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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Look Out - It's Year 2



What a fantastic day Year 2 had on their trip to the Look Out Centre!



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents

It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week — and what a busy week it's been! We began by learning in assembly about the Festival of Pentecost, reflecting on how important goodbyes are. We talked about how goodbyes can happen for many different reasons, but they are rarely forever — more often, it's "goodbye for now," as we know we'll see each other again.

This theme links nicely to the excitement of preparing for the new school year. Today marked the start of our transition process, with children meeting their new class teacher (and, for some, new classmates). We have a second transition morning planned for Monday and a third one later this term. We recognise that these changes can bring up a range of emotions for children, and it's vital that we acknowledge and support these feelings. Some children may not even realise that their emotions are connected to saying goodbye to their current teacher — or school — and moving on to something new.

We've put a great deal of thought into our transition process this year. We want to give children the opportunity to get to know their new teacher while there's still time to see them regularly around school. We also want staff to begin building relationships with their new classes. This approach helps to ease uncertainty (while recognising that feeling unsure is completely normal) and gives children the chance to ask questions and build confidence. A list of which teachers will be teaching each class is on the following page.

This is also the first year that we have mixed Reception and Year 2 groups, so we are especially mindful that these children may need extra positivity and encouragement as they leave some friends behind and prepare to make new ones.

As if that wasn't exciting enough, we also have our Father's Day event taking place this afternoon! Miss Adams and her team have worked incredibly hard to make sure that fathers, grandads, uncles and other significant adults enjoy a wonderful time on the field with the children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. The weather is looking promising too — we look forward to seeing many of you there.

I wanted to let you know that Mrs Austwick will be taking some time off from school due to being unwell. We are sending her all our support and look forward to her returning when she has recovered.

Finally, I'd like to share more sporting success! Our Year 5/6 District Sports team finished in second place on Wednesday, and our amazing girls' cricket team were the only team to defeat the eventual winners, Horsell, at this week's Kwik Cricket competition. We're incredibly proud of all the children who took part and represented the school so brilliantly.

I should also mention that Year 5 had a fantastic time visiting Fullbrook School on Monday, the Bug Workshop on Thursday was a roaring success, and Year 2 had "the best time ever" at The Look Out Centre.

All in all, it's been a very busy — and very brilliant — week!

Have a great weekend.

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

Classes for 2025-26

Current class	Moving to	Teacher
	N Squirrels	Mrs Hope
	R Beech	Mrs Murray
	R Hazel	Mrs Freeman
R Hazel/Beech (Mrs Freeman/Mrs Murray)	1 Oak	Miss Daly
R Hazel/Beech (Mrs Freeman/Mrs Murray)	1 Pine	Miss Dennis
1 Oak (Miss Daly)	2 Cedar	Miss Adams
1 Pine (Miss Adams)	2 Hawthorn	Mrs Porter
2 Hawthorn/Cedar (Mrs Porter/Mrs Goree & Mrs Shardlow)	3 Maple	Mrs Goree & Mrs Shardlow
2 Hawthorn/Cedar (Mrs Porter/Mrs Goree & Mrs Shardlow)	3 Elm	Mrs Booker
3 Elm (Mrs Booker)	4 Larch	Mrs Steen
3 Maple (Mrs Brockway)	4 Alder	Mrs Wright and Mrs Gill
4 Larch (Mrs Steen)	5 Rowan	Miss Wilson
4 Alder (Mrs Wright & Mrs Gill)	5 Willow	Miss Gould
5 Rowan (Miss Wilson)	6 Laurel	Mrs Gilbey
5 Willow (Mrs Woodhams)	6 Aspen	Mrs Brockway
5 Cherry (Miss Dennis)	6 Holly	Mrs Bull

CLASS PHOTOS

Our photographer is coming back next Wednesday, 18th June, to photograph Cedar, Maple and Rowan classes and those children in Squirrels who haven't already been photographed. Children should come to school in full, smart uniform (including summer dresses if preferred). Maple and Rowan classes should bring in just their trainers for PE in the afternoon.

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Ophelia We have been looking at 10 frames in nursery. Ophelia was asked to put 7 counters on the frame. She really concentrated as she counted and was so proud of herself that she did it!

R BEECH - Raef for trying hard to form his letters correctly. He has been working really hard at home and trying every day in phonics. Keep up the good work Raef - you're doing really well!

R HAZEL - Isabella for working so hard on her reading. She has made massive progress. Well done Isabella, we're so proud of you!

1 OAK - Jasper This week a treasure chest arrived in the classroom and we were all asking lots of questions to uncover the reason and purpose as to why it had arrived. Jasper was very inquisitive, asked thoughtful questions and engaged well with our class discussion. Jasper also wrote his questions very well in his book, remembering to punctuate using question marks. Well done Jasper!

1 PINE - All of Pine Class for being phonic superstars!

2 CEDAR - Owain In Science we have been learning about minibeast habitats. Owain was able to write interesting facts about different minibeasts and why they live in their chosen habitats. He also tried really hard to present his work neatly. Well done Owain!

2 HAWTHORN - Elijah In Maths we measured the capacity of different containers. Elijah worked well as part of a group, turn taking and sharing. Well done Elijah!

3 ELM - Amal We have been using our imaginations to create pictures of an unexpected discovery made by the heroes of our story. Amal thought that they might have stumbled across some black caves flanked by tall trees. She painted this picture and included some imaginative descriptive phrases. Great work Amal!



3 MAPLE - Yusuf for his excellent understanding of telling the time in Maths. Mrs Brockway loves the confidence he has shown when reading 'past the hour' and 'to the hour' times. She is very proud of him and can see he is equally proud of himself!

4 ALDER - Samantha After reading *Jeremy Button* in English, Year 4 wrote persuasive letters. Samantha organised her writing into paragraphs, each one focussing on one of the reasons why Jeremy Button should be allowed to return to his island home. She included some questions and emotive language to make her writing more persuasive. Great work Samantha!

4 LARCH - Maisie for her efforts to learn all her times tables. Mrs Steen has been really impressed with her determination and the progress she has made. Well done Maisie!

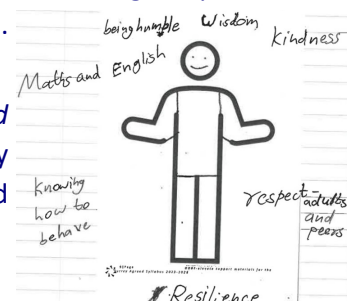
5 CHERRY - William for his fantastic effort in our PE session at Fullbrook. He listened attentively to the teacher and was able to show off his tennis skills in the minigames and tournament. Miss Dennis was really impressed with his enthusiasm. Well done William!

5 ROWAN - Matthew for the enthusiasm and sportsmanship he shows in PE. He makes an excellent team leader, supporting and encouraging those around him. He is always so sensible and can be relied upon to help set up resources and assist those who may need help. Well done Matthew, keep up the good work!

5 WILLOW - Simon for the enthusiasm he showed on our trip to Fullbrook School. He participated in lessons and represented the school well. Keep up the good work Simon!

6 HOLLY - Henry for writing a great persuasive piece about his super spy gadget. He used some great punctuation and complex sentences. Mrs Bull really enjoyed reading how imaginative his gadget is. He even drew a super diagram to show how it works. Well done Henry - super work!

6 LAUREL - Ryan for his fantastic effort in RE. We started our new topic *Who am I and Where do I belong?*, which is preparing the children for their transition to secondary school and reflecting on what they have learned in their school life so far. He worked very hard in the lesson. Well done Ryan, keep it up!





We took a team of our year 5 girls to a cricket tournament at Old Woking



Cricket Club. We were so proud of their superb team effort and saw some impressive batting, bowling and fielding

skills. Sadly we were just a few runs away from third place . They were pleased to be able to say, they had won their match against the overall winners earlier on in the competition.

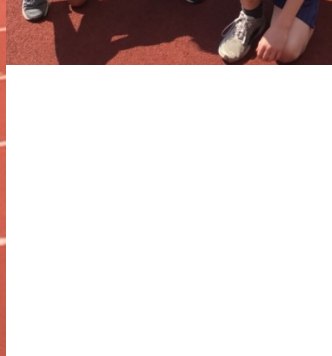
The girls had a great time representing our school. We look forward to more matches in the future. A big thank you to Glyn Clough for stepping in as coach and Miss Dennis for accompanying.

Also this week we took a team of our year 5/6 athletes to the district quad sports at the Sports Box athletics track. All the children took part in the four events which included a 75m sprint, 600m distance run, vortex and standing jump. We could not be prouder of how they all performed at this event and the sportsmanship they showed. I am very pleased to say that we achieved silver place overall! A huge achievement at a very competitive event. Congratulations to them all!

Thank you to everyone who applied to take part in the swimming gala. Unfortunately we are limited to the number of children we can take, so if your child has

been selected, you will have received a letter confirming this.

Mrs Steen



SUMMER TERM DATES		
Fri 13 Jun	14:30-15:00	EYFS & KS1 Fathers Day Fun
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Tue 17 Jun	15:30-17:00	Y5/Y6 Netball Team to Netball Rally @ Hoe Bridge
Wed 18 Jun		Class Photos (Cedar, Maple Rowan & some Squirrels)
Thu 19 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y3/Y4 Quadkids (District Sports) @ Sportsbox
Thu 19 Jun	after school	Eid Snack Sale
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Sat 21 Jun	18:30-21:00	Swim Gala @ Guildford Spectrum
Mon 23 Jun	08:45	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day - Years 1 & 2
Mon 23 Jun	10:30	EYFS Sports Day - Nursery & Reception
Tue 24 Jun		YR Fire Service Visit
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Wed 25 Jun	08:45	KS2 Sports Day - Years 3 & 4
Wed 25 Jun	10:30	KS2 Sports Day - Years 5 & 6
Thu 26 Jun		Cherry & Willow Classes to Wildwood
Fri 27 Jun		Rowan Class to Wildwood
Fri 27 Jun	15:20-15:50	EYFS/KS1 Friendly Friday
Sat 28 Jun	13:00-15:00	PTA Summer Fair
Sat 28 Jun	18:00	Brass Concert @ CoGS
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Fri 4 Jul	13:00-15:00	Y4 (selected pupils) Tennis Festival @ Pirbright
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Thu 10 Jul	16:00-17:30	Y3/4 (selected pupils) Tri-Golf @ St Dunstan's
Tue 15 Jul	08:45	EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
Wed 16 Jul	08:45	KS2 Awards Assembly
Wed 17 Jul		Reception Mini Beast Ball
Thu 17 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term



Thank you to everyone who donated goods for The Little Recyclers collection. It raised £117!

EID SNACK SALE - after school on Thursday 19th June

We so enjoyed the tasty snacks last year - samosas, pakoras etc - and are already looking forward to enjoying snacks again straight after school on the 19th.

If you are able to make snacks and/or help on the stall, please contact Miss Adams s.adams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY

Keystage 1 and EYFS Sports Day

When: Monday 23rd June

Years 1 and 2- 8.45am

Nursery and Reception- 10.30am

WHERE: THE SCHOOL FIELD

Please exit the school premises after dropping your child to school and come to the cricket field gate at the side of the school field at the start of your child's event. This will be the only entrance open.

Order of events

Year 1	Year 2
obstacle	jump/throw
sprint	obstacle
jump/throw	sprint
year group relays	
Nursery	Reception
running races	fun field events
fun field events	running races

Remember:
PE kit
sun cream, water bottles and caps

PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY

Keystage 2 Sports Day

When: WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE

Years 3 and 4- 8.45am

Years 5 and 6-10.30am

WHERE: THE SCHOOL FIELD

Please exit the school premises after dropping your child to school and come to cricket field gate at the side of the school field. This will be the only entrance open.

Year 3/5	Year 4/6
throw/jump	wacky races
jump/throw	sprint
wacky races	throw/jump
sprint	jump/throw
House team shuttle run Long Distance	

Remember:
PE kit with their house colour t-shirt,
sun cream, water bottles and caps

Beating asthma together- parent and carers session (Online) 18th June 7.30-8pm

The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma.

Let's tackle asthma head-on — together!

Understand what asthma *really* is

- 📖 Spot the signs before they escalate
- 📖 Learn what works – at home and in school
- 📖 Build a solid action plan
- 📖 Get expert answers to your questions

Clear. Practical. Life-saving.

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared [click here to book](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORM

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Good quality pre-loved uniform items available in a range of sizes

The PTA are now running the uniform shop

- Email: pyrforduniform@gmail.com with your request
- Collections/donations: meet at the portacabin (back playground) on Fridays at 3pm
- Cash or card accepted - proceeds go to the school!

EMAIL: PYRFORDUNIFORM@GMAIL.COM



Pyrford Primary School's



SUMMER FAIR

Sat 28 June, 1-3pm

ON THE SCHOOL FIELD

Entrance via Peatmore Ave.

Join us for some family fun....

- bouncy castle •
- giant slide •
- fun games •
- assault course •
- children's stalls •
- BBQ food •
- ice creams & drinks •

Cash & card
accepted



Free
Entry





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SUMMER FAIR

MUFTI DAY

FRIDAY 27 JUNE



In exchange for wearing your mufti clothes, please bring in donations of the following to the Music Hut at drop off....

- Sweets for the tombola
- Bottle/s of any sort (alcoholic & non-alcoholic welcome) for the tombola
- Games and toys no longer used (good condition please)

Stall tokens (£1 each) and wristbands for the inflatables (£5 each for use throughout the duration of the Fair) will be available to buy in advance after school on 27th as well as on the day of the Fair!

Parent and carer support

Supporting children who face additional challenges can be difficult at times. With that in mind, the Hope Service has created a space for groups of parents and carers to come together on a regular basis to discuss the challenges they face in a confidential and supportive environment.

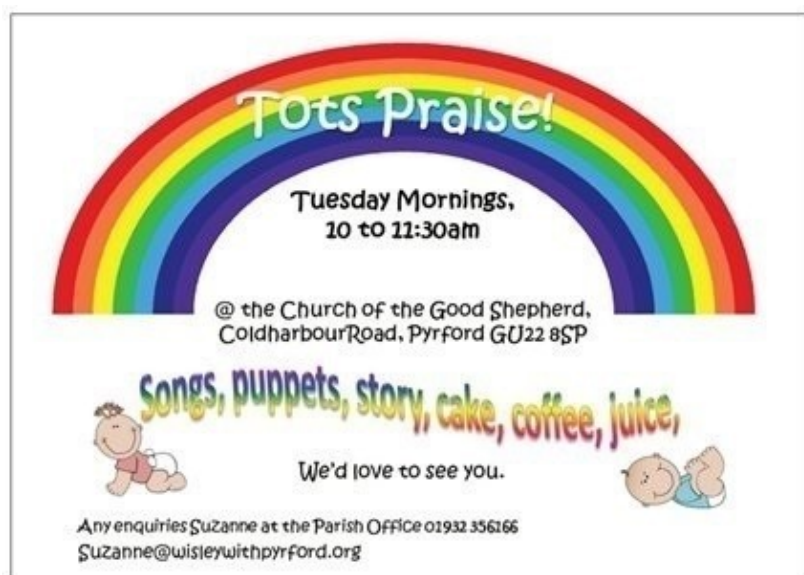
These groups are specifically for parents and carers of children who would like additional support. You will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and receive support towards managing the often complex situations you find yourselves in. This is not a parenting class, rather a non-judgemental support group and we encourage you to talk about whatever seems most important.

Support is offered via Microsoft Teams by Hope staff members, which could include a Therapist, Nurse, Teacher, Social Worker and Hope day programme staff or outside facilitators.

The following link details the sessions on offer:

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/15wPURrH3sqdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvipOmfho-JzvP7c1OsGj2TUbNQ9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support>

Tuesday 24 June 5 - 6 pm	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) - Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation: How to support a young person exploring their identity.
Tuesday 8 July	Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process: A question and answer session around the EHCP process and the criteria for an EHCP.




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.