

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Facebook Highlights

Year 2 have been learning about different art techniques. They recreated Van Gogh's style.



Year 5 had great fun on their geography field trip to Juniper Hall. They learnt about Box Hill, focusing on its geology and the impact of humans on its environment. Working in groups, they carried out surveys whilst following a mapped route and identifying various flora and fauna.



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# Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It's been a truly jam-packed week at school, starting with our visit from Andrew of SIAMS on Monday. We are incredibly grateful to all the parents, staff, church members, trustees, and governors who generously gave their time to speak with him and share what makes our school special. Andrew was thoroughly impressed—especially with our children. He even remarked that some of the conversations he had with them will stay with him forever! We expect his full report to be published within the next three weeks, and we will share it with you as soon as it is available. One piece of feedback that particularly resonated with me was this: *"The school is a joyful community, and the pupils love being here."*

On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of joining Year 5 on their trip to Juniper Hall, Box Hill—a new visit inspired by our vision to broaden pupils' experiences of nature. It was a wonderfully active, hands-on learning day, giving the children the chance to carry out real field studies. They explored the geology of our local area, its importance as an ecosystem, and the impact humans can have on it. This ties perfectly into our JOY project, which we've mentioned in recent newsletters, and provided a memorable experience for all involved. It was a joy to spend time with Year 5, and they spoke so positively about everything they learned.

It was also fantastic to see so many of you at the PTA AGM on Tuesday. We reflected on the incredible work achieved last year and looked ahead to exciting projects planned for this year. Funds raised will support a range of initiatives, including the hoped-for replacement of the swimming pool changing rooms, further development of our JOY project, and smaller resources that enrich daily learning. The PTA will also continue to support the school minibus and environmental garden. If you have time, skills, or work for a company that supports local charities, please do get in touch—we would hugely value your support.

Yesterday, the whole school (except Reception) gathered at the church for our Harvest Festival. It was a beautiful occasion, and we were moved by the generosity of families whose donations will support the Woking Food Bank. In assemblies this week, we reflected on the Gospels and the spread of good news around the world. I encouraged our children to consider how *they* can spread good news by living out our values. Your donations to the food bank are a powerful example of putting others first—thank you for your kindness. Reception were not left out, but had their own service this morning.

Finally, next week marks our first Parents' Evening of the year—a valuable opportunity for teachers to share how your child has settled into the new school year, their aspirations, and ways we can work together to help them achieve their potential. In light of this I share this [article](#) that might be of interest in supporting learning at home. We look forward to welcoming you.

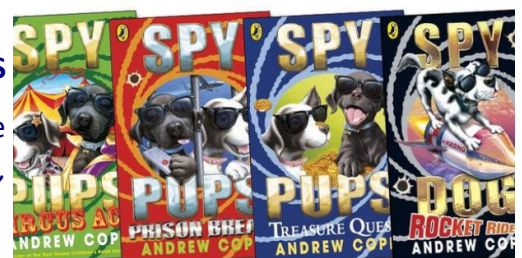
Have a great weekend!

Mr D

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE: CHILDREN'S "SPY" BOOKS

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the *Spy Dogs*, *Spy Cats*, and *Spy Pups* series.





Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

**What this means for you:**

If your child has any *Spy Dog*, *Spy Cat* or *Spy Pups* books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site. If you have a school copy, please return it to the office.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves — the concern is only with the outdated link.

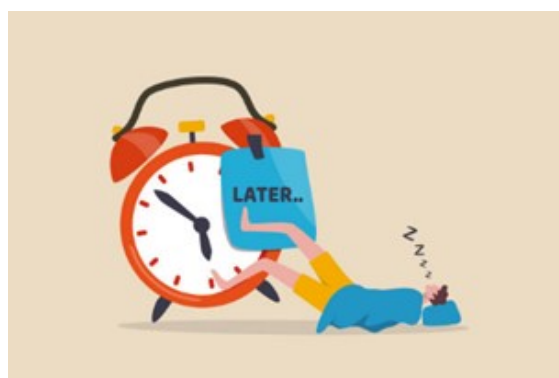
We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

# Behaviour Blog

## Behaviour Tip: Postpone decisions

When it comes to consequences, get used to saying, 'I need to think about what happens next' or 'Let's come back to this later'.

It is important that your response to tricky behaviour is well considered, fair and proportionate. Reacting in the moment rarely allows us to give this response to our children.



Woking Primary Schools FA run several district squads, Adee, Amelie and Ginny all play in the U11 Main Squad. They represented all the girls in Woking Schools against other districts. On Saturday, they played Reigate & Banstead Girls in a Southern Counties Girls League Match and contributed with two goals and an assist between them in the 4-1 win. District football is of a very high standard, played in national and regional competitions every week, so the girls can be proud of their

achievements and how they represent their school at district level football. They join an elite group of representatives from Pyrford, who have had nine other girls involved at district level (as well as lots of boys) football over many seasons. Should any boy or girl be interested in raising their level of football to the next level, then please email WPSFA at [wokingpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:wokingpsfa@gmail.com) Huge congratulations to these girls and their incredible achievements.

# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS** - **Francesca** who is always busy at nursery. She engages in a wide range of activities and shows good perseverance to complete what she is doing. She is very independent and selects the resources she needs. Well done Francesca!



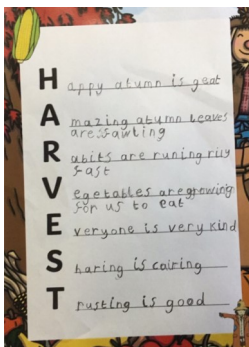
**R BEECH** - **Ralph** for excellent perseverance and teamwork. Ralph spent a long time decorating his name with stickers (whilst strengthening those finger muscles for writing!). He loved it so much he wanted to do some more and so worked as a team to decorate the lines on a group picture - great work Ralph!

**R HAZEL** - **Ayaan** for being a really kind friend. He always includes others in his play and helps his friends when they feel sad. Well done Ayaan!

**1 OAK** - **Zara** for her positive attitude and determination, and for always demonstrating our school values. She listens carefully, follows instructions and gives her best in everything she does. Zara has shown a love of learning about Queen Elizabeth I, sharing her knowledge through her play, including a portrait of the Queen and Elizabethan toys. Miss Daly has also been impressed with Zara's creativity in Art, especially with watercolours. Well done Zara - we are so proud of you!

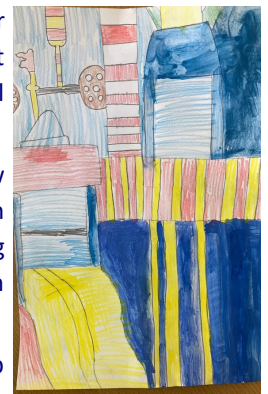
**1 PINE** - **Amber** for her beautiful poem about Autumn. She used lovely repeating lines to tell us all the wonderful things she could hear during this season. Amber worked so carefully to use her sounds in every word and even remembered to put full stops at the end of her sentences. Well done Amber!

**2 CEDAR** - **Roman** for working so hard in Maths and for showing his resilience. He is beginning to explain his thinking when answering questions. Well done Roman!



**2 HAWTHORN** - **Safa** for writing a thoughtful acrostic poem about harvest in RE. She thought carefully about what she's thankful for and read it in church on Thursday. Well done Safa!

**3 ELM** - **Haseeb** In preparation for diary writing, we have been thinking about our favourite day out. Haseeb created this brilliant picture of the water park at Legoland, complete with brightly coloured slides and climbing frames. Wonderful work Haseeb!



**3 MAPLE** - **Tara** In Science we are learning about light and explaining how shadows are formed. We had lots of fun investigating with torches and objects in the classroom to create shadows. Tara wrote a fantastic conclusion explaining how light can only travel in straight lines which is why the object blocks its path and creates a shadow behind. Well done Tara - fantastic investigating!

**4 ALDER** - **Finley** who works exceptionally hard in PE, demonstrating excellent skills and sportsmanship towards others.

**4 LARCH** - **Poppy** who has shown great interest in our History work on the Saxons. She worked incredibly hard on her non chronological report about the fascinating discovery in Sutton Hoo.

**5 ROWAN** - **The Whole Class** for being absolutely brilliant on our field studies trip to Juniper Hall. Their enthusiasm, positive attitude to learning and fantastic teamwork shone through in everything they did. They worked so well in their groups and were a real credit to the school. Miss Wilson is so proud of them all - well done Rowan Class!

**5 WILLOW** - **The Whole Class** for being so fantastic on their Year 5 trip to Juniper Hall. They demonstrated our school values throughout - working brilliantly in their groups, showing respect for others and approaching every activity with enthusiasm and a positive attitude. We're very proud of them - well done!

**6 ASPEN** - **James** for his excellent narrative writing in English. He worked hard to describe the setting by including adjectives and emotive language. Mrs Brockway particularly noticed his fronted adverbials and his use of a colon.

**6 HOLLY** - **Hugo** for creating a wonderful piece of artwork in the style of a Pop Artist. The vibrant colours he chose make his work really stand out, especially the striking details in the lightning bolts. What impressed Mrs Bull most was how Hugo used bold black outlines to give the impression of movement - a fantastic touch that brings his artwork to life. Hugo really deserves the Golden Book this week - super art!



**6 LAUREL** - **Mollie** for her excellent work in History, on our Stone Age topic. She always works hard on her presentation and remembers to include all the important points from the topic being taught. Keep up the great work Mollie!



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changes in bold  
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AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Tue 14 Oct		KS1 Perform Workshop
Tue 14 Oct	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Wed 15 - Fri 17 Oct		Y6 Screen Printing Workshop
Wed 15 Oct	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings Year 4 ONLY
Thu 16 Oct	a.m.	Y6 Football Tournament @ Woking Leisure Centre (selected Y6 boys)
Thu 16 Oct	p.m.	Y6 Football Tournament @ Woking Leisure Centre (selected Y6 girls)
Thu 16 Oct	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings NOT Year 4
Fri 24 Oct		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon 27 - Fri 31 Oct		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Wed 5 Nov		Individual & Sibling Photos DAY 1
Thu 6 Nov	10:00 14:00 19:00	Prospective Parent Tours
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
Wed 19 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Visit
Thu 20 Nov		Y3 to Butser Farm
Mon 24 Nov		Y3 Romans & Celts Day
Mon 24 Nov		Y2 Fire Service Visit
<b>Wed 3 Dec</b>	<b>09:00</b>	<b><i>Engage Christmas Assembly</i></b>
<b>Fri 5 Dec</b>	<b>18:30-21:00</b>	<b><i>PTA Wreath Marking Workshop</i></b>
Sat 6 Dec		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
<b>Mon 15 Dec</b>	<b>am</b>	<b><i>Elf visits Nursery &amp; Reception</i></b>
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		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT

# AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

Early birds! Sign up before 1 Oct to get a free bottle for your table!

**Friday 17 October**  
7.30 - 10pm ~ School Hall

**£10 PER PERSON**

TEAMS OF MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE

No team?  
Email us ([pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com](mailto:pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com)) and we'll find you one!

Pizza or fish/sausage & chips can be pre-ordered (order by: 10 Oct)

Scan the QR Code and get booking!

- Drinks & snacks will be available to buy
- Please bring your own drinking glasses
- Card only payments please




**Woking Family Centre**

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks  
7pm - 8pm

4<sup>th</sup> November - 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX

**BARNARD'S** Changing childhoods. Changing lives.

# HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

AT WOKING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## THE CLUBHOUSE

Everyone's welcome

9:15am - 12:30pm

Come on in!

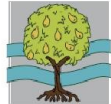
For children in school years Reception to year 6

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

£5 per day or £12 for all three days  
Siblings £4 per day or £10 for all three days

[wokingurc.org.uk](http://wokingurc.org.uk)

A URC Holiday club resource Booking open 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 5<sup>th</sup> October

## Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum

### Should Pyrford have a Parish Council?

At the request of the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum, Woking Borough Council (WBC) is consulting Pyrford residents on whether the Pyrford Neighbourhood Area should have a Parish Council.

**Please complete the WBC consultation to share your views**

[wokingsays.woking.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/pyrfordcgr](http://wokingsays.woking.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/pyrfordcgr)

The consultation runs from 1 October to 30 November

A Parish Council provides true localised consultation and decision making accountable to the local electorate. It can provide key local assets and services such as community centres, playgrounds, green spaces and allotments. It promotes a sense of place, pride and belonging in the community. This is particularly important at this time because by April 2027 Woking Borough Council will cease to exist and local decisions will be made by a Unitary Authority (West Surrey) representing around 500,000 people. A Parish Council will give us a local voice.

For more information visit the Pyrford Neighbourhood Forum website at [pyrfordforum.org](http://pyrfordforum.org) where you can also leave comments and ask questions.





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](mailto: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***

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 5 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Wed 28 Jan		<b>INSET DAY</b>
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		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>


SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 13 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Mon 27 - Wed 29 Apr		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Mon 4 May		<b>Bank Holiday</b>
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		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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		<b>INSET DAY</b>
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



**WOKING SWIMMING CLUB**

Affiliated to: ASA, ASASER, SURREY COUNTY ASA

[www.wokingsc.co.uk](http://www.wokingsc.co.uk)



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**NEW MEMBERS TRIALS**

For children born between  
**September 2016 and March 2020**  
 who are interested in competitive swimming


to be held on

**Tuesday 11th November 2025**  
 From 6.30pm

at

Woking Pool in the Park

2020 born are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.  
 2016 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.  
 To request a time slot please scan the code below on your smartphone to sign up  
 Or contact Jane by emailing: [wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com](mailto:wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com)





## Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October'25

**10am: Family Parade** at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

**10am : Harvest Worship** at Wisley Church

**11:30am: Harvest Mattins** at St Nicholas Church

**See WOKING FOOD BANK website for details of what to bring.**  
<https://woking.foodbank.org.uk>

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)

### 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



**Hot off the press!**

We are implementing a "no phone zone" at Youth Club Jnr, but if children do need them to contact parents we can wonderfully look after them in the church office for the duration of the club.

Parents if you would like to have a night with us and volunteer do contact [suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org). We provide top tips for leaders and information on how we run so you are ready for the action.

**Many thanks for your support!**

## Term Dates ... This Year (2025/26)

Friday 24th October	INSET DAY
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	HALF TERM
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



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.

# SEEING YOUR CHILD GOD'S WAY

WEDNESDAYS  
10AM  
6 WEEKS START  
1ST OCTOBER  
@ Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford



West Hall  
WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

# Pan Asia Evening

Wednesday 15 October

5pm – 8pm

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

We'd like to invite you to our Pan Asia Evening located in the Bistro.

We're looking forward to an evening celebrating **Pan Asian heritage and culture**, with a performance from Hibiki Ichikawa. He will demonstrate authentic Japanese folk music, as well as his own original pieces on a Tsugaru Shamisen.

Please call us on **01932 338000** or email **Esther.Bennett@anchor.org.uk** for more information or to book your place.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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## 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.

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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:



West Hall  
WEST BYFLEET | SURREY



## West Hall luxury care home

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

# 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.