Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Pirates of the Curry Bean











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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another school year, I want to begin with a heartfelt **thank you** to each and every one of you. Your time, encouragement and unwavering support over the past year have meant so much — not just to me, but to our entire school community.

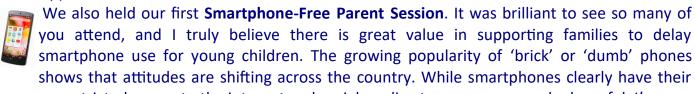
Starting at a new school can be a daunting experience, but from the very beginning, I have been genuinely touched by the warmth and welcome shown by pupils, staff and parents alike. It's been a real privilege to become part of the Pyrford community, and I look forward to continuing our journey together. This is a very special place — and that's entirely down to the people who make it so.

A special mention must go to our brilliant **Year 6 leavers**. Although I've only had the pleasure of being their headteacher for one year, their character, spirit and commitment have left a lasting impression. I am incredibly proud of the young people they have become, and I can't wait to hear about all they go on to achieve. Whether they're popping back to pick up siblings, joining us for school fairs, or returning on work experience one day — they will always be part of Pyrford. You will be missed, but your energy and enthusiasm are now part of our story.

It's been a busy and joyful final week of term, packed with special events and proud moments:



A huge thank you to all the parents who donated fabulous food to the staff room on Tuesday — your culinary delights went down a treat with the staff and were greatly appreciated!



uses, unrestricted access to the internet and social media at a young age can be harmful. I'm very grateful to our parent volunteers for helping champion safe and healthy childhoods.

And what a treat we had with the Year 6 production of *Pirates of the Curry Bean*! As someone who discovered his own love for performance on the school stage, it was magical to watch our pupils shine. The show was full of laughter, energy and wonderful puns — a perfect send-off for our leavers, and a memory I'm sure they'll treasure for years to come.

As promised, we've now launched our **Uniform Survey**, which can be accessed here: https://forms.gle/5JYAckxwu8jjA1Cp8

We're very proud of our school uniform, but we'd love your feedback — particularly around how it works during warmer weather. Your views will be reviewed in the autumn term and shared with governors before any potential changes are considered.

There's also important information in this newsletter about **healthy eating and birthday sweets**. While we absolutely want children to enjoy special treats, we encourage these celebrations to happen outside school, where families can make decisions that best suit their child's individual needs.

For those of you who joined us at the **Leavers' Assembly** yesterday, you'll know that we are also saying goodbye to some much-loved members of staff this term:

- Mrs Bashir has completed her Initial Teacher Training with us this year and has secured her first teaching post at a local school. We wish her all the best as she begins her teaching career!
- Mrs Woodhams will soon be welcoming a new addition to her family in August we send her

our warmest wishes for this exciting new chapter.

- **Mrs Bourne** is leaving after eight wonderful years at Pyrford, during which time she has become an exceptional SEN teacher. She will now be leading her own SEN department at the Surrey Maths School. We are sad to see her go, but delighted she'll remain within our trust.
- And finally, after an incredible **26 years**, we say farewell to **Mrs Martin**. Her contribution to Pyrford School has been immense from supporting pupils 1:1 and assisting in classrooms, to more recently leading whole-class teaching within our PPA model. Her calm, thoughtful presence has been a gift to staff and pupils alike, and she will be greatly missed.

To all our staff leavers: thank you for the care, dedication and joy you have brought to our school. We wish you nothing but happiness and success in the future.

And so, as summer begins, I want to wish every one of you a **safe, relaxing and joyful break**. Enjoy the sunshine, recharge, and we look forward to welcoming you back in September, ready for another exciting year at Pyrford!

Have a wonderful summer!

Mr D

Gavin Dutton Headteacher



<u>Vacancy - Pyrford C of E Primary School</u> <u>Monday - Friday 11.30 - 1.30pm - Term time only</u>

Are you energetic, creative, and love working with children? We're looking for a fun and imaginative Midday Supervisor who can do much more than just serve food!

What you'll do:

- Keep children entertained on the playground with games and activities.
- Use your creativity to come up with new ideas for team-building games and fun events.
- Inspire and motivate children to play, learn, and work together.
- Create a positive, energetic atmosphere where every child feels included and engaged.
- Resource and manage equipment and materials.
- Model school values to enable our children to learn and grow together.

Who you are:

- Friendly, approachable, and great with children.
- Full of energy.
- A natural leader with a knack for creative, hands-on activities.
- Able to think on your feet and adapt to the needs of the children.
- Passionate about inspiring teamwork.

If you love children, games, and being part of a team that makes a difference every day, we'd love to hear from you!

If this sounds of interest to you please email i.rashbrook@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk for further information.



AWARD WINNERS

The Thomas Chubb Aware for Sporting Excellence - Abi Napier for her wonderful attitude to training and playing, wonderful leadership on and off the field, being a fabulous role model and always trying her best.

The Cally Edis Award for Endeavour - Belle Robinson for being an absolute delight to teach and for the care and kindness she shows, especially in supporting many younger members of the school community. A future Mrs Murray in the making!

The Kathryn Krynicki Award for Excellence in the School Community - Squirrels Nursery as they celebrate the first entrants of nursery passing through the school and heading to Year 7 next year. We have had nearly 250 children pass through the nursery since the doors opened in 2017 and they have all been welcomed into school by Mrs Hope and her wonderful team, who provide the very best start to school for all of the children that come through Squirrels.

At Awards Assemblies this term, children in each class were recognised for their Effort and Achievement and for demonstrating our values of Love, Resilience, Respect and Wisdom. Congratulations to them all!

CLASS	EFFORT	ACHIEVEMENT	LOVE	RESILIENCE	RESPECT	WISDOM
ВЕЕСН	Henry Finnigan	Alex French	Freddie Baker	Cameron Maskell	Zara Timms	Elsie Ratcliff
HAZEL	Kayleigh Crittenden	Maxim Birk	Stanley Jones	Theodore Aristidou	Jacob Eastwood	Abi-Rose Hayles
OAK	Evie Maskell	James Litston	Evangeline Croker	Mason Gray	Danyaal Ahmad	Aisha Syed
PINE	Elodie Rackett	Zohan Khan	Josh Owen	Huxley Schifano	Zoe Hagell	Noah Hoque
CEDAR	Horatio Baer-Baker	Molly Clough	Issy Sach	Veronika Pashko	Dev Agraval	Isla Hunter
HAWTHORN	Pippa Carnegie-Horrocks	Noah O'Brien	Ali Zafar	Benjamin Maskell	Emily Organ	Aairah Asif
ELM	Hadi Abdullah	Olivia Best	Amelia Nawaz	Lyla Grimes	Skye Highton	Nell Young
MAPLE	Ibrahim Hussain	Alice Ashenden Myall	Hamzah Zafar	Jamie Hill	Eadie Awcock	Manha Awan
ALDER	Mustafa Ali	Hadassah Madzingira	Indigo Cobbett	Mariah Hassan	Samantha Ezeogu	Harry Tebbutt
LARCH	Zimal Abdullah	Toby Brewster	Ottilie Trainer-Clark	Imogen Hope	Miya Marshall	Daniel Tine
CHERRY	Hugo Kelly	James Jaworski	Mia Ahmad	William Wheatley	Vera Sankar	Oliver Lawry
ROWAN	Monty Sherlock	Ellie Bligh	Lucy Holliday	Henry Pocock	Ada Clough	Stanley Gallagher
WILLOW	Amelie Coventry	Vivienne Berrange	Jessica Hill	Mia Sinclair	Charlie Shaile	Imogen Bulmer
HOLLY	Arthur Tucker	Iyla Akram	Matilda Hannell	Tilly Waldron	Evie Mickiewicz	Clara Beasley
LAUREL	Hajara Sajid	Charlotte Pusey	Oliver Tine	Thea Pitts	Aariz Asif	Charlie Sherlock

HEALTHY SNACKS & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS - WHOLE SCHOOL UPDATE

The Wellbeing Team conducted a survey across the whole school to find out about breaktime snacks and the results were interesting.

- All children from the early years upwards knew the difference between a healthy and unhealthy snack.
- Until Year 3, the children rarely eat snacks containing high levels of sugar and fats. This is probably because the younger children are provided with a fruit or vegetable each day.
- From Year 3 upwards the amount of unhealthy snacks being brought into school dramatically increases with each year group.
- Most children understand the benefit of having a nutritious snack and commented on needing one to maintain their energy level and help them focus, however they said that they don't consider this when choosing a snack.

We wanted to let you know about some updates we're making around snacks, food choices, and birthday celebrations in school.

Although the latest EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) guidance focuses on healthy eating and food education for our youngest children, we feel these messages are important for all ages, so we're taking a whole-school approach.

Healthy Snacks & Food from Home

The updated guidance encourages children to develop good eating habits early on by limiting sugar, salt, and processed foods. With that in mind, from **September**, we're asking all families to support this by making sure snacks and food brought from home are healthy and balanced.

Here are some ideas for suitable snacks:

- Fresh fruit or vegetable sticks
- Wholegrain crackers or rice cakes
- Cubes of cheese or a small yogurt
- A small portion of dried fruit (as part of a meal/snack, not freely available)

Snacks should, of course, be nut and sesame seed free.

We're aiming to reduce the amount of crisps, chocolate, sweets and sugary drinks in school as part of our wider focus on health and well-being. If you'd like some support or suggestions, we're more than happy to help.

A New Way to Celebrate Birthdays

We've also made a change to how we celebrate birthdays in school. In the past, children often brought in sweets or cakes to share - while this has been a lovely tradition, it doesn't quite fit with our move toward healthier choices.

So instead, we're launching a **new birthday tradition** that links in with our love of reading! On their birthday, children will be invited to:

- Donate or share a favourite book with the class
- · Bring in a story to be read aloud
- Add a book to the class library (new or pre-loved)

We hope this will create a more meaningful and lasting way to celebrate birthdays - one that helps build a strong reading culture and a real sense of community in each class.

Thanks for your support in helping us give all children the best start in life - healthy, happy, and ready to learn. If you have any questions or thoughts, just get in touch.





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

If you are keen for your child to continue to read a range of books over the summer holidays, please click on the link to see details of 'The Summer Reading Challenge', from The Reading Agency: https:// summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/ (This is an optional activity)

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their local library or online, and it's FREE to take part. Best wishes,

Jade Goree & Carolyn Shardlow, English Leads

Dear Parents/Carers,

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)

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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
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Friends of Pyrford Primary School (PTA) wish to say....

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Thanks to your support and generosity throughout the year the PTA have been able to fund lots of brilliant school resources which directly benefit the children.



AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Pyrford Primary Chess Club – Autumn Term 2025



Run by FIDE National Trainer Mark Josse

Thursdays after school 1515 -1615

Years 2-6

10 weeks starts 18th September 2025 to 4th December 2025 (excluding half term & Thursday 23rd October 2025)

Total cost £ 75 per pupil

What Chess can offer Children

- Potential for better performance in academic studies
- Enhanced problem solving & strategic thinking
- Enhanced decision making
- Enhanced self esteem
- Friendly forum for making friends
- Healthy competition in a safe environment

National and FIDE Chess trainer Mark Josse will be running a chess club and school tournament at Pyrford Primary School for years 2 to 6 during Spring term from 18th September 2025 for 10 weeks. Excluding half term and Thursday 23td October.

Please fill in the slip below to register and return to markiosse@hotmail.com

Payment will be required within 7 days of request due to demand places cannot be held after this time.

Refunds Policy – Unfortunately there will be no refunds for missed sessions due to Covid 19 or other reasons.

Surrey Kings Chess Coaching

I give permission for _ _ to attend the chess club

Chess beginner Y/N _

Year Group / Class Parent's email address

Parent's mobile number

Please advise of any allergy/medical conditions _

Signed (Electronic Signature is fine)

Parent /Guardian



PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL P PRIVATE SINGING LESSONS

* EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY * DURING SCHOOL HOURS

> LAUNCHING this September 1:1 - £25 for 30 minutes 2:1 - £16 for 30 minutes 12 week term







Limited spaces available. Secure your childs place now by contacting Hannah on info@varnhamperformingarts.co.uk or WhatsApp: 07563217920

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% PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL % 'MUSICAL THEATRE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB'

* EVERY MONDAY & WEDNESDAY *

MONDAY - Reception to Year 2 3:15 - 4:15pm WEDNESDAY - Year 3 to Year 6 3:15 - 4:15pm

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- 8th September 12th December 2025
- MONDAY Lunchtime

11:45-12:15: years 5&6

12:15-12:45: year 2 FRIDAY Lunchtime

11:45 - 12:15: years 3&4

12:15-12:45: year 1

■ 12 weeks @ £6.00 per session (+ £17 for activity book)



To book your place or for further information, please contact Séverine:

Severine.lajolierondefrenchclub@gmail.com















9 Brand New Sticker Booklets To Complete



Join us next term at Pyrford Primary School (Infants), Tuesdays afternoon.

Get ready to embark on an incredible journey through the wonderful world of arts and crafts. The children will have the opportunity to work with a whole range of materials, including watercolour pencils, clay, ink, charcoal and lots $\frac{1}{2}$

They'll get to experiment with different techniques and have a fantastic time building on existing skills and learning new ones while, studying some of history's greatest artists! And the best part is that they'll build confidence, have a blast and let their imaginations run wild!

New term dates

Pyrford Primary School (Infants) Tuesdays afternoon, 3:15-4:15

Tue 16 September - 9 December 2025 Cost: £108.00 per term (12 weeks) including all materials Available for Yr1 & Yr2 only

To book your place visit

https://bookaby.me/colour-kids-club and choose the right class for your child / children

Spaces are limited so hurry to avoid disappointment



Join us next term at Pyrford Primary School (Juniors), Fridays afternoon.

Get ready to embark on an incredible journey through the wonderful world of arts and crafts. The children will have the opportunity to work with a whole range of materials, including watercolour pencils, clay, ink, charcoal and lots more.

They'll get to experiment with different techniques and have a fantastic time building on existing skills and learning new ones while, studying some of history's greatest artists! And the best part is that they'll build confidence, have a blast and let their imaginations run wild!

New term dates

Pyrford Primary School (Juniors) Fridays afternoon, 3:15-4:15

Tue 19 September - 12 December 2025 Cost: £99.00 per term (11 weeks) including all materials Available for Yr3 - Yr6 only

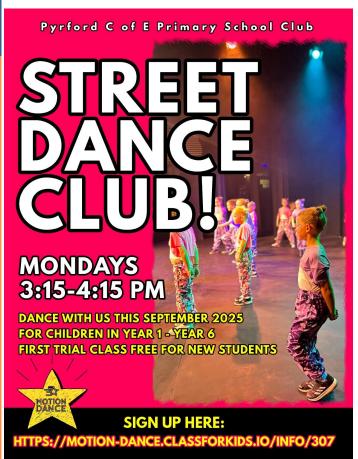
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Saturday 19th July - 10am to 2pm

Guildford Baseball Club, Kings College, Southway, GU2 8DU



T-Rex T-Ball
for 4 - 7 Year Olds
Try Hitting, Catching and Throwing
with qualified coaches leading the
sessions

Organised Games for 8 - 15 Year Olds

Turn up and play, no experience needed and all equipment provided.

Run by Guildford Baseball Club players

and coaches

BBQ & Cafe available

Free Parking

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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
- ${}^{\textstyle \bullet}$ Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



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The Paediatrics Parenting Support Service is offering support to parents and carers living in Surrey who are exploring the possibility that their child, aged 5 or younger, may be neurodivergent, exhibiting challenging or avoidant behaviours, or seeking help to improve their child's social and emotional skills.

Our practitioners provide a 6-week group intervention, either online or face-to-face in the community, to empower families with strategies and resources for their child's development and wellbeing.

You can find out more information and how to refer into the service at www.Barnardos.org.uk or by scanning the below QR code:



