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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Sports Day Fun



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents

What a fantastic week it's been at school!

First of all, we hope you enjoyed all the action at Sports Day events! It was wonderful to see so many of you cheering from the sidelines and supporting your children. The atmosphere was brilliant — full of smiles, encouragement, and a healthy bit of competition. From our youngest in Nursery and Reception, through KS1 and right up to KS2, every child gave it their all and had a brilliant time.

A big thank you goes to Mrs Schifano for her energetic compering — keeping us informed and entertained with music and commentary during both events. And of course, a huge shoutout to Mrs Steen, who put an incredible amount of planning and effort into making both events run so smoothly. We're very lucky to have them both!

Year 6 had an exciting opportunity this week with a hands-on LEGO workshop linked to their learning in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM). They had a blast building and programming their models to complete a range of challenges — future engineers in the making!

Meanwhile, Year 5 were busy testing their bravery and teamwork skills at Wild Wood Adventure in Guildford. They tackled the high and low ropes course with bags of enthusiasm and resilience — well done, Year 5!

And now, we turn our eyes to tomorrow... it's time for the **School Fair!** The PTA have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to put together a fun-filled day for everyone. All proceeds will go towards fantastic projects for next year. This year we have benefited hugely from the fundraising the team do including developing our nature garden, enhancing resources for Reception and Year 1, and providing every classroom with a "Calm Box" to support wellbeing. Every penny raised makes a real difference — thank you for your ongoing support!

To top off the weekend, **Year 4 families** are invited to enjoy a Brass Concert at the church on Saturday evening — a lovely way to end a busy week.

Finally, a quick reminder that **school is closed for an INSET day on Monday and the two-week October half term** as mentioned in last week's newsletter, starts in **2026**.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you at the Fair tomorrow!

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Husayn who is always interested and always exploring. This week he has really enjoyed playing outside in our nursery garden, climbing, balancing and jumping. He is proud of himself and we are very proud of him!

Francesca who is gaining more confidence at nursery each week. She is exploring more outside and enjoying climbing on the trimtrail. Well done Francesca!

Ezra who has also had a wonderful week in Squirrels. We are watching some caterpillars as they grow and change and Ezra has been very interested, looking at them carefully and telling the adults what he has noticed. He also made a playdough caterpillar. Well done Ezra, we really love your curiosity!

R BEECH & HAZEL - All of Reception for all doing so well during our Sports Day this week. We loved seeing them try their best and having so much fun cheering their friends on. A special mention to **Milly** in Hazel Class who showed super resilience and **George** from Beech who was a sports super star!

1 OAK - Angus for the excellent rubbings he created in Art where we have been learning about mark making. Angus demonstrated patience and curiosity in his learning and Miss Daly loved the leaf prints he created. Well done Angus!

1 PINE - All of Pine Class Miss Adams was so proud of everyone in Pine Class at Sports Day. They all tried their best and showed great sporting attitude.

2 CEDAR - Aria and Hassan for creating fantastic poems all about happiness using a range of similes. They have both presented their work beautifully and thought of fantastic similes - well done both of you!

2 HAWTHORN - Amaya In RE this week, Amaya thought carefully about how objects and places help people to pray. She also talked about the similarities and differences. Well done Amaya!

3 ELM - Zahra for her fantastic work in Maths throughout Year 3. She has tackled all her learning with great enthusiasm and Mrs Brockway has taken great pleasure in seeing her progress. Great work Zahra!

3 MAPLE - Ibrahim for designing and making such a delicious looking savoury muffin. We hope it tasted nice. He enjoyed making his muffin and followed the instructions perfectly. Well done Ibrahim!

4 ALDER - Emily who has worked hard at her writing throughout Year 4. Her handwriting is beautiful and neatly joined. She thinks carefully about the creativity of her sentences which makes it enjoyable to read. Well done Emily.

4 LARCH - Austin for his enthusiasm and attitude in all our PE lessons. He has recently represented the school in the district athletics and the gala and has excelled in them both. He is always a pleasure to take to events and demonstrates excellent manners and sportsmanship.

5 CHERRY - Hugo for his fantastic work in Science. Year 5 are learning about the process of metamorphosis of insects and amphibians and Hugo created some excellent life cycles showing both the complete and incomplete metamorphosis of a mosquito and a grasshopper. Well done Hugo, great work

5 ROWAN - Henry for his amazing effort in Maths. Year 5 have been learning how to convert different units of measurement, which can be quite challenging - but Henry has done a brilliant job! Miss Wilson has been really impressed with how hard he has worked and how much he's improved. Well done Henry - keep up the great work!

5 WILLOW - Alana This is the second time this year Alana has appeared in the Golden Book. This latest recognition celebrates the incredible selflessness she demonstrated during last week's girls' cricket competition. In the final match, Alana volunteered to step back - giving her place to another teammate - so that others could have their moment on the field. This decision reflects a remarkable level of maturity, generosity and wisdom, showing that Alana consistently embodies the values we hold dear at Pyrford School. Mrs Woodhams couldn't be prouder and more inspired to have someone who leads with such love and insight in our community. A huge congratulation Alana - well done! Your actions are a shining example to everyone around you.

6 HOLLY - Munis This week Year 6 had a STEM Lego workshop when we learnt how to programme and build moving models. Mrs Bull was really impressed with how well Munis approached this task, working with a partner and following the instructions to make a moving robot. Well done Munis - super work with coding and building your model.

6 LAUREL - Max who impressed Mrs Gilbey so much with his heard work in Science. Max explained how keys can be used to identify living things. He then created his own branching key to identify a group of insects. Well done Max - keep up the great work.

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Fri 27 Jun	15:20-15:50	EYFS/KS1 Friendly Friday
Sat 28 Jun	13:00-15:00	PTA Summer Fair
Sat 28 Jun	18:00	Brass Concert @ CoGS
Mon 30 Jun	INSET DAY	
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	
Tue 8 Jul	after school	Charity Lemonade & Biscuit Stall
Thu 10 Jul	16:00-17:30	Y3/4 (selected pupils) Tri-Golf @ St Dunstan's
Tue 15 Jul	08:45	EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
Wed 16 Jul	08:45	KS2 Awards Assembly
Wed 17 Jul	Reception Mini Beast Ball	
Thu 17 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term



On Saturday we took a team of 24 children to the district swim gala at Guildford Spectrum. It was an incredibly exciting evening and we were so impressed with all the children. It was such a pleasure to be there and see how well they supported and encouraged each other. We came 5th overall with some of our children placing in gold, silver and bronze in their races. A huge thank you to our Pyrford support team who cheered us all along!





SPORTS STARS

This year each class teacher was asked to nominate a Sports Star. These children were chosen for epitomising the spirit of Pyrford Primary Sports Day. A very big well done to them all.



SPORTS STARS	
Squirrels	Toby Igboebisi
Beech	George Gray
Hazel	Milly Bell
Oak	Bobby Goree
Pine	James Mann
Cedar	Maisie Waite
Hawthorn	Haseeb Ahmed
Elm	Poppy Skeat
Maple	Sofi Walton
Alder	Rupert Daniell
Larch	Mikaela Brien
Cherry	Lizzie Whyman-Taylor
Rowan	Xanthe Wilkins
Willow	Dima Algiro
Holly	William Skeat
Laurel	Hibah Mushtaq



KS1 Longest Standing Jump		KS1 Furthest Throw	
Oak	Roman Borovskyi & Sydney Osei-Boateng	Oak	Angus Magowan & Thea Seabourn
Pine	Safa Aslam	Pine	Zoe Hagell & Max Lamb
Cedar	Benny Coventy & Maggie Smith	Cedar	Zachary Beattie & Maggie Smith
Hawthorn	Tara Highton & Aidan Stephens	Hawthorn	Tara Highton & Sebastian McArthur

KS2 Longest Standing Jump		
Elm	Olivia Best	Charlie Wiggins
Maple	Fionnuala Schifano	Finley Lamb
Alder	Ginny Wood	Ben Williams
Larch	Becky Igboebisi	Jay Doyle
Cherry	Olivia Steen	Jago Anderson
Rowan	Nicole Gelsthorpe	Freddie Smith
Willow	Alana Foote	James Clothier
Holly	Tilly Waldron	Liam Makuyana
Laurel	Charlotte Pusey	William Skeat

KS2 Furthest Throw		
Elm	Nell Young	David Musca
Maple	Ava Marais	Luca Cheney-Hackman
Alder	Taylor Haiden	Abdul-Qaadhir Shafique
Larch	Matilda Clements	Toby Brewster
Cherry	Olivia Steen	Lincoln Evans
Rowan	Nicole Gelsthorpe	Martin Bahin
Willow	Alana Foote	Jacob Jones
Holly	Abbie Napier	Henry Sutherland
Laurel	Holly Hope	Matthew Walker-Downie




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

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September	INSET DAYS
Thursday 4th September	Term starts for children
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY
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 ... The Year After (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



Woking Family Centre

Every Thursday - 4 weeks

24th July - 14th August 2025
7pm - 8pm

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.

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Wednesday 20th August 2025

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SUMMER HOLIDAY 2025

Date

Venue

• Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th August • Send Primary School

Full Days • Time 9.30am to 3.00pm

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

Tel: 01932 873131

Email: info@multisportsdevelopmentcentres.co.uk



We can currently only accept the following donations

- white polo shirts (in good condition)
 - PE shorts
 - blazers

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- 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



Pyrford Primary School's



SUMMER FAIR

Sat 28 June, 1-3pm

ON THE SCHOOL FIELD

Entrance via Peatmore Ave.

Join us for some family fun....

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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.

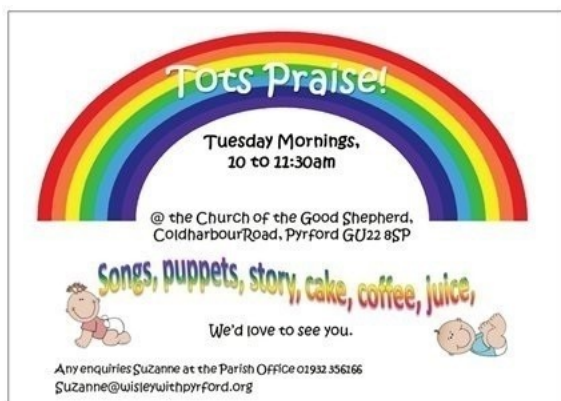
These groups are specifically for parents and carers of children who would like additional support. You will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and receive support towards managing the often complex situations you find yourselves in. This is not a parenting class, rather a non-judgemental support 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/15wPURrH3sgdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvipOmfo-JzvP7c1OsGj2TUbNQU9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support>

Tuesday 8 July	Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process: A question and answer session around the EHCP process and the criteria for an EHCP.
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