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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Goldilocks at Squirrels Nursery

The children loved listening to this story  
and engaging in the activities. The  
highlight was eating porridge!



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## Head's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children and staff, including myself, have just about recovered from our late-night start to the week on Monday at the O2 arena. But it was well worth it! The Young Voices concert, deemed the largest children's choir in the world, saw schools from around the country come together to make a choral group of over 8,500 pupils - something that continued throughout this week. The children did the school proud, behaving impeccably, singing beautifully but most importantly having a lot of fun together.



Thursday of next week, sees Year 1 venturing out on their Windsor Castle trip. This is always a great experience for the children. The staff who work at the castle are very knowledgeable and exciting to listen to and role play with.

Next week, I will be meeting with our catering provider, Twelve15, to discuss those aspects of their service that are going well, as well as the development points that children, parents and carers, and staff have raised. I will update on this meeting in due course.

We have a small team of volunteers who hear children read for half an hour or so straight after drop off in the mornings. However, we would like to grow this team so that we can offer this to more children. If you have a DBS through the school (or willing for the school to obtain a DBS clearance for you) and can spare half an hour on a regular basis, please contact Miss Adams [s.adams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.adams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

Today is Years' 3 and 4 Friendly Friday and once again, you are invited to the environmental garden. Look out for post it notes to make your own suggestions for ways to improve this amazing space even further!

## Term Dates 2024/25

Pete Wright  
Head of School

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September	INSET DAYS
Wednesday 4th September	Term starts for children
Friday 25th October	INSET DAY
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	HALF TERM
Friday 20th December	Term ends at 12:00
Monday 6th January	First day of term
Wednesday 29th January	INSET DAY
Monday 17th - Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Friday 4th April	Term ends at 12:00
Tuesday 22nd April	First day of term
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Monday 26th - Friday 30th May	HALF TERM
Monday 30th June	INSET DAY
Friday 18th July	Term ends at 12:00

**PARKING IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK**  
Parking in the church car park is for drop off and pick up only and cars must be moved promptly after this please. Parking there for longer is impacting on events taking place in the church. Thank you for your co-operation.





# Golden Book Awards

## N SQUIRRELS

**Ava Smeaton** for being such a kind girl to all her friends at Squirrels. She shares the resources and always helps to tidy up. She sits beautifully at group time and listens well to our stories. Well done Ava!

## R BEECH

**Ethan Gelsthorpe.** Ethan produced an amazing story map based on our story *No Dinner*. Well done Ethan, you produced such lovely work!

## R HAZEL

**Jenna Hadid.** This week in Reception our story has been an Indian traditional tale called *No Dinner*. Jenna really impressed us with her carefully drawn story map. She then retold the story, remembering loads of details. Well done Jenna!

## 1 OAK

**Pippa Carnegie-Horrocks** for her clever ideas and explanations in Science. Pippa was able to name and talk about the properties of lots of materials.

## 1 PINE

**Horatio Baer-Baker.** Horatio very much enjoyed exploring different structure techniques in DT. He worked really hard to use scissors correctly and made some great flange structures!

## 2 CEDAR

**Esmée Ratcliff.** In Year 2 we have been describing Bear from our class book *Rabbit and Bear*. Esmée has used some exciting vocabulary and even included an exclamation sentence! Well done Esmee!

## 2 HAWTHORN

**Annie Sanderson** for writing a fantastic character description of Bear. She has used exciting vocabulary and some similes. Well done Annie!

## 3 ELM

**Maymoona Khan** This week we have been learning how to divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. Maymoona did a brilliant job, carefully dividing the tens and ones, and clearly showing her working out. Great work Maymoona!

## 3 MAPLE

**Matilda Clements** for her wonderful positive attitude and all the hard work she does each and every day. This week in Maths we learnt to divide 2-digit numbers. Matilda set her work neatly and carefully, counting the tens and the ones. Keep up the good work!

## 4 ALDER

**Florence Brockway** for working exceptionally hard on her writing. She has written a brilliant, persuasive email to Roz, the robot in our book. She added in lots of her own ideas and wrote very creative sentences. Well done Florence!

## 4 BIRCH

**Isobel Beattie** for her fantastic fact file about grassland biomes. She neatly presented her work and used appropriate and informative subheadings. We can see that she enjoyed this piece of work from the effort she put in. Well done!

## 4 LARCH

**Vraj Lakhwani** for his excellent persuasion letter to Roz (the robot in *The Wild Robot*). He impressed us with the persuasive language techniques he used, his beautiful handwriting and his friendly style of writing. Well done!

## 5 ROWAN

**Matilda Hannell** for her fantastic work in English. She worked hard in grammar lessons to produce some interesting sentences. We have been impressed by how she followed her plan carefully to write a fantastic letter of advice to one of the characters from the book we are reading. Well done!

## 5 WILLOW

**Emma Robinson** for her superb effort in Maths. We have been learning how to use the bus stop method to solve problems involving division. Emma impressed us with her determination and resilience in these lessons which enabled her to succeed. Well done Emma!

## 6 HOLLY

**Sophie Richardson** for her amazing story about Odysseus and the Cyclops. Her writing is full of fantastic sentence starters, conversation and all written as if she were the Cyclops telling the story. Congratulations Sophie - you produced a very humorous and entertaining piece of work.

## 6 LAUREL

**Imogen Irvine** for her impressive work in Art, in our exciting new topic 'Eyes in Art'. Imogen showed excellent technique, using different types of tonal shading to draw the human eye, including creating a shadow on the eye. Well done Imogen, keep up the great work!



SPRING TERM DATES		
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>Wed 7 Feb</b>	<b>10:00-13:00</b>	<b>Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament @ Gordons</b>
Thu 8 Feb		N-Y2 Drama Workshops
Thu 8 Feb	13:20	Y4 Girls Football @ Greenfield
<b>Thu 8 Feb</b>		<b>SEN Parents Meetings</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	after school	Y5/6 Cross Country @ Hoebridge
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
Tue 19 Mar	after school	Y3/4 Cross Country @ Hoebridge
Wed 20 Mar	08:45-09:30	KS2 Termly Awards
Wed 20 Mar		Little City visit EYFS
Thu 21 Mar		Y5 Viking Workshop
<b>Mon 25 Mar</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b>Easter Service @ CoGS</b>
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>

# WOKING DUATHLON

**RUN: 1KM  
BIKE: 3KM  
RUN: 1KM**

**JANUARY 27TH:  
2PM - 3PM**

THEN EVERY LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH



NON COMPETITIVE  
8-11 YEAR OLDS

YOUR OWN MOUNTAIN BIKE IS REQUIRED.  
TRACK BIKES ARE NOT PERMITTED

WOKING SPORTSBOX, EGLEY ROAD, GU22 0AF

**SWIM BIKE RUN**



Eastwood Leisure Centre  
EVERY SUNDAY 10am - 12pm




## Warm Welcome venues

Safe and friendly places for everyone in Surrey

- Table Tennis
- Boccia
- Hot Drinks



Free Warm Up items available

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## School Nurse Parent Drop In Clinic

Eastwood Leisure Centre Albert Drive, Sheerwater, GU21 5RF – free parking

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month  
0930-1130**

2024 dates: 3 Jan, 7 Feb, 6 Mar, 3 Apr, 1 May, 5 Jun, 3 Jul, 7 Aug, 4 Sep, 2 Oct, 6 Nov, 4 Dec

Come and meet the team

Soft play area and Coffee Shop

We can provide advice and signposting on topics such as:

- Toileting
- Sleep
- Dental care
- Healthy eating
- Height/weight checks
- Behaviour
- Mental health
- Eating disorders and more
- School health care plans

As well as referral support to other services.



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 cartridges.

Fullbrook Productions present

**EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT**

# JAMIE



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March | Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March | Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

Tickets available at:  
**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/fullbrook-school-iamie](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fullbrook-school-iamie)**



This amateur production of EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE: TEEN EDITION is presented by  
arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)



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
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>
<b>Wed 12 Jun</b>		<b>District Sports</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
<b>Thu 20 Jun</b>		<b>District Sports</b>
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
<b>Mon 22 Jul</b>	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Tue 23 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

**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 01252 355686  
Suzanne@stjohns-pyrford.org

For Carers and little ones,  
Toys, Refreshments, Craft, Chat.  
**PYRFORD TOTS  
STAY & PLAY**  
Wednesdays  
(Term Time)  
10:30am - 12noon  
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GU22 8SP  
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For children in school years 5 & 6  
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