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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## What a Hoot in Year 5!



To link with their study of the book *Skellig*, Year 5 were visited by Huxley's Birds of Prey.

They have also been making owls and were joined by Dr M from Bishop David Brown School to investigate the contents of owl pellets!



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## Head's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great excitement that I can announce the replacement of the trim trail within the rear playground for a brand-new multifaceted piece of equipment, courtesy of the PTA's very generous contribution, alongside some funding from the Friends of Chernobyl Children's Charity, Woking. The works begin this coming Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and are due to last 3 to 4 days. The area will be cordoned off during this time but should not cause any disruption to drop off or collection times.



It was lovely to have had the first "Coffee with Mr Wright" morning with Nursery and Reception parents and carers this morning. We discussed a variety of topics and I was heartened to hear the feedback about our school and its dedicated staff. Thank you to all who attended. I look forward to meeting those with children in Years 1 and 2 this coming Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30am, Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, and Years 5 and 6 on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December - by which point I may need to give the caffeine a rest!

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, the children are invited to come in Mufti (own clothes). Please bring completed Jolly Jam Jars (with names on), a bottle and/or chocolates for the tombolas and any children's Christmas jumpers no longer worn/needed. There are still places available at the PTA wreath making workshop on the Friday evening - please contact your class rep for more information. With Christmas in mind, it has been lovely to hear the children rehearsing their Nativity, and Christmas songs around the school - is it really only 31 days to go?!

Finally, individuals' and sibling photos have been given out today; keep an eye out for them in your child's school bag. If they do not make their way to you, please contact Mrs Anderson in the school office.

Best wishes

Pete

Pete Wright\_  
Head of School

For everyone's safety, there will be no parking in the staff car park for either Movie Night or Treetops pick-up today. Thank you for your understanding.



Pyrford C of E  
**CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLE**

Buy tickets for a chance to win some AMAZING prizes, including F&M Hamper, £50 M&S vouchers, Family days out, The Ivy cream tea & Champagne and much MUCH more!

<https://raffall.com/348509/enter-raffle-to-win-pyrford-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-pyrford-primary-school-christmas-raffle>



# Golden Book Awards

## N SQUIRRELS

**Lyla Ball & Joshua Callaghan** for working together and taking it in turns when playing the counting game on the Interactive Whiteboard. They counted the sea creatures and then selected the correct numeral. They did a great job and got them all correct!

## R BEECH

**Arabella Ball.** This week in Maths we are learning about the different parts of numbers to 5. Arabella made the number blocks using the right number of squares and then took on the challenge to make 5 using different numbers. Amazing Maths Arabella!

## R HAZEL

**Niamh Patel.** We have been learning about Celebrations in Reception this term. Niamh did some wonderful writing about a very special celebration for her family. Well done Niamh!

## 1 OAK

**Tara Highton** for a wonderful sock puppet. Tara tried lots of different ways of joining her materials and we think her tiger is fabulous.



## 1 PINE

**Avery Daniell.** We have recently started using the Chromebooks. This week we were thinking about controlling the computer using the mouse. Avery was very skilled with the mouse and drew a self-portrait. He even managed to write his name using the mouse!

## 2 CEDAR

**Mila Finn.** Last week, Year 2 were visited by Nelly the tortoise. Mila wrote a fantastic non-chronological report using all the facts we learnt, including how they drink water and where they live. Well done Mila!

## 2 HAWTHORN

**Ibrahim Hussain.** In English, we have been reading *Orion and the Dark*. Ibrahim thought carefully about what a dark place might look like and created his own 'Dark' character. Ibrahim loves all our creative lessons and always produces lovely work. Well done!

## 3 ELM

**Ginny Wood.** We have been carrying out experiments in Science as part of our learning about forces. Ginny worked methodically to test how cars moved on different surfaces and wrote a clear and well argued conclusion. Excellent work Ginny!

## 3 MAPLE

**Jack Newman** for writing excellent instructions for how to build a seawig. He included interesting adjectives and a variety of imperative verbs. He impressed us with his careful presentation and neat handwriting.

## 4 ALDER

**Lizzie Whyman-Taylor** for always trying her very best. She listens carefully, always puts up her hand and produces really great work. She should be very proud of herself. Well done Lizzie!

## 4 BIRCH

**Vivienne Berrange** for her wonderful fact file about Henry VIII's six wives. She has used her new knowledge, going into lots of detail about each wife and presented her work beautifully. We are very impressed that she has also deepened her understanding by completing her 'think pink'. Well done Vivienne!

## 4 LARCH

**Mollie Ball** for her amazing writing. We can tell that she loved writing an explanation text about what Professor Brownstone has locked within his vault. Her writing is beautifully presented and neatly organised into paragraphs. We love her use of language and the extra detail used to describe the things within the vault.

## 5 ROWAN

**Arthur Tucker.** During English, we have been reading the *Skellig* by David Almond. This inspired Arthur to create some fantastic writing. He wrote an exceptional setting description, creating a real sense of tension and foreboding. Well done Arthur!

## 5 WILLOW

**Thea Pitts** for her fantastic effort in Geography. She contributes well to class discussions and was able to recall lots of the key learning points from previous lessons. The presentation of her learning is particularly wonderful. It is clear to see that she has set herself a high standard. Well done Thea!

## 6 HOLLY

**Stan Kidd** for his explanation text about Compasses in English. He has written such an amazing amount, using great handwriting and laying out his information in a clear and neat way. It is a piece of work that he can be really proud of. Well done Stan - keep it up!

## 6 LAUREL

**Olive Symes** for producing a fantastic non-chronological report on her chosen river of the world - the Amazon. Olive presented her work beautifully and included many interesting facts. Well done Olive, keep up the great work!



AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Fri 24 Nov	15:15 - 16:30	PTA YR Movie Night
Fri 24 Nov	15:15 - 17:30	PTA Y1 & 2 Movie Night
Wed 29 Nov	08:30 - 09:30	Coffee with Mr Wright (Ys 1 & 2)
Fri 1 Dec		Mufti Day for Christmas Fair
Fri 1 Dec		Y6 Antarctic Explorer Workshop
Fri 1 Dec	18:45 - 20:45	PTA Wreath Making Workshop
Sat 2 Dec	10:00-12:00	PTA Christmas Tree Sale
Sat 2 Dec	13:00-15:00	PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 4 Dec		Pantomime
Tue 5 Dec	08:30 - 09:30	Coffee with Mr Wright (Ys 3 & 4)
Wed 6 Dec	08:30 - 09:30	Coffee with Mr Wright (Ys 5 & 6)
Wed 6 Dec	10:00-11:00	EYFS Nativity @CoGS
Wed 6 Dec	14:00-15:00	KS1 The Christmas Story @ CoGS
Thu 7 Dec	13:45-15:00	KS2 Christmas Carol Service @ CoGS
Fri 8 Dec		Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch
<b>Mon 11 Dec</b>		<b>Christmas Pause Day</b>
Mon 11 Dec	08:45-09:30	EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards
Tue 12 Dec		Elf Visits EYFS
Wed 13 Dec	08:45-09:30	KS2 Termly Awards
Thu 14 Dec	19:00	PTA Panto Outing
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>

Did you witness a collision between two cars after school on Thursday last week? If so, please contact the school office and we will put you in touch with the damaged party.

#### What Happens to Lost Property?

Our lovely year 6 office helpers love returning items but as you can see from the huge pile in lost property it is a big task for them to check daily so please, please name anything that comes into school.

Sadly many items are still not being named meaning we are unable to return them to their owners.

Any items such as coats, sports kit, mufti day that are not named and not collected within two weeks will be donated to charity. Any school uniform which is good enough will be added to our pre-loved uniform to be sold on with profits going to the school.



A huge well done to our Year 6 football team for taking part in a tournament at Greenfield School this week. They played so well and really impressed us as a team. Thank you to Mrs Burnett and Mr Steen for accompanying them.







STICK ME TO YOUR FRIDGE

# FRIENDLY FESTIVE REMINDERS

**We hope this helps you remember all those key dates at this very busy time of year!**

- FRI 24 NOV** Please bring in for our Christmas Fair:-
- a nearly new toy, including soft toys
  - a little gift suitable for grown ups
- FRI 1 DEC** Mufti Day for Christmas Fair
- Please bring in:-
- your completed jolly jam jar (with name on)
  - a bottle and/or chocolates for the tombolas
  - any Christmas jumper no longer worn/needed
- FRI 1 DEC** Wreath Making Workshop (School Hall)  
**6.45 - 8.45pm**
- SAT 2 DEC** Christmas Tree Sale - **10am - 12 noon**  
Christmas Fair - **1- 3pm**
- WED 6 DEC** EYFS Nativity at CoGS - **10-11am**  
KS1 The Christmas Story at CoGS - **2-3pm**
- THUR 7 DEC** KS2 Christmas Carol Service at CoGS **1.45-3pm**
- FRI 8 DEC** Christmas Jumper Day & Lunch
- MON 11 DEC** The Great Christmas Bake Off  
Bring in your entry for judging - Bake sale **3.15pm**
- THUR 14 DEC** PTA Panto Outing - **7pm**
- FRI 15 DEC** Christmas Service at CoGS - **9am**  
Term finishes at **12 noon**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



# *Pyrford Primary School Christmas Fair*

**SAT 2 DECEMBER, 1-3PM**

Come and join us for some festive cheer,  
★ plenty of fun for all the family! ★

Fun games for children  
as well as our ever-popular  
chocolate and bottle  
tombolas and jolly jam jars

Refreshments stalls  
offering crepes, pizzas,  
sweet treats and bakes,  
plus hot & cold drinks

External vendors offering  
personalised & handmade  
crafts, knitwear, jewellery,  
gift labels, wreaths,  
art and skincare

Featuring stalls run by  
our mini-entrepreneurs

Raffle with fantastic prizes

**FREE ENTRY**

Hope to see you there!

**XMAS TREE SALE 10AM-12**



# JOLLY JAM JARS

## for our Christmas Fair

### What to do

★ Find a clean jam jar at home and decorate in the theme of “Christmas joy”

★ Fill with lots of jolly things - sweets, chocolate, small toys, stickers, small pencils/pens/crayons

★ Write your first name and class name on a label and stick it to the bottom of the jar

★ Bring it to school on Fri 1 Dec to give to your teacher and then look out for your jar in the Jolly Jam Jar raffle at the Christmas Fair!



**FRIDAY 1 DEC**

**PRIZE FOR THE WINNER  
OF EACH YEAR GROUP**





# Christmas Tree Sale



Saturday 2nd December

10am – midday

At Pyrford C of E Primary School

4-5ft tree	£45
5-6ft tree	£55
6-7ft tree	£60
7-8ft tree	£70
8ft + tree	£80

All profits go directly to the school  
Friends of Pyrford C of E Primary School  
Registered Charity 1047320

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FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY PRESENT

**BOOKING DEADLINE 24TH NOV**

## WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for this lovely festive event and  
create a beautiful wreath to take home

**Friday 1st December**

**6.45pm - 8.45pm, School Hall**

**£50 per person, includes all materials**

**Please bring your own refreshments**

**Only 30 spaces** - To book your place please email  
pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com and arrange a transfer to:

**Account: FPPS Sort Code: 40-46-48 Account No: 51432591**

Please use: WREATH/[INSERT NAME] as a reference

### MINI PHOTO SESSIONS AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Katy Photography will be back this year holding 15  
minute photo sessions on a white backdrop, this can  
be of the whole family or just the children. Feel free  
to dress up in fun outfits and bring props! Sessions  
are £35 and include 3 digital images and you can  
book through the school slottr link below. A percent-  
age of sales will be given to the Schools PTA.

TO BOOK

<https://www.slottr.com/sheets/18279733>

Payment should be made to:

Account: FPPS Sort Code: 40-46-48

Account No: 51432591

Please use: PHOTOS/[INSERT NAME] as a reference

For all sessions please arrive on time so as not to  
delay other families booking slots and if you can't  
make it on the day please call or text Katy on 07714  
701 292. Look forward to seeing you all at the Fayre!

MINI PHOTO SESSIONS  
At Pyrford Christmas Fayre  
Saturday 2nd December 2023



£35

Please book through the Slottr  
link provided by the school

15 Minute Slots available  
3 Digital images included

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

## Pyrford Primary's Great Christmas Bake-off 2023

A Fun Bake off competition for everyone at school

Fancy a chance to win Pyrford Primary's prestigious competition-the Great Christmas Bake off?

All entries will be judged by Mr. Wright and then sold to raise money for school.

**On the 11th  
December 2023**

£1 Entry  
Via Entry Form

**ALL ENTRIES  
SHOULD BE  
NUT-FREE**



## PYRFORD PRIMARY'S CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF



DAZZLE US WITH YOUR COOKING SKILLS;  
TICKLE OUR TASTE BUDS WITH YOUR  
BRILLIANT BAKING.....



### HOW TO ENTER:

1. SELECT YOUR CATEGORY.
2. PICK YOUR FAVOURITE YUMMY RECIPE, SOMETHING YOU THINK WILL BE UNBEATABLE!

3. COMPLETE YOUR ENTRY FORM AND DROP IT IN AT THE OFFICE ALONG WITH £1 ENTRY FEE

4. BRING YOUR 'WINNING' ENTRY WITH YOU ON THE 11TH DECEMBER 2023 TO BE JUDGED BY MR. WRIGHT. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE SUBMITTED YOUR ENTRY FORM BY 3PM ON THE 7TH DECEMBER. PLEASE ALSO ENSURE THAT YOUR ENTRY IS

CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE FOLLOWING: NAME OF THE ENTRANT, THE CATEGORY ENTERED AND THE NAME OF THE BAKED ITEM.

5. WINNERS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BY MR. WRIGHT ON MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER.



**EXCITING PRIZES TO BE WON!**



## PYRFORD PRIMARY'S GREAT CHRISTMAS BAKE-OFF ENTRY FORM.



PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM BELOW STATING WHICH CATEGORY YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER. ALSO, FEEL FREE TO ENTER MORE THAN ONE CATEGORY.

PLEASE DROP IN YOUR ENTRY FORM TO THE OFFICE ALONG WITH A £1 ENTRY FEE (FOR EACH CATEGORY BEING ENTERED) BY 3PM ON THE 7TH DECEMBER TO SECURE A PLACE IN THE COMPETITION.

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE TICK THE BOX OF WHICH CATEGORY AND AGE GROUP YOU ARE BAKING FOR.

CATEGORY	KS1	LOWER KS2	UPPER KS2
BEST BAKED CAKE- THIS ENTRY IS FOR DELICIOUS CAKES OF ANY SHAPE OR SIZE.			
BRILLIANT BISCUITS & COOKIES- THIS ENTRY MUST BE A BISCUIT OR A COOKIE.			



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
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	<b>15:30-19:30</b>	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 - Fri 12 Apr		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

**Christingle** The Children's Society

**Let's come together to celebrate Christingle**

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

**Come and join us!**

**Location:** Church of the Good Shepherd  
Coldharbour Road, Pyrford,  
Woking Surrey GU22 8SP

**Date:** Sun. 3rd December **Time:** 4:00pm

**To find out more, contact:**  
Parish Office 01932 346345 [suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org)

[christingle.org](http://christingle.org)

Scan the QR code to find out more.

**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](mailto:Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org)

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**

SURREY LIBRARIES PRESENTS....

## CHRISTMAS FUN WITH FIONA BARKER

**GUILDFORD LIBRARY  
THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 21  
10.30AM**



For adults with children aged 3-7 years. Suggested donation £4

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-fun-with-fiona-barker-at-guildford-library-tickets-756174818237>



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>
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

**JOIN THE CHRISTMAS CHEER**

**'THE FORGOTTEN TOYS' DONATION DRIVE**  
18TH NOV - 17TH DEC

**VISIT SANTA IN HIS TOY WORKSHOP**  
25TH NOV - 24TH DEC (ON SPECIFIC DATES)

**TEDDY MASCOT WALKABOUTS**  
SATURDAYS BETWEEN 25TH NOV - 16TH DEC

All activities are free

Find out more at  
[vpwoking.co.uk/theforgottentoy](http://vpwoking.co.uk/theforgottentoy)

HOME OF 'THE FORGOTTEN TOYS'

**VICTORIA PLACE**  
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Recycle  Charity

### Ink Cartridge Collection

You can help us raise funds by recycling your ink cartridges. Please bring to the school office.