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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Prayer Stations

This week, each class has visited The Church of the Good Shepherd for Prayer Stations, where we spent time reflecting with the help of Psalm 23 and wonderful church helpers. Thank you so much from Year 6 to Suzanne and her team for this amazing opportunity.



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the school year and there is so much to fit in before the Summer holidays!

Our whole school assembly this week focused on the **story of the Well of Zamzam**. Pupils listened thoughtfully and reflected on the themes of faith, perseverance, and the vital importance of water. It was a powerful story that supported our work on understanding and respecting different cultures and beliefs.

The children were also fortunate to be invited to the Church of the Good Shepherd and to take part in a **wonderful Prayer Station experience** throughout the week. Each class visited the calm and reflective space, where they were invited to pause, think deeply, and express their hopes and gratitude. It was a truly meaningful experience that supported spiritual development across the school.

Monday also saw our pupils looking particularly smart for their **class photographs**. Thank you for making sure everyone came in looking their best—it was lovely to see such proud smiles and polished uniforms. We still have Cedar, Maple and Rowan classes to photograph and some more Squirrels children who weren't in on Monday. We are working with our photographer to find a date and will let parents know as soon as we can.

We were thrilled to welcome a **fabulous author into school** for a special visit with Key Stage 2 on Thursday. The sessions were exciting, inspiring, and packed with creativity! Panagiotis Kavadias shared insights into the writing process, answered brilliant questions from our pupils, and encouraged everyone to be confident storytellers.

Looking ahead, on Friday the Senior Leadership Team will be off-site for our annual **SLT Away Day**. This day gives us valuable time to review the progress made through this year's **School Development Plan** and begin shaping our vision and goals for the next academic year.

Finally, as the week draws to a close, we would like to wish all our Muslim families a joyful and peaceful Eid. **Eid Mubarak!** May this special time bring happiness, reflection, and celebration to all who are observing it.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

Father's Day Fun - Friday 13th June

Squirrels and Reception parents: 'Stay and Play' Father's Day Fun at 2:30.

Please use the gates by Hazel Class and enter the classroom through the outside classroom doors. The gates will be opened at **2:20**.

Squirrels parents; please go straight to Squirrels.

KS1 (Year 1 and 2) parents: we will open the gates from the school field onto the alley way opposite the cricket pitch at **2:20** for Father's Day Fun on the Field.

If you have a child in both places, please come to the field first and make yourself known to a member of staff. You will be escorted to Nursery / Reception half way through the event.

At **3:00** we will ask all Squirrels and Reception parents to wait outside the classroom whilst children get their belongings and then you can take them home. At 3:00 the KS1 children will return to the classrooms to get ready for home and then you can take them home.

If you are not able to attend the event please let your child's class teacher know in advance.

Best wishes,

Miss Adams, Community Engagement Lead

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Florence for always being busy. She plays inside and outside and is always fully engaged in what she is doing. She showed great concentration as she cut out some sea creatures and stuck them on a sea scene. She made a great under the sea picture. Well done Florence!

R BEECH - Tayla for becoming a fantastic writer since starting school. She has grown in confidence and is now able to write without any help. Well done Tayla!

R HAZEL - Arthur for doing some amazing writing. He is always very proud to show Mrs Freeman his work - his Proud Square is bursting with all his work. Well done Arthur!

1 OAK - Ethan for the excellent progress he has made in his phonics. He always tries his best to say the sounds that he has learned clearly and confidently and shows great determination to decode unfamiliar words. Well done Ethan. Miss Daly is really proud of you!

1 PINE - Hallie-Lou We have been learning about different types of turns in Year 1. Hallie has been an expert at this and shown others how to tell the difference between left and right. She has also been a great partner when using the beebots.

2 CEDAR - Maggie Year 2 have been writing story setting descriptions as Max the hedgehog from the story *The Hodgeheg*. Maggie used fantastic expanded noun phrases to describe the park. Mrs Goree and Mrs Shardlow are so proud of all her hard work - well done Maggie!

2 HAWTHORN - Umar In PSHE we have been thinking about how to support our friends and give them feedback. Umar gave clear instructions so that his friend could complete an obstacle course whilst blindfolded. He also listened to his friend to complete the obstacle course himself.

3 ELM - Annie Drawing on the features of train poetry, Annie wrote a brilliant, evocative poem about a train racing through the countryside. Her poem has the rhythm of the train on the tracks, metaphors, rhyming and onomatopoeia. Wonderful work Annie!

3 MAPLE - Emaan for her excellent poem about trains. Mrs Brockway particularly enjoyed the onomatopoeia she included and was also very impressed with Emaan's beautifully neat handwriting.



4 ALDER - Samuel and Mustafa In Art, Year 4 have been learning about collagraph printing. Samuel and Mustafa worked carefully to produce tiles to which they will later apply ink and create prints. First, they used string to make the outline of a leaf and then combined



a variety of materials to create a collage of a butterfly.

4 LARCH - Becky for the persuasive writing she used in her letter to Darwin. Mrs Steen was so impressed with her wonderful descriptions and how she used the elements of a writer's toolkit effectively!

5 CHERRY - Isaac for his fantastic effort in Maths. We have begun learning about negative numbers and Isaac is able to accurately explain his reasoning using mathematical language and has pushed himself on the challenges. Fantastic work Isaac, keep it up!

5 ROWAN - Stanley for being such a conscientious and hard-working member of Rowan Class. He has a fantastic attitude to learning and strives to always do his best. He is a fantastic role model to his peers. Great work Stanley, keep it up!

5 WILLOW - Imogen for her exceptional effort in English. Her narrative is both engaging and thoughtfully crafted, incorporating numerous Year 5 objectives with creativity. The presentation is meticulous, reflecting her consistent dedication. Well done Imogen - keep up the excellent work!

6 HOLLY - Evie In English, Year 6 designed their own spy gadgets and wrote a persuasive text for prospective buyers. Mrs Bull was so impressed with Evie's piece about her multi-function mobile phone - she included so many persuasive techniques and great vocabulary and punctuation. If Mrs Bull were a spy, she would certainly buy one. Well done Evie - super work!

6 LAUREL - Arran for his fantastic work in History in the new topic *Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century*. Arran took detailed notes during the lesson and wrote a well-planned report about the history of football, including several sub-headings. Mrs Gilbey has been very impressed with Arran's writing this summer term: he has listened to feedback and worked hard to improve. Well done Arran, keep up the great work.

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 9 Jun		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Wed 11 Jun		EYFS Bugfest
Wed 11 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y5/Y6 Quad Kids (District Sports Team) @ Sportsbox
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Thu 12 Jun	12:30-16:30	Y5/Y6 Girls Cricket Team @ Old Woking Cricket Club
Fri 13 Jun	14:30-15:00	EYFS & KS1 Fathers Day Fun
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Tue 17 Jun	15:30-17:00	Y5/Y6 Netball Team to Netball Rally @ Hoe Bridge
Thu 19 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y3/Y4 Quadkids (District Sports) @ Sportsbox
Thu 19 Jun	after school	Eid Snack Sale
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Sat 21 Jun	18:30-21:00	Swim Gala @ Guildford Spectrum
Mon 23 Jun	08:45	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day - Years 1 & 2
Mon 23 Jun	10:30	EYFS Sports Day - Nursery & Reception
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Wed 25 Jun	08:45	KS2 Sports Day - Years 3 & 4
Wed 25 Jun	10:30	KS2 Sports Day - Years 5 & 6
Thu 26 Jun		Cherry & Willow Classes to Wildwood
Fri 27 Jun		Rowan Class 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
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Fri 4 Jul	13:00-15:00	Y4 (selected pupils) Tennis Festival @ Pirbright
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Thu 10 Jul	16:00-17:30	Y3/4 (selected pupils) Tri-Golf @ St Dunstan's
Thu 17 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

EID SNACK SALE - after school on Thursday 19th June

We so enjoyed the tasty snacks last year - samosas, pakoras etc - and are already looking forward to enjoying snacks again straight after school on the 19th.

If you are able to make snacks and/or help on the stall, please contact Miss Adams s.adams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk



Parent Support Programme at
Pyrford CofE Primary School



The Cygnet Course is a support programme for parents and carers of children and young people, aged 5-18, who are autistic.

Surrey's Cygnet course offer is coordinated through the Autism Outreach team based at Freemantles School, but the team of trainers is made up from professionals working across Surrey in education, health and charity organisations.

**A Cygnet Course is being held at Pyrford Primary School with
Sarah Bourne - Assistant SENCO.**

11th, 18th & 25th and 2nd, 9th and 16th July: 6.00pm-8.30pm

The core Cygnet programme is delivered over six 2.5 hour sessions which include:

Session 1: Introductory session

Session 2: An overview of autism with parent and carer experience

Session 3: Thinking & Sensory

Session 4: Social Interaction & Communication

Session 5: Understanding and supporting behaviour

Session 6: Analysing behaviour

Parents of autistic children face the usual positives and challenges of parenting and quite a few more. Attending a Cygnet autism support programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and consider ways to support their child. It also provides the opportunity to meet other people in a similar position and hear about their experiences in an informal but supportive atmosphere.

Who can attend Cygnet sessions?

Parents, carers or other family members who have responsibility for your child. Your child needs to be between the ages of 5-18 years and live in Surrey. They may have a diagnosis of autism or be waiting for one. **Please book a place for each person attending.**

Fees

Freemantles Outreach are charging £10 per family to attend the 6-week programme, if you are not in a financial position to pay for this please get in touch with them to discuss further.

Please use this link to book your place- select group 15.

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/79736/sessions>



Pyrford Primary
School's

SUMMER FAIR

Sat 28 June
1-3pm

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PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY

Keystage 1 and EYFS Sports Day

When: Monday 23rd June

Years 1 and 2- 8.45am

Nursery and Reception- 10.30am

WHERE: THE SCHOOL FIELD

Please exit the school premises after dropping your child to school and come to the cricket field gate at the side of the school field at the start of your child's event. This will be the only entrance open.

Order of events

Year 1	Year 2
obstacle	jump/throw
sprint	obstacle
jump/throw	sprint
year group relays	
Nursery	Reception
running races	fun field events
fun field events	running races

Remember:
PE kit
sun cream, water bottles and caps

PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY

Keystage 2 Sports Day

When: WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE

Years 3 and 4- 8.45am

Years 5 and 6-10.30am

WHERE: THE SCHOOL FIELD

Please exit the school premises after dropping your child to school and come to cricket field gate at the side of the school field. This will be the only entrance open.

Year 3/5	Year 4/6
throw/jump	wacky races
jump/throw	sprint
wacky races	throw/jump
sprint	jump/throw
House team shuttle run Long Distance	

Remember:
PE kit with their house colour t-shirt,
sun cream, water bottles and caps

Beating asthma together- parent and carers session (Online) 18th June 7.30-8pm

The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma.

Let's tackle asthma head-on — together!

Understand what asthma *really* is

- ☑ Spot the signs before they escalate
- ☑ Learn what works – at home and in school
- ☑ Build a solid action plan
- ☑ Get expert answers to your questions

Clear. Practical. Life-saving.

Don't miss this chance to feel more confident and better prepared [click here to book](#)

WEDNESDAY 18TH JUNE 2025
10.00AM TO 6.00PM

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workingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk

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Parent and carer support

Supporting children who face additional challenges can be difficult at times. With that in mind, the Hope Service has created a space for groups of parents and carers to come together on a regular basis to discuss the challenges they face in a confidential and supportive environment.


These groups are specifically for parents and carers of children who would like additional support. You will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and receive support towards managing the often complex situations you find yourselves in. This is not a parenting class, rather a non-judgemental support group and we encourage you to talk about whatever seems most important.

Support is offered via Microsoft Teams by Hope staff members, which could include a Therapist, Nurse, Teacher, Social Worker and Hope day programme staff or outside facilitators.

The following link details the sessions on offer:

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/15wPURrH3sgdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvipOmfho-JzvP7c1OsGj2TUbNQ9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support>

Tuesday 10 June 5 - 6 pm	Community support versus psychiatric inpatient admission: What are the benefits of a community package versus hospital admission.
Tuesday 24 June 5 - 6 pm	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) - Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation: How to support a young person exploring their identity.



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



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.



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✓ All equipment provided
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TW19 5BY

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book your space for
aged 8+.

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July 2025
Monday 21st July
Tuesday 22nd July
Wednesday 23rd July
Thursday 24th July
Friday 25th July

August 2025
Monday 18th August
Tuesday 19th August
Wednesday 20th August
Thursday 21st August
Friday 22nd August