

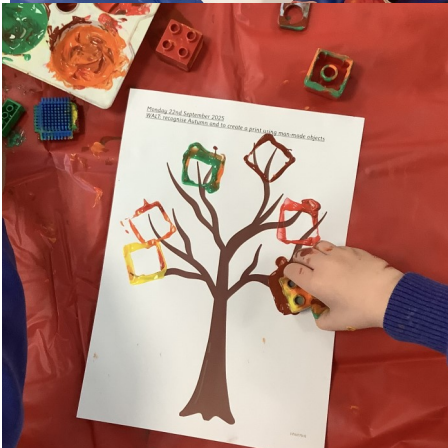
26 September 2025

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Autumnal Art

Year 1 have had a brilliant time learning about Autumn as we embrace this new season. The children confidently identified key facts, like how the leaves change colour and fall from the trees. They then used the printing technique to create their own stunning Autumnal trees using man-made objects.



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# Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents

It's safe to say we're now fully into the swing of things! Nothing shows this more than those slightly cooler morning starts — and, of course, the Year 6 Bikeability sessions. It's been a wonderful week across the school, full of excellent learning. I even had the chance to lead an assembly in Cedar class and teach some maths on Thursday, which was a lovely reminder of the joy of being back in the classroom.

You may have noticed members of the leadership team out on the gates in the mornings, greeting families as they arrive. This change is partly linked to our work with *When the Adults Change (WTAC)* and partly to make sure we're more visible and available for any questions. Please do say hello if you see us — and don't worry if the children don't always respond; some are naturally a little shy, and we don't want them to feel any pressure. Over time, this will become just another part of the daily routine.

Speaking of WTAC, this is one of the priorities in our School Development Plan for the year ahead. Each summer, we reflect on what has gone well, and where we can grow further. This year, we've chosen to focus on the following areas:

- **Relational Practice:** Embedding a relational practice approach across the school in partnership with *When the Adults Change (WTAC)*. This will help us continue to shape a learning environment that supports children's wellbeing, engagement and academic outcomes.
- **The Joy Project:** Creating a whole-school approach to enriching children's experiences through oracy, physical movement, safe risk-taking and creative play. We are especially grateful to the PTA for their generous funding which will allow us to develop our site to support this exciting work.

Alongside these two big priorities, we'll also continue to:

- Strengthen our inclusion work with parents.
- Review and refine our approach to the teaching of writing.
- Collaborate with other schools in our Trust to explore how AI tools might support teaching and learning, while also helping pupils understand both the opportunities and challenges AI brings.

Our staff are reinforcing our school rules of being *ready, respectful* and *safe* at all times. The children have responded positively, especially with their efforts to use 'walking feet' along the corridors. It's been wonderful to see them take this responsibility on board.

As part of the Joy Project, we've started looking at how to redesign our playground spaces to allow for different types of play. This week, for example, we moved some benches onto the verge, freeing up more space for fast-paced games while also creating calmer areas for those who enjoy more creative activities.

Finally, I wanted to share news of an exhibition at Guildford Cathedral running over the next few months. Among the artists featured is Jacqui Parkinson, whose work has been inspiring our assemblies this term as we've revisited the story of creation and other early stories from the Bible.

Wishing you all a restful weekend!

Kind regards.

Mr D

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher



# Behaviour Blog



Rules allow us to teach behaviour. What are the rules in your home? You should think about them and note them down.

Ask your children, separately if you have more than one child, what they think the rules at home are.

At school we use 3 simple rules which are '**Ready, Respectful and Safe**'. They cover all behaviours: from putting our lunch boxes on the trolley in the morning; to walking safely around the school; to looking after our classroom resources.

Think about how you might be able to use '**Ready, Respectful and Safe**' at home and what that might mean for teaching your children the behaviours you expect to see.

**Just a reminder...**



- ◆ If you know your child might need Calpol or Nurofen during the school day, please drop it off at the school office in an unopened, named bottle.
- ◆ There are 2 places available on the Y6 residential in the summer. Please contact Mrs Williams in the school office if you are interested.
- ◆ Y4 Brass consents to be completed on Scopay please.
- ◆ Y5 Juniper Hall consents are due today on Scopay please.
- ◆ Please bring Breakfast Club & Treetops accounts up to date.



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**27 OCTOBER – 2 NOVEMBER**  
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NOW  
BOOKING IN  
THE WEST END!

# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Elias** who has made a wonderful return to nursery. He joins in all the activities and is helping to show our new friends where things belong. Elias loves looking at books. He is often found in the book corner with a book. He turns the pages carefully and tells his own story. When Elias has finished, he puts the book back on the bookshelves. Well done!

**R BEECH - Cleo** who was fantastic in our PE lesson. She listened carefully to the rules and thought about how to move her body to slide along the bench, jump off safely and then bunny hop off the mat. What a great sequence and fantastic to see her so confident!

**R HAZEL - Luke** who arrives in Hazel Class with a wonderful smile and is ready to begin his day. He tries new activities and is really good at tidying up once he's finished. Well done Luke, you are a brilliant role model for the other children.

**1 OAK - Arthur** for the excellent effort and attitude that he has demonstrated towards our first piece of writing in Year 1. Arthur was able to retell the story of *Funnybones* and wrote two brilliant sentences to show this. He even used superb adjectives to show description in his writing. Well done Arthur - your enthusiasm towards learning is infectious and a joy to have in the classroom!

**1 PINE - Hannah** for her fantastic work in English. As we start to look at seasonal poetry, we created some autumn pictures. Hannah thought carefully about which colours represented autumn and used leaves and manmade objects to create some beautiful prints. Well done Hannah!

**2 CEDAR - Evangeline** who loves music. We have been responding to the dynamic of different music by representing them through art. She thought carefully about how the two different pieces of music made her feel.

**2 HAWTHORN - Noah** for working hard in Maths to partition 2-digit numbers into tens and ones. He always works well with his partner and enjoys completing any challenges. Well done Noah!

**3 ELM - Issy** Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been learning about the tones and textures that can be created with different sketching pencils. Issy produced an outstanding collection of work, using different types of pencil and techniques to great effect. Wonderful work Issy!

**3 MAPLE - Edward** This week, Year 3 have been writing an adventure story about what could have happened to the character Jack in *The Tunnel*. Edward did a fantastic job of writing his adventure story. He included a range of verbs and adverbs for effect. His teachers are really proud of his fantastic writing - keep up the hard work Edward!

**4 ALDER - Jamie** In Maths, Year 4 have been working with numbers up to 10,000. Jamie concentrated really hard and produced some excellent work. He thought carefully about how to approach the challenges. Well done Jamie!

**4 LARCH - James** who really impressed us with his amazing work and skills in Maths. He always challenges himself, goes on to complete the problem-solving task and can clearly explain his thinking. Well done James!

**5 ROWAN - Matilda** for her beautiful picture showing what is important to her in our world. We have been learning about the Creation story in the Bible and what it teaches Christians about their relationship with God. Miss Wilson was really impressed with how she used colour, words and patterns to share her ideas so thoughtfully. Well done Matilda!



**5 WILLOW - Numaan** for his thoughtful and creative work on Creation in RE. He showed great reflection in his picture, thinking carefully about what he is thankful for and wants to celebrate. It was lovely to see how he used art to express his ideas. Keep up the fantastic work Numaan.

**6 ASPEN - Alexandra** for her brilliant information page about Stonehenge. It's really eye-catching and informative! Well done for including a lot of information in well-organised paragraphs using subheadings and questions.

**6 HOLLY - Lizzie** for her super account in Science on Inheritance and Evolution. We





learned about how farmers use selective breeding to choose certain characteristics in plants and animals. We

also found out how the cross-breeding of dogs develops specific characteristics and features. We then created our own new cross-breed of dog. Mrs Bull loved Lizzie's Pomerchu and her illustrations. Well done Lizzie.

A Pomeranian because they're like a pom-pom and soft and a chihuahua because they're small and cute.



**6 LAUREL - Radley** for his wonderful work in Science. He created a storyboard to explain the important findings of Mary Anning in our Inheritance and Evolution topic. Radley included important points about Mary's life and how influential she was to our knowledge of fossils and the theory of evolution. Well done Radley, keep up the great work!

## SAFEGUARDING

Should you have any concerns about a child in school, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Mrs Vymetal or one of her deputies, Mrs Brockway, Mr Dutton, Mrs Leahy or Mrs Newman. Their email address is [dsl@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

If they are not contactable and you are concerned about the safety of a child or young person, you should contact the Surrey Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPA) 0300 470 9100 or 01483 517898 (out of hours hosted by the emergency duty team)

[cspa@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:cspa@surreycc.gov.uk)



Mrs  
Vymetal



Mrs  
Brockway



Mr  
Dutton



Mrs  
Leahy



Mrs  
Newman

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESEN

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

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
<b>Wed 1 Oct</b>	<b><i>a.m.</i></b>	<b><i>Sports Leader Training @ Woking Leisure Centre (selected Y5)</i></b>
Tue 7 Oct		Y5 to Juniper Hall
Thu 9 Oct	09:00	Harvest Service @ CoGS
Fri 10 Oct		Y4 Saxons Workshop
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
<b>Thu 16 Oct</b>	<b><i>a.m.</i></b>	<b><i>Y6 Football Tournament @ Woking Leisure Centre (selected Y6 boys)</i></b>
<b>Thu 16 Oct</b>	<b><i>p.m.</i></b>	<b><i>Y6 Football Tournament @ Woking Leisure Centre (selected Y6 girls)</i></b>
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
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
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>

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 5 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Wed 28 Jan		<b>INSET DAY</b>
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 30 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



### 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.

## 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





## **Come Celebrate Harvest**

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October:**

**9am: Pyrford C of E Primary School**  
at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October:**

**6:30pm: Bring & Share Harvest Supper**  
at the Church of the Good Shepherd

### **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>

#### **VERY URGENTLY NEEDED**

Long Life Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate Powder, Deodorant Roll On & Spray Types M & F, Shaving Gel & Foam, Cooking Oil, Disposable Razors

#### **NEEDED**

Corned Beef, Nappies Size 7 & 8, Chocolate Spread, Cooking Sauce Jars, Multi Pack Crisps, Washing Up Liquid, Tinned Carrots, Toilet Gel & Cleaner, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Tinned Custard, Long Life Milk, Long Life Sponge Puddings, Fruit Squash, Tomato Ketchup, Peanut Butter,

#### **THEY HAVE PLENTY OF**

Tea Bags, Soup, Porridge, Tinned Pulses, Cereal, Dry Pasta & Spaghetti, Baked Beans



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



## SEEING YOUR CHILD GOD'S WAY



a new pair of glasses  
Session 1



releasing  
Session 4



catching vision  
Session 2




looking treasure  
Session 3



Session 5

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



**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.

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## HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

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### THE CLUBHOUSE

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**9:15am - 12:30pm**

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

**For children in school years Reception to year 6**

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

