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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Y3 at Butser Farm

Year 3 had a wonderful day out at Butser Farm, learning about Celtic and Roman History. We were so proud of all our children, who knew how to keep themselves and others safe and who were ready to learn and take part in all the activities on offer.

A huge thank you to the parents who came along to help as well!



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Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy and joy-filled week we've had in school!

This week in assembly, we have been exploring our theme of **making tough choices**. The children thought deeply about those moments when decisions aren't easy, and we reflected on how **God can guide us**, offering wisdom, comfort and courage when we need it most. It has been inspiring to hear the thoughtful ideas the children shared.

We were also delighted to welcome **Rector Nick**, who came in on Thursday to lead our worship. A huge thank you to him for giving his time so generously and helping the children understand our theme even more meaningfully.

A personal highlight for me was joining **Year 3 on their trip to Butser Ancient Farm**. Even though the weather was decidedly chilly, the children's enthusiasm and curiosity warmed the whole day! From hands-on history to lively discussions, it was a fabulous experience from start to finish.

Year 5 enjoyed two brilliant learning opportunities: the magical **Wonder Dome**, which transported children across the universe, and the captivating **Birds of Prey** visit, where the children were absolutely mesmerised by the swooping and gliding of our feathered guests.

To top off an already fantastic week, I am sure the children in Years 4 to 6 will have great fun at the **PTA Silent Disco tonight!** A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a joyful event. All proceeds go towards supporting the school's **JOY Project**, helping us continue to enrich the children's experiences.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you for your fantastic support of the **Book Fair** this week. Your encouragement helps nurture a love of reading across the school, and we are truly grateful.

Wishing you all a restful weekend ahead.

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

If you would like your child to have the school Christmas lunch on Friday 12th December please ensure you **book by 28th November**. There is also a Halal Roast Chicken option.
Friday 12th December will also be Christmas Jumper Day.



Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Amber The children in Squirrels love listening to stories and exploring books. Amber independently chose a book and sat happily looking at the pictures, turning each page with great care. Well done Amber, you are developing a love of reading!

R BEECH - Penelope who has loved our role play area this half term, really enjoying playing schools. She is good at using what she has learnt to inform her play and is an excellent teacher! She is also demonstrating good sharing and taking turns as well, being a good role model to others as to how to look after our resources. Thank you for playing so nicely Penny!

R HAZEL - Ethan As part of our topic on Celebrations, Ethan told us about a cultural festival called Onam that he was part of. He then wrote about it, thinking carefully about the formation of each letter. Well done Ethan!

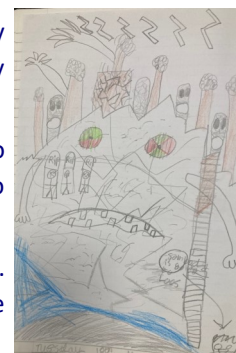
1 OAK - Diego In Year 1 we have been learning about questions - how to punctuate them and when to ask them. We have been looking specifically at penguins, linking to our new text *The Emperor's Egg*. Miss Daly has been amazed by Diego's writing. He asked thoughtful questions about penguins, using the correct punctuation, including capital letters, finger spaces and question marks. Well done Diego!

1 PINE - Freddie In Year 1, we have been learning all about penguins as part of our new book *The Emperor's Egg*. Freddie has used all of his fantastic animal knowledge to write a non-fiction text about Emperor Penguins, including full stops, capital letters and expert vocabulary. Well done Freddie, Miss Dennis is very proud of you!

2 CEDAR - Sienna for her excellent diary entry as the creature 'Dark' from our class book *Orion and the Dark*. Sienna thought carefully about her writing and used lots of interesting adjectives. Well done Sienna!

2 HAWTHORN - Madison for working hard in our English lessons. She wrote a fantastic diary entry for the creature 'Dark'. She used lots of adjectives in her writing. Mrs Porter was particularly impressed with the effort she put into her handwriting. Well done Madison!

3 ELM - Sebastian This week a new and evil character was introduced in our story. Seb listened carefully to the description and used key words and phrases to create this brilliantly atmospheric drawing. Lovely creative work Seb!

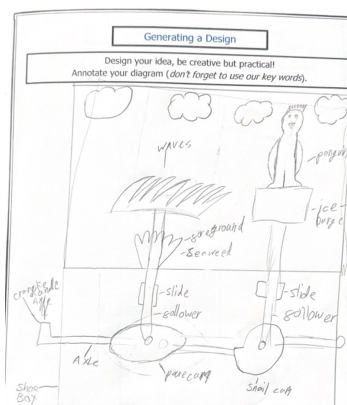


3 MAPLE - Avery In Maths we were dividing by 3. Avery is a fantastic mathematician and worked hard to complete all the tasks, including the challenges. Avery was able to draw, use bar models and arrays to confidently show his workings. Well done Avery - keep up the hard work!

4 ALDER - Ben In PSHE we have been thinking about the difference between friends and acquaintances. Ben thought carefully about how different people help us in different ways. Ben is always very supportive of others and looks out for those who need help.

4 LARCH - Elise for working incredibly hard on her writing recently. She particularly impressed us with her explanation text all about the magical artefacts inside Professor Brownstone's vault. Mrs Steen loved her choice of expert vocabulary.

5 ROWAN - Lasse for showing outstanding curiosity and insight in his work on Judaism. His thoughtful contributions, careful research and deep respect for the subject have truly enriched our learning. We are especially grateful for the wonderful artefacts he shared from the synagogue in London that helped bring our lessons to life. Thank you Lasse for your enthusiasm, generosity and fantastic work!



5 WILLOW - Taylor for her fantastic design planning in DT. She did a brilliant job with her annotations, using key words thoughtfully and labelling everything clearly. Her hard work and attention to detail really stood out. Miss Gould is very much looking forward to seeing her ideas come to life - well done!

6 ASPEN - Ruqayyah for her fantastic writing. Mrs Brockway was impressed with the way she set out her explanation text, as well as her use of punctuation. Well done to her also for starting her sentences in interesting ways!

6 HOLLY - Mia for creating a wonderful fact page about the River Nile in our Geography lesson. She thought carefully about how to organise her information, making it attractive and interesting for the reader. She included some very interesting facts and figures which made it a joy to read. Well done Mia - a super piece of work!

6 LAUREL - Elif Congratulations to Elif who has been working on fractions in our Maths lessons. She always works so hard in every lesson, listening carefully during the input and doing her very best in the tasks she is asked to complete. Keep up the great work!

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changes in bold
& italics

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Mon24 Nov		Y3 Romans & Celts Day
Mon 24 Nov		Y2 Fire Service Visit
Wed 3 Dec	09:00	Engage Christmas Assembly
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		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY
SCHOOL PRESENT OUR

CHRISTMAS FAIR

6 DEC

Save Your Toys

If you are clearing out any **games & toys** (suitable for school-age children) in the coming weeks, please consider donating them to our **Preloved Toy Stall** at the Fair
Good condition only please

We are also collecting **preloved stationery items (nearly new/light use) & fidget toys** for prizes if you have any spare
Donations to school on Friday 28 Nov please



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

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 5 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Wed 28 Jan		INSET DAY
Tue 3 Feb	15:30 - 17:30	Spring Term Parents Evenings
Thu 5 Feb	15:30 - 19:30	Spring Term Parents Evenings
Fri 6 Feb		Y1 to Milestones Museum
Wed 11 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Thu 12 Feb		Y1 to Milestones Museum
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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		EASTER HOLIDAY
SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 13 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Mon 27 - Wed 29 Apr		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Mon 4 May		Bank Holiday
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		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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		INSET DAY
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 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

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.





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Parent/Carer Well-being Group
Catalyst Support & Woking Family Centre

Being a parent/carer 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)

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 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

YOUTH CLUB JNR

FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4/5 AND 6

50P ENTRANCE FEE

6:30-7:45 PM

TUCK SHOP :-)

@CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

