

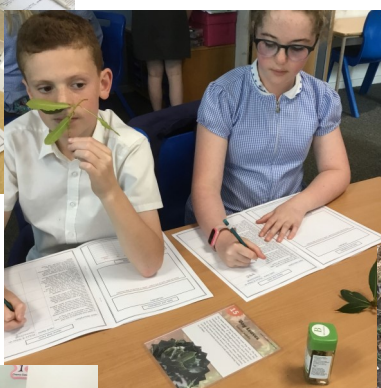
9 May 2025

Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Sights, Smells & Tastes



Year 5 have started their DT topic this half term and have had lots of fun smelling and tasting different herbs and spices. This will later help them to choose which toppings to include when making their own pizzas!



Year 2 demonstrated their creativity by making natural sculptures, inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy.



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

It's been quite a momentous week – both across the world and in school!

We took a quiet moment in assembly to reflect on **VE Day**, thinking about the importance of peace, courage and community. It was a chance for the children to consider the past while looking to the future with hope. We were also pleased to welcome **Rev. Nick from the Church of the Good Shepherd** for his first whole school assembly – a lovely opportunity to strengthen our links with the local community.

One of the most exciting developments this week has been the arrival of our **ducklings**! The children have been absolutely captivated watching them hatch and settle into their new surroundings. It's been a magical experience – sparking awe, curiosity and a lot of very good questions!

In the wider world, there was also the historic announcement of a **new Pope**, so all in all, there has been a great deal going on!

A heartfelt **thank you** for your support of **mufti day** on Wednesday, raising money for **Momentum**. If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, I believe there's still time. Your generosity helps raise valuable funds for this wonderful charity, and we are proud to be part of such a caring school community.

Next week, our intrepid **Year 6 pupils** will be tackling their **SATs**, and I want each and every one of them to know just how proud we are of the hard work they've put in. They've done everything they can to prepare, and we're committed to making next week as calm and supportive as possible to help them feel confident and ready.

Keeping to routines and structure will help everyone stay relaxed and focused – knowing what to expect always makes things feel more manageable. But it's also important to remember that **SATs are only one small snapshot**. They don't measure creativity, kindness, humour or courage – and those are just some of the qualities we value most in our pupils.

We believe in every single one of you. SATs are just a moment in time – important for school, yes, but not something that will define your future.

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone rested and ready for an exciting week ahead!

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



The first two to hatch

Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning

Roblox, the popular minecraft 'style' game has announced a new raft of parental controls. The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new raft of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner.

Parents will now be able to block individuals who communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users. If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow the link below for more:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-launches-new-parental->

6 HOLLY - Adam In RE we have been learning about the origins of Buddhism and the Four Noble Truths. Adam wrote an informative paragraph about how Prince Siddhartha Guatama left his life in the palace looking for answers to life, found enlightenment and became Buddha, and about the Four Noble Truths. Great work Adam. Well done.

6 LAUREL - Thea for her impressive work in English this year. She has been working very hard, listening carefully to comments and suggestions to improve her writing. She should be very proud of her work. Well done Thea!

Beating asthma together- parent and carers session (Online) 18th June 7.30-8pm

The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma.

Let's tackle asthma head-on — together!

Understand what asthma *really* is

- ☐ Spot the signs before they escalate
- ☐ Learn what works – at home and in school
- ☐ Build a solid action plan
- ☐ Get expert answers to your questions

Clear. Practical. Life-saving.

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared [click here to book](#)

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Good quality pre-loved uniform items available in a range of sizes

The PTA are now running the uniform shop

- Email: pyrforduniform@gmail.com with your request
- Collections/donations: meet at the portacabin (back playground) on Fridays at 3pm
- Cash or card accepted - proceeds go to the school!

EMAIL: PYRFORDUNIFORM@GMAIL.COM

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.

Join us at
Ripley Farmers' Market
ON
SATURDAY 10TH MAY
9 AM - 1 PM
ON
THE RIPLEY GREEN

FOR A HEARTWARMING
FUNDRAISING EVENT
IN SUPPORT OF
MOMENTUM CHILDREN'S
CHARITY

What's Happening?

- Huxley's Birds of Prey Display
- Meet Mo the Owl, Momentum's feathered mascot
- Face Painting & Pick-a-Lolly Fun
- Delicious Brownies

Let's come together as a community to make a difference.

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 13 May	15:30-16:30	Y3/Y4 Netball Team @ New Haw Juniors
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry)
Mon 19 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Technical Rehearsal
Tue 20 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Dress Rehearsal to school
Tue 20 May	pm	North Surrey School Chess Tournament
Tue 20 May	16:00-17:00	Y3/4 Cross Country Team @ Hoe Bridge
Wed 21 May		Class Photos
Wed 21 May		Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit
Wed 21 May	14:15	Y3/4 Production @ CoGS
Thu 22 May	am	YR Fire Service Visit
Thu 22 & Fri 23 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Thu 22 May	12:30-16:30	Y5 Boys Cricket Team @ Old Woking Cricket Club
Fri 23 May		National Numeracy Day - Number Mufti
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 2 Jun		Class Photos
Thu 5 Jun	13:30	KS2 Author Visit
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Mon 9 Jun		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Wed 11 Jun		EYFS Bugfest
Wed 11 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y5/Y6 Quad Kids (District Sports Team) @ Sportsbox
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Thu 12 Jun	12:30-16:30	Y5/Y6 Girls Cricket Team @ Old Woking Cricket Club
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Tue 17 Jun	15:30-17:00	Y5/Y6 Netball Team to Netball Rally @ Hoe Bridge
Thu 19 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y3/Y4 Quadkids (District Sports) @ Sportsbox
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Sat 21 Jun	18:30-21:00	Swim Gala @ Guildford Spectrum
Mon 23 Jun	am	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Wed 25 Jun	am	KS2 Sports Day
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Sat 28 Jun	13:00-15:00	PTA Summer Fair
Sat 28 Jun	18:00	Brass Concert @ CoGS
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY

SUMMER TERM DATES contd		
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Fri 4 Jul	13:00-15:00	Y4 (selected pupils) Tennis Festival @ Pirbright
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Thu 10 Jul	16:00-17:30	Y3/4 (selected pupils) Tri-Golf @ St Dunstan's
Thu 17 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

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Trophies, Medals and prizes will also be awarded!

We will finish each day with a small sided tournament.

It's your time to shine!

Unbeatable Prices for an Unbeatable Service

May Half Term 2025

Date

• Friday 30th May

Venue

• Send Primary School

For more information and to book your child's place, please visit our website

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Multi Game

Athletics

Handball

Team building

Capture the flag

Pickleball

Basketball

Baseball

Tchoukball

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For more information and to book your child's place, please visit our website

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At **Valentino Schoolwear** we know things continue to be very hard for many of us right now,

so, once again, we're ensuring our **Annual Discount Promotion** for 2025 is **available online and in-store** for our customers.



15% OFF All school uniform purchases: **19th – 25th May 2025**

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Pyrford Primary
School's

SUMMER FAIR

Sat 28 June
1-3pm

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Woking Family Centre

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks

3rd June- 24th June 2025
7pm - 8.30pm

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

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Woking Family Centre

Every Friday - 4 weeks

6th June- 27th June 2025
11:30 - 1pm

The Parenting Puzzle

This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges supporting a calmer family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

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Parent and carer support

Supporting children who face additional challenges can be difficult at times. With that in mind, the Hope Service has created a space for groups of parents and carers to come together on a regular basis to discuss the challenges they face in a confidential and supportive environment.

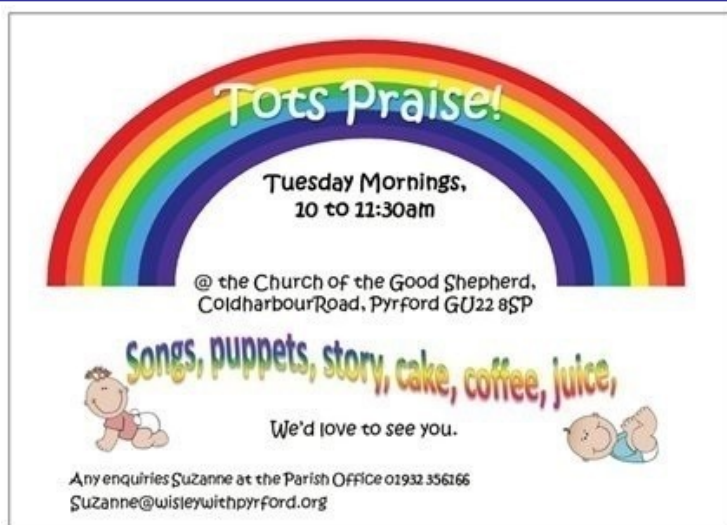
These groups are specifically for parents and carers of children who would like additional support. You will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and receive support towards managing the often complex situations you find yourselves in. This is not a parenting class, rather a non-judgemental support group and we encourage you to talk about whatever seems most important.

Support is offered via Microsoft Teams by Hope staff members, which could include a Therapist, Nurse, Teacher, Social Worker and Hope day programme staff or outside facilitators.

The following link details the sessions on offer:

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/15wPURrH3sqdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvjpOmfho-JzvP7c1OsGi2TUbNQ9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support>

Tuesday 13 May 5 - 6 pm	Trauma: What do we understand about Trauma and the impact on your young person's mental health?
Tuesday 27 May 5 - 6 pm	Sleep hygiene and Self Care: How can you support your young person who has interrupted sleep and is struggling to care for themselves.



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

- 9:00am to 11:00am. Hall and play area in Church are open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.