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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Golden Book Artistic Highlights



Eddie's volcanic landscape in the style of Renoir



Niamh's sunset landscape



Matilda M's watercolour of Juniper Hall



Indigo's Monet-style watercolour of Box Hill



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Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done for making it to the half-term holidays! This first half-term has been a long eight weeks, and it's safe to say that everyone is ready for a well-earned break. There's so much new learning for the children as they move up the school, and that can be incredibly tiring - so this week's rest comes as a welcome relief. It's a great chance for everyone to recharge their batteries before we steel ourselves for the run-up to the end of term and, of course, Christmas!

We were delighted to welcome Rector Nick this Thursday to lead our collective worship. We're incredibly fortunate to have such a fantastic relationship with the church next door, and even more so to have Nick as our Rector. He hopes to visit us every half-term, as he did last year, and the children really enjoyed his reflections on how we can find God anywhere - in the moment - and know that God is always with us.

Although you're receiving this newsletter today, school is closed for INSET. I thought you might like to know a little about the training staff are taking part in. We're joining colleagues from across the Trust to explore inclusive practice. We're lucky to have a guest speaker from the *When the Adults Change* group, as well as input from Pond Meadow, a special school that the Trust has partnered with to help improve practice across all our schools. It promises to be a valuable day and plenty of food for thought as we continue striving to offer all our children the very best.

I received the first draft of the SIAMS report yesterday, which means we should be in a position to publish it during the first week back. We can't wait to share it with you once all the i's have been dotted and t's crossed. Speaking of sharing good news, I know many parents often recommend our school to others, and I'd like to draw your attention to our Open Day for prospective parents, taking place on **Thursday 6th November** at 10am, 2pm and 7pm and there is no need to book. If you know of any families looking for Reception places in the local area for **September 2026**, please do encourage them to come along to one of our sessions that day to see the school in action. It's always lovely to spread the word!

Lastly, I'd like to wish all our families who celebrate, a very happy and joyful Diwali! May your celebrations be filled with light, happiness, and togetherness.

Have a wonderful half-term break.

Mr D

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



**Poppy products
go on sale at
school on
Monday 3rd
November**



Snapband £1.50



Reflector £1



**Festival Band
assorted colours £1**



**Paper poppy
50p**

Selling to:

**Years 5 & 6 - Monday 3rd November
Years 3 & 4 - Tuesday 4th November
Years 1 & 2 - Wednesday 5th November
Reception & Nursery - Thursday 6th November
All Year Groups - Friday 7th November**

Behaviour Blog



Behaviour Tip: FEAR response

Understanding the way we respond to tricky behaviour is useful. We often experience FEAR (False Experiences Appearing Real). The escalation of our own worries can take us from seeing our children showing age-appropriate resistance to worrying they will be terrible humans and spend their lives alone. Try to identify the next time FEAR shapes the way you react to your child's behaviour.

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS WANTED

11:30 - 1:15 term time only Various days available

We are looking for friendly members of staff to work in our lunch hall and in the playgrounds during lunch break.

Please contact: j.rashbrook@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk for more information / application form.



SCHOOL PHOTOS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our photographer will be in school on Wednesday 5th and 12th November to take individual photos of the children and sibling groups.

Depending on what the classes have planned, your child may be photographed on either day so **they should be in full, smart uniform on both days**. Years R-2 should wear a jumper or cardigan and Years 3-6 should be in their blazer.

Year 3 and Aspen and Laurel classes have PE on Wednesdays but **should come to school in their uniform and bring in their PE kit to change in to later**.

We will be in touch with those children not in Squirrels on a Wednesday to arrange a time for them to come in to be photographed, and with their siblings if applicable.

Just a reminder...



♦The school car park off Peatmore Avenue is a staff only car park and parents should not use it unless they are displaying a permit in their car (these can be collected from the office by those parents currently allowed to do so).

♦School meals for next term can now be ordered on Scopay, including the Christmas Lunch. Please make sure that you have ordered meals for the first day back at least 48 hours beforehand.

♦Please bring Breakfast Club & Treetops accounts up to date.

♦Please name everything that your child brings in to school - uniform, lunch boxes, snack pots, water bottles - and remember to check regularly that the labelling is still clear. We can return lost property if it is named.

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Hunain We have been talking to the children about Autumn and watching the leaves change colour and fall from the trees. Hunain spent a long time sweeping the leaves in the nursery garden, creating a big pile. Sweeping is great for developing gross motor skills. Thank you Hunain for looking after our garden!

R BEECH - Idris C for showing determination and resilience in PE. We have been learning to land jumps safely and with control. Idris found this tricky to start with but has persisted and can now land with control and strength. Well done!

R HAZEL - Edith who always shows that she's ready to learn. She listens well during our Phonics lessons and joins in enthusiastically when we're practising our sounds and letters. Well done Edith for being a Phonic Super Star and for setting such a wonderful example to your friends.

1 OAK - Theodore for his amazing Maths work. We've been learning how parts can be added together to make a whole and Theodore has been a superstar at using the multilink cubes to find the total. He counted each piece very carefully and made sure his answers were accurate. What's even more fantastic is that he was able to work independently. Well done Theodore - he should feel really proud of himself, just as Miss Daly is of him!

1 PINE - George for his brilliant effort in gymnastics. He showed great focus and determination, climbing all the way to the top of the ladder and confidently showing off his fantastic shapes on the apparatus. Well done George - what super strength and balance!

2 CEDAR - Eddie We have been learning about different techniques to create landscapes. At the end of our unit, the children picked their favourite technique. Eddie created a wonderful landscape of a volcano in the style of Renoir (see front page). It's amazing - well done Eddie!

2 HAWTHORN - Niamh We've been looking at different artists in our Art lessons this half term. Niamh used what she's learned to create her own landscape (see front page). Mrs Porter particularly likes her choice of colours to produce a wonderful sunset. Well done Niamh!

3 ELM - Umar We have started to explore forces in our Science lessons. Umar carefully investigated the push and pull forces he used to move a range of objects, explaining his work neatly and clearly. Excellent work Umar!

3 MAPLE - Laila In Maths we have been learning to subtract 3-digit numbers with exchange. Laila worked so hard all week and Mrs Goree is so proud to have seen her confidence grow with the column method. Well done Laila!

4 ALDER - Nomu In PSHE we have been thinking about being kind and using words of affirmation. Nomu made this beautiful card for a friend and wrote a very kind message inside. Well done Nomu!

4 LARCH - Théo who has been working really hard at his reading, reflected in the amazing progress he has made. Well done Théo. We are very proud of you.

5 ROWAN - Matilda M who produced a fabulous watercolour painting of Juniper Hall (see front page). She skilfully used a range of techniques to show light and shade, beautifully capturing the mood of the scene. A truly impressive piece of artwork - well done Matilda!

5 WILLOW - Indigo In Year 5 we have been developing our watercolour painting skills, inspired by the wonderful work of Claude Monet. Well done Indigo for her fantastic landscape of Box Hill

(see front page). She clearly showed careful brushwork, thoughtful colour choices and creativity. Well done!

6 ASPEN - Caitlin for her fantastic work in RE. Her picture shows the Trinity beautifully. Well done for including images of the hand, the cross and the dove. It is so eye-catching!

6 HOLLY - Aarav for writing a fabulous account of Plant Adaptation. He included sub-headings of different habitats of the desert, water, forests and polar regions. His labelled diagrams are clear and show that he has understood the way in which each species has adapted to its environment. Well done Aarav - a super piece of work.

6 LAUREL - Caspian for his brilliant work about plant and animal adaptation. It's labelled very clearly, organised into paragraphs and subheadings, and very informative. Keep up the great work!



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changes in bold
& italics

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Mon 27 - Fri 31 Oct		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wed 5 Nov		Individual & Sibling Photos DAY 1
Thu 6 Nov	10:00 14:00 19:00	Prospective Parent Tours
<i>Fri 7 Nov</i>	<i>12:30-15:00</i>	<i>Basketball Tournament (selected Y5 & 6) @ Woking Leisure Centre</i>
Tue 11 Nov		Flu Vaccinations & YR/Y6 Measurement Programme
Wed 12 Nov		Individual & Sibling Photos DAY 2
Wed 12 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Mon 17 Nov		Y5 Wonderdome Visit
Wed 19 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Visit
Thu 20 Nov		Y3 to Butser Farm
<i>Fri 21 Nov</i>	<i>13:30-15:00</i>	<i>Multiskills Tournament (selected Y3) @ St Dunstan's</i>
<i>Fri 21 Nov</i>	<i>after school</i>	<i>Y4-6 Silent Disco</i>
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		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
Mon 15 Dec	am	Elf visits Nursery & Reception
Tue 16 Dec	08:45-09:30	KS2 Awards Assembly
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 a gold border. It includes illustrations of a Santa Claus head, a red and white striped candy cane, a red Christmas bauble, and a white snowflake. At the bottom, there are illustrations of wrapped Christmas gifts.

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
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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SUPPORTING WELLNESS TOGETHER

BARNARDO'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

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

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)




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.

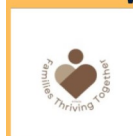
The course covers:

- 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



BARNARDO'S Changing childhood
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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Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum

Should Pyrford have a Parish Council?

At the request of the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum, Woking Borough Council (WBC) is consulting Pyrford residents on whether the Pyrford Neighbourhood Area should have a Parish Council.

Please complete the WBC consultation to share your views

wokingsays.woking.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/pyrfordcgr

The consultation runs from 1 October to 30 November



A Parish Council provides true localised consultation and decision making accountable to the local electorate. It can provide key local assets and services such as community centres, playgrounds, green spaces and allotments. It promotes a sense of place, pride and belonging in the community. This is particularly important at this time because by April 2027 Woking Borough Council will cease to exist and local decisions will be made by a Unitary Authority (West Surrey) representing around 500,000 people. A Parish Council will give us a local voice.

For more information visit the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum website at
pyrfordforum.org
where you can also leave comments and ask questions.

What should I do?

Speak to an adult at school

Once school know, they can make sure you get the support you need.

Referral to Surrey Young Carers

School can also refer you to us, Surrey Young Carers. Or your parent/guardian can refer you. Visit our website to find out more www.actionforcarers.org.uk/syc

Supporting schools

Surrey Young Carers can support schools too, training teachers, providing free resources, assembly support and more! We also have an accreditation scheme, the Angel Award. More on our website.

Get in touch

Call us on 0303 040 1234 or email syc@actionforcarers.org.uk. Or find out more at www.actionforcarers.org.uk/syc

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There's help for you

Surrey Young Carers (part of charity Action for Carers) is here to help Surrey's carers aged 5-17.

Depending on your situation, and how much caring you do, you'll be offered different levels of support.

However, all young carers registered with us:

- Get support from our friendly and caring staff
- Can attend our 'drop ins' (youth clubs) that take place at venues across Surrey
- Get regular newsletters
- Are invited to a 'family fun day' every year
- Can join our **Young Carers Forum**, to share views and influence changes for young carers
- Are invited to other events, dependent on need

Caring roles can change over time, so we encourage our registered young carers to get in touch if they are experiencing difficulties, and if their situation changes.

Please get in touch today to find out how we can help YOU.



Are you helping to look after someone in your family?

Could you be a YOUNG CARER?



"As soon as I joined things started to get easier. I met other young people in the same boat as me, and I have a better social life too. It's made such a difference."
Young carer

What's the definition of a young carer?

"We're under 18 and provide unpaid help and support for someone with a long term physical disability, mental health condition or problems with drugs and alcohol."

"Sometimes the person we care for relies on us and wouldn't be able to function without our help and support."

"We care for them not only practically but emotionally as well."

But there's help out there. Your school can offer you a lot of extra support once they know you're a young carer. Many schools have things like carers' clubs or extra time for home work, to help make life a bit easier for you.

And **Surrey Young Carers**, Action for Carers' service for carers aged 5-17, can also offer loads of help – advice, information, youth clubs, fun events and more. **See reverse for details.**

"Things have improved for me lately because one of the teachers has taken an interest and asked me how things were at home. I felt better once I told him, and I know he understands and will speak up for me if I get into trouble with homework or am late."

Matthew, aged 14



So what might you be doing as a young carer?

Providing emotional support for someone in your family. This could be your mum if she is depressed or helping to calm down your brother/sister when they are angry. Listening to their worries, reassuring them and keeping them company.

If your parent has a mental health problem you may have to cope with them being anxious and worried or cope with mood swings and unusual behaviour.



You might have to do lots of extra chores, much more than your friends

Having extra responsibilities at home that your non caring friends don't. This could be, collecting the washing, mopping the floor, making breakfast, hoovering and watching over your family.

You might be...

- Helping to fill out forms/ managing bills and budgets.
- Taking them to the doctors and/or hospital appointments for check ups.
- Helping them to get ready, feeding them, making sure they are alright and telling them that everything is going to be ok.
- Translating for them if English isn't their first language or if they have a speech or hearing issue.

And all of this whilst trying to get yourself ready for school/college, do your homework AND see your friends.



It can be stressful and it can be hard to find time for you.

GIRLS FOOTBALL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



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Fun football for Girls of all abilities!
A BRILLIANT
INTRODUCTION TO
THE BEAUTIFUL GAME
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WHERE?

School Field
Pyrford C of E
Primary
School

AGE?

School Year
3, 4, 5 & 6

WHEN?

Thursday's
3.15pm - 4.15pm

PRICE?

£64.00

DATES?

Thursday 6th November
Thursday 13th November
Thursday 20th November
Thursday 27th November
Thursday 4th December
Thursday 11th December
Thursday 18th December



If you would like to book your daughter onto the 7-week course, please contact us by email.

Account: TA SPORTS LTD Account number: 97002767 Sort Code: 040003

M:07825 089500

E:tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk

FREE PLAY & LEARN
SESSION

BARNARD'S

WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

DROP-IN & JOIN US FOR MESSY PLAY

PLAYDOUGH, ARTS, CRAFTS & HEALTHY EATING

FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER 2025

12:00pm- 1:30pm



For more information contact:
wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
01483 310419

Suitable for children 0-11 years (older siblings are welcome)

Woking Family Centre, Sythwood,
Woking, GU21 3AX



HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

AT WOKING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

THE CLUBHOUSE

Everyone's
welcome

Come on
in!

9:15am-
12:30pm

For children in
school years
Reception to
year 6

Tuesday 28th

Thursday 30th October

£5 per day or £12 for all three days
Siblings £4 per day or £10 for all three days
wokingurc.org.uk



A URC Holiday club resource

Booking open 23rd September - 5th October



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

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	HALF TERM
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)

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

SEEING
YOUR
CHILD
GOD'S
WAY



a new pair of glasses
Session 1



catching vision
Session 2



looking treasure
Session 3



releasing
Session 4



Session 6

WEDNESDAYS
10AM
6 WEEKS START
1ST OCTOBER
@ Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford