

15 November 2024

Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Just a normal Friday!



Year 5 enjoyed a visit from Huxley Birds of Prey in connection with their English text and
Early Years celebrated their love of nursery rhymes by dressing up!

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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

This week, we began with a moment of remembrance, reflecting on the sacrifices of soldiers in past conflicts. At 11 o'clock, we observed a two-minute silence and discussed the importance of this tradition with the children. It was a moving moment, and I was incredibly proud of the children's impeccable behaviour and respect during this time.

The week has been both busy and productive. On Monday afternoon, we welcomed our School Improvement Partner, Carol Pearce. She carried out a learning walk focused on our school's Christian distinctiveness and how it is woven into various aspects of school life. Carol was very impressed by the high standard of learning observed across the school, and the children demonstrated excellent attitudes toward their studies.

We also had the school photographer visit on Tuesday and Wednesday, bringing plenty of excitement as the children posed for their school photos—a memorable moment they all enjoyed!

I am also delighted to share the success of our Year 6 football team. The team made it all the way to the final and played admirably, though they ultimately finished second after a nail-biting penalty shootout. Losing on penalties can be tough, but reaching the final is a fantastic achievement, and we are very proud of all the players who represented our school so well. Congratulations to everyone involved!

On another note, I'm sure many of you have seen the recent news about Archbishop Justin Welby's resignation following the Makin Review. I want to reassure you that as a church school, we remain fully committed to the highest levels of safeguarding and training, with the safety and well-being of our students as our top priority. For more information, you can find a statement on the Diocese of Guildford website: [Diocese of Guildford News](#).

Finally, I'd like to take a moment to remind everyone about the importance of regular attendance. The Department for Education has made it clear that students are expected to attend school consistently, with very few exceptions. While occasional absences due to illness or special circumstances (such as a secondary school open day or a private music/dance exam) may be authorised, we are unable to grant most other absence requests. Your support in ensuring your child's regular attendance is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Have a great weekend!

Mr. D
Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

FOOTNOTES

Pleas from the School Caterer

Please would you ensure your child's school meals are chosen at least a week in advance as far as possible. This ensures the kitchen are able to order in enough meals/ingredients. If meals are chosen late the kitchen cannot guarantee being able to provide all the children with their choice of meal.

If your child would like to have the school Christmas lunch on Friday 13th December, please ensure their meal is booked on Scopay by Thursday 21st November at the latest as the meal choices for that day will be taken offline and no further orders can be taken.

Road Closure

Church Hill is now closed and will be for several weeks. This is bound to cause delays and disruption on alternative routes and you should allow extra time for your journeys to and from school.

Sports Kits

We are missing a number of school football and running kits. Please can you check at home and return any that you may have. Thank you.

Sports Report



This week our Year 6 football team went to a tournament at Greenfield School. They really impressed us with how well they played. We were particularly proud of how well they worked as a team and the spirit they showed in encouraging and supporting each other. They won every game in the first round, without conceding any goals. They made it through to the semi finals and then cruelly lost out to penalties. A huge well done to all the boys and thank you to Mr Tine for giving up his time to coach. We look forward to more matches ahead!

Mrs Steen



In school this week, we have recognised national Anti-Bullying Week with this year's focus being on respecting others. For more information and advice about bullying you can visit their website which has a parents' and carers' section.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/parents-and-carers>

Is your child starting school in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place between 4 November 2024 and 15 January 2025.

Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

Apply online between 04 November 2024 and 15 January 2025



Tours of the School for Prospective Parents Wednesday 27th November

Do you have a child due to start in Reception next September?
Come and hear what we can offer your child and see the school in action.

Tours at 10am, 2pm & 7pm

No need to book - just come along at the time that suits you best.

Squirrels Nursery

We will be holding small group tours of the Nursery. Please email Mrs Anderson to register your interest.
c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Margot Dunn & Olivia Sach We talked about Bonfire Night and listened to a firework display. The girls created their own firework pictures using different media. They looked fabulous. Well done girls!

R BEECH - Genie Burt We have been writing about celebrations. Genie was keen to talk about her recent birthday party and used her sounds to do some fantastic writing. Well done Genie!

R HAZEL - William Mitchell for fabulous independent writing as part of our topic about celebrations. Well done William, you are a super star!

1 OAK - Danyaal Ahmad for brilliantly identifying different number bonds within 10. He completed this work independently and showed a great understanding of his Maths. Well done Danyaal. We are all so proud of you!

1 PINE - Finley Fletcher for his fantastic artwork. We have been learning about Antarctica in English and Geography and used the wax resist paint technique to create Antarctic scenes in the style of the artist Nerys Levy.

2 CEDAR - Ada Gwyther In English we have been reading *Orion and the Dark*. The children rewrote a diary entry as Orion. Ada tried very hard with her writing and included feelings, adjectives and conjunctions, making it really interesting to read. Mrs Goree and Mrs Shardlow are very proud of Ada - well done!

2 HAWTHORN - Ali Zafar for working really hard in our Maths sessions. We have been subtracting 2-digit numbers and learning how to exchange when we have too many ones. Ali has shown great resilience when working through tasks and impressed Mrs Porter with his efforts. Well done Ali!

3 ELM - Audrey Jessup We designed and built our own seawigs (worn by rambling islands) inspired by an idea from our text. Audrey created a spectacular seawig complete with a mermaid, shipwreck and octopus. Wonderful imaginative work Audrey!



3 MAPLE - Mason Osborne-St Pierre for his excellent work in DT. Mrs Brockway was so impressed with his brilliant kite. He used the stapler effectively to make the tubes for his spars and to attach the tails. Great colour choices too Mason!

4 ALDER - Ginny Wood In English, Year 4 have been learning to use colons to add more detail to their sentences. Ginny used her imagination to write some excellent sentences describing magical items found within a mysterious vault.



4 LARCH - Kira Howell for the effort she makes in her writing. Kira always works so hard to apply what she has learnt and uses lots of elements of our writing toolkit to write effectively for different purposes. Her work is always a joy to read!

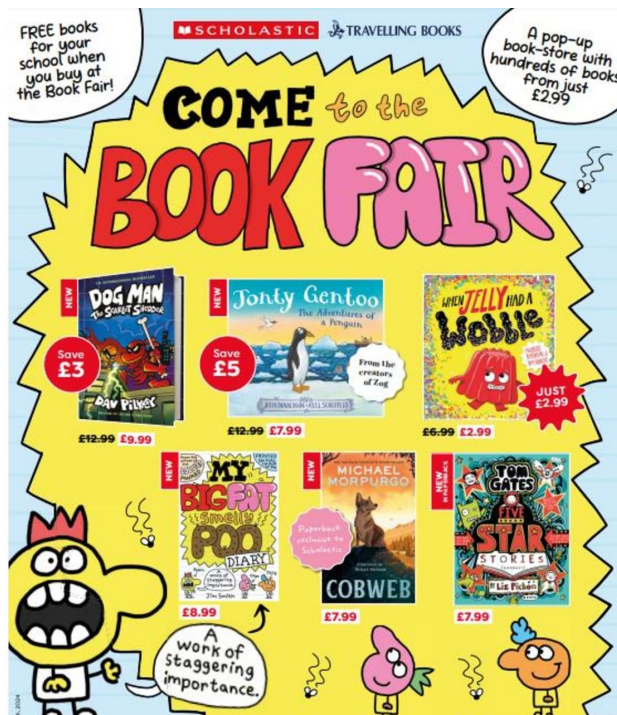
5 CHERRY - Abubakr-Ali Hussain for wowing Miss Dennis with his subordinate clauses used to describe an ancient garage in the book *Skellig*. The aim was to create mystery and suspense, eg "When I stumbled through the broken door, dust scattered everywhere."

5 ROWAN - Radley Westen for his fantastic work in Science, learning about the solar system. Radley produced some clearly labelled diagrams with good explanations of Copernicus' discovery of a Heliocentric Solar System compared to a Geocentric Solar System. Well done Radley, keep up the good work!

5 WILLOW - Charlie Shaile for his fantastic work in Computing. We have been learning how to create circuits and program them using our *Crumble* software. Charlie has been an excellent problem-solver and managed to debug the algorithm displayed on the screen. He also supported his peers in using the technology in the classroom. He has been a stellar student and an even better Digital Leader. Well done Charlie!

6 HOLLY - Tilly Waldron for her artwork. She produced fabulous onomatopoeia words in the Pop Art style, using vibrant colours and bold shapes to bring the art to life. Mrs Bull really liked how she used shading to create the illusion of 3D. Super work Tilly!

6 LAUREL - Sienna Cottrell Mrs Gilbey was so impressed with her work in RE. We have been discussing the connection, as most Christians see them, between prophecies in the Old Testament about the Messiah, and events from the life of Jesus. Sienna explained clearly and concisely how the Last Supper is a prophetic event. Well done Sienna, keep up the great work!



When? Tuesday 19th November &
Thursday 21st November

CARD PAYMENTS ONLY!

Where? In the Music Hut **After School**

TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26	
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September	INSET DAYS
Thursday 4th September	First Day of Autumn Term for children
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 22nd Dec - Friday 2nd January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5th January	First Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 28th January	INSET DAY
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Spring Half Term Holiday
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 13th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Monday 29th June	INSET DAY
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Summer Term for children
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July	INSET DAYS



CHRISTMAS DATES

Fri 6 Dec @ 10:30am **ENGAGE assembly**

Tue 10 Dec @ 2:30pm

Squirrels Sing Christmas

Wed 11 Dec @ 10am **EYFS Play**

Wed 11 Dec @ 1:30pm **KS1 Play**

Thu 12 Dec @ 1:30 pm **KS2 Carol Concert**

Fri 13 Dec **Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day**

Fri 13 Dec @ 2:30pm

Squirrels Sing Christmas

Mon 16 Dec a.m. **EYFS Elf Visit**

Tue 17 Dec p.m. **Christmas Film
Afternoon**

Wed 18 Dec **Christmas
Pause Day**

Fri 20 Dec @ 9am

Christmas Service @ CoGS

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Fri 15 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Tue 19 Nov	15:15	Book Fair in the Music Hut
Wed 20 Nov		Flu Vaccinations
Thu 21 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Thu 21 Nov	15:15	Book Fair in the Music Hut
Fri 22 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Wed 27 Nov		Y2 Fire Safety Workshop
Wed 27 Nov	10:00 14:00 19:00	Tours for Prospective Parents
Wed 27 Nov	15:30-17:30	SEN Parents Meetings
Thu 28 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y4 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 29 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Mon 2 Dec	pm	Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Halstead
Thu 5 Dec		Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 6 Dec	10:30	ENGAGE Christmas Assembly
Fri 6 Dec	18:45-20:45	PTA Wreath Making Workshop
Sat 7 Dec	09:00-12:00	PTA Christmas Tree Sale
Sat 7 Dec	13:00-15:00	PTA Christmas Fair
Tue 10 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Wed 11 Dec	10:00	EYFS Christmas Play
Wed 11 Dec	13:30	KS1 Christmas Play
Thu 12 Dec	13:30	KS2 Carol Concert
Fri 13 Dec		Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Mon 16 Dec		Y4 Victorian School Day
Mon 16 Dec	am	EYFS Elf Visit
Tue 17 Dec	08:45-09:45	KS2 Awards Assembly
Tue 17 Dec	pm	Christmas Film Afternoon
Wed 18 Dec	08:45-09:45	EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
Wed 18 Dec		Christmas Pause Day
Fri 20 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 20 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 6 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Thu 23 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle
Wed 29 Jan		INSET DAY
Tue 4 Feb	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Thu 6 Feb	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Thu 13 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Wed 12 - Fri 14 Mar		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Thu 13 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Fri 14 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Wed 19 Mar		YN & YR Little City Visit
Fri 21 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Fri 28 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Fri 4 Apr	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

Parents' Voices Matter

The Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership has designed a survey for all parents and carers of children and young people with AND in Surrey.

The AND Partnership want to understand your experience of accessing help and support related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Surrey. They will use your feedback to improve local services that support Surrey's children with additional needs with their education, health (including diagnosis) and care.

Take the survey <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/news/homepage/parents-voice-matters-survey>

The survey closes at 23:59 on Sunday 24 November



Swimming is more than just a skill – it's confidence, safety, and fun!

SWIMMING LESSONS

New class availability from January!
Tuesdays at Ripley Court School

07500 010744 07834 560349
www.waterwings-swimschool.co.uk

Christmas Tree Sale



Saturday 7th December

9am – midday

Pyrford C of E Primary School

Premium Grade, non-drop Nordmann Firs

4-5ft tree £45

5-6ft tree £60

6-7ft tree £65

7-8ft tree £75

8-9ft tree £90

All profits go directly to the school
Friends of Pyrford C of E Primary School
Registered Charity 1047320

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT OUR

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAT 7 DECEMBER
1-3PM

WITH XMAS TREE SALES
9AM-12 NOON

- ★ FREE ENTRY includes a Festive Treasure Hunt
- ★ School Choir performance at 1.15pm
- ★ Festive food & drink stalls inc. mulled wine
- ★ Lots of festive gift stalls for cards, crafts and sweet treats plus home, fashion and beauty bits
- ★ Fun festive games and our ever-popular Jolly Jam jars and chocolate tombola!

Hope you can join us!

Cash & card accepted

I am back taking photos at this Years Fayre, please book in for some fun, family photos!
I will be in the music room & will also have a small teepee set up this year for the children.
Look forward to seeing you all soon!



£35

Please use Slottr to book your session



15 Minute slots available
3 Digital images included

www.katyphotography.co.uk

Katy Photography will be back this year holding 15 minute photo sessions on a white backdrop and a teepee. This can be of the whole family or just the children. Feel free to dress up in fun outfits and bring props!

Sessions are £35 and include 3 digital images. A percentage of sales will be given to the PTA.

<https://www.slottr.com/miniphot2024>



Friends of Pyrford Primary School
present our

WREATH MAKING
WORKSHOP

Friday 6 December

Join us again for this lovely festive event
and create a beautiful wreath to take home

6.45pm - 8.45pm, School Hall

£55 per person, includes all materials

Please bring your own refreshments

Only 30 spaces - To book your place please email
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

Do you own or work for a business or
company that would be willing to support our
Christmas Raffle and Silent Auction by
donating a prize?

Please get in touch by emailing

pyrforduniform@gmail.com

Shop with Asda?

Raise £1 plus 0.5% of every
shop for our school FREE!

Easy as 1, 2, 3...

- ① Open your Asda rewards app
- ② Tap 'Cashpot for Schools'
- ③ Search for and select
'Pyrford Church of
England Primary School'



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 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

A reminder that second-hand uniform is sold every Friday from the portacabin at the back of the school. Thank you for all the donations so far but we are not accepting donations at this current time, as we need to process the clothes that we currently have. However, if you have any unstained, white polo tops with the school logo on, then we will accept these. Thank you very much.



The Children's Society



Let's come together to celebrate Christingle.

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Come and join us!

Location: Church of the Good Shepherd,
Coldharbour Road, GU22 8SP

Date: 1st Dec '24 **Time:** 4:00pm

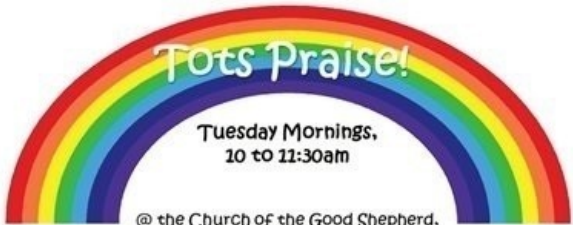
To find out more, contact:
suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org

christingle.org

Scan the QR code to find out more.



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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.

YOUTH CLUB JNR

FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4/5 AND 6




TUCK SHOP :-)

6:30 - 7:45 PM



@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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 20th September 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

OCTOBER

Friday 4th October 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 18th October 6:20pm-8:00pm

TRIP OUT BOWLING~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

NOVEMBER

Friday 15th November 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 29th November 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

DECEMBER

Friday 13th December 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd