

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Year 3 highlights

On Friday, ten Year 3 children joined six other schools at St Dunstan's for a multi-sports afternoon. The children participated in a wide range of activities including netball, basketball, hockey and football. Their brilliant skills and behaviour were a credit to the school.



Monday was our fabulous Romans and Celts Day. The morning was devoted to learning about the Roman army and Boudicca's uprising, while in the afternoon the Celts painted their faces and we all headed into battle!



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# Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a slightly quieter week in school, with some classes beginning their assessments and others preparing to start theirs next week. I've also seen a huge amount of excitement and hard work going into the all-important Christmas performances. It's hard to believe that next week we'll be opening advent calendars and welcoming the Christmas season - this year, and especially this term, has flown by!

This week we completed our assembly theme, exploring the wonderful artwork of Jacqui Parkinson and reflecting on key moments in Jesus' story. We ended by thinking about *surprises* and *hope*: the surprise felt by the disciples when Jesus rose from the tomb, and the hope his return brought. We also discussed how we can offer hope to one another when times are difficult.

Our netball team put on a fantastic performance against Greenfield School, who travelled to Pyrford for their match. Our girls were triumphant and thoroughly enjoyed the experience - it was wonderful to see their pride and team spirit. That same pride shone through during our first prospective parent tour on Thursday, where over 15 visitors were warmly welcomed by our brilliant Year 6 ambassadors. The feedback was hugely positive, and it was a pleasure to showcase our school. If you know families looking for Reception places for September 2026, please encourage them to contact the school office - we have a few more tour dates available before the deadline.

And of course... Christmas is officially in the air! We're very much looking forward to seeing many of you at the Christmas Fair on **Saturday 6th**. Not only is it a wonderful community event, but it's also a major fundraiser for our PTA. This year, the PTA is supporting several significant school projects, including the new swimming pool changing rooms and our JOY project, so every contribution makes a real difference. The festivities begin on **Friday 5th** with Mufti Day - let the fun begin!

Have a great weekend.

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

We are looking to expand our collection of quiet outdoor playground games for the KS2 children to use at lunchtime, and we would be very grateful for your help.

If you have any games of **chess, snakes and ladders, Connect 4 or Jenga**, or any large scale **garden/outdoor games** that you no longer use, we would be delighted to give them a new home at school. Games with larger pieces or sturdy boards are especially useful for outdoor play. Donations don't need to be new, gently used sets in good condition are perfect.

If you have anything you'd be happy to pass on, please send it in with your child or drop it at the school office marked for Mrs Murray's attention.

Thank you so much for your support in helping us enrich the children's playtime activities.



## Behaviour Tip:

Try to replace 'stop that' (or various connotations of it) with something more preventative. Try 'Remember our rule about' or 'I need you to' or 'Do you remember last week when you ate all of your dinner without fuss? That's what I need from you now, thank you'.



# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Alayna & Alice** Last week we read the story *Owl Babies*. We began by sharing what we already knew about owls and then explored some new and interesting facts. Alayna and Alice used the resources to create their own wonderful owl pictures. Well done girls!

**R BEECH - Blayke** for trying extra hard in her writing. We wrote about celebrations we have had. She listened carefully for all the sounds and tried to form her letters correctly too. Well done Blayke, keep up the good work!

**R HAZEL - Mabel** for working very hard on her Maths task. She was able to show all the pairs of cubes that make 5 and write down the number of cubes that had been coloured. She was very proud to show Mrs Freeman her work. We are very proud of her!

**1 OAK - Elsie** In English we have been using text maps to help us learn more facts about penguins, inspired by our text *The Emperor's Egg*. Miss Daly loves how enthusiastic Elsie has been about discovering what penguins are like and where they live. In her writing, Elsie has accurately used and capitalised proper nouns to show that penguins live in Antarctica. She always tries her best in everything she does and her writing is no exception. Well done Elsie!

**1 PINE - Albie** for his fantastic efforts in Music. In Year 1 we have been learning to keep the beat to music with different tempos and used the djembes (African drums) for the first time. Albie was calm and respectful while waiting for his turn and kept perfectly to the beat. Well done Albie!

**2 CEDAR - Livai** We have been learning about 2D shapes. Livai made 2D shapes using the geoboards and described their properties using the correct terminology.

**2 HAWTHORN - Alex** for showing fantastic knowledge in our History lessons where he remembered many facts about The Great Fire of London. He pretended he was Samuel Pepys and wrote his diary. Well done Alex!

**3 ELM - Harry** for the brilliant contribution he made to our Romans and Celts Day. His interest and enthusiasm were evident throughout the day and he completed some excellent work, as well as enjoying our battle. Wonderful work Harry!

**3 MAPLE - Horatio** On Monday we had our Roman and Celts Day in Year 3. Horatio enjoys history and worked so hard all morning. When learning about why the Roman army was successful, Horatio explained in detail what a Roman soldier needed. Mrs Goree is really proud of all his work. Well done Horatio!

**4 ALDER - Eadie** In Geography we are learning about different biomes across the world. Eadie listened carefully to the information about the tundra, took detailed notes and produced an excellent page filled with facts.

**4 LARCH - Jake** In Year 4 we have been exploring how water can change states. Jake was a very inquisitive scientist and impressed us with his knowledge and understanding. He explained what he noticed using scientific vocabulary!

**5 ROWAN - Jack** for producing an exceptional piece of work on the Mayan civilization, demonstrating a high level of understanding, organisation and attention to detail. His carefully constructed storyboard presents the Mayan creation story with clarity and coherence, reflecting his thoughtful interpretation. In addition, his accurately designed map effectively illustrates the regions where the Ancient Maya lived, showcasing his ability to apply geographical knowledge with precision. Super work Jack, well done!

**5 WILLOW - Figen** for creating a fantastic story map of the creation story according to the Ancient Maya civilisation. Her description of each part is brilliant and she explained her ideas clearly with lovely illustrations. It is obvious that she spent lots of time and effort on her work - well done!

**6 ASPEN - Mia** for her wonderful Christmas artwork. She took such great care over her work. Mrs Brockway loves the way she blended the colours, as well as how she used lighter shades to show the light reflecting off the baubles. Her use of pastels added great texture to her work too. What an eye-catching picture!

**6 HOLLY - Hattie** We carried out some interesting experiments in Science when we investigated what refraction is. Hattie wrote up a super explanation of what she thought would happen when we put a straw in a glass of water. She wrote up her results and conclusion, showing her understanding. Mrs Bull loves her diagrams which explain refraction. A super piece of work. Well done Hattie!

**6 LAUREL - Armaan** for creating a fantastic information page about the Amazon in our Geography lesson. He thought carefully about how to organise his information, making it attractive and interesting for the reader. Well done Armaan - keep up the great work!





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AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Wed 3 Dec	09:00	Engage Christmas Assembly
<b><i>Thu 4 Dec</i></b>	<b><i>pm</i></b>	<b><i>Y6 choir to Charrington Manor Care Home</i></b>
<b><i>Fri 5 Dec</i></b>		<b><i>Mufti Day for Christmas Fair</i></b>
Fri 5 Dec	18:30-21:00	PTA Wreath Making 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	Squirrels Sing Christmas
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	Squirrels Sing Christmas
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		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

# Christmas Tree Sale

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

Premium Grade, non-drop Nordmann  
Firs

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

## 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.





If you would like your child to have the school Christmas lunch on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December please ensure you **contact the office TODAY to avoid disappointment.** There is also a Halal Roast Chicken option. Friday 12th December will also be Christmas Jumper Day.

## STICK ME TO YOUR FRIDGE

# FRIENDLY FESTIVE REMINDERS

**All the key dates for 'things to bring in', 'things to wear' and 'things to attend' at this very busy time of year!**

**FRI 28 NOV** Please **bring in** for our Christmas Fair:-

- a preloved toy or game, including soft toys
- a little gift suitable for grown ups
- fidget toys/new or lightly used stationery items

**FRI 5 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 5 DEC CONT.** PTA Wreath Making Workshop - School Hall **6.30 - 8.30pm** (pre-booking required - see poster)

**SAT 6 DEC**

- Christmas Tree Sale **8am - 12 noon**
- Christmas Fair **1- 3pm**

**SUN 7 DEC** Church Christingle Service - CoGS **4pm**

**WED 10 DEC**

- Reception - Christmas Production (CoGS) **10am**
- KS1 - Christmas Production (CoGS) **2pm**
- PTA Panto Outing - 'Beauty & the Beast' at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, **7pm** (pre-booked)

**THU 11 DEC** KS2 - Christmas Production (CoGS) **2pm**

**FRI 12 DEC**

- **Christmas Jumper Day** & Christmas Lunch
- Squirrels Sing Xmas (1) - Nursery **2.40pm**

**TUE 16 DEC**

- Squirrels Sing Xmas (2) - Nursery **2.40pm**
- PTA Panto Outing - 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs' at New Victoria Theatre, Woking, **7pm** (pre-booked)

**THU 18 DEC** Whole School Xmas Service at CoGS - **9am**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT OUR

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 6 DEC 1-3PM**

- ★ FREE ENTRY includes a Festive Treasure Hunt
- ★ School Choir performance at 1pm
- ★ Festive food & drink stalls inc. mulled wine
- ★ Festive gift stalls for candles, sweet treats, jewellery and crafts, plus stalls run by our mini-entrepreneurs!
- ★ Fun festive games and our ever-popular Jolly Jam jars and chocolate tombola!

**Hope you can join us!**

WITH **XMAS TREE SALES 8AM - 12NOON**

Cash & card accepted

# 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 5 Dec to give to your teacher and then look out for your jar in the Jolly Jam Jar raffle at the Christmas Fair!

**FRIDAY 5 DEC**

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



SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 5 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Wed 28 Jan		<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>Mon 2 Feb</b>		<b>Y5 Fire Safety Workshop (1 class)</b>
Tue 3 Feb	15:30 - 17:30	Spring Term Parents Evenings
Thu 5 Feb	15:30 - 19:30	Spring Term Parents Evenings
<b>Mon 9 Feb</b>		<b>Y5 Fire Safety Workshop (1 class)</b>
Wed 11 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Thu 12 Feb		Y1 to Milestones Museum
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 13 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Mon 27 - Wed 29 Apr		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Mon 4 May		<b>Bank Holiday</b>
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		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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		<b>INSET DAY</b>
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



**GASKIN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHES 2025**

**FREE LUNCH**

**24th December**

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL  
[WWW.FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM](http://WWW.FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM)  
[INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM](mailto:INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM)  
**MARTA 07855846597**

FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME  
 DELIVERY WITHIN 10 MILES OF GUILDFORD  
 DELIVERY BETWEEN 12PM - 3 PM

**WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO DELIVER**

**FREE EVENT - LONELY, STUDENTS, HOMELESS, VULNERABLE, OPEN TO EVERYONE IN NEED**

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

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

Dear PARENTS:- We need four parents per night to have the appropriate adult to child ratio in our Church Safeguarding policy. So, if you have not already volunteered this year, **PLEASE** LOOK and SEE if you might be free once this term, that would be WONDERFUL!  
If free, you can email [suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org) or fill in this slip and return it at Youth Club Jnr. Many thanks.  
Name & contact no./email \_\_\_\_\_

I would be available to help on Friday \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

### SEPTEMBER

Friday 19th September 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd

### OCTOBER

Friday 3rd October 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd  
Friday 17th October 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd

### NOVEMBER

Friday 14th November 6:30pm-7:45pm  
TRIP OUT@Guildford Spectrum  
Friday 28th November 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd

### DECEMBER

Friday 12th December 6:30pm-7:45pm  
@ the church of the good shepherd





**Sporty Kidz**  
SPECIAL OFFER  
**BLACK Friday**  
**FREE TASTER SESSION!**  
CHOOSE FROM OUR  
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR  
SOCCER SATURDAYS  
CLASSES!  
\*CLASSES MUST BE PRE BOOKED WITH HEAD OFFICE,  
SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY.  
TASTER MUST BE IN NOV OR DECEMBER 2023!  
CHILD MUST NOT HAVE ATTENDED THE CLUB PREVIOUSLY  
**INFO@SPORTYKIDZ.CO.UK**

Sporty Kidz are pleased to offer a **special Black Friday promotion** for families at our school.

For a limited time, **new customers can enjoy a FREE taster session** at any of the Sporty Kidz **after-school sports clubs** or **Soccer Saturdays** sessions this term.

This is a great opportunity for children to try out high-quality coaching in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

#### Available Sessions Include:

- After-school sports clubs at our school (Mini Tennis on Wednesdays; Basketball on Thursdays)

- Soccer Saturdays at **Goldsworth Park Recreation Ground, Woking** (10–11am for ages 3–10)

If you would like to book your child's free taster session or would like more information, please contact Sporty Kidz directly:

✉ **info@SportyKidz.co.uk**

☎ **07751 228196**

**Sporty Kidz also run Birthday Parties - "The ultimate must have party for energetic kids!"**

We hope your child enjoys this special opportunity.



Woking Family Centre

## 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.

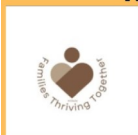
#### The course covers:

- 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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**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)





## EarlyBird Programme

Join the National Autistic Society's **EarlyBird** programme for parents and carers of autistic children aged under 6 years.

The six-session programme covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- understanding autistic experiences
- supporting daily living
- health and wellbeing
- connections.

*"This has made a real difference to me. In general, life-changing."*  
Parent

The **EarlyBird** programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

### Dates:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January

For more information contact:

**Name:** Tess and Debbie  
**Email:** [admin@guildfordnscs.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@guildfordnscs.surrey.sch.uk)  
**Telephone:** 01483 566589

All sessions run from 9.30am-12pm.

The cost of the course is **£35**, but if you are experiencing financial hardship, please come and speak to us.



## Parenting Puzzle

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging.

**Parenting Puzzle** is a tried and tested support programme to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment. It helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

This programme is a 4-week online or in person course.

### In person

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
9.30am – 11.30am

### Online

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00pm – 8.30pm on Teams

The Hall, Guildford Family Centre, Hazel Avenue, Guildford GU1 1NR

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
7.00pm – 8.30pm on Teams



Please remember to complete the group registration form to secure your place.

If you have queries, please email  
[coordinator@guildfordnscs.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:coordinator@guildfordnscs.surrey.sch.uk)  
or call 01483 510570

## The Nurturing Programme

How to get the best out of family life

The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment.

It is a tried and tested support programme to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

You should plan to attend each of the 10 sessions:

Tuesday 13th January 2026	Tuesday 10th February	Tuesday 10th March
Tuesday 20th January	Tuesday 24th February	Tuesday 17th March
Tuesday 27th January	Tuesday 3rd March	Tuesday 24th March
Tuesday 3rd February		

🕒 9:30-11:30am

📍 Pirbright School, School Lane, Pirbright GU24 0JN

🌐 Book at: [www.familiesfirstguildford.com/events](http://www.familiesfirstguildford.com/events)

## Sythwood Outreach

We have a new free advice outreach open at Sythwood and we advise on:

- Benefits
- Debts
- Housing
- Employment
- Family
- Consumer Issues

Drop-in sessions:  
Every Friday  
**10am - 12pm**  
During Food Bank opening hours

The Salvation Army  
Woking Corps  
Sythwood  
GU21 3BE

Fridays 10am - 12pm

