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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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## Head's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It doesn't seem that long ago that I was writing my first newsletter to you, back in September. In other ways, it also feels like 5 years have passed since then?!

Thank you for the emails, cards and messages, that you have sent in, celebrating the amazing work that the staff do for the children; we look forward to working with you again next term.

Please look for the Friendly Friday dates on pages 5 and 7 of this newsletter; another opportunity to find out what your children have been learning.


I wish you all a restful and relaxing Christmas break - see you back here on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024!

Best wishes

Pete

Pete Wright  
Head of School

Thank you for all your support of the Poppy Appeal.  
We were the top performing local school!



**Thank you for your support**

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit [rbl.org.uk](http://rbl.org.uk)

To Pyrford School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £872.27

**RBL**  
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



**A THANK YOU FROM THE PTA**

As the Autumn Term draws to a close, the PTA would like to say an enormous thank you for your generous support towards our events throughout the term.

With our Quiz Night in October, Movie Nights in November and our Christmas Fair in December, it's certainly been a very busy and fun-packed term!

The Christmas Fair raised over £7,000 which is an incredible amount of money which will directly benefit the children, and this is thanks to your wonderful generosity.

We have plenty more events in the planning for the Spring Term ahead but, in the meantime, we wish all families a happy and peaceful Christmas.



**SAVE THE CHILDREN'S**  
**CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**PYRFORD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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

**£391.00**

**Coach Christmas Jumper HQ, Save the Children**

**At Awards Assemblies this term, children in each class were recognised for their Effort and Achievement and for demonstrating our values of Love, Resilience, Respect and Wisdom. Congratulations to them all!**



| CLASS    | EFFORT          | ACHIEVEMENT              | LOVE                  | RESILIENCE             | RESPECT               | WISDOM                  |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| BEECH    | Hattie Awcock   | Livai Bahin              | Eddie Rochford        | Ethan Gelsthorpe       | Evangeline Croker     | Ayrton Lessler          |
| HAZEL    | James Mann      | Alex Philpott            | Huxley Schifano       | Clara Berrange         | Azaleigha Rainbow     | Riley Brien             |
| OAK      | Eyon Sijo       | Mayra Lakhwani           | Fatimah Bint Muhammad | Elizabeth Wheatley     | Umar Hussain          | Pippa Carnegie-Horrocks |
| PINE     | Dev Agraval     | Aayat Atiq               | Aria Chamula          | Maisy Hennessy         | Sam Ashenden-Myall    | Avery Daniell           |
| CEDAR    | Lyla Grimes     | Poppy Skeat              | Olivia Best           | Amelie Carapiet        | Amelia Nawaz          | Esmee Ratcliff          |
| HAWTHORN | Jannah Akhtar   | Nomu Console             | Annie Sanderson       | Lottie Kidd            | Iris Clough           | Austin Gallagher        |
| ELM      | Louis Pitts     | Hasan Ali                | Imaan Mehran          | Abdul Qadhir Shafique  | Hadassah Madzingira   | Ali Hussain             |
| MAPLE    | Finley Savery   | Emily Hutton             | Zimal Abdullah        | Zaynah Zaib            | Daniel Tine           | James Barry             |
| ALDER    | Ivy Don Carolis | Marianna Franco Turanska | Ismael Azeem          | Ben Grimshaw           | Lizzie Whyman-Taylor  | Aarav Sarkar            |
| BIRCH    | Amelie Wood     | Subhaan Zaman            | Harry Doig            | Amelie Coventry        | Haider-Ali Awan       | Caitlin Hunter          |
| LARCH    | Henry Pocock    | Xanthe Wilkins           | Radley Westen         | Ayesha Akram           | Caspian Rubie         | Umar Atiq               |
| ROWAN    | Archie Matthews | Anum Imran               | Munis Zahid           | Iyla Akram             | Mickayla Clark        | Hugo Campbell-Wild      |
| WILLOW   | Charlotte Pusey | Bonnie Gidman            | Thea Pitts            | Archie Neumann         | Matthew Walker-Downie | Austin Jones            |
| HOLLY    | Alex Parsons    | Eloise Lawes             | Oscar Murray          | Stanley Kidd           | Isabel Lambkin        | Chris Millard           |
| LAUREL   | Ellie Rowlands  | Taylor Harvey            | Archie Steen          | Brecht van de Lagemaat | Sophie Kidd           | Suvan Khadka            |



## PYRFORD PRIMARY'S CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF

Huge thanks to Bella & Eleanor in Year 6 for organising this fundraising competition. They raised over £400 on the first day with more to come - the entries were fantastic - many congratulations to Matthew, Zoe, Olivia, Belle, Sam and Henry and to everyone who took part!



**Is your child starting school in September 2024?**

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

**Is your child in year 2?**

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

SURREY  
COUNTY COUNCIL

**Apply online**  
between  
30 October 2023  
and 15 January 2024

The closing date for Reception applications for September 2024 entry is **15 January 2024**. Please remember that you still need to apply if your child is at Squirrels or is a sibling of a child already in the school.

Surrey encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>, however you can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of you being offered one of your preferred schools for your child. Surrey will **only** consider an application as on-time even if it has been made late if there is a genuine reason why the application could not reasonably have been made before the closing date. More information on this is available on the Surrey website above.

| SPRING TERM DATES          |               |                             |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Wed 3 Jan                  |               | First Day of Spring Term    |
| Fri 12 Jan                 | 15:15- 5:45   | YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday |
| Mon 15 Jan                 |               | Young Voices at The O2      |
| Fri 19 Jan                 | 15:15-15:45   | Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday     |
| Thu 25 Jan                 |               | Y1 to Windsor Castle        |
| Fri 26 Jan                 | 15:15-15:45   | Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday     |
| <b>Thu 8 Feb</b>           |               | <b>N-Y2 Drama Workshops</b> |
| Fri 9 Feb                  |               | Music Mufti Day             |
| Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb        |               | <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>    |
| Mon 19 Feb                 |               | <b>INSET DAY</b>            |
| Wed 21 Feb                 |               | Y6 Greeks Workshop          |
| Fri 23 Feb                 | 15:15-15:45   | YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday |
| Fri 1 Mar                  | 15:15-15:45   | Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday     |
| Mon 4 Mar                  |               | World Music Workshops       |
| Tue 5 Mar                  |               | World Music Workshops       |
| Tue 5 Mar                  | 15:30-17:30   | Parents Evening Meetings    |
| Thu 7 Mar                  | 15:30-19:30   | Parents Evening Meetings    |
| Fri 8 Mar                  | 15:15-15:45   | Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday     |
| Thu 14 Mar                 |               | Y2 to Brooklands Museum     |
| Fri 15 Mar                 | 09:00         | Bag2School Collection       |
| Mon 18 Mar                 | 08:45-09:30   | EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards      |
| Wed 20 Mar                 | 08:45-09:30   | KS2 Termly Awards           |
| Wed 20 Mar                 |               | Little City visit EYFS      |
| Thu 21 Mar                 |               | Y5 Viking Workshop          |
| Tue 26 Mar                 | 09:00         | Easter Service @ CoGS       |
| Tue 26 Mar                 | 15:10 / 15:15 | Last Day of Spring Term     |
| Wed 27 Mar                 |               | <b>INSET DAY</b>            |
| Thu 28 Mar                 |               | <b>INSET DAY</b>            |
| Fri 29 Mar -<br>Fri 12 Apr |               | <b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>       |

## FAMILY LEARNING



### Free Courses for parents and carers

Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

[surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](https://surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning)



...or scan here

#### Courses available

- Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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## Christmas Services

**Church of the Good Shepherd**

**Christmas Eve**

Holy Communion – 8.00am  
Morning Service – 10.00am  
Crib Service & Online – 4.00pm  
Midnight Communion – 11.30pm

**Christmas Day**

Family service & Online – 10.00am

**St Nicholas' Church**

Midnight Communion – 11.30pm

Christmas Communion – 11.30am

**Wisley Church**

Christmas Communion – 10.00am





# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

**NOS** National Online Safety®  
#WakeUpWednesday





## SUMMER TERM DATES

|                       |             |                                 |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Mon 15 Apr            |             | First Day of Summer Term        |
| Wed 17 - Fri 19 Apr   |             | Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential  |
| <del>Wed 24 Apr</del> |             | <del>Y1 to Merrist Wood</del>   |
| Fri 26 Apr            | 15:15-15:45 | YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday     |
| Wed 1 May             | am          | Y3 Feet First Walking Training  |
| Thu 2 May             |             | Y5 to Mosque                    |
| Thu 2 May             | am          | Y3 Feet First Walking Training  |
| Fri 3 May             |             | Y5 to Hampton Court             |
| Fri 3 May             | 15:15-15:45 | Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday         |
| <b>Mon 6 May</b>      |             | <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>             |
| Wed 8 May             |             | Y4 Rainforest Workshop          |
| Fri 10 May            |             | YR to Godstone Farm             |
| Fri 10 May            | 15:15-15:45 | Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday         |
| Mon 13 - Thu 16 May   |             | KS2 SATS                        |
| Mon 27 - Fri 31 May   |             | <b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>        |
| Fri 14 Jun            |             | Y5 to Wildwood                  |
| Fri 14 Jun            | 15:15-15:45 | YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday     |
| Tue 18 June           |             | Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral |
| Wed 19 Jun            |             | EYFS Minibeast Workshop         |
| Wed 19 Jun            |             | Y6 Lego STEM Workshop           |
| Fri 21 Jun            |             | Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop      |
| Fri 21 Jun            | 15:15-15:45 | Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday         |
| Wed 26 Jun            |             | Y2 to Lookout Discovery Centre  |
| Fri 28 Jun            |             | Y3 Activity Day                 |
| Fri 28 Jun            | 15:15-15:45 | Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday         |
| Mon 1 Jul             | 08:45-09:30 | EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards          |
| Tue 2 Jul (prov)      | 09:00-12:00 | KS2 Sports Day                  |
| Wed 3 Jul             | 08:45-09:30 | KS2 Termly Awards               |
| Thu 4 Jul (prov)      | 09:00-12:00 | EYFS / KS1 Sports Day           |
| Mon 8 - Fri 12 Jul    |             | Y6 Osmington Bay Residential    |
| Tue 23 Jul            | 09:00       | Leavers' Service @ CoGS         |
| Tue 23 Jul            | 12:00       | Last Day of Summer Term         |

Recycle  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

For Carers and little ones.  
Toys, Refreshments, Craft, Chat.

## PYRFORD TOTS STAY & PLAY

**Wednesdays**  
(Term Time)  
**10:30am – 12noon**

At the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Pyrford GU22 8SP

£2 donation per family



## Tots Praise!

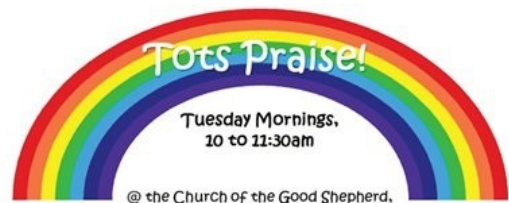
Tuesday Mornings,  
10 to 11:30am

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd,  
Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8SP

**Songs, puppets, story, cake, coffee, juice,**

We'd love to see you.

Any enquiries Suzanne at the Parish Office 01932 356166  
Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org



Go to [wisleywithpyrford.org/kids](http://wisleywithpyrford.org/kids) to find out more

**For children in school years 5 & 6**

**19th TO 21st APRIL 2024**

**At DAKEDOWN CHRISTIAN CENTRE**  
Bosham, BN15 8AX

**DEEPER WITH GOD Weekend Away**

Games  
laughers  
Challenges  
Team Work  
Bible Exploration  
Prayer  
Fun  
Food  
Peace

