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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Forest School Fun



*Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their forest school sessions this week. The children loved exploring our environmental garden and particularly enjoyed making and eating a s'more!*



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## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

I hope you've all had a lovely week and are looking forward to a restful weekend. It's been one of those slightly unusual weeks for me, as I've spent a lot of time out of school attending a variety of training courses and information sessions. While it's always a bit of a juggle to be away, I do enjoy the chance to reflect, learn and bring back new thinking to share with the staff team – and, most importantly, to help enrich the learning experiences of our children.

One session that really stood out to me focused on recent research into the effects of screen time on children's brains. The study looked at the impact of blue light exposure and showed that as little as two hours a day on a screen – whether that's a phone, tablet or laptop – is enough for the brain to begin developing addictive patterns. Even more striking was the finding that children who are withdrawn from regular screen use can begin to display symptoms very similar to ADHD, including restlessness, difficulty focusing, and irritability. It was a powerful reminder that although technology plays an important role in our lives, especially in learning and communication, it's vital that we help children develop healthy habits and routines around screens. Here in school, we work hard to ensure that screen use is purposeful, limited and always balanced with physical activity, creativity and social interaction – and we encourage the same kind of approach at home, too.

Back in school, it's been another busy and exciting week, and I want to take a moment to celebrate some of the wonderful things happening in our community. Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Daniell, who has been working with all the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 over the past eight weeks, delivering high-quality swimming lessons. Her patience, encouragement and expertise have helped the children make brilliant progress in both their water confidence and safety skills, and we're incredibly grateful for the positive impact she's had.

I'd also like to say a big thank you to our amazing PTA for organising such a successful Summer Fair last Saturday. It was a fantastic event, full of fun and community spirit, and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying themselves. These events take a great deal of time and effort to organise, and we are truly appreciative of the team's commitment and energy. The money raised goes directly back into supporting our children and enriching school life – so thank you to everyone who came along and supported.

Following the fair, many of our Year 4 pupils headed over to the church for their brass concert – and what a brilliant performance they gave! It's not easy to stand up and perform in front of an audience, but the children rose to the occasion beautifully, sharing everything they've learned with confidence and enthusiasm. It was a lovely end to a busy day, and a real celebration of their musical progress.

Looking ahead to next week, we're all very excited for our Year 6 pupils as they set off on their residential trip. This is always such a special experience – a chance to build independence, try new things, and make lasting memories with friends before they move on to secondary school. We hope they have a fantastic time and really squeeze every bit of fun and learning out of their final few weeks with us. These last days of primary school are precious, and we're here to support and celebrate them every step of the way.



Finally, a quick reminder to all families about morning drop-offs. If your child attends Breakfast Club, please remember that drop-off should be no earlier than 7.45am. For all other pupils, school gates open at 8.30am. We ask that children are not left before this time, as there are no staff on site to supervise them. We want to ensure that all children are safe and properly welcomed into school each day, so thank you for your support in helping us manage this.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend – hopefully with a little sunshine, some screen-free time, and plenty of opportunities to relax and enjoy time together.

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Parents with children attending the residential next week - please remember to send any medication and dosage details to the office on Monday morning.
- Trips & Activities - please pay any outstanding contributions by Monday 7th July please.
- Breakfast Club & Treetops accounts must be brought up to date by Monday 7th July. Any extra sessions booked **must** be paid for at the time of booking.
- Childcare voucher payments are suspended from 11th July. Please do not send payments by childcare vouchers after this date until further notice .

We can currently only accept the following donations

- white polo shirts (in good condition)
  - PE shorts
  - blazers

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:PYRFORDUNIFORM@GMAIL.COM)

HOMEMADE  
LEMONADE  
And  
BISCUIT  
School!

Prices  
Lemonade = 50p  
Biscuit = 50p

Bosses  
Matilda Clements  
Ottalie Troner-Clark  
Belle Curid  
Mikaela Brien

AFTER  
School on  
TUESDAY  
THE 8<sup>th</sup> OF  
JULY

card  
and  
cash!

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Tue 8 Jul	after school	Charity Lemonade & Biscuit Stall
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

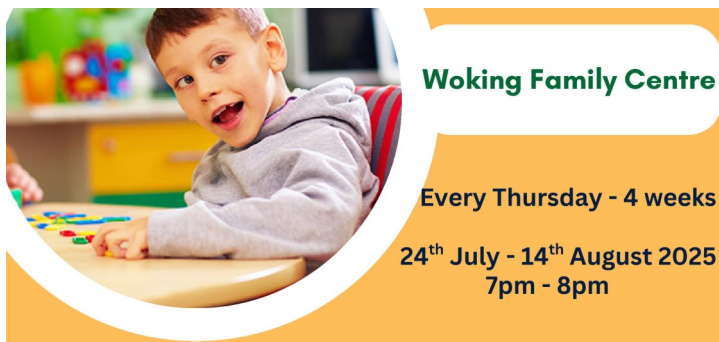
## Term Dates ... Next Year (2025/26)

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September	INSET DAYS
Thursday 4th September	Term starts for children
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 ... The Year After (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





## Woking Family Centre

Every Thursday - 4 weeks

24<sup>th</sup> July - 14<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
7pm - 8pm

## 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

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## WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

### DROP-IN & JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN PLAY TIME

PLAYDOUGH, ARTS, CRAFTS, GAMES & MUCH MORE

Thursday 31st July 2025

10am - 11.30am

Friday 8th August 2025

1.30pm - 3pm

Wednesday 13th August 2025

10am - 11.30am

Wednesday 20th August 2025

11am - 12.30pm

For more information contact:  
[wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk)  
01483 310419

Woking Family Centre, Sythwood,  
Woking, GU21 3AX

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Varnham Performing Arts

## JULY DISNEY WORKSHOP

31<sup>st</sup> of July 2025  
@ Feltonfleet school, Cobham

9AM - 4PM  
Ages 4 - 16

Join us for a fun filled day for only **£50!**

LEARN DANCES, SONGS AND SCRIPT  
from these AMAZING movies!

Limited spaces available. Secure your place now!  
[info@varnhamperformingarts.co.uk](mailto:info@varnhamperformingarts.co.uk) or WhatsApp: 07563217920

[www.varnhamperformingarts.co.uk](http://www.varnhamperformingarts.co.uk)  
\*cast members are subject to change due to availability and/or illness\*

**PYRFORD & WISLEY**

# VILLAGE SHOW

## FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Meet at Pyrford Village Hall at 12.40pm  
Open to all ages - prizes awarded by the Mayor of Woking in the Arena

**SATURDAY 12TH JULY 2025**  
**ON PYRFORD CRICKET GROUND**

[pyrfordvillageshow.com](http://pyrfordvillageshow.com)



**Tuesday ~ Cook & Create**  
**Wednesday ~ Arts & Clay**

**Thursday ~ Drama, Dance & Craft**  
**Friday ~ Allsorts & Sports**

# ALLSORTS HOLIDAY CLUB

TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> TO FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST  
 10:15AM TO 2:30PM EACH DAY  
 BOOK VIA [WWW.WISLEYWITHPYRFORD.ORG/EVENTS](http://WWW.WISLEYWITHPYRFORD.ORG/EVENTS)  
 COME AND HAVE A GOD FULL, FUN FULL, AMAZING TIME AT  
 THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, PYRFORD. GU22 8SP  
 £6 PER DAY. BRING A PACKED LUNCH. FOR 4 TO 11 YR OLDS  
 (SUBSIDIES ARE AVAILABLE DO CONTACT [SUZANNE@WISLEYWITHPYRFORD.ORG](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org) TO KNOW MORE)

COME LEARN  
HOW TO BE  
A KINGDOM  
BUILDER !!

## Join our Holiday Club!

A week of fun in  
West Byfleet  
for boys & girls  
age 7-12

Be creative!

Singing, crafts, games, and  
more at St John's Church

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> August, 10am-4.30pm  
 E: [music@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk](mailto:music@stjohnswestbyfleet.org.uk)

## Tots Praise!

Tuesday Mornings,  
10 to 11:30am

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

Songs, puppets, story, cake, coffee, juice,

We'd love to see you.

Any enquiries Suzanne at the Parish Office 01932 356166  
[Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org)

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.