

Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Into *The Tunnel* & Light Investigations with Year 3

Year 3 are reading *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne. They had a wonderful time using their senses to act out the story as they climbed through the tunnel. They then investigated needing light to see and that light travels in straight lines.



Golden Book Creativity



Aiza



Sydney



Zoe

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Assistant Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the second edition of our weekly newsletter. The children have settled in well and are starting to establish their new routines. We understand that it can take a couple of weeks to fully adjust, and research suggests it can take up to six weeks to truly immerse themselves in these routines.

This week, our assemblies have focused on the theme of **creativity**. We shared the story of creation from the Bible and discussed how we can all express creativity in different ways. This theme ties in beautifully with our vision: *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God"* (Romans 15:7). We continue to encourage the children to embrace difference and show kindness towards each other.

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.

From Monday, there will be changes to the end-of-day collection procedures for children in Years 3, 4 and 5. You should have received an email with the updated arrangements. If you have any feedback, please speak to your child's class teacher.

We have now completed our parent briefing sessions for each year group. We hope you found them helpful in providing insight into your child's year ahead. If you were unable to attend, the presentation slides have been emailed to you and are in the process of being uploaded to the school website for your convenience.

Please note, for those children wishing to be a house captain, the deadline for them writing their letter to Mr Dutton has been changed to **Monday 22nd September**. We look forward to reading the applications.

A huge thank you to those of you who have offered your time to help hear the children read. Your support is truly appreciated. Miss Adams is currently organising the reading volunteers and will let you know soon which year group and day you'll be helping.

We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend ahead!

Best regards.

Chantelle Porter

Assistant Headteacher

Behaviour Blog



You get more of the behaviour you notice most. This isn't a magic trick or a positive thinking self-delusion. When you notice the good stuff and tell people about it, you change your child's thinking. Catching your child doing the right thing is more impactful than catching them doing the wrong thing. Practice switching your focus this week.

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Barney who has returned to nursery brilliantly. He arrives with a big smile and has been so helpful in showing our new Squirrels what to do and where things belong. Such a good role model! Barney engages in all the different activities and talks about what he is doing. Well done Barney!

R BEECH - Ophelia who has had a great start to school. She has been trying her best in all she does, working hard and being a kind friend to others. She is a fantastic role model to the other children and Mrs Murray is so proud. Well done Ophelia!

R HAZEL - Aiza who has made a wonderful start to her Reception year. She arrives every morning with a big smile on her face, ready for learning. She keeps herself very busy and spends a long time making sure her work is just right - *see front page*. Well done Aiza, you're a fabulous role model for your friends.

1 OAK - Carter for trying incredibly hard in his phonics lessons. He has taken learning our first Year 1 sound in his stride and shows great confidence when decoding a range of words. He is a joy to have in our phonics sessions. Well done Carter!

1 PINE - Jude for his excellent work in Maths. Not only did he represent a number line to 10 using Numicon, but he also helped other children to find their missing pieces and work out the order together. Great work, Jude!

2 CEDAR - Sydney who used the stroke technique to create a landscape in the style of Pierre Auguste Renoir. She has beautifully captured the idea of movement - *see front page*.

2 HAWTHORN - Zoe who also used the stroke technique to create a landscape in the style of Renoir. She chose her colours carefully and produced a wonderful picture. Well done Zoe! - *see front page*.

3 ELM - Elijah This week we have been learning about place value for 3-digit numbers. Elijah understood the learning brilliantly, accurately completing his tasks. Well done Elijah!

3 MAPLE - Anna In English we have been reading *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne. We used adverbs to describe how the characters were moving. Anna worked so hard on her sentences and used some fantastic verbs and adverbs - "crawled slowly", "ran quickly", "sobbed quietly". Well done Anna!

4 ALDER - Sofi In Year 4 we have been retelling the story *Wolves* by Emily Gravett. Sofi really impressed us with her use of fronted adverbials and description - "As he was reading his book, his imaginative mind went wild" - and we look forward to reading the end of her story. Excellent work Sofi!

4 LARCH - Noah has also produced some wonderful creative writing, effectively using our writer's toolkit. "Suddenly, as Rabbit was walking along, he saw a blur of grey fur."

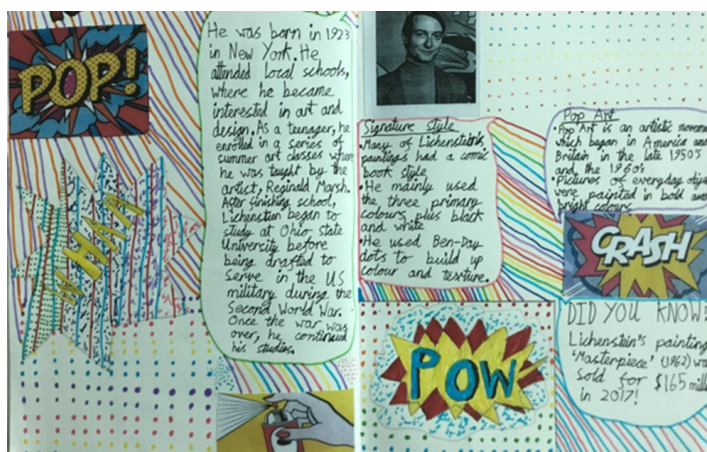
5 ROWAN - Emily for her fantastic story map. She clearly showed the dangers Ivan has to face in order to rescue his brother from the evil Starjik in our book *Ice Palace*. Her map highlights the key events and thoughtfully explains how Ivan might be feeling at each stage. Keep up your brilliant work, Emily - well done!

5 WILLOW - George for his fantastic story map of *Ice Palace*. He displayed a really clear understanding of the events and explained his ideas clearly and creatively. A fantastic piece of work - well done!

6 ASPEN - Vivienne for her brilliant Pop Art page about Roy Lichtenstein. It's really eye-catching! Well done for including a lot of information about Roy and having a go at using several of his techniques.

6 HOLLY - Marianna In our Science lessons we have been finding out about fossils. Marianna's work impressed Mrs Bull as she wrote an excellent account of what a fossil is and how they are formed. She also explained what the word 'extinct' means and gave some super examples of species already no longer on our planet, together with examples of animals in danger of becoming extinct. A fabulous piece of work Marianna - well done.

6 LAUREL - Ellie for her fabulous writing in History in our new topic - the Stone Age. You were asked to write a diary entry as William Watt, a landowner, who discovered a Neolithic settlement in 1850 (named Skara Brae) on his land, following a violent storm. "After the aggressive storm we had yesterday, I decided to go for a walk to enjoy the sun again, but I was never expecting to find an ancient settlement!" Keep up the great writing Ellie. Well done!



AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Mon 22 Sep - Fri 3 Oct		Y6 Bikeability
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
Thu 16 Oct	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings NOT Year 4
Fri 24 Oct		INSET DAY
Mon 27 - Fri 31 Oct		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 5 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Wed 28 Jan		INSET DAY
Fri 6 Feb		Y1 to Milestones Museum
Wed 11 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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		EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 13 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Mon 27 - Wed 30 Apr		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Mon 4 May		Bank Holiday
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		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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		INSET DAY
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

**NO NUTS
NO SESAME
SEEDS**



Please check that all snacks and packed lunch items that you send in are free from both nuts and sesame seeds. We have a number of children in the school who are highly allergic to them. Thank you.

**Just a
reminder...**



- ◆ Nail varnish should not be worn at school.
- ◆ Y4 - please give your consent on Scopay for Brass lessons.
- ◆ Y5 - please give your consent on Scopay for the Juniper Hall trip.



Yet more unnamed lost property has accumulated over the last week. In particular we have a very new-looking F&F grey coat - age 5-6. There is something in the pocket - if you think it is your coat, please ask at the office. And please NAME EVERYTHING!

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



IT'S PANTO TIME!

You have 2 options
at a great discounted rate...

1

Beauty & the Beast

10th December, 7pm

Yvonne Arnaud
Theatre, Guildford
Stalls & Circle

Tickets: £22



2

**Snow White &
the Seven Dwarfs**

16th December, 7pm

Victoria Theatre,
Woking
Royal Circle

Tickets: £28



Booking & payment deadline - 21 September

For tickets please scan the QR code:



All sales are final

CROSSROADS PANTOMIMES PRESENTS

LESLEY JOSEPH ROB RINDER



Snow White
and the Seven Dwarfs

THE FAIREST PANTO IN THE LAND

**AARON JAMES
SCOTT MAURICE
BRIANA CRAIG**

FRI 5 DEC 2025 - SUN 4 JAN 2026

Visual Special Effects: **The Twins FX**

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Snow White
and the Seven Dwarfs

THE FAIREST PANTO IN THE LAND

TICKETS FROM £15
(Offers available at **Green** performances only, unless shown otherwise)

ATG+ MEMBERS 15% off Bands Premium - C
UNDER 16s 20% off Bands A - C
UNDER 25s & STUDENTS £30 tickets Band B tickets only
EDUCATION GROUPS £16 tickets
Bands A - C, Includes 1 free teacher/leader with every 10 tickets purchased
EDUCATION GROUPS UPPER CIRCLE £15 tickets
Bands B - D, Includes free ice cream per pupil plus 1 free teacher/leader with every 10 tickets purchased
GROUPS 8+ £4 off Bands Premium - C
GROUPS 12+ £5.50 off Bands Premium - C
GROUPS 20+ £7 off Bands Premium - C
SUPER GROUPS 50+ £9 off Bands Premium - C
PEAK GROUPS (Blue performances) Contact group sales for available rates
LOCAL HEROES 25% off Bands B - D
Visit the Local Heroes page for further details: atgtix.co/LocalHeroes
SENIORS RATE £5 off Bands A & B (Blue and Green performances)

CAPTIONED PERFORMANCE
Wed 17 Dec, 7pm

AUDIO DESCRIBED PERFORMANCE
Thu 18 Dec, 1pm

BSL SIGNED PERFORMANCE
Mon 29 Dec, 7pm

RELAXED PERFORMANCE
Fri 2 Jan, 2pm

Our Relaxed Performance will provide the same magical pantomime experience, but with an atmosphere and environment that has been adapted in the interest of safety and comfort for audiences with learning and/or sensory disabilities.

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DECEMBER

Fri 5	7pm
Sat 6	2pm 7pm
Sun 7	1pm 5pm
Mon 8	NO PERFORMANCES
Tue 9	1pm 7pm
Wed 10	1pm 7pm
Thu 11	1pm 7pm
Fri 12	1pm 7pm
Sat 13	2pm 7pm
Sun 14	1pm 5pm
Mon 15	NO PERFORMANCES
Tue 16	1pm 7pm
Wed 17	1pm 7pm
Thu 18	1pm 7pm
Fri 19	NO PERFORMANCES
Sat 20	2pm 7pm
Sun 21	1pm 5pm
Mon 22	2pm 7pm
Tue 23	2pm 7pm
Wed 24	1pm 5pm
Thu 25	NO PERFORMANCES
Fri 26	1pm 5pm
Sat 27	2pm 7pm
Sun 28	1pm 5pm
Mon 29	2pm 7pm
Tue 30	2pm 7pm
Wed 31	1pm 5pm

JANUARY

Thu 1	NO PERFORMANCES
Fri 2	2pm 7pm
Sat 3	2pm 7pm
Sun 4	1pm 5pm

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 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



(unintelligible)
Session 5

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



Woking Family Centre
Every Tuesday - 4 weeks
7pm - 8pm
4th November - 25th 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



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AT WOKING UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th October

For children in school years Reception to year 6

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wokingurc.org.uk



A URC Holiday club resource Booking open 23rd September - 5th October

