

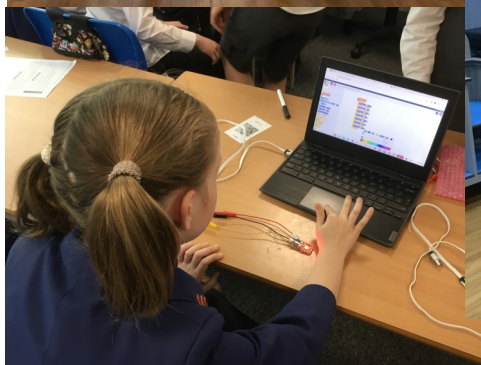
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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

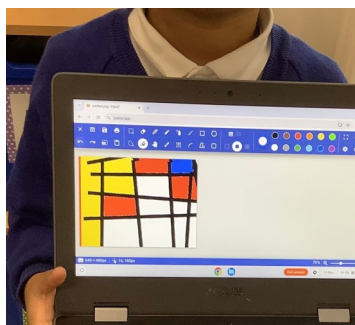
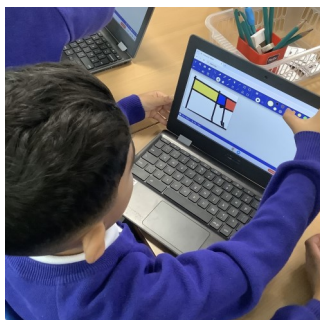
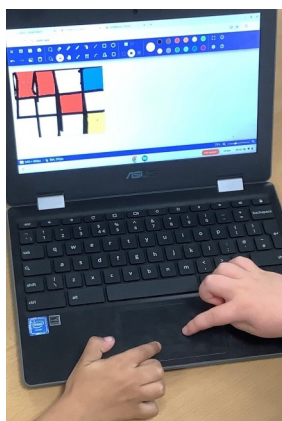
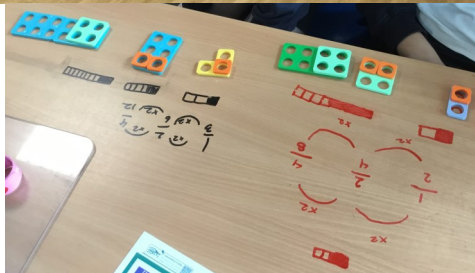
Busy Year 5 & Year 1 Modern Artists



It's been another busy but fun week in Year 5. Dance in PE, programming using Crumble in Computing and finding equivalent fractions in Maths. A great start to the half term everyone!



Year 1 have been inspired by Piet Mondrian's Composition with Red, Blue and Yellow. Using the digital art programme Paintz, the children created their very own versions - experimenting with bold lines and primary colours to make their own modern masterpieces!



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Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an absolute treat to be in school this week! I've had the privilege of seeing so many children enjoying their learning as I go about my daily work.

We began the week in assembly by thinking about the importance of putting others first and caring for one another. We explored two stories about Jesus - one about his visit to Simon's house, where he was anointed with perfume, and another about the Last Supper, when he chose to wash his disciples' feet. Through these stories, we reflected on how Jesus teaches us to be humble and to put others before ourselves. The children offered some wonderful ideas about how we can show kindness and service to others - in our classrooms, around school, and within our wider community.

At playtimes, I've also been delighted to see how well the children interact and play together. Their creativity shines through in the games they invent and the fun they share. Our Sports Leaders deserve a special mention this week for the brilliant playtime activities they have been running as part of our lunchtime programme. Their enthusiasm and leadership are truly inspiring - I know a few teachers have even been taking notes! Well done to all of them.

I would also like to thank everyone who got in touch following the publication of our lovely SIAMS report last week. It was such a pleasure to share our school with Andrew, the inspector, and even more rewarding to read a report that captures so beautifully what makes Pyrford so special.

Looking ahead, we are very excited for the arrival of the **Book Fair next week!** The children are already buzzing about it, and we hope to see lots of parents and carers coming along to browse. Thank you in advance for your support - the Book Fair not only promotes a love of reading but also helps raise valuable funds for our school. Every penny goes straight back into supporting our reading initiatives, so do pop in and take a look at the fantastic selection of books.

Have a great weekend.

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

Behaviour Blog



Positive noticing means picking up on the small stuff. Although you may praise your child regularly, this week you should pay attention to how regularly you notice the small stuff. Positive noticing will build your child's self-esteem and reminds children what behaviours are wanted, recognised and celebrated.

ROY DAVEY



We are very sad to announce the death of Roy Davey who was, for many years, both the Chair of our Local Governing Body and also of the then, Newark Academy Trust, until he moved away from the area in 2016.

Pyrford ran strongly through Roy's blood and he was passionate, in particular, about the education of Pyrford's children. He was responsible for bringing the community infant and junior schools together to form Pyrford Primary and then for pushing for our change of status to a Church of England school in 2000 and then an Academy in 2014. I believe he had been born here, but certainly he lived here as a boy and stayed in the area until his retirement. He was an educationalist through and through and was Headteacher of a local secondary school before becoming Director of Education in the Oxford Diocese.

He was also a stalwart member of the church and the Pyrford Community and was Chairman of the Pyrford and Wisley Flower Show for many years. Some of you may remember him standing in Coldharbour Road in his high viz waistcoat, marshalling the traffic on the morning of the show.

We remember him fondly and his ashes will be returned to his beloved Pyrford where they will be interred alongside those of his late wife, Jane, in St Nicholas graveyard.

Christmas Menu

Roast British Turkey
or
Quorn Fillet,
served with
chipolata sausage and
stuffing, roast potatoes,
fresh baton carrots,
garden peas and gravy
and
**Chef's Festive
Shortbread**

Twelve 15

**SURREY
COUNTY COUNCIL**

If you would like your child to have the school Christmas lunch on Friday 12th December please ensure you **book by 28th November**. There is also a Halal Roast Chicken option.

Friday 12th December will also be Christmas Jumper Day.

Christmas Tree Sale

Saturday 6th December
8am – midday
Pyrford C of E Primary School

Premium Grade, non-drop Nordmann Firs

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|------------|-----|
| 4-5ft tree | £45 |
| 5-6ft tree | £65 |
| 6-7ft tree | £70 |
| 7-8ft tree | £80 |
| 8-9ft tree | £95 |

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

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Beatrix who is such a happy girl and enjoys her time at nursery. She loves playing games and showed great focus and problem-solving skills when she found all the matching ducks. Well done Beatrix!

R BEECH - Danielle A huge welcome to Danielle who has recently joined Beech Class. She has come in happily and started to make lots of friends. We are so pleased you are part of our class!

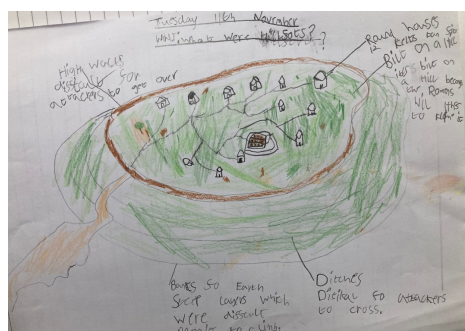
R HAZEL - Leo A big welcome to Leo who has joined us in Hazel Class this term. Leo has been enjoying playing with the dinosaurs and set up a fantastic Dinosaur World with his friends. Well done Leo for showing such fantastic team work!

1 OAK - Rosie Year 1 have been inspired by our new text *The Emperor's Egg* and the artist Nerys Levy to create their own scenes of Antarctica. Rosie produced a fantastic scene. She carefully drew her outline with great focus and thoughtfully selected her colours to reflect what she might see in the polar region. Miss Daly really liked how she added the detail of falling snow to her picture using watercolours. Well done Rosie !

1 PINE - Usman for his fantastic effort in Maths. During play, he used maths resources to work out number facts and proudly shared his answers with his friends. Miss Dennis is really proud of Usman for showing such enthusiasm and confidence in his learning. Well done!

2 CEDAR - Evie for writing a fantastic account of the key events of the Great Fire of London. She used time conjunctions to show the order that the events happened. Well done Evie!

2 HAWTHORN - Sylvie for working incredibly hard in our English lessons. We have been reading *Orion and the Dark* and Sylvie produced some lovely work. She thought carefully about what Orion is scared of and came up with her own circle of fears. She created a wonderful picture of the dark and used adjectives to describe it. She then pretended she was Orion and wrote a diary entry to explain how he was feeling. Amazing work, well done Sylvie!



3 ELM - Aria We have been learning about the Romans and Celts. Aria drew a fantastic hillfort and labelled its features, explaining how the hillfort worked. Wonderful work Aria!

3 MAPLE - Benji who works so hard in Maple class and particularly shone with his Maths work this week. He worked with confidence to draw and interpret arrays, presenting his work neatly. Mrs Goree is really proud of all his hard work - well done!

4 ALDER - Jannah In Science, we have been learning about atoms in solids, liquids and gases. Jannah was very enthusiastic during the lesson and answered lots of questions. Her diagram of the atoms was clear and she described them really well. Great work Jannah!

4 LARCH - Ava for impressing us with her computer coding skills when programming the screen turtle. Ava went on to solve problems for how to make simple shapes.

5 ROWAN - Joshua for showing outstanding enthusiasm and creativity in dance during PE. He put in his best effort, listened carefully to feedback and worked brilliantly with his partner to create an energetic and imaginative routine. His confidence, rhythm, and positive attitude were fantastic to see. Well done Joshua - he has danced his way to success!

5 WILLOW - Ben Congratulations to Ben a fantastic job during our History topic on the Maya civilisation. He worked brilliantly with his group, showing excellent collaboration by sharing his ideas and collecting key information. His teamwork and enthusiasm really stood out, well done!

6 ASPEN - Charlie M for his fantastic work in Science. Using subheadings made his work really easy to read and understand. He seemed to really enjoy our investigation into how light travels, using straight and bent tubes.

6 HOLLY - William In RE, we were discussing prophecies and what Jesus himself prophesied at the Last Supper with his disciples. William wrote a very thoughtful piece of work detailing what Jesus said would happen by whom, and laid out his work thoughtfully. Great work - well done William! *"During the Last Supper Jesus said he would die very soon. He said that this would be his last meal. He tells them that Peter would deny knowing him 3 times. He says that someone here would betray him."*

6 LAUREL - Umar for his fantastic work in RE. We discussed the prophecies about Jesus that are recorded in the Bible and asked: how is the Last Supper a prophetic event? Umar worked hard in the lesson and answered the question clearly and concisely. Well done Umar!



**When? Monday 17th &
Tuesday 18th November
3:15pm**

Where? In the Music Hut

GARDEN TOOLS WANTED!

The schools' Gardening Club would like some new garden tools!

If any parents have some unwanted tools at home which they would be willing to donate, that would be greatly appreciated.

A few garden rakes would be excellent for autumn tidying, but any other tools gratefully accepted too, eg spades, forks, trowels, etc

Please drop at the office, or contact Martin Hunter on 07812 601920

Thanks!

Gardening Club Team



additions &
changes in bold
& italics

| AUTUMN TERM DATES | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Mon 17 Nov | | Y5 Wonderdome Visit |
| Mon 17 Nov | 15:15 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Tue 18 Nov | 15:15 | Scholastic Book Fair |
| Wed 19 Nov | | Y5 Birds of Prey Visit |
| Thu 20 Nov | | Y3 to Butser Farm |
| Fri 21 Nov | 13:30-15:00 | Multiskills Tournament (selected Y3) @ St Dunstan's |
| Fri 21 Nov | after school | Y4-6 Silent Disco |
| Mon 24 Nov | | Y3 Romans & Celts Day |
| Mon 24 Nov | | Y2 Fire Service Visit |
| Wed 3 Dec | 09:00 | Engage Christmas Assembly |
| Fri 5 Dec | 18:30-21:00 | PTA Wreath Marking Workshop |
| Sat 6 Dec | 08:00-12:00 | School Christmas Tree Sale |
| Sat 6 Dec | 13:00-15:00 | School Christmas Fair |
| Wed 10 Dec | 10:00 | Reception Christmas Production @ CoGS |
| Wed 10 Dec | 14:00 | KS1 Christmas Production @ CoGS |
| Thu 11 Dec | 14:00 | KS2 Christmas Production @ CoGS |
| Fri 12 Dec | | Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch |
| Fri 12 Dec | 14:40-15:00 | <i>Squirrels Sing Christmas</i> |
| Mon 15 Dec | am | Elf visits Nursery & Reception |
| Tue 16 Dec | 08:45-09:30 | KS2 Awards Assembly |
| Tue 16 Dec | 14:40-15:00 | <i>Squirrels Sing Christmas</i> |
| Wed 17 Dec | 08:45-09:30 | EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly |
| Thu 18 Dec | 09:00 | Christmas Service @ CoGS |
| Fri 19 Dec | 12:00 | Last Day of Autumn Term |
| Mon 22 Dec - Fri 2 Jan | | CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY |



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.



Friends of Pyrford Primary School present our

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Friday 5 December

6.30pm - 8.30/9pm, School Hall

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

£42.50 per person, includes all materials for making the wreath plus a mince pie

Please bring your own gardening gloves, secateurs (if you have them) and any refreshments

Only 20 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
 Deadline for booking: 17 November



FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT OUR

CHRISTMAS FAIR

6 DEC

Save Your Toys

If you are clearing out any **games & toys (suitable for school-age children)** in the coming weeks, please consider donating them to our **Preloved Toy Stall** at the Fair

Good condition only please

We are also collecting **preloved stationery items (nearly new/light use) & fidget toys** for prizes if you have any spare

Donations to school on Friday 28 Nov please

The poster features a dark green background with gold borders. It includes illustrations of a Santa Claus head, a red and white striped candy cane, a red Christmas bauble, and several wrapped gifts at the bottom.

| SPRING TERM DATES | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|
| Mon 5 Jan | | First Day of Spring Term |
| Wed 28 Jan | | INSET DAY |
| Tue 3 Feb | 15:30 - 17:30 | Spring Term Parents Evenings |
| Thu 5 Feb | 15:30 - 19:30 | Spring Term Parents Evenings |
| Fri 6 Feb | | Y1 to Milestones Museum |
| Wed 11 Feb | | Y6 Greeks Workshop |
| Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb | | HALF TERM HOLIDAY |
| Mon 23 Feb | | Young Voices Choir to O2 |
| Mon 9 Mar | | Y3 Elm Feet First Training |
| Tue 10 Mar | | Y3 Maple Feet First Training |
| Wed 11 Mar | | Y2 to Brooklands Museum |
| Wed 18 Mar | | YN & YR Little City @ CoGS |
| Wed 25 Mar | | Y5 Vikings Workshop |
| Fri 27 Mar | 12:00 | Last Day of Spring Term |
| Mon 30 Mar - Fri 10 Apr | | EASTER HOLIDAY |

| SUMMER TERM DATES | | |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| Mon 13 Apr | | First Day of Summer Term |
| Mon 27 - Wed 29 Apr | | Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential |
| Mon 4 May | | Bank Holiday |
| Thu 7 May | | YR to Wellington Park |
| Fri 8 May | | Y4 to Hampton Court |
| Mon 11 - Thu 14 May | | Y6 SATS |
| Thu 21 May | | Y5 to Mosque |
| Mon 25 - Fri 29 May | | HALF TERM HOLIDAY |
| Wed 10 Jun | | Y1 Animal Club Workshop |
| Sat 13 Jun | | School Summer Fair |
| Tue 16 Jun | | Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral |
| Wed 17 Jun | | EYFS Minibeast Bugfest |
| Thu 18 Jun | | Y6 Lego Stem Workshop |
| Fri 19 Jun | | Y5 to Wildwood |
| Sat 20 Jun | evening | Y4 Brass Concert @ CoGS |
| Wed 24 Jun | | Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre |
| Fri 26 Jun | | Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day |
| Mon 29 Jun | | INSET DAY |
| Tue 30 Jun & Wed 1 Jul | | Forest School - 1 class per day |
| Mon 6 - Fri 10 Jul | | Y6 Osmington Bay Residential |
| Fri 17 Jul | 12:00 | Last Day of Summer Term |



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BARNARD'S

18+

Parent/Carer Well-being Group
Catalyst Support & Woking Family Centre

Being a parent/carers can bring a range of emotions and challenges that can impact our mental health. Catalyst Support & Barnardo's, are running themed support sessions. Come along for a friendly chat to help build your support network, resilience and re-focus on your own mental health and well-being.

- Scan the QR code, call or email • to register

1st & 3rd Thursday's of each month
9.15am-10.45am
(Term time, babies up to 3 months welcome in the group with their parents)

Call: 01276 409 415
Text: 07919 541 424
groups.cc@catalystsupport.org.uk
catalystsupport.org.uk




Woking Family Centre

3rd - 24th November
10.00am - 11.45am (online)

Keeping Your Child In Mind

Adults working together.

A FREE programme for parents and carers focusing on relationships within the family and the influence of parental relationships on children.

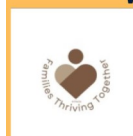
The course covers:

- Self-awareness
- Appropriate expectations
- Boundaries and positive discipline
- Understanding empathy


For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow
Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX



BARNARD'S Changing childhoods. Changing lives.



Woking Family Centre

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks
7pm - 8pm
4th November - 25th November 2025


Online SEND Support Group for Parents/Carers

Free support group for parents/carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



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West Hall
WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

West Hall luxury care home
Off Parvis Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6EY

Christmas Fair
Wednesday 19 November, 6pm-8pm

We're delighted to invite you to our Christmas Fair.

There will be a number of stalls selling Christmas decorations, candles, sweet, bags, jewellery, books and much more. Entry is free, but if you would like to make a donation, all profits will be donated to our chosen charity Marie Curie.

Please call us on **01932 338 000** to book or for further information.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Term Dates ... This Year (2025/26)

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| Friday 19th December | Term ends at 12:00 |
| Monday 5th January | First day of term |
| Wednesday 28th January | INSET DAY |
| Monday 16th - Friday 20th February | HALF TERM |
| Friday 27th March | Term ends at 12:00 |
| Monday 13th April | First day of term |
| Monday 4th May | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Monday 25th - Friday 29th May | HALF TERM |
| Monday 29th June | INSET DAY |
| Friday 17th July | Term ends at 12:00 |

Term Dates ... Next Year (2026/27)

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| Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September | INSET DAYS |
| Thursday 3rd September | Term starts for children |
| Friday 16th October | INSET DAY |
| Monday 19th - Friday 30th October | HALF TERM |
| Friday 18th December | Term ends |
| Monday 4th January | First day of term |
| Monday 15th - Friday 19th February | HALF TERM |
| Wednesday 24th March | Term ends |
| Thursday 25th March | INSET DAY |
| Monday 12th April | First day of term |
| Monday 3rd May | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June | HALF TERM |
| Monday 28th June | INSET DAY |
| Friday 23rd July | Term ends |

NDJ Productions Presents

GROOVE AND GIVE

with special guest *World-Class*
DJ Nexus

This isn't just a party – it's a community coming together to raise money for children in need this Christmas. All proceeds go directly to Lions International. Ukraine Sunflower Aid & Greatest Hits Radio Toy Appeal

📅 Saturday 6 December 2025
🕒 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM (DJ starts 8 PM sharp)
🍷 Fully licensed bar available
💎 The Arbor Centre, Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8ST
💎 Tickets: £5 + booking fee

From classic house & dance to acid house, club classics and modern anthems –
**Party hard. Give back.
Make Christmas brighter.** 🎁



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West Hall
WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

**We'd like to invite you to enjoy
Homemade Fish and Chips
Every 4th Friday in the month
at 12pm**

Fish and Chip Friday at West Hall luxury care home
Off Parvis Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6EY

We're welcoming local older people to join us for delicious home cooked Fish and Chips and friendly company. The cost of the meal will be £15, which will also include dessert and a glass of wine or another beverage.

This is by reservation only, so please call West Hall care home on **01932 338000** to reserve your place or for more information.
We look forward to seeing you.

In partnership with:

home instead **SURREY**

West Hall
WEST BYFLEET | SURREY



West Hall luxury care home
Off Parvis Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6EY

Dementia Connections Café
Tuesday 17 June, 10am – 11.30am
then every 3rd Tuesday of each month

Enjoy a cuppa, light refreshments and great company at our brand new Dementia Connections Café. The café is aimed specifically at individuals living with Dementia, their loved ones and their carers providing the opportunity to meet with others in a welcoming environment. Our aim is to invite regular guests to the café specifically those who are actively engaged in supporting those living with dementia...outlining their services and practical advice to families.

Discuss your transport needs: Contact Hamish Macdonald on **07713 669125** or by email hamish.macdonald@gw.homeinstead.co.uk

To confirm your attendance: Please email hamish.macdonald@gw.homeinstead.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you.