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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## We love Reception!



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## Head's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe that a week and a half of the autumn term has already passed by... Where did it go?! The staff here have been so very welcoming and made me feel at home from the moment I stepped through the door. I would like to thank the whole of the staff for their continued warmth and support.

It has been lovely to welcome Reception children to the school along with new starters to the nursery and across the year groups. A big well done to everyone for beginning or returning to school during such a mini heatwave. The children coped so well and took it in their stride. It has been lovely getting to know your children, and I am doing my very best to learn as many names as I can; I still have a long way to go though! I feel very privileged to spend some of the school day popping into classrooms and finding out what the children are learning, and how well they are taking on the challenges of a new school year with enthusiasm and curiosity.

Following the Reception curriculum evening on Tuesday, you will have now received an email with dates for the other year groups' curriculum evenings. These are opportunities to find out about the topics and activities that your children will be encountering this year. One that has already happened is the Year 4 trip to Sayers Croft where the children built dens, honed their compass skills and worked together to carry out team challenges. Thank you for representing the school so beautifully, Year 4!

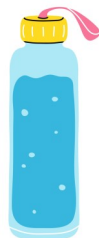
I cannot finish this letter without mentioning our incredible PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and their dedication to fundraising for the school. The PTA quite simply make the school an even better place for your children to learn. If anyone reading this is able to support the PTA with any number of the special events that they run over the academic year, please email [office@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk). It could be half an hour selling ice creams or a day at the Christmas Fair but if you are willing and able to, it would make such a difference.

Until next week, please continue to read to and/or listen to your children when you get a precious free 10 minutes.

Best wishes,

Pete

Pete Wright  
Head of School



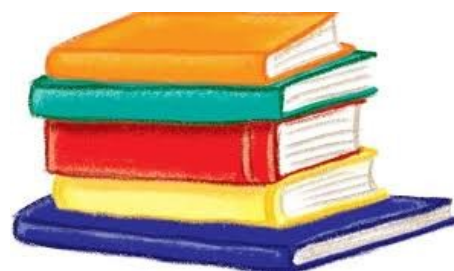
Please remember to send your child into school with a water bottle which they can refill from the water coolers. Bottles should only contain water.



We have a number of children with life-threatening nut allergies. Please ensure that any food brought in from home (snacks, packed lunch) is nut free.

### AUTUMN TERM DATES

Tue 19 Sep	15:30-16:00	Y2 Parent/Carers' Briefing Meeting
Wed 20 Sep	15:30-16:00	Y5 Parent/Carers' Briefing Meeting
Thu 21 Sep	15:30-16:00	Y6 Parent/Carers' Briefing Meeting
Tue 26 Sep	15:30-16:00	Y4 Parent/Carers' Briefing Meeting
Wed 27 Sep		Y3 to Butser Farm
Wed 27 Sep	15:30-16:00	Y1 Parent/Carers' Briefing Meeting
Thu 28 Sep	15:30-16:00	Y3 Parent/Carers' Briefing Meeting
Mon 2 - Fri 6 Oct		Y6 Bikeability
Fri 6 Oct		Harvest Service @ CoGS
Mon 9 Oct		KS2 Author Visit
Mon 9 Oct	14:00-16:00	Y4 Netball Tournament @ Halstead
Fri 13 Oct		Flu Immunisations
Fri 13 Oct	am	Y6 Boys Football Tournament @ Kingfield
Fri 13 Oct	pm	Y6 Girls Football Tournament @ Kingfield
Fri 13 Oct	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Wed 18 Oct		Y5 Wonderdome Planetarium
Fri 20 Oct		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Tue 31 Oct		Y4 Saxon Workshop
Fri 3 Nov	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Tue 7 Nov	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Wed 8 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Thu 9 Nov	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Fri 10 Nov	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Mon 13 - Thu 16 Nov		Life Bus
Mon 20 - Thu 23 Nov		Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 22 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Workshop
Wed 22 Nov	pm	Y6 Football Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 24 Nov		Flu Immunisations
Fri 1 Dec		Y6 Antarctic Explorer Workshop
Mon 4 Dec	08:45-09:30	EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards
Mon 4 Dec		Pantomime
Wed 6 Dec	08:45-09:30	KS2 Termly Awards
Fri 15 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 15 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 18 Dec - Tue 2 Jan		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>



## Reading Volunteers needed!

We would love to start welcoming back our fabulous army of reading volunteers to support children's reading in the school.

If you are available straight after morning drop off (8:35-9:00ish) please email Miss Adams on [s.adams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.adams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk) with the days you can offer, and your child's class - you will not be able to help with your own child's class. If you are new to the reading volunteer scheme you will need to attend a short training session with Miss Adams. This will inform you about the phonics scheme and how to use this to support children when hearing them read.

We would hope to start the reading support in w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

To be a volunteer, you must have a current DBS clearance with Pyrford School. If you do not have one and would like to volunteer, please contact Mrs Anderson in the office and she can assist you.

Thank you in advance for your help!



SPRING TERM DATES			
Wed 3 Jan		First Day of Spring Term	
Fri 12 Jan	15:15- 5:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday	
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	
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	
Tue 5 Mar	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings	
Thu 7 Mar	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings	
Fri 8 Mar	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday	
Thu 14 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum	
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 - Fri 12 Apr		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	



**Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country? These free courses and workshops are delivered online and can help you support your child with school and family life.

#### What will I learn?

- Understand the education system in England
- How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- Tips on raising bilingual children
- Practise your English language skills

#### New EAL workshops:

**Adapting to Secondary School**

**Let's talk about Life Online**

**How to talk about my Neurodivergent Child**

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



Web : [www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning)  
Email : [family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)  
Tel : 0300 200 1044



## Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2023**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on 0300 200 1004.

Apply online  
apply on time by  
31 October 2023



We'd love to see you at the  
**Coffee Shop**  
Friday Mornings (term time)  
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

- 8:30am. Self service tea, coffee, squash in the church area. (Play area and toys here also.)
- 9:00am to 11:00am. All areas open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.

The church are looking for breakfast cooks, can you help one 4 hour shift 7:30am-11:30am once a term? or once a month? Contact [suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org) if you are interested.

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 15 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Wed 17 - Fri 19 Apr		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Fri 26 Apr	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Fri 3 May	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Wed 8 May		Y4 Rainforest Workshop
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 Minibeam 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
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

# Woking District Boys Football

## Season 2023-2024

Do you want to represent Woking District in the 2023/24 Season with the Woking Boys Football Team?

We are looking for boys in school Years 5 and 6 who have an aptitude in football to join our development squad this season. From our development squad, we will select a district team for next season at our trials.

### What is District Football?

District football involves playing for Woking Schools against other boys from other districts. It is a very high level of football and can be considered a huge achievement to be asked to play out of all the boys in Woking! A lot of boys use us as a platform to higher level football.

### Who are Woking Schools Football Association?

Woking Primary Schools F.A. represent Woking Primary Schools and have been running a football district team for boys for 45 years now. We are a fun, friendly and dedicated association who offer football sessions to challenge talented boys, or for boys who want to quickly improve their skills to a higher level by training with us. Boys who play for us can also play for other clubs.

For further details contact us via email: [wokingspsfa@gmail.com](mailto:wokingspsfa@gmail.com)



We compete in the following:

- Surrey District League
- Southern Counties League
- Southern Counties Cup
- Southern Counties League Cup
- Shires Cup
- Gills Trophy
- National Cup
- ...as well as many other events!



Twitter @wokingspsfa

[www.wokingprimaryschools.co.uk](http://www.wokingprimaryschools.co.uk)

# Woking District Girls Football

## Season 2023-2024

Represent all the primary schools in Woking by playing in the hugely successful Woking Girls District Football Teams!

### U11 Girls Team Criteria

- Girls in School Years 5 & 6 (from September 2023)
- Aptitude in football

### Development Squads Criteria

- Girls in School Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
- Want to improve football skills



For further trial information, contact us at [wokingspsfa@gmail.com](mailto:wokingspsfa@gmail.com)

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### Who are Woking Schools Football Association?

Woking Primary Schools F.A. represent Woking Primary Schools and have been running a district football team for girls for 17 years now. We are a fun, friendly and dedicated association who offer football sessions to challenge talented girls, or for girls who want to quickly improve their skills to a higher level by training in our development squads. Girls who play for us can also play for other clubs.



We compete in the following:

- Surrey Girls District League
- Surrey Girls District Tournament
- London Girls District League
- Southern Counties Girls League
- Southern Counties Girls Cup
- Southern Counties Girls Trophy
- ESFA National Girls Cup
- ...as well as many other events!



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# YOUTH CLUB JNR

FOR SCHOOL YEARS 4, 5 AND 6

50P ENTRANCE FEE

TUCK SHOP -)

650 741296

@CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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)

### SEPTEMBER

Friday 15th September 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 29th September 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

### OCTOBER

Friday 13th October 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

### NOVEMBER

Friday 10th November 6:30pm-7:45pm

TRIP OUT BOWLING- GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

Friday 24th November 6:30pm-7:45pm

### DECEMBER

Friday 8th December 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

## Area SEND inspection for Surrey Local Area Partnership

Hello

[Ofsted](#) and the [Care Quality Commission \(CQC\)](#) are visiting your area to inspect the local arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

The inspectors want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND get. You can tell us by filling in a survey below. Your answers are confidential.

**The surveys will close at 9am on 19 September 2023.**

### Children and young people

If you are a young person with SEND please fill in this survey.

[Take the children and young people survey](#)



### Parents and carers

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person with SEND please complete this survey. If you have more than one child with SEND you can use the same link to complete a separate survey for each child.

[Take the parent and carer survey](#)

[Take the parent and carer survey \(Easy Read version\)](#)



### Practitioners

If you are a practitioner working with children or young people with SEND in education, health or care services, please complete this survey.

[Take the practitioner survey](#)







It's time for  
our

## Harvest Celebrations

Friday 6th October '23

9am Pyrford Primary School Harvest Service at the  
Church of the Good Shepherd

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October '23

10am Wisley Church

10am Church of the Good Shepherd

11:30am St Nicholas Church

Do feel free to drop into the churches a contribution towards the  
vital work of Woking Food Bank or donate via their webpage as we  
remember those struggling for food at this time.

*This is also a great time to give to our church charities Amahawe  
Uganda, BESOM and CMS Devonport, also working to provide daily  
necessities to those in need.*

We pray for them all at this time.



### WE ARE IN NEED OF:

VERY URGENT ITEMS ARE STARRED (LAST UPDATED 12TH  
SEPTEMBER 2023)

- \* TINNED HAM/PORK/SPAM \*, \* TINNED MIXED VEG \*
- \* LONG LIFE SPONGE PUDDINGS \* \* COOKING OIL \*
- \* CLOTHES WASHING DETERGENT \*

Long Life Fruit Juice, mayonnaise

Surface Cleaning Spray, Instant Mash Potato

Disposable Razors, Chocolate Spread

Long Life Milk (Whole Type)

Nappies Sizes 5,6,7, coffee

Tinned Custard, Toothbrushes

Tinned Carrots, Tinned Spaghetti

Washing Up Liquid, Cleaning Cloths

Shampoo & Conditioner, Instant Noodles

Toothpaste, Tinned Potatoes

Chick Peas, pot Noodles

Sweets, hot Chocolate, liquid Soap

Tinned Salmon, Peanut Butter

Toilet Cleaner Liquid, shaving Gel And Foam



## Understanding Autism for parents

Presented by: Justin Price, Executive Headteacher, Freemantles School

Autumn 2023:

6-8pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Summer 2024:

6-8pm Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2024	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Sessions are at Freemantles School, Smarts Heath Road, Mayford, Surrey, GU22 0AN

The cost is £10. To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNMA>



## Dads & Autism

Presented by: Justin Price, Executive Headteacher, Freemantles School

As a part of our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion drive we have designed this course specifically for Dads and Male-presenting relatives that want to learn, as we want to be inclusive and we have identified that:

- Dads often miss out on other training being offered as Mums are so keen to go.
- Dads often open up less if attending with their partners
- Previous feedback on specific Dads training has been hugely positive
- The Understanding Autism course will cover the same content and will be open to all.

Autumn 2023:

6-8pm Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Summer 2024:

6-8pm Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Autism awareness and strategies in the home
6-8pm Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2024	Building relationships and communication with your child
6-8pm Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Promoting positive emotional wellbeing and understanding your child's behaviour

Sessions are at Freemantles School, Smarts Heath Road, Mayford, Surrey, GU22 0AN

The cost is £10. To book, visit <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BNLZ>