

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Year 8 have been making volcanoes and the Humanities department have been very impressed with the results! In their classes, the students used a mixture of bicarbonate of soda and vinegar to bring their creations to life, and cause the volcanoes to 'erupt'! We have included more examples of the student's work under the 'What We Did This Week' section of the newsletter. A huge well done to our talented students for taking part, and thank you to the parents and carers for supporting the project.



Miss Pascucci is pleased to announce the success of our first dance competition which took place on Thursday! Well done to our talented participants: Sophia Matthews, Stefania Bordeianu, Samah Naquashi, Daria Obreja, Laila Nancy, Imogen Naylor-Hagger, Phoebe Caygill, Jaya Khakh and Phoebe Wernham. Thank you to our student audience who supported the event!



As the half term holidays approach, we would ask that parents and carers take this opportunity to ensure that any missing uniform or equipment is replaced. We appreciate that replacing uniform and equipment can be expensive - if you require any support for missing items, please contact your child's SAFE manager. We would ask for the support of parents and carers in the new term to ensure that your child remembers to bring all equipment to school when required, especially remembering ingredients for Food Technology and their PE Kits. This will help support the students to ensure they are ready to learn and have everything they need for the lesson.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish you, the students and our community a restful half term break. Term resumes for all year groups on Monday 23rd February and we begin on Week 2.

Mr Edwards

Weekly Calendar:
Timetable Week 2

Monday 23 rd February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Book Day Assemblies this week
Tuesday 24 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 Core Mock Exams begin
Wednesday 25 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Thursday 26 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personal Development (Period 2) Year 9 Parents Evening
Friday 27 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None



COX GREEN SCHOOL SCHOOL NOTICES



GEMS
Virtual Coffee Morning
Eating and Movement

Friday 13th March - 10:00 - 11:00am

Join our online informal discussion.
What to expect?

Respectful and supportive discussion including:

- What works for your family at meal times
- What are your concern areas around eating
- How do you support your child with eating
- How you handle food centric activities and celebrations
- Encouraging affirming movement
- Eating out

25 spaces available!

Please note this is not a workshop but support group for parent/carers and any medical advice should be sought from your medical practitioner.

Sign Up Today!

Available for families who reside in or have a registered GP in East Berkshire with a child who is Autistic/ADHD (suspected/awaiting assessment/diagnosed)

To book your place contact GEMS:

Gems.4Health@nhs.net 0800 999 1342

BRIDGE THEATRE The Music Department went to see *Into the Woods* (a musical) at the Bridge Theatre, London on the 23rd of January and it was the most magical experience! The theatre was very intimate and we had an amazing view of the stage. It began with the narrator, creating a comedic effect at the beginning of the musical, leading to a blackout and the beginning of the music before the detailed backdrop of the woods was revealed. The set was incredible, and looked so realistic. The iconic animal character of Milky White (the cow) was perfectly portrayed by each character who held the puppet. The most memorable song was the duet sung by Cinderella's Prince and Rapunzel's Prince; the comic relief and powerful vocals were greatly appreciated after the dark themes. The musical covers themes of growing up, responsibility, consequences of wishes, parenting, and the blurred lines between good and evil. It was interesting to see these themes embedded within the lines of the scenes, and also how the musical techniques reflected these themes. A performer who particularly stood out to us was Bella Brown who played Rapunzel. Her voice was ethereal, and the way she portrayed her emotions through her face and tone was mesmerising. Experiencing the show with a live orchestra made it feel more immersive and added to the atmosphere of the theatre. We found it interesting to see how small details in the orchestra added emotion and dramatic pacing to the performance. The music supported the singers and the shifts between different scenes amazingly and it portrays what a crucial role the music plays within the storytelling. It was very inspiring to see as musicians and is a musical we are now studying for our A Level Music.

Report by Emma Hale, Georgina Ali and Zsofia Milligan



The Addams Family MUSICAL

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 18th March 2026
Thursday 19th March 2026

Both performances will take place in the evening and further announcements will be shared after the half term holiday.

*"The Addams Family" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW).
www.theatricalrights.co.uk*



On Monday, the Cox Green School and Eton College debaters met for the last session before Half Term. The motion for junior debaters was *"This house regrets the rise of 'Kid Influencers'"* The focus was on preparation, making sure that students organised their speeches well with a recapping of the SUPREME acronym to focus on the usual stakeholders in a motion (ranging from political to religious to ethical), when organising a thesis statement. Like the senior motion, social media was a major concern. The senior motion was *"This house regrets the decline of consensus media"*, which saw more discussion of conventional news sources from the BBC, ITV and news agencies like the Times and the Guardian to social media and how it was dominating information dissemination today. After Half Term, the exchange will continue with more emphasis on the craft of speech planning, along with the delivery and rebuttal of material prepared.

We look forward to seeing students' progress continue!

COX GREEN SCHOOL SCHOOL NOTICES



Year 7 Character Costume Day!

World Book Day will be celebrated at Cox Green School on Friday 6th March 2026!

All Year 7 students are invited to dress as their favourite book character on this day.

There will be lots of prizes to be won, so be as inventive as you can!

Please no football kits and any students not taking part must be in full school uniform.

Can you help?

Spring is coming! The Sustainability Club are looking forward to planting the flowerbeds in the garden. The students would welcome any donations for gardening equipment to help support the next stage of their project:



- Welly boots (all sizes)
- Gardening gloves (all sizes)
- Hand trowels and forks
- Small spades and garden forks
- Watering cans
- Seed packets
- Seed trays and plant labels
- Plant supports (canes, netting, trellis sections)
- Empty 2 litre 'squash' bottles
- Garden Centre Gift Vouchers



If you have other gently used garden tools or supplies that are not listed above, but might be suitable, please contact Miss Richardson.

We will continue to share photos and updates from the students, as they progress with their project.



We received a few enquiries asking what the 2 litre water bottles will be used for, following our edition of the newsletter! The Sustainability Club are collecting as many bottles as they can to build a sustainable greenhouse.

The students will be building the greenhouse as part of Earth Day in April, and they are hoping to collect 2,000 which is the recommended amount to make the project possible! Empty, clean plastic bottles can be left at reception for the attention of Miss Richardson and should be 2 litre in size.

No glass please. On behalf of the Sustainability club, Miss Richardson would like to thank the parents and carers for the kind donations to the Sustainability Garden that have already been received.

WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 7

Stars of the Week

Luke Borg Filletti

Nominated for creating a new sentence in French and reading it perfectly to the rest of the class.

Chester Stevens and Anayah Rahman

Nominated for excellent work in DT for the final lesson of the term with their finished pencil boxes.

Louis Titmuss and Sophia Matthews

Nominated for great attitude to learning and participation in Computer Science.

Anayah Rahman

Nominated for submitting an excellent piece of extended writing in French.

Callum Trillow, Ciaro McClymont, Henry Pettit, Harry Cairncross and Anthony Gutierrez Luna

Nominated for their positive attitude to learning in MFL.



Year 7 enjoyed a very exciting practical in STEM club studying gravity and forces! The students made protective cases for their eggs using a variety of materials. The cases were then tested, as with the help of Mr Nash and Mr Hogan, the egg boxes were dropped from the roof of the Holyport building! Year 7 are pleased to report that all eggs remained intact following the drop and the experiment was a huge success! Well done!

Year 7



Creative Arts Award

Cristian Beltran

Nominated by Mrs Williams for an outstanding cooking lesson.

Cristian not only made a great dish, but showed incredible kindness and friendship to his peers.

Well done!



Year 8

Stars of the Week

Kaspian Adamski

Nominated for an excellent submission for the volcano project!

Lervell Hughes

Nominated for submitting a great piece of extended writing in French.

Healey Stevens

Nominated for the brilliant robot painted as Michael Schumacher!

Teeann Taylor, Eric Stanculescu, Evie Smith, Aariya Groodoyal, Reena Nandra, Jessica Floyd and Noah Salamat

Nominated for producing outstanding quality homework this week. Well done!

Aiden Chapman

Nominated for representing the school values.



Year 8



Creative Arts Award

Harsahib Gill

Nominated by Miss Killick, Harsahib has had an outstanding term in Music.

He writes extensive responses to listening tasks and shares these, as well as always focusing on his practical work.

COX GREEN SCHOOL

WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 9

Stars of the Week

Nayram Gemegah

Nominated for excellent work and attitude in Computer Science.

Toni Creffield

Nominated for being so proactive and inquisitive at the careers fair!

Ted Jacobs, Dylan Hing, Junior Moran and Oscar Oldham

Nominated for great work in Maths. Well done!

Laciee Welsh, Layla Stock and Gregory Tucker

Nominated for excellent participation and effort in class this week.

Amrita Sihra, Joshua Palmer and Ella Aviss

Nominated for excellent effort on their Sparx homework.



Year 9 Food Technology students welcomed back Harriet Charters, Assistant Education Officer from The Newbury & District Agricultural Society. Harriet prepared a cookery workshop and the students enjoyed an interactive sessions learning about seasonal food and farming.

Together, the students made marinated chicken with different herbs and spices, and also practised knife skills while preparing seasonal vegetables. Mrs Williams would like to thank Harriet and the society for attending, and providing our students with such a wonderful experience.



Year 10

Stars of the Week

Levi Mullenger

Nominated for excellent work and attitude in IT. Levi was also nominated by more than one teacher for his hard work in lessons this week. Well done!

Sekina Abubakari, Olivia Byrne, Elizabeth Martin, Oliver Rankin, and Jake Bailey

Nominated for great focus and commitment in lessons this week.

Madison Peach

Nominated for kindness and representing the school values.

Jasmine Holwell

Nominated for her conscientious nature in class. Jasmine had a brilliant week. Well done!



Year 10 Catering students had a fun making different desserts this week at Manor Green!



Year 10



Creative Arts Award

Meah Doyle and Georgia Leroy

Nominated by Miss Killick for a well planned and highly musical presentation to the class on *One Day More* from *Les Miserables!* The level of musical depth was outstanding.

COX GREEN SCHOOL WHAT WE DID THIS WEEK



Year 11 Stars of the Week

Ella-Marie Drewitt, Ashton Monello,
and Archie O'Connor
Nominated for effort and commitment
in class this week. Well done!

Niamh Collins

Alex Ladd

Archie Mennie

Rhea Saran

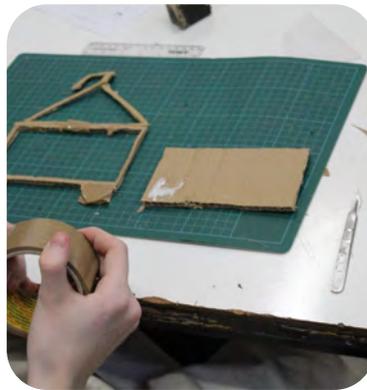
Nina Sugawara

and Elyssa Webster

Nominated for representing the school
values.

Rosie Sumpter

Nominated for great work in English.
Well done!



Year 11 Product Design
students continued with their
projects and practised using
the cutting machines and the
glue guns.



Year 11



Don't forget to
order your hoodie!
The deadline for
ordering is 20th
April 2026

<https://cgss.co/leavershoodies>

SIXTH FORM NEWS



A hugely proud moment for Sixth Form this term as we have had the school's first ever offer for Oxbridge! A massive congratulations to Yasmin Grant who has been offered a conditional place at the University of Oxford to study Biology. Yasmin has worked exceptionally hard during both her GCSE and A Level studies, and has shown incredible commitment in and out of the classroom to prepare herself for this next step. Thank you to Mr Colville and Mrs Thompson who worked tirelessly to support Yasmin through the process. Congratulations and a huge well done to Yasmin!

This week, Miss Beech and Mrs Smith were delighted to take 12 students on a rewards trip to Longridge activity centre this week. The 12 students from Year 12 and 13 were rewarded for their outstanding efforts since September. Students enjoyed climbing, crate stacking and laser tag in a fun filled day!

