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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Social Media Highlights

*We read 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' at Squirrels and then made some porridge. The children could choose what to put on their porridge - honey, jam or raisins. The children enjoyed tasting the porridge. Was it too hot, too cold, or just right?*



*The children in Year 5 visited the Shah Jahan Mosque as part of their Islam topic in RE. The children learned lots of interesting facts about the history of the mosque and how Muslims use this place of worship to pray. The children had the opportunity to watch a prayer and the chance to sketch what they could see in the mosque too. Thank you so much to the Shah Jahan Mosque for letting us visit - we all had a brilliant time!*



*Year 4 have really enjoyed the beginning of their photography topic in Art. They are focusing on the wonderful trees growing in our school grounds.*

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## Head's Letter

Good morning.

As the end of another school week draws near, I have been reflecting on 'Change'. The message for this week's assembly was 'Be the change that you want to see in the world'. The children thought of many different and insightful ways that they could make changes in themselves to ensure that they are always being their best selves.

We have seen a change in the weather this week too. It has been so cold and I am always surprised when I see lots of children wearing shorts to school! Honestly, I must be getting old. They make me feel so cold. Luckily the school is very warm.

The children in Year 5 enjoyed visiting the Mosque on Tuesday and, as usual, were very polite and respectful. Well done children. Do read Mujtaba's very interesting report of their visit on page 4.

I have seen some wonderful lessons in all of the classes this week and particularly enjoyed seeing Year 1 making their egg box dragons. They had drawn some very clever designs and were carefully selecting the correct materials with which to make their dragons. I look forward to seeing them when they are finished.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rachel Clement

Head of School

### **A plea from the school regarding parents' parking, dangerous driving, and road crossing**

Please can I reiterate the importance of public safety, particularly outside of the school? I have received a number of photographs that show parents parking on double yellow lines, crossing with small children in between parked cars and blocking/driving on residents' driveways and grass verges. Please can I ask everyone to make the effort to keep our school community a safe space. I will highlight to local highways and borough councillors my concerns over these continued issues.



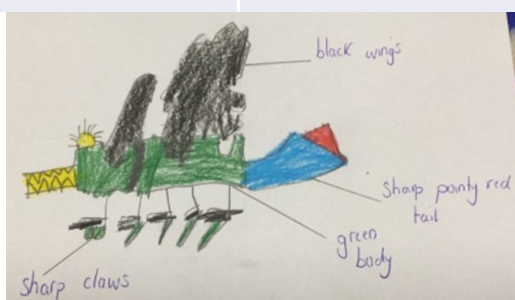
*Check out this week's reading winners!*



# GOLDEN BOOK

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK

<p><b>N SQUIRRELS</b> Jasper Bardin. He really enjoyed exploring the weighing scales, putting in different items and watching what happened to the scales. Jasper used the size language of heavy and light to describe the weight of the objects.</p>	<p><b>3 JUNIPER</b> Rumaisa Ahmed. We have been learning about different climate zones, including temperate climates. Rumaisa produced an excellent description of the four seasons in a temperate climate. Well done Rumaisa!</p>
<p><b>R BEECH</b> Harry Whittington. He has been keen to share his magic tricks with the class this week. The disappearing card and the bendy wand! He was a fantastic showman and introduced the tricks brilliantly. Great confidence Harry - maybe we'll see you on the stage one day!</p>	<p><b>3 MAPLE</b> James Pugh. In Geography we have been learning about different climate zones around the world. James listened carefully to all the information he was given and worked hard to produce a detailed piece of work about the temperate climate that we have in the UK.</p>
<p><b>R HAZEL</b> Maisie Waite for her confidence when retelling the story of <i>The Three Little Pigs</i>. She then did some writing about it. Well done Maisie, we are very proud of you!</p>	<p><b>4 ALDER</b> Bonnie Gidman. She has really enjoyed learning about different biomes across the world. Bonnie always has such a lot of enthusiasm for our topics which shows in her work.</p>
<p><b>1 OAK</b> Amal Maricar for working so hard on her reading and writing, particularly her independent writing. She is learning to use the sounds she has learnt and write in sentences. Well done Amal!</p>	<p><b>4 LARCH</b> Poppy Newman for her excellent informative work on the deciduous forest biome in Geography. Her sketch of the deciduous tree was brilliant and she put a lot of effort into our Geography unit this half term. Poppy, you're a superstar.</p>
<p><b>1 PINE</b> Ibrahim Hussain for drawing a fantastic picture of the Egg Box Dragon using the adjectives in the text. He thought of his own describing words to label it. Well done Ibrahim.</p>	<p><b>5 ROWAN</b> Olive Symes for her wonderful fact page on Frida Kahlo. She has picked out some of the key facts about Frida and then presented them beautifully in her sketch book, using inspiration from Kahlo's artwork to decorate her page. Well done Olive - fantastic job!</p>
<p><b>2 CEDAR</b> Dorothy Potter for showing off her fantastic reading this week when reading different fairy tales. She was able to compare the two stories and predict what would happen next using what she had read already. Well done Dorothy!</p>	<p><b>5 WILLOW</b> Emily Bailly for the determination she is showing in her Maths. She always puts 100% effort into her work and will not give up, even when the Maths can be quite challenging! She has been working incredibly hard this week to subtract fractions, thinking carefully about what the question is asking and what she must do. Well done Emily - we are very proud of you!</p>
<p><b>2 HAWTHORN</b> Amy Stringfellow. In RE we are learning how Jesus told parables. This week we read the story <i>The Two Houses</i>. Amy created a lovely house on the rock and explained the message in the story.</p>	<p><b>6 HOLLY</b> Chloe Smith for her Odysseus story as she has used some fantastic vocabulary and has re-told the story using speech effectively. Filled with fronted adverbials and extended sentences, she has even managed to use the passive voice, which we have been working on. Great work Chloe. Well done!</p>
<p><b>3 ELM</b> Jessica Hills for applying all the rules of speech to her conversation between the residents of Lizard Street. She used great synonyms for 'said' and some lovely adverbs too - great job!</p>	<p><b>6 LAUREL</b> Maryna Semernikova for her writing in History explaining the meaning of democracy in ancient Greece and how it helped to shape many systems of democracy around the world today. Maryna has used some excellent layout devices in her explanation and has also written a detailed comparison of democracy in ancient Greece and in the UK. Well done Maryna, keep up the great work.</p>



Ibrahim Hussain



## Year 5 visit the Mosque

On Tuesday, Year 5 went to the Shah Jahan Mosque because in RE we are learning about Islam. We were greeted by a person called Habib who told us lots of interesting facts about the mosque and Islam.

I learned that the Shah Jahan Mosque was built in 1889 by a Jewish person called Gottlieb Wilhelm Leitner who was from Budapest. It was designed by a Christian architect from Guildford called W. L. Chambers.

We also talked about The Five Pillars of Islam which are Shadah which means faith, the 2<sup>nd</sup> pillar is Salah which means doing your prayers 5 times a day facing the Qibla, the 3<sup>rd</sup> one is Zakkah which means giving 2.5 percent of your money to charity, the 4<sup>th</sup> one is Saum which means fasting for 30 days because it reminds Muslims not to waste food and finally, the last pillar is Hajj (a pilgrimage to Mecca) which you have to do at least once in your life time.

We finished our visit by going inside the mosque which is the oldest in all of Northern Europe. Amazingly, it is 134 years old and still looks beautiful today!

By Mujtaba Ahmed



**Recycle 4 Charity**

### **Ink Cartridge Collection**

You can help us raise funds by recycling your ink cartridges.

Please bring to the school office.

We cannot take toner and laser cartridges.

**ECO TEAM**

**Try to save energy at home!**

**Teach your child energy saving habits**

As your child grows, teach them some habits to save energy around the home:

- Switch off the lights when they leave the room
- Turn off the tap when they're not using it. For example, when brushing teeth, or washing hands.
- Put on a jumper and thick socks instead of turning the heating on.
- Ask them to close the door behind them when they come inside.
- Switch off the TV and any consoles when they're not using them. Use the 'shut down' function on your computers and laptops.
- Turn off or unplug electrical items when finished with them. Some devices use energy even when they aren't on, eg kettle, phone chargers, lamps and fans.

## Diary Dates

**Tue 24 Jan 13:15-15:00 Y3/4 Netball Tournament**

**Fri 27 Jan Y1 Trip to Windsor Castle**

**Fri 27 Jan 15:15-15:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Friendly Friday**

**Tue 31 Jan Y6 Greek Workshop**

**Fri 3 Feb 15:15-15:45 Yrs 5 & 6 Friendly Friday**

**Mon 6 Feb Dress to Express Mufti Day**

**Wed 8 Feb Fantastic Fred Experience for Mental Health Week**

**Mon 13 - Fri 17 Feb HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**Mon 20 Feb Y4 to Synagogue**

**Tue 28 Feb 15:30-17:30 Parents Evening Meetings**

**Wed 1 & Thu 2 Mar YN-Y2 Perform Drama Workshops**

**Thu 2 Mar 15:30-19:30 Parents Evening Meetings**

**Wed 15 Mar Y2 Trip to Brooklands**

**Wed 22 Mar Y5 Vikings Workshop**

**Wed 29 Mar YN/R Little City Visit School**

**Fri 31 Mar Term Ends**

**Mon 17 Apr Term Starts**

**Wed 19 - Fri 21 Apr Y4 Residential to Hindleap Warren**

**Fri 21 Apr 15:15-15:45 Yrs R, 1 & 2 Friendly Friday**

**Wed 26 April 16:00-20:00 Primary Music Festival (KS2 choir)**

**Fri 28 Apr 15:15-15:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Friendly Friday**

**Mon 1 May BANK HOLIDAY**

**Wed 3 May Yr R to Godstone Farm**

**Fri 5 May 15:15-15:45 Yrs 5 & 6 Friendly Friday**

**Mon 8 May BANK HOLIDAY**

**w/c 8 May SATS Week**

**Tue 16 May Y4 Rainforest Workshop**

**Fri 19 May Y5 to Hampton Court**

**Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

**MON 5 Jun INSET DAY**

## Coming up!



### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**Come to school dressed in whatever makes you feel great. Express yourself! Donation of £1 to Place2Be - payment via Scopay.**

Also on Monday there will be a fruit and juice sale after school in the Junior playground. Please bring £1 if you'd like to buy both.

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

**Fantastic FRED is coming to our school!**

This introduction video to the Fantastic FRED Experience explains some of the important mental health and wellbeing messages that your child or children will be seeing and hearing when Fantastic FRED comes to visit our school.

[Please click on this link](https://vimeo.com/488186303/98096f5716)

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**Please look out for more information about Children's Mental Health Week in the newsletters and on our social media in the next couple of weeks.**

## Diary Dates (contd)

**Mon 12 Jun Y5 Away Day @ Fullbrook School**

**Tue 13 Jun** Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

**Tue 13 Jun** YN/YR Minibeam Workshop

**Thu 15 Jun** Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre

**Fri 16 Jun 15:15-15:45** Yrs R, 1 & 2 Friendly Friday

**Wed 21 Jun** Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop

**Wed 21 Jun** Y6 Lego Robotics Workshop

**Thu 22 Jun** Y1 to Merrist Wood

**Fri 23 Jun 15:15-15:45** Yrs 3 & 4 Friendly Friday

**Thu 29 Jun** Y3 Activity Day - 2 classes tbc

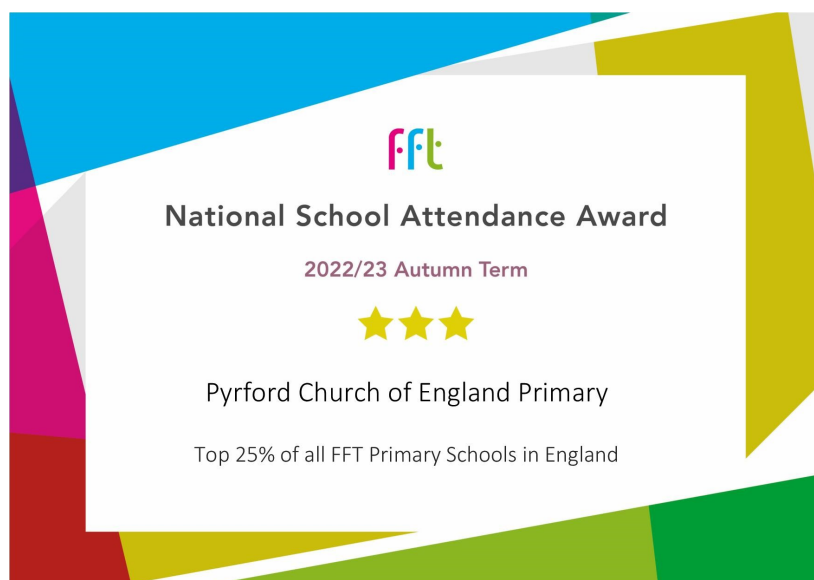
**Fri 30 Jun** Y3 Activity Day - 1 class tbc

**Fri 30 Jun** Y5 Trip to Wildwood

**Fri 30 Jun 15:15-15:45** Yrs 5 & 6 Friendly Friday

**Mon 10 - Fri 14 Jul** Y6 Residential to Osmington Bay

**Fri 21 Jul** Term Ends



**Want to make a difference?  
TEACH**

Local teacher training in this area and beyond



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Would you like to train to teach in a school in **your** community?

Come along to an information event held at

**Pyrford Primary School** (Coldharbour Road, GU228SP)

**on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

This is a drop-in event, so come along anytime between **1pm and 4.30pm** to chat to one of the SCITT team.

You'll find us at the main entrance of the school – we'd love to meet you!

For further information, please:

visit [www.ssfscitt.org.uk](http://www.ssfscitt.org.uk) ('how to apply')

or email [scitt@sfet.org.uk](mailto:scitt@sfet.org.uk)





Cookery Club had great fun making fruit kebabs!



SAVE THE CHILDREN'S

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

## CONGRATULATIONS

PYRFORD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thank you for pulling on your most Christmassy jumper and making it the best. Day. EVER!



You've raised



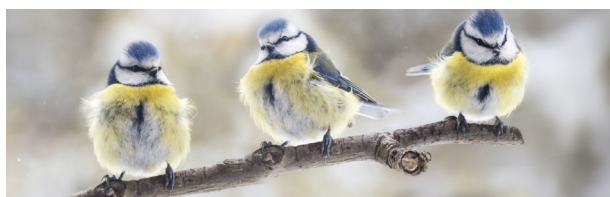
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Save the Children Fund is a charity registered in England & Wales (233091), Scotland (SC039570) and Isle of Man (1079). Registered office: 1 St. Andrew's Lane, London, EC2M 4AD.

Coach Christmas  
Jumper HQ,  
Save the Children



### BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 27 - 29 JANUARY

Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free and for everyone. And you don't need a garden to take part! Counting birds from your balcony or your local park will play a vital role in helping the RSPB understand how UK birds are doing.

Sign up for your free Guide.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/birdwatch-take-part/>

PLAY & LEARN PLUS

FOR PARENTS & CARERS\*

**Free sensory play and learning sessions for children (0-5 years) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), pre and post diagnosis. Siblings welcome.**

Sessions are all year round and will provide:

- Interactive and specialist play opportunities
- Access to professional advice from Woking Family Centres, Homestart and partners
- Signposting to further Woking Family Centres Services
- Safe space to meet other parents and carers of SEND children.

\* Priority will be given to families living in Woking borough.

For more information, visit [www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport](http://www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport)  
Register your interest with us on email [familysupport@woking.gov.uk](mailto:familysupport@woking.gov.uk) or call 01483 743 812

Families with children with additional needs (no diagnosis necessary) are very welcome to drop in to our friendly and welcoming Play and Learn Plus session.

The group is held every Tuesday 9.45-11.15am at The Bungalow Family Centre, Sythwood Primary School.

We offer a range of regular play group activities as well as sensory and art and craft activities. We also often have visiting professionals on-hand to answer any questions that you may have about navigating the special needs system.

No need to pre-book and siblings are welcome!



## Art Holiday Club

at  
Sir William Perkins's School

13, 14, 15  
February  
2023

*'Spring  
Themed.'*

Years 4-8  
9am-4pm  
£70.00 per day  
\*Discount if all 3 days booked

### Join Our Art Holiday Club

Register online at  
[www.swps.org.uk/holiday-clubs](http://www.swps.org.uk/holiday-clubs)  
or using the QR code



SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S  
SCHOOL

This three-day Art Club gives students hands on experience working with paint, sculpture and collage, under the direction of Award-Winning Artist Suzanne Gibbs. One, two, or three day attendance is available.



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## Musical Theatre Workshop

at  
Sir William Perkins's School

13, 14, 15  
February  
2023

*'Sing, Dance, Act'*

Years 4-8  
9am-4pm  
£70.00 per day  
\*Discount if all 3 days booked

### Join Our Musical Theatre Workshop

Register online at  
[www.swps.org.uk/holiday-clubs](http://www.swps.org.uk/holiday-clubs)  
or using the QR code



SIR WILLIAM PERKINS'S  
SCHOOL

This three-day Musical Theatre workshop will teach students techniques in singing, dancing, acting, lyric-learning, line-learning, stage and drama games. One, two, or three day attendance is available.



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## TA SPORTS

### GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2023

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)**

**Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm**

**Price:- £25.00 Daily / £50.00 Two day / £72.00 Three Day**

Designed for girls of all abilities aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!

- ☐ Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- ☐ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- ☐ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- ☐ Professional FA qualified coaching.
- ☐ 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.

If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend please kindly contact Tom on 07825 089500 or email [tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk](mailto:tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk)





Dear PARENTS:- We need four parents per night to have the appropriate adult to child ratio in our Church Safeguarding policy. So, if you have not already volunteered this year, PLEASE LOOK and SEE if you might be free once this term, that would be WONDERFUL!

If free, you can email [suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org) or fill in this slip and return it at Youth Club Jnr. Many thanks.

Name & contact no./email \_\_\_\_\_

I would be available to help on Friday \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

**JANUARY**  
 Friday 20th January 6:30pm-7:45pm  
 @ the church of the good shepherd

**FEBRUARY**  
 Friday 3rd February 6:30pm-7:45pm  
 @ the church of the good shepherd

**MARCH**  
 Friday 3rd March 6:30pm-7:45pm  
 @ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 17th March 6:30pm-7:45pm  
 TRIP OUT ICE-SKATING ~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

Friday 31st March 6:30pm-7:45pm  
 @ the church of the good shepherd

If you would like to volunteer, do get in touch



## parenting for faith



### Parenting Course: Babies and Toddlers

Thursdays - 10.30am-12.00pm for 5 weeks  
 Starts on 26<sup>th</sup> January at New Life Church, Woking

Contact Nicola at [Nicola@newlifechurch.org.uk](mailto:Nicola@newlifechurch.org.uk)  
 for more details

## Grandparenting for Faith

Five Fabulous Wednesday Afternoons

Faith Caught

Faith Taught

Faith Language

Faith Forever

Faith Firm

1pm to 2:30pm

25<sup>th</sup> Jan '23. February and March dates.  
 Contact [Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org) to sign up