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KEY INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK

Welcome back to the start of a new term which promises to be busy with lots of lovely things happening to enhance the learning experience for the children. The week has gone well with everyone seemingly settling back quickly into school routines. The children have been working hard, supporting one another and doing all they can to ensure a positive start for everyone.

Thank you again for your support following the incident we experienced on the last day of last term. It is not unheard of for schools to have to carry out lockdown procedures as we did, and the experience showed us that we have everything in place to deal with such incidents when they occur. Yesterday afternoon I was visited by two Thames Valley Police Constables who were following up on the matter. They were nothing but complimentary about our procedures and were unable to offer us any suggestions as to how to improve. We hope that this news provides you with confidence in our systems and alleviates any anxieties which may still exist.

Celebrating Easter with Father Stephen and Bishop Mary:

I was delighted that so many of you with your children were able to come along to the Easter Sunday service here at Holy Trinity School at the weekend. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate this special time of year with the newly appointed Bishop of Reading, Mary Gregory, who chose to spend her very first Easter as Bishop in our parish. She enjoyed meeting the children who equally enjoyed the Easter egg hunt around school! Sunday services starting at 11am at school continue until the church is ready to reopen with all welcome to come along.

Oxfam assembly:

Yesterday, one of the congregation, Barbara Walmsley, was in school speaking to the children in assembly about Oxfam. We learnt all about how, in response to the suffering in Greece during WW2, it started and has since gone from strength to strength. Barbara brought along some old black and white photos of children who benefitted from their work in those early days, very similar to the coloured photos we have received back from Tibase M School in Ethiopia after the children there received our letters and pictures sent last term. It made the significance of the charity work we do very real for our pupils.

Earth Day:

Were you aware that Tuesday was Earth Day? We marked the date with a range of activities and used the opportunity to think again about how we are all going to support our Eco-Council this term to make a difference. A number of class monitors were chosen to ensure lights are turned off when rooms are not in use and to keep cloakrooms tidy. Our litter pickers were also out in force this week.

Lost Property:

Thank you for taking the time over the holiday to check that names in items of clothing and other belongings which your child brings in to school are still clearly visible. It really does help us to return lost items to their owners quickly which is happening a little more now we are using the field at lunchtime. The children take off jumpers and cardigans during play and often forget to take them up from the field afterwards! If you have purchased clothing from the PTA pre-loved uniform shop please check that the name of the previous owner is clearly replaced with your child's name to avoid confusion. Thank you.

You may have noticed a number of items hanging on the gate at the front of school. These are all unnamed so if you wish to take anything, please do. From time to time unnamed lost property will be placed here so continue to help yourself and together we can do a little to save the planet!

Football News:

Yesterday we welcomed teams from Waltham St. Lawrence to join us for a couple of football matches. The boys team drew 0-0 and it was a similar story for the girls who drew 1-1. Both matches were played in good spirits with everyone enjoying being out in the sunshine. Thank you if you came along to support.

Clubs:

A number of extra-curricular clubs have already met with others set to start next week. Unfortunately, hand chimes won't start until Tuesday 6th May given that I have meeting after school on Tuesday. Details about other clubs running this term can be found below along with club providers who you should contact if you wish to book a place for your child at any of the sessions. Please note, a number of flyers from club providers have already been sent out.

One of the clubs which started today was Maths Club for selected children from Year 3. We remain enormously grateful to Mrs. Neal and Ms. Kelly who give up their time every week to share their love of maths and enhance the children's learning.

Extra-Curricular activities running this term with details of providers.

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 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
iPro Football	KS2 boys	Monday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk (school PE kit may be worn)	N/A
Ukulele Club	KS2	Monday lunchtime - All welcome	Children should speak to Mrs Lucas	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/f/southbucks	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Junior Choir	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Arrive through the back door of the hall
Netball	Years 4 & 5	Tuesday before school, start time: 8am	Please speak to Mr Lucas for more details	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 (see above)	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
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
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	Y2 & Y3	Tuesday, finish time 4:15pm	Led by Miss Smith Limited spaces – please email the office to confirm a space	Collect from the front entrance of school NOT RUNNING ON 29.4.25
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: (see above)	Arrive at the front entrance of school by 8:20am
Maths Club	Year 3 (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
iPro Football	KS2 girls	Wednesday lunchtime	Book directly: Office 07908 172175 Email: office@iprofootballcoaching.co.uk (school PE kit may be worn)	N/A
Spanish Club	Year 3	Wednesday after school, finish time 3:50pm	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above)	Collect from the front entrance of school
Yoga & Mindfulness	Year 1 - 6	Wednesday, finish time 4:30pm	Book directly by contacting Sallie Windsor: 07846 992824 sallie.windsor@nuturekidsyoga.com larainebrownbda@gmail.com	Collect from the back door of the school hall
Senior Choir	Years 5 & 6	Thursday before school, start time: 8am	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
Spanish Club	Year 4	Friday before school at 8.20am	Book directly by contacting Mrs Pow: (see above)	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
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
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

Summer Music Concert:

Our summer musical evening will take place on Thursday the 5th of June at 6.00pm at school. Our choirs will be singing and some of our most advanced instrumentalists will be performing solos. Any child who would like to audition for a solo performance slot should speak to their private music teachers and prepare a piece ready for the auditions which will take place in the next few weeks.

We are enormously grateful to Mrs Brown who is organising this event to give the children a platform on which to shine. It is sure to be a wonderful evening.

Maidenhead Music Festival:

Separate from our musical evening, as part of this year's Maidenhead Festival there will be a three day music event in The Nicholson Shopping Centre on 27th May until 29th May.

On the 27th Dawkes Music will be there with woodwind instruments for the children to try out. They will also be giving short tutorials so if your child has expressed an interest in the past, this is the perfect opportunity. The organising team are also aiming to recreate the television programme, 'The Piano', so with a piano in situ, they are keen to invite young pianists along to showcase their talents. If your child would like to appear they should go along to The Nicholson Centre on either 28th or 29th with their music ready.

Year 6 Residential Trip:

With our Year 6 residential trip to CRS Adventures in Devon approaching, we are grateful to you that final payments have now been made. In the next couple of weeks look out for emails containing packing lists and other various details which will help you prepare your child for the activity.

Ordering Lunches:

The Spring Summer Menu can be found on our website: [BP-60C45_20250422_161457.pdf](#) and of course on Scopay. Please continue to ensure that lunches are pre-ordered in advance of the day on which they are required. Thank you

Celebrating VE Day with a Picnic on the Moor:

No doubt you will have heard about the VE Day Picnic on Sunday 4th June taking place on the moor. Already the children have made some beautiful bunting which will be decorating the space and we are delighted that we have been invited to contribute to the entertainment on the day. Mrs. Lucas will lead all the Holy Trinity children there in a dance to 'Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree' which we have been rehearsing in school and our choirs also have a performance slot. They are scheduled to sing at 12:55pm but Mrs. Brown is keen for the choir children to gather at the performance area at 12.40. (Please refer to her email with songs attached for the children to learn.) Cookham Rise and Cookham Dean schools will be performing just before us so it's sure to be a wonderful celebration of young talent! A flyer has been sent out again today about the event.

Please take a moment to read the email from Mrs. Lucas which was sent out on Thursday and respond as soon as you are able if your child is available on the day to join our performance group. Mrs. Lucas is keen to know final numbers so she can amend the choreography and be sure of which children to rehearse with next week. Thank you

PTA News:

The PTA would like to invite you to their Eurovision Party on Saturday 17th May at 7pm in the school hall. Please see the flyer and PTA social media sites for more details.

News from Miss Buckley about the 'Attachment Aware Schools' Award': How do we support children to meet their potential at Holy Trinity?



As part of the school's journey towards gain our Attachment Aware Schools' Awards, staff have been trained in emotion coaching. Emotion coaching is a technique where you help your child understand and manage their emotions. It involves five key steps:

- 1) Recognize and validate the child's feelings.
- 2) Name the emotion they are experiencing.
- 3) Provide guidance on how to express it appropriately.
- 4) Help them problem-solve or manage the emotion in a healthy way.
- 5) Teach that emotions are a normal part of life and everyone experiences them.

By using emotion coaching, you can support your child's emotional growth, reduce outbursts, and strengthen your relationship by showing empathy and understanding.

Emotion coaching is essential for children to reach their academic potential because it helps them manage their emotions in a healthy way, which directly impacts their ability to focus, learn, and interact with others. When children understand and regulate their emotions, they're better equipped to handle challenges, frustration, or anxiety that might arise in a classroom setting.

Emotion coaching teaches them how to stay calm and resilient, which promotes problem-solving, perseverance, and motivation. Moreover, by feeling understood and supported emotionally, children are more likely to engage in school, build positive relationships with peers and teachers, and maintain a growth mindset—key factors for academic success.

Maidenhead's Big Read:

For the past seven years, the organisers of Maidenhead's Big Read have proudly organised authors, illustrators and story tellers to visit schools and put on other local events in celebration of the annual World Book Day. Their aim has always been to support local schools and families in encouraging broader reading habits among Reception to Year 7 students by fostering a passion for reading.

This year's MBR festival was a tremendous success reaching over 5,000 pupils at 25 local schools over a two-week period. We were one of those schools that benefitted. In addition, they attracted nearly 3,000 attendees to the Maidenhead Library (and the 'Once Upon A Bus' event) over a weekend, something they are very proud of. However, the development and delivery of the MBR programme for this year presented significant challenges due to a dwindling MBR committee and funding constraints. They urgently require additional committee members and a team of extra helpers to ensure their ongoing success, without which everything may fold.

Members of the MBR organising group would be happy to meet with anyone interested in getting involved to share more information about the work they do. As a result, they have arranged an open MBR Volunteers Information meeting for Tuesday 20 May 2025, 7.45 till 9 pm, at the Maidenhead Community Centre, 4 Marlow Road, SL6 7HY (free car park at the back) . Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Do go along if you can.

Britain's Got Talent Fame:

Finally, did you watch 'Britain's Got Talent' on Saturday? If you did, you will have seen a former teaching assistant at our school shine when he took to the stage. Lewis Hacobian left Holy Trinity back in 2020 after a couple of years with us. We remember him fondly as I am sure the children who knew him do. On Saturday he wowed the audience with his dance skills, a talent that he shared with us when he was here. We were all delighted that he and his team mate Harry got four yeses from the judges and we're looking forward to seeing how he progresses through the competition. After the programme was broadcast, I messaged Lewis who has since been in touch, to share our congratulations. Although he now runs his own dance school very successfully, he tells me he has great memories of his time at our school!

If you missed his performance, why not take a look: [Best friends Harry & Lewis give an EFFORTLESS performance! | Auditions | BGT 2025](#)

Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you on Monday.
Anna Smith

CALENDAR DATES

1 st May	Year 4 Trip to Starlight Express, Wembley Park Theatre (please refer to letter)
4 th May	VE Day Picnic on the Moor, 12 – late, live music 12-5pm
6 th May	KS2 Open House
7 th May	EYFS & KS1 Open House
8 th May	VE Day 80 th Anniversary – come dressed in costume from the 1940s
12 th – 15 th May	KS2 SATs
12 th May	Mathematical Competition for selected Year 4 pupils (4.30pm till 6pm) at Cookham Dean CE Primary School, (team to be decided)
17 th May	PTA Eurovision Song Party
20 th May	Year 6 Quadkids Athletics Festival, Newlands Girls School, 3:45-5:15pm (selected children informed by letter)
20 th May	MBR Volunteers Meeting 7:45pm at the Maidenhead Community Centre (see above)
22 nd May	Y3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal - Courthouse School am (details sent out in a letter)
22 nd May	Year 5 Visit to Holy Trinity Church ahead of Heritage Day (details tbc)
23 rd May	Mufti Day – in exchange for tombola items for HT Fest

26th May – 30th May Half Term Break

4 th June	PTA Meeting
6 th June	PTA Disco (details to follow)
7 th June	Royal Windsor Flower Show
8 th June	Special Eucharist to Celebrate the Opening of Holy Trinity Church, Cookham 11am
9 th – 13 th June	Arts and Culture Week
12 th June	Y3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal - Courthouse School am (details sent out in a letter)
13 th June	Arts and Culture Week Performance pm
17 th June	EYFS Trip to Braywick Nature Centre
18 th June	Arthur Burgin Science Exhibition – Year 6
19 th June	Mathematical Competition for selected Year 2 pupils (4.15pm till 6pm) at Waltham St Lawrence Primary School, (team to be decided)
23 rd – 27 th June	Y6 Residential Trip
23 rd – 3 rd July	Sports Fortnight
26 th June	Junior Music Festival – A Night at the Movies 12noon – 8:15pm (please refer to letter)
4 th July	Sports Day (no after school clubs operating)
5 th July	HT Fest
9 th July	Rock Steady Concert am
11 th July	Spanish Assembly 9:30am
17 th July	Last day of term & Leavers' Service