

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and managed to enjoy some time with family and friends. It's been lovely seeing everyone settle back into school life this week. A very warm welcome to all our new families - whether you've joined us in Nursery, Reception or further up the school - we're delighted to have you as part of our community. I'm really looking forward to working with you over the coming months and years.

This term we're excited to launch a new whole-school behaviour strategy, inspired by Paul Dix's book *When the Adults Change*. Many of our staff spent last year learning about this approach before we decided to take the leap and put it into practice. It's a long-term project that will grow and develop with us, helping ensure our teaching remains consistent, relational and nurturing.

The strategy is all about firm boundaries, paired with plenty of heart, to create the safest possible environment for every child. While you might not notice dramatic changes straight away, over time you may hear some new language making its way home. Don't be surprised if your child starts asking you: *Are you safe? Are you ready? Are you being respectful?* - these three rules will underpin everything we do.

Each week, our newsletter will also include resources from WTAC to give parents tips and insights. If you're curious to learn more, their website is packed with useful information, and there's even a book for parents who want to use the same approach at home.

Alongside this, staff also completed their annual safeguarding training during our September inset days. As part of this, we watched a powerful video about social media that we felt parents would also benefit from. You can find it here: [Social Media Video](#). Off the back of this, we've made the decision to stop posting pictures of children's faces on school



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social media accounts. Don't worry - we'll still be sharing updates and celebrations, just without recognisable faces. Please do give the video a watch; it offers an eye-opening look at how photos can be misused with modern technology and AI.

A big thank you as well for all the positive feedback about our updated approach to nutrition in line with government guidance; it's wonderful to know our community is supportive. Of course, we all agree a sweet treat has its place in a balanced diet, but those decisions are for families to make at home, not for school to encourage. We're also delighted to introduce *birthday books* - a lovely way for children to donate something lasting to their class in celebration of their special day.

Thank you, too, to everyone who took part in the summer uniform survey. I'll be sharing your responses with governors at the next meeting, and we'll consider whether any updates to our policy are needed moving forward.

On to some exciting opportunities: we will be emailing to relevant parents the **House Captain role description** for Year 6 pupils. If your child would like to apply, they'll need to write me a letter - by hand - explaining why they'd make a great captain, with examples of when they've demonstrated our school values. The leadership team will shortlist the applications, before houses vote for their captains. All letters need to be with me by **Friday 19th September**.

Finally, thank you to all the parents who came along to our *Meet the Teacher* briefings. For anyone unable to make it, the slides will be sent out shortly.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr D

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

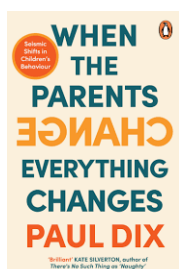
# Behaviour Blog



As a school, we are committed to teaching positive behaviours and supporting your children to meet our high expectations. Our inclusive learning environment has been created by adult behavior that is both strong on boundaries and big on heart. We are delighted that the work we follow in school has been made accessible to families, and over the next few months we will be sharing some ideas in our newsletter.



There are also monthly live sessions you can attend online. There is an hour-long 'Behaviour Book Club' session, hosted by Charlotte Clarke from When The Adults Change, online at 8pm on the last Thursday of each month. You can find the joining link for the Behaviour Book Club [here](#).



If you'd like to learn more about the approach, you can buy a copy of *When The Adults Change, Everything Changes* online [here](#).



### RECEPTION PLEAS

Do you have any baby dolls, Barbie dolls or magnetic tile building sets that your children have grown out of? If so Reception would be happy to take them off your hands - please bring to the school office.

Also any good quality puzzles or games please.



### OFFICE PLEAS

- ◆ When making your child's meal choices, please involve them in the decision. We have had quite a few children getting upset because they don't like the meal chosen for them.
- ◆ Sadly, we already have a sizeable quantity of lost property which is unnamed. If you name clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles etc, we can ensure they are returned to your child. Otherwise unclaimed lost property will be disposed of after a week or so.

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.

### Online Safety For Parents



Click here to sign up to one of the weekly webinars run by South East Cyber - Surrey & Sussex Police - [The Digital Dilemma: Keeping Children Safe Online | Eventbrite](#)

Do you know what your child does online? How safe are they? Join us for an action packed session about how to protect your children from online harm. Delivered by our expert presenters, these sessions give you easy to implement advice for parents to enable your child to grow up in the digital age with confidence and security.

#### Key Topics Include:

**Email & Mobile Phones:** The art of spotting a scam and keeping your children safe from common scams online.

**Social Media/Chatroom Safety:** The risks of social media. Social Engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and account compromises.

**Gaming:** Understand what the risks are to young people when gaming and discover how to monitor and restrict use.

**Password Mastery and Two-Factor Authentication (2FA):** Helping you and your family to secure your account following best practice.

**Q&A:** Ask us anything!

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Fri 12 Sep	14:40-15:10	Y5 Meet the Teacher Briefing
Mon 15 Sep	14:40-15:10	Y6 Meet the Teacher Briefing
Tue 16 Sep	14:40-15:10	Y1 Meet the Teacher Briefing
Thu 18 Sep		Y4 Brass Lessons start
Mon 22 Sep - Fri 3 Oct		Y6 Bikeability
Tue 7 Oct		Y5 to Juniper Hall
Thu 9 Oct	09:00	Harvest Service @ CoGS
Fri 10 Oct		Y4 Saxons Workshop
Tue 14 Oct		KS1 Perform Workshop
Tue 14 Oct	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Wed 15 - Fri 17 Oct		Y6 Screen Printing Workshop
Wed 15 Oct	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings <b>ALDER ONLY</b>
Thu 16 Oct	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings <b>NOT ALDER</b>
Fri 24 Oct		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon 27 - Fri 31 Oct		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wed 5 Nov		Individual & Sibling Photos
Thu 6 Nov	10:00 14:00 19:00	Prospective Parent Tours
Tue 11 Nov		Flu Vaccinations & YR/Y6 Measurement Programme
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
Mon 24 Nov		Y3 Romans & Celts Day
Mon 24 Nov		Y2 Fire Service Visit
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
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		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 5 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Wed 28 Jan		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Fri 6 Feb		Y1 to Milestones Museum
Wed 11 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
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 30 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
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

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

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 ... 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





# IT'S PANTO TIME!

You have 2 options  
at a great discounted rate...

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**Beauty & the Beast**

10<sup>th</sup> December, 7pm

Yvonne Arnaud  
Theatre, Guildford  
Stalls & Circle

Tickets: £22



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**Snow White &  
the Seven Dwarfs**

16th December, 7pm

Victoria Theatre,  
Woking  
Royal Circle

Tickets: £28



**Booking & payment deadline - 21 September**

**For tickets please scan the QR code:**



**All sales are final**