

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Our Jam Jar Winners

### Congratulations to our Jam Jar Winners

- Squirrels - Toby
- Reception - Tayla
- Year 1 - Jasper
- Year 2 - Wilbur
- Year 3 - Elliot P
- Year 4 - Amy
- Year 5 - Isobel B
- Year 6 - Iyla



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*Sadly, our in-house expert  
photographer has been off sick so we  
were unable to capture photographs  
of the Christmas productions.*



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## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year! What a fabulously festive week we've had at school. It all kicked off with the Fair on Saturday, and wow—what an event! I've been in schools for over 20 years, and I've never seen a fair so wonderfully organised. A huge thank-you to our amazing PTA team for pulling it all together—it was heart-warming to see so many of you there, enjoying the day and supporting the school.

Then came the Christmas performances, which brought even more magic to the week. From the nursery children's sweet singing on Tuesday to the Reception class performing their very first Nativity at the church, followed by the KS1 show (featuring delightfully grumpy innkeepers!) and the beautiful KS2 carol concert—it was all incredible. Hearing some of those classic carols took me back and truly got me into the Christmas spirit, as I hope it did for you too. A big shoutout to our brilliant staff for making these moments possible—it's no small feat putting on performances like these, but they create memories that last a lifetime and give some children their time to shine. We're also so grateful to the church for providing such a lovely backdrop for the Nativity.

And today? The festive fun continues! The children came in all their Christmas jumper glory and were treated to a delicious Christmas lunch. It's been such a cheerful way to round off a fantastic week. Next week promises even more holiday joy with the Christmas film afternoon and our Christmas Pause Day, before we gather at the church one last time this year for a special Christmas celebration. We'd love to see any parents who can join us at 9 a.m.

Now, before we head off for the holidays, I'd like to update you on a few things I've been working on, thanks to your feedback:

**Parking at Drop-off and Pick-up:** I've been actively liaising with local councillors Peter Graves and Liz Bowes to improve safety around the school. We've also been in regular contact with the local traffic enforcement team. Unfortunately, I don't have the authority to enforce changes directly, but the more examples we send of poor parking and dangerous driving, the better. Let's keep the pressure up together!

**School Lunches:** I've been meeting regularly with Twelve15 (our catering company) to discuss improvements. We've hosted two parent taster sessions and invited them for spot checks and feedback sessions with the school council. Improvements are being made, but it's a work in progress. Please continue sharing your thoughts directly with Twelve15 if you feel the service isn't meeting expectations.

Looking ahead, we're rolling out a new management information system next term to streamline communication and (hopefully!) reduce emails.

Finally, as we wrap up the year, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday. Your children have worked so hard this term—they've earned this break (and maybe a few too many mince pies!). Here's to a happy, healthy, and successful new year.

Take care,  
Mr. D 

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher



# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Santi Kale Parron** Santi is always busy at Nursery. He explores the environment and engages in a range of activities. Not only is Santi active, he is kind and caring to his friends and very helpful. Thank you Santi!

**R BEECH - Everyone in Beech Class** for performing so well in our Christmas production!

**R HAZEL - Freddie Ratcliffe** Freddie has the most gorgeous smile all day long. He is so kind towards his classmates and is always willing to share his toys. Well done Freddie, we love having you in Hazel Class!

**1 OAK - Sophia Rundle** for the excellent progress she has made in her reading. Every single day Sophia tries her hardest to decode, read fluently and to understand a range of texts. All the adults in Oak Class have noticed her incredible improvement and Miss Daly is so proud of her. Well done Sophia!

**1 PINE - Everyone** for a fantastic Christmas production. You shone like stars!

**2 CEDAR - Dominic Calafatis** This week we wrote the opening of an adventure story in English. Dominic tried hard to include adjectives and conjunctions in his writing - well done Dominic!

**2 HAWTHORN - Aidan Stephens** for always working incredibly hard in our Maths sessions. We have been learning how to calculate the total of two amounts and find the correct change. He led his group well to create a shop and recorded his calculations.

**3 ELM - Ava Nigrelli** We have been writing our own adventure stories about the Night of the Seawigs. Ava wrote a brilliant narrative, full of exciting action and wonderful descriptive phrases. She used different types of sentences to make her work really interesting and included some lines of speech. Great work Ava!

**3 MAPLE - Ava Marais** for her wonderful adventure story. She used exciting sentence openers, adjectives and speech to great effect, creating a gripping read. Well done Ava!

**4 ALDER - Bethany Hills** In English Year 4 are writing a description of a sea journey. Bethany showed her fantastic imagination by using lots of noun phrases. She also included fronted adverbials which make it interesting to read. Excellent work Bethany!

**4 LARCH - Juliette Moore** for her amazing effort and progress in Maths. Juliette particularly impressed us this week with her work calculating the perimeter of shapes.

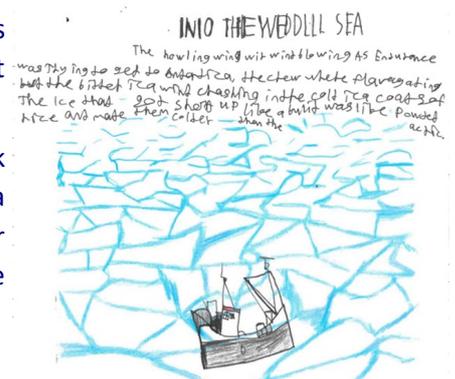
**5 CHERRY - Lincoln Evans** for the incredible effort he showed whilst rehearsing for our KS2 Carol Concert. Lincoln pays attention to his peers and is always ready when it is his turn to narrate. Lincoln encompasses our school values of love and respect by encouraging and supporting those around him. Well done Lincoln. You should be really proud of yourself!

**5 ROWAN - Mollie Ball** for the wonderful work she has been doing in History. We have been learning about the Ancient Maya and the number system that they used. Mollie showed some clear examples of how they wrote their numbers and gave a good explanation to accompany her drawings. Well done Mollie!

**5 WILLOW - Ruqayyah Ali** for the superb resilience she shows in her Maths lessons. Year 5 have been learning to multiply long numbers using the long multiplication method. Mrs Woodhams has been most impressed with Ruqayyah's determination to learn this skill and perfect it, despite it being quite challenging. Well done Ruqayyah!

**6 HOLLY - Clara Beasley** In Science we have been learning about how we see colour. Mrs Bull was particularly impressed by Clara's work - she explained the spectrum of light and drew a fabulous diagram to illustrate how a prism refracts white light into the colours of the rainbow. She understood how filters will change how we see different coloured objects. Great work Clara!

**6 LAUREL - Serra Altun** Mrs Gilbey has been so impressed with Serra's work this term. She has settled in really well and shown great resilience in joining a new school and learning a new language. Serra has worked hard with her writing and remembering our non-negotiables for writing in Year 6. Well done Serra, keep up the great work!



<b>AUTUMN TERM DATES</b>		
Mon 16 Dec		Y4 Victorian School Day
Mon 16 Dec	am	EYFS Elf Visit
Tue 17 Dec	08:45-09:45	KS2 Awards Assembly
Tue 17 Dec	pm	Christmas Film Afternoon
Wed 18 Dec	08:45-09:45	EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
Wed 18 Dec		Christmas Pause Day
Fri 20 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 20 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

<b>SPRING TERM DATES</b>		
Mon 6 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Thu 9 & Fri 10 Jan		Life Space
Thu 16 Jan		EYFS & Y1 KAPLA Stem Workshop
Thu 23 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle
Wed 29 Jan		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tue 4 Feb	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Thu 6 Feb	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Thu 13 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Wed 12 - Fri 14 Mar		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Thu 13 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Fri 14 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Wed 19 Mar		YN & YR Little City Visit
Fri 21 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Fri 28 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Fri 4 Apr	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

**Breakfast Club / Treetops / School Lunch Accounts**

Please ensure that your accounts are brought up to date at the end of this term.

**Packed Lunches Next Friday**

Just a gentle reminder from the kitchen team that the sandwiches are made to be consumed soon after being given out. There have been a few issues across Surrey schools where they have been kept for another day and not been at their best.

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SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Thu 22 & Fri 23 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Wed 11 Jun		EYFS Bugfest
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Mon 30 Jun		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

**We are hiring**

**School Catering Assistants**  
**Pyrford Church of England**  
**Primary School**

Looking for a local, term-time only position with great work life balance and benefits?

- 20 hours per week
- 10 hours per week

Don't miss out - apply now.

[Join our team](#)

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SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

# Christmas Eve Crib Services

**2:30pm    4:00pm**

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

**Do bring a toy to place around the crib, and feel free to dress up as someone from the Christmas Story.**

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)

**JANUARY**

Friday 17th January            6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 31st January            6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

**FEBRUARY**

Friday 14th February        6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th February        6:30pm-7:45pm

Ice Skating Trip @ Guildford Spectrum

**MARCH**

Friday 14th March            6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th March            6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

# YOUTH CLUB JNR.

FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4/5 AND 6

50P ENTRANCE FEE

TUCK SHOP :-)

6:30 - 7:45 PM

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## Tots Praise!

Tuesday Mornings,  
10 to 11:30am

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd,  
Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8SP

Songs, puppets, story, cake, coffee, juice,

We'd love to see you.

Any enquiries Suzanne at the Parish Office 01932 356166  
[Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org)

We'd love to see you at the  
**Coffee Shop**  
Friday Mornings (term time)  
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

- 9:00am to 11:00am. Hall and play area in Church are open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.