be found on any type of hair and does not indicate dirty or unwashed hair. They are spread through direct head-to-head contact. Advice about head lice can be found at the following websites:

- <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>
- <https://www.chc.org/>

October 31 is a National Bug Busting Day, a day dedicated to raising awareness of head lice prevention and managing treatment of head lice. The Community Hygiene Concern Bug Busting website (<https://www.chc.org/>) has lots of advice and guidance, including instruction videos on how to check and treat any infestations. Advice can also be sought from Pharmacists.

Lost Property:

If you could use the break to ensure items of clothing are clearly named we would be most grateful. A lot of unnamed items have started to accumulate which will be disposed of if not collected.

Joshua Reynolds Christmas Card Design Competition:

Joshua Reynolds, local MP who visited our school a week ago, is looking for a budding artist to create a Christmas card for him this year that really captures the essence of Christmas in Maidenhead. The competition is open to children aged 11 and under who live in his constituency. The winning entry will be personally chosen by the MP and will be printed and sent out with Christmas wishes to people across Maidenhead as well as politicians, royalty, and leaders across the world. **Entries for the competition should be marked 'Josh Reynolds's Christmas Card Competition' and sent to Maidenhead Advertiser, 48 Bell Street, Maidenhead, SL6 1HX.**

The suggested size is A5. Designs need to be bold and bright and preferably done in paint, felt tips or crayons as coloured pencils do not reproduce well when printed. Two-dimensional designs are preferred as materials like glitter and cotton wool do not work when printed. Entries should also include the full name, age and school or organisation (such as a cub or brownie pack) of the entrant as well as a parent's name, address and phone number.

The closing date for entries is Tuesday, November 4 with a prize, still to be determined, awarded to the winner. (Last year it was a family ticket to Legoland). Judging will take place soon afterwards, and Mr Reynolds's winner will be announced in a future edition of the Advertiser. I do hope your child will get involved.

Finally, after a relatively short amount of time with us, today we say goodbye to Miss Eagles. Miss Eagles has done a wonderful job over the last few months supporting children across the school and she will be dearly missed. She has, however, exciting plans afoot which will take her to far flung places so do join me in thanking her and wishing her well as she embarks on a journey full of adventure. Have a wonderful half term break and we shall see you all on Monday 3rd November.

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.**

24 th October	Deadline for themed weeks payment
	27th – 31st Oct
	HALF TERM
3 rd November	Year 1 Trip to Windsor Castle (details to follow)
4 th November	PTA event (details to follow)
7 th November	PTA Pyjama and Popcorn Night
7th November	Deadline for bringing in Shoe Boxes for the Blythwood appeal
11 th November	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
12 th November	PTA AGM 7:30pm in school
13 th November	Year 3 trip to the Chiltern open Air Museum (details to follow)
13 th November	Boys A team football match vs Cookham Rise (home) - selected children informed by letter
14 th November	Children in Need
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 3:45pm
19 th November	Open Evening
21st November	Sportshall Athletics at Braywick (selected children to be informed by letter)
24th November	Barnardo's Royal Albert Hall Concert for our choirs
25th 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
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 (details to follow)
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

