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Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we have reached the half-term break, I wanted to share some information and dates with you in the hope it helps you plan ahead for what is always a very busy time of year.

Thank you for your support in helping the children settle happily and successfully into their new year groups and classes.

Parents' Evenings – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November

Appointment times will be available for booking on the above dates for this term's parents' evenings from 3.30pm this afternoon (Fri 23rd October) until 12noon on Friday 6th November. Please choose a convenient slot to discuss your child/children's wellbeing in school and progress so far this year.

Opportunity to Join School's Local Governing Board

As a school, we are currently taking on new Governors to join our Local Governing Board and we would happily welcome expressions of interest from potential parent or community Governors. The role is voluntary and involves committing to attending six early evening meetings per year (one per half-term) during which you will offer support and challenge to the school's leadership and decision-making. If this is something that interests you, please express your interest via email

(admin@cockingtonprimary.org.uk) by the end of Friday 13th November. Thank you.

Final Call for Children's Commissioner's Big Future Survey – Last Day Today

The Big Future is my final national survey of children and young people as Children's Commissioner for England. It is a vital opportunity for children to tell me what matters to them, what they want for their futures and what they believe needs to change.

It must be completed by the end of the month, takes just a short time to complete and can be completed here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture/>

I want to hear from children in every part of England, from every background and in every type of school. We cannot achieve that without your help.

Thank you for your support and for helping me ensure that children's voices are at the heart of decisions about their futures.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

New Staff Recruit

We have recently welcomed a new member of our support staff team. Mrs Robbins has joined the school as both a Teaching Assistant in class and as a Midday Assistant in the school hall.

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Autumn and Winter Readiness

As the weather is starting to turn towards being colder, wetter and windier, please remember to check your child has a coat (named please) and anything else they need to be comfortable outside at this time of year. Thanks.

Key Dates for November and December

Monday 2nd November – Return after half-term break.

Tuesday 3rd November to Wednesday 11th November – poppies and Royal British Legion items for sale.

Tuesday 10th November – Individual and Sibling School Photos (plus a time slot for families before the start of the school day).

Tuesday 10th November and Wednesday 11th November – Parents' Evenings.

Thursday 12th November – Flu Nasal Spray Administration.

Friday 13th November – Children in Need (if possible, wear yellow, spots or Pudsey-themed clothes in exchange for a donation).

Friday 11th December – Non-uniform day in exchange for chocolate donation towards PTA Christmas event.

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas at the Church (am: Moles, Robins, Dormice, Mallards, Natterjacks; pm: Squirrels, Red Deer, Owls, Kingfishers, Wild Cats).

Wednesday 16th December – School Christmas Dinner.

Thursday 17th December – PTA Winter Wonderland (seasonal fun event for children during the school day).

Friday 18th December – Last day of school in 2026.

Thanks for your ongoing support.

With best wishes,

Mr Swainson

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