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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Easter Pause Day



Year 2 made Easter Gardens. They thought about what the different parts of their garden symbolise and how they link to the Easter story. They were excited to show Mr Dutton and Mrs Lamaison.



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More Easter Pause Day



Year 1 had a great talk from Rector Nick about Easter and how Christians celebrate it. He also taught us about the Jewish festival of Passover which Jesus was celebrating before he died. Thank you Nick!



Do take a look on Facebook to see Year 3's video. They thought about how the Bible shows us how Jesus' life was special from the very beginning. They created brilliant dioramas to retell some of the key events.

Year 2 enjoyed making Easter cards!

Easter Trail Café & Chill Zone

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 10-12NOON
SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2-4PM

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

Come on an interactive journey through the Easter Story!

A story trail including craft, games, eggs, hot cross buns.

- Easter Trail in Main Church.
- Café area, sofa, toys & soft play in Main Hall.
- Games Zone including table tennis, table football, Wii, in Sherwood Jones/Lantern Room.

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe that we are now two-thirds of the way through the school year—it really does feel like this year is whizzing by!

Last week, our assembly theme linked to David's Psalms, focusing on Psalm 27: *Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart...* We talked about how, in times of challenge—when we might feel upset or worried—we can take comfort in knowing that things will get better. When things seem dark, the light will come. We reflected on how the story of Easter shows Jesus in his darkest moments, but we know that joy is just around the corner. This links so well to our school value of resilience and how we want all our children to experience challenges and learn to overcome them—whether in their learning, friendships, on the sports field, or in other competitions. We know that these experiences help children grow, develop, and become stronger for whatever comes next.

I don't know if anyone else in our community needs to hear this, but when things feel tricky, I hold onto the philosophy shared by film critic Mark Kermode: *Everything will be alright in the end, and if it isn't alright, then it isn't the end.*

Yesterday, we were delighted to welcome Childnet to school to host workshops with the children on staying safe online. In the evening, we also hosted an online seminar for parents, and I want to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Booker for arranging this. With the recent spotlight on online safety following the release of the Netflix program *Adolescence*, we're pleased to let parents know that the seminar was recorded. We will be sharing a link to access it for a limited time, and I would highly recommend setting aside an hour to watch—it's full of valuable information to help parents navigate the online world and keep children safe.

In addition to this, I have arranged to meet with a group of parents—though anyone is welcome—on **Friday, April 25th, at 9 am** to discuss how the school can further support the *Smartphone-Free Childhood* movement.

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news that our caterer, Vanessa, has decided not to return to school. Many of you will know that she has been unwell and has not been working at the school since February half-term. She has now made the decision not to return to Twelve15, the catering company that provides our meals. We wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who came to the church this morning—it was a lovely occasion. I also want to express my gratitude for all the support over this term. I am really beginning to feel settled into school life and am looking forward to next term and planning for the next school year.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter!

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

This week, we held Awards Assemblies where 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
BEECH	Milo Boffee	Salsabeel Mushtaq	Ben Hilyard	Ted Dore-Jones	Rori Pitwell	Harrison Grainger
HAZEL	Amber Sinclair	William Mitchell	Orson Patel	Lily Charlton	Freddie Ratcliffe	Milly Bell
OAK	Maxwell Emerton	Angus Magowan	Amara Howell	Mylo Jameson	Theodore Mackenzie	Sydney Osei-Boateng
PINE	Max Lamb	Thea Parsons	Thomas Lane	Flynn Capindale	Elodie Rackett	Huxley Schifano
CEDAR	Maggie Smith	Arlo Westwood	Aayat Atiq	Maisy Hennessy	Bella Watson	Edward Bligh
HAWTHORN	Elizabeth Wheatley	Isa Rahman	Sebastian McArthur	Aidan Stephens	Eyon Sijo	Arabella Fitch
ELM	James Hall	Amelie Carapiet	Elise Emerton	Esmee Ratcliff	Elliot Pribyl	Mila Finn
MAPLE	Mason Osborne-St Pierre	Amira Hussain	Yusuf Syed	Nomu Console	Eloise Abboah-Yartey	Oscar Hills
ALDER	Rupert Daniell	Ioan Davies	Ben Williams	Samuel Hughes	Emily Birch	Summer Davies
LARCH	Juliette Moore	Austin Osei-Boateng	Matilda Clements	Mikaela Brien	Haleema Pazir	Jack Newman
CHERRY	Jago Anderson	Mia Marais	Olivia Steen	Martha Woods	Aarav Sarkar	Florence Brockway
ROWAN	Adee Wilde	Isobel Grimes	Freddie Smith	Ayesha Akram	Radley Westen	Toby Brierley
WILLOW	Ruqayyah Ali	Horia Musca	Caitlin Hunter	Isobel Beattie	Amelie Wood	Charlie Matthews
HOLLY	Anum Imran	Immy Fitch	Joshua Snowden-Reeve	Eloise Moore	Sebastian Scott	Zaynab Hussain
LAUREL	Tom Waldron	Emma Robinson	Iman Ahmad	Holly Hope	Matthew Walker-Downie	Jaime Embling

Breakfast Club / Treetops accounts must be brought up to date promptly. We remind you that payments should be made at the time of booking sessions, or within 3 days if using childcare vouchers.

YR Godstone Farm consents must be completed **by Friday 4th April TODAY.**

Y5 Tudor Day consents must be completed **by Friday 4th April TODAY.**

YR to Y2 Swimming Programme consents need to be completed **by Tuesday 22nd April.**

Y6 Marchant's Hill residential trip payment must be completed **no later than 30th April.**

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Y3 Feet First training - please visit https://walkingtraining.online/public/school_training/10000342/ to book online directly with Surrey County Council. If children are in receipt of Free School Meals, please contact the school office for a discount code **before** booking. The booking portal closes on **4th May.**

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Rowan)
Mon 28 Apr		EYFS & KS1 Perform Drama Workshops
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Willow)
Mon 5 May		BANK HOLIDAY
Tue 6 May		Swimming lessons start
Tue 6 - Fri 16 May		Ducks in Reception
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Tue 13 May	after school	Y3/Y4 Netball Teams @ New Haw Juniors
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry)
Mon 19 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Technical Rehearsal
Tue 20 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Dress Rehearsal to school
Tue 20 May	16:00-17:00	Y3/4 Cross Country Team @ Hoe Bridge
Wed 21 May		Class Photos
Wed 21 May		Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit
Wed 21 May	14:15	Y3/4 Production @ CoGS
Thu 22 May	am	YR Fire Service Visit
Thu 22 & Fri 23 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Fri 23 May		National Numeracy Day - Number Mufti
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 2 Jun		Class Photos
Thu 5 Jun	13:30	KS2 Author Visit
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Mon 9 Jun		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
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
Mon 23 Jun	am	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Wed 25 Jun	am	KS2 Sports Day
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Sat 28 Jun	13:00-15:00	PTA Summer Fair
Sat 28 Jun	18:00	Brass Concert @ CoGS
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY



National Numeracy Day Friday 23rd May

We will be celebrating National Numeracy Day in school on Friday 23rd May - the last Friday before the half term holiday.

This will be a Mufti Day when children are invited to wear their own clothes which have a number on them.

Families are invited to use the following link to enter the National Numeracy *Number Heroes* competition for children with a chance to win a Number Heroes prize pack for the school and a £50 gift voucher.

Woking Youth Games Free Judo Sessions

Coached by Matthew Purssey who won Silver in Men's 90kg at the Commonwealth Games. He also recently coached Netherlands Judo in the Paris Olympics so a great opportunity for all.

Boys sessions

<https://core-judo-schools.classforkids.io/info/138>

Girls sessions

<https://core-judo-schools.classforkids.io/term/127>

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

SUMMER TERM DATES contd

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

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



BURGER KING

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

BILLS

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

ZIZZI

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

PREZZO

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

PIZZA HUT

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.