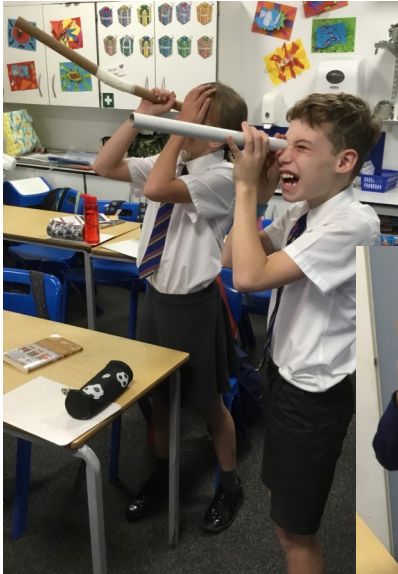


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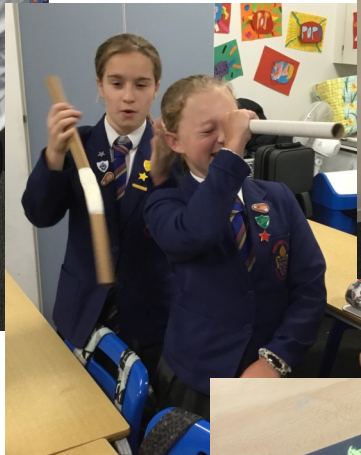
Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Light & Dark



In Science, Year 6 enjoyed learning that light travels in straight lines. They were surprised to find out that they couldn't see through a bent tube!



Year 2 were inspired by the story Orion and the Dark and created their own pictures. They thought of adjectives to describe the dark.



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Assistant Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely half term break. The children have returned to school well rested and ready for another busy few weeks ahead. KS1 have already begun learning the songs for their Christmas production – apologies if you're hearing a few festive renditions at home already!

In our assemblies this week, we continued exploring the inspiring work of **Jacqui Parkinson**. Together, we read the biblical story of **Jesus showing anger in the temple**, often referred to as *The Cleansing of the Temple*. We reflected on different emotions and discussed how even anger can sometimes be a positive force when it's a response to injustice or unfairness in the world. During their class assemblies, the children also shared thoughtful ideas about the ways they can make a difference in their own lives and communities.

This week, we were delighted to welcome lots of prospective parents into our school. As always, the children did us proud, and our visitors shared many positive comments – both about the warm, welcoming environment and the fantastic Year 6 pupils who showed them around our lovely school.

You should have received the **SIAMS report** this morning. We are incredibly proud of the feedback received and of everyone—children, staff, governors, and families—who play a part in making our school such a nurturing and inspiring place to learn.

The **Poppy Appeal** has been a great success this week, with all money raised going to the Royal British Legion. In assembly, we have been talking to the children about the significance of **Remembrance Sunday**, and we will observe a two-minute silence across the school at 11am on Tuesday.

A huge thank you to the **mini band** who performed during this morning's assembly. Their rehearsal in the practical room before school provided a wonderful musical welcome for our Year 1 children!

The school photographer visited this week to take individual and sibling photos. As there were many children to get through, he will be returning next Wednesday (12th) to complete the remaining photographs.

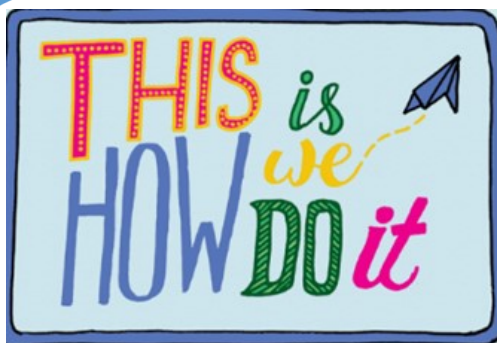
Next week, the **Surrey Immunisation Service** will be in school to carry out the annual flu vaccinations for all children whose consent forms have been returned. It would be helpful to share this short video with your child beforehand to help them understand what to expect: Flu Vaccination Video <https://youtu.be/1jHWwm8NQUw>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Chantelle Porter
Assistant Headteacher

Behaviour Blog



Behaviour Tip: This is how we do it here

Relational homes have a calm, predictable environment. Establishing your own version of 'This is how we do it here' ensures that everyone knows the expectations and that our behaviour is governed by design rather than default. It can be useful to spend some time thinking about how your adults will behave; what values you will live by, what routines are important to you, and how you will deal with conflict.

MIDDAY SUPERVISORS WANTED

11:30 - 1:15 term time only Various days available

We are looking for friendly members of staff to work in our lunch hall and in the playgrounds during lunch break.

Please contact: j.rashbrook@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk for more information / application form.

Just a reminder...



- ◆ Please try to ensure that you book your child into Breakfast Club ahead of time to ensure food/staffing planning. If you need to bring them in at short notice, please accompany them to the door.
- ◆ Please complete Y3 Butser Farm consents on Scopay.
- ◆ Please complete Y2 Fire of London payments on Scopay.
- ◆ Please complete Y5 Autumn Workshop consents on Scopay.

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

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Ivy who is always busy at nursery. She enthusiastically explores all areas of learning and enjoys talking about what she is doing. She shows great curiosity and confidence when trying new activities and takes pride in her achievements. Well done Ivy!

R BEECH - Henry for trying extra hard with his writing in phonics lessons. He has been concentrating hard and trying very hard to hold his pen correctly. He was very excited we were learning h for Henry!

R HAZEL - Stanley for some wonderful work at the Maths table this week. He sorted out 1, 2 and 3 and was so proud to show Mrs Freeman what he'd done. Well done Stanley!

1 OAK - Matei for always trying his best in our indoor PE lessons. All the adults in Oak Class notice how carefully he listens and how thoughtfully he moves. It is such a pleasure to watch him during gymnastics and dance - his focus and enthusiasm really shine through. Well done Matei!

1 PINE - Rayan for his wonderful effort in reading. He practices his phonics and tries his hardest to memorise the tricky words before reading his book with focus and care. Well done Rayan - Miss Dennis is really proud of him!

2 CEDAR - Mylo who made an excellent picture of the Great Fire of London. He has been very excited about this topic and already researched lots of facts at home about the fire.

2 HAWTHORN - Jenna Year 2 have been so excited about their new topic - The Great Fire of London. Jenna took her time to create a wonderful fire scene. She carefully cut out the windows and doors and produced her own Great Fire of London picture.

3 ELM - Isla This week we have been inspired by our text to create our own seawigs - crazy creations of flotsam and jetsam that adorn an island's head. Isla created a brilliantly painted, imaginative seawig including a shipwreck, mermaid and octopus with a snorkel. Wonderful work Isla!



3 MAPLE - Molly for the fantastic Seawig painting she created in our English lesson inspired by our story *Oliver and the Seawigs*. Molly used her imagination to include fantastic things on her seawig such as a mermaid, a treasure chest and shells. She then described the items using a range of adjectives. Well done Molly!

4 ALDER - Austin who is really impressing us with how hard he works and how enthusiastic he is about our learning. He tries exceptionally hard to present his work neatly and wrote a brilliant 'Spooky Crumble' poem. Well done Austin!

4 LARCH - Nell Year 4 have been writing poems using metaphors. Nell really impressed us with her imaginative ideas and poetic imagery in her poem about a creepy crumble.



5 ROWAN - Alice & Matlida C for their consistent engagement and enthusiasm in English. They always contribute thoughtful and insightful ideas during discussions, showing great care and depth in their thinking. They work hard to produce their best in every task, and their inside/outside piece for our character Michael from *Skellig* was fantastic - full of rich vocabulary, creative ideas and a clear understanding of the text. Well done girls!

5 WILLOW - Mustafa M for a fantastic inside/outside description of the main character Michael in our new English book *Skellig*. Congratulations to Mustafa on his use of brilliant descriptive language, highlighting the inside emotions of the character as well as his external actions. Excellent work Mustafa, well done!

6 ASPEN - Aaminah-Zara for her fantastic Remembrance Day artwork. Her poppy is lovely. Looking at it helps us all to reflect on how important it is for us to remember how our soldiers have helped us in the past and today.

6 HOLLY - Maggie for her fantastic science work about the adaptation of the snow leopard. The piece is well organised, with clear subheadings and bullet points that make it easy to read. Information is interesting and presented in such an engaging way - it's obvious Maggie put a lot of effort into this. Well done Maggie. A really impressive piece of work!

6 LAUREL - Ayesha for her fantastic work in English. We have started reading our new book *Shackleton's Journey*. She worked hard to describe Shackleton's character and his early life. We are very excited to be learning about his expedition across Antarctica. Well done Ayesha!





When? Monday 17th &
Tuesday 18th November
3:15pm

Where? In the Music Hut

additions &
changes in bold
& italics

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Tue 11 Nov		Flu Vaccinations & YR/Y6 Measurement Programme
Wed 12 Nov		Individual & Sibling Photos DAY 2
Wed 12 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Mon 17 Nov		Y5 Wonderdome Visit
Mon 17 Nov	15:15	<i>Scholastic Book Fair</i>
Tue 18 Nov	15:15	<i>Scholastic Book Fair</i>
Wed 19 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Visit
Thu 20 Nov		Y3 to Butser Farm
Fri 21 Nov	13:30-15:00	Multiskills Tournament (selected Y3) @ St Dunstan's
Fri 21 Nov	after school	Y4-6 Silent Disco
Mon 24 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 Marking Workshop
Sat 6 Dec	08:00-12:00	<i>School Christmas Tree Sale</i>
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
Mon 15 Dec	am	Elf visits Nursery & Reception
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		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY



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.



Friends of Pyrford Primary School present our

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Friday 5 December

6.30pm - 8.30/9pm, School Hall

Join us again for this lovely festive event and create a beautiful wreath to take home

£42.50 per person, includes all materials for making the wreath plus a mince pie

Please bring your own gardening gloves, secateurs (if you have them) and any refreshments

Only 20 spaces - To book your place please email pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com and arrange a transfer to:
 Account: FPPS Sort Code: 40-46-48 Account No: 51432591
 Please use: WREATH/[INSERT NAME] as a reference
 Deadline for booking: 17 November



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

The poster features a dark green background with gold borders. It includes illustrations of a Santa Claus head, a red and white striped candy cane, a red Christmas bauble, and several wrapped gifts at the bottom.

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
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
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



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SUPPORTING WELLBEING TOGETHER

BARNARD'S

18+

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)




Woking Family Centre

3rd - 24th November
10.00am - 11.45am (online)

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.

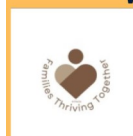
The course covers:

- 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



BARNARD'S Changing childhood
Changing lives.



Woking Family Centre

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks
7pm - 8pm
4th November - 25th November 2025


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
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.

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SHOP

Invitation for Grand Opening of
LONDIS-Sheerwater
Saturday, November 8th
8:30 am
7 Dartmouth Avenue, Woking, GU21 5PD
LOCAL

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



West Hall

WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

We'd like to invite you to enjoy
Homemade Fish and Chips

**Every 4th Friday in the month
at 12pm**

Fish and Chip Friday at West Hall luxury care home

Off Parvis Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6EY

We're welcoming local older people to join us for delicious home cooked Fish and Chips and friendly company. The cost of the meal will be £15, which will also include dessert and a glass of wine or another beverage.

This is by reservation only, so please call West Hall care home on **01932 338000** to reserve your place or for more information.

We look forward to seeing you.



West Hall

WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

West Hall care home

Off Parvis Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6EY

Quiz Night

Wednesday 12 November, 6pm – 8pm

We'd like to invite you to our Quiz Night in our Bistro.

We're looking forward to a great evening. Tickets will be £5 (we can only facilitate payment by cash), which will include a glass of wine or a soft drink and light snacks.

Please contact us on **01932 338 000** or email **esther.bennett@anchor.org.uk**.

We look forward to welcoming you.



West Hall

WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

West Hall luxury care home

Off Parvis Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6EY

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 19 November, 6pm-8pm

We're delighted to invite you to our Christmas Fair.

There will be a number of stalls selling Christmas decorations, candles, sweet, bags, jewellery, books and much more. Entry is free, but if you would like to make a donation, all profits will be donated to our chosen charity Marie Curie.

Please call us on **01932 338 000** to book or for further information.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

In partnership with:



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Dementia Connections Café

**Tuesday 17 June, 10am – 11.30am
then every 3rd Tuesday of each month**

Enjoy a cuppa, light refreshments and great company at our brand new Dementia Connections Café. The café is aimed specifically at individuals living with Dementia, their loved ones and their carers providing the opportunity to meet with others in a welcoming environment. Our aim is to invite regular guests to the café specifically those who are actively engaged in supporting those living with dementia...outlining their services and practical advice to families.

Discuss your transport needs: Contact Hamish Macdonald on **07713 669125** or by email **hamish.macdonald@gw.homeinstead.co.uk**

To confirm your attendance: Please email **hamish.macdonald@gw.homeinstead.co.uk**

We look forward to seeing you.