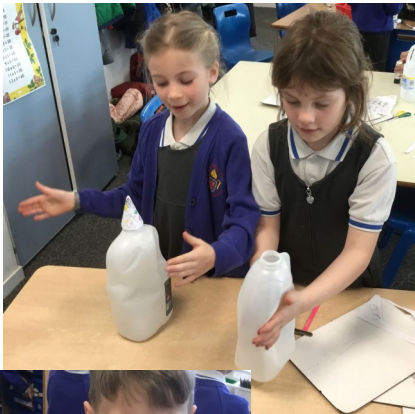


21 March 2025

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Science Week



We celebrated British Science Week by participating in lots of fun and practical activities. We watched the BBC live lesson, launched rockets at Brooklands Museum, investigated reflection and light and solved a

dissolving dilemma.

Year 2 extended their rocket skills by launching rocket mice at school!



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## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

What a glorious week it's been! The sunshine has well and truly joined us, brightening up the school and making everything feel that little bit more cheerful. I had the real pleasure of joining both our Maths Lead and Science Lead on learning walks around the school this week, and I have to say — I was absolutely delighted by what I saw. Not only was there fantastic learning happening in every classroom, but the children's learning behaviours were equally impressive. It's a real privilege to be part of a school where the children take their learning seriously and give their best in every lesson. I feel very lucky indeed!

A quick reminder: I hope you've marked **7th April at 7pm** in your diaries! That's when Childnet will be delivering an online presentation packed with expert advice on keeping children safe online. The children will be attending workshops during the day, but this session is especially for parents who, like many of us, worry about things like inappropriate content, contact with strangers, and how much screen time is too much. It's a great chance to learn more — all from the comfort of your own home. Alternatively, if you'd prefer to watch it in company, we'll be hosting a get-together in the school hall. Please just click the link to let us know how you'll be joining us, so we can plan accordingly:

 [Sign up here](#)

On a related note, I'd like to extend an invitation to any parents who are interested in talking about how we, as a school, can support families who are part of the **Smartphone Free Childhood** movement. Many of you may already be aware of this campaign, which encourages delaying children's access to smartphones. I'd love to meet with parents who are involved or curious about the movement, and to explore ways we can work together to support those choices. If you'd like to join the conversation, just drop me an email and I'll arrange a date after the Easter holidays.

Spring term reports will be sent out during the last week of term. This is quite the task and they will be sent over the course of a few days, so if you have more than one child you may get their reports on different days.

Now, onto my grumble for the week — and I don't raise these lightly! It's been brought to my attention that some parents have been parking in the turning area near the back of the school (Peatmore Avenue), making it tricky for others to use it properly. Please do avoid parking there — it creates unnecessary congestion and inconveniences everyone.

Finally, next week is shaping up to be a busy and exciting one, with music, hockey, and of course, the all-important **colour raffle**. We can't wait to see the school sparkling like a rainbow!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher



We are holding our annual 'Mother's Day Celebration' on Friday  
28th March

2:00 - 2:30 for Year 1 and 2 (KS1)

2:30 - 3:00 for Reception and Squirrels (EYFS)

KS1 Mums - please enter via the back **Peatmore Avenue Gate at 2:00** and take a seat on the chairs in the playground. If it is raining we will be in the hall, in which case please enter via the fire escape door on to the carpark.

EYFS- Reception parents, please enter via the gate next to Hazel at 2:25;  
Squirrels parents please go directly to Squirrels.

If you need to go from the KS1 celebrations to an EYFS classroom for the second half hour, please alert a member of staff and they will escort you.

# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Sophia** Sophia was very interested in learning about Ramadan. She listened beautifully to Miss Karim, enjoyed the story that we read and was really proud of the Ramadan moon she made. Well done Sophia, what a star you are!

**R BEECH - Harrison** Firstly he is new to our school and has settled in so well to Beech class. He always comes to school with a big smile on his face and has made lots of friends. Secondly, Harrison is very creative. This week he used the Kapla bricks to build a zoo. He communicated his plans well to his friends and led them as a team to make their creation together. Great team work!

**R HAZEL - Gisele** Gisele had a fabulous time on the bikes. She was really good at waiting for her turn and followed all the rules, including stopping at the zebra crossing!

**1 OAK - Sydney** In Science we have been learning to identify parts of a plant. Sydney was incredibly enthusiastic during this lesson and enjoyed sharing her ideas. She worked well in her group to dissect the plants and label each part. Sydney even extended her learning by drawing her own plant and labelling it successfully. Well done Sydney!

**1 PINE - Azaleigha** Azaleigha showed her understanding of the parts of a flower using playdough. She wrote labels for stem, flower, root and leaves. Great Science work!

**2 CEDAR - Everyone** for their amazing behaviour on our trip to Brooklands Museum last week. They had an amazing time taking part in the fun activities and were polite to all the adults they met - well done Cedar class!

**2 HAWTHORN - Everyone** for super behaviour on our trip to Brooklands Museum. They followed our school values; showing respect to all the adults, kindness towards each other and perseverance with tasks.

**3 ELM - Skye** This week we wrote about the Frog Prince's journey through an enchanted forest. Skye wrote a fantastic narrative, full of evocative language and engaging all the reader's senses. Great work Skye!

**3 MAPLE - Finley** for his excellent understanding of fractions in Maths. Mrs Brockway was very impressed with how confident you were with finding fractions of amounts and it made her happy to hear that you wanted to go home and carry on your learning because you'd enjoyed the lesson so much!

**YEAR 4 - All the children and adults** At Hindleap Warren, everyone showed thoughtful and logical skills when they worked as a team. The adults were so proud to see children encouraging others and cheering each other on, being brave enough to try new activities and being very well behaved - even at bedtime! The children who stayed at school were fantastic too. They enthusiastically worked together, had a lovely tea party and did some great crafts. Well done to you all!

**5 CHERRY - Mia** for her spectacularly detailed fact file on King Alfred the Great. Year 5 have been looking at the impact of King Alfred's reign on our lives today and Mia listened attentively, offering thoughtful ideas with her peers. Her attitude to learning is always exemplary and it is a pleasure to see the results of her hard work. Well done Mia!

**5 ROWAN - Freddie** for trying really hard with his extended piece of writing in English. He came up with some fantastic ideas and used some brilliant vocabulary. He impressed Miss Wilson with his presentation too. Keep up the good work Freddie!

**5 WILLOW - Caitlin** In every lesson Caitlin demonstrates exemplary learning behaviours, setting herself high expectations, contributing to class discussions and producing wonderful, detailed pieces of learning. Her kindness and compassion towards others is also noteworthy; she is a good friend to all and a wonderful role model. Keep up the good work Caitlin!

**6 HOLLY - Sebastian** for his excellent poster about Fairtrade in our Geography topic where we are looking at world resources. He explained what Fairtrade is and how it benefits the farmers who produce the crops. He used coloured text boxes and sub-headings to organise the information. Well done Sebastian - a great piece of work.

**6 LAUREL - Matthew** for his fantastic work in English. He used his senses to create a mind map for the story setting and then to write a story chapter for our character Michael, as he sets sail on his round-the-world adventure in *Kensuke's Kingdom*. Matthew has been working hard this year on improving his writing and should be proud of his achievements. Well done, keep up the great work!





Year 2 had a fabulous time at Brooklands Museum



SPRING TERM DATES		
Fri 21 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Mon 24 Mar	After School	Y4-6 Hockey team to Charterhouse
Tue 25 Mar	13:30-15:00	Y4 team to Badminton Festival @ Greenfield
Tue 25 Mar	15:30	Y5/6 Netball Team @ New Haw
Fri 21 Mar	19:30	PTA Race Night
Fri 28 Mar		Mufti Day for PTA Colour Raffle
Fri 28 Mar	14:00-14:30	MAGs Event (Years 1 & 2)
Fri 28 Mar	14:00-14:30	MAGs Event (Nursery & YR)
Fri 28 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Tue 1 Apr		Easter Pause Day
Thu 3 Apr		Online Safety Day
Thu 3 Apr	19:00-20:00	Online Safety Presentation to Parents
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 (Rowan)
Mon 28 Apr		EYFS & KS1 Perform Drama Workshops
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Willow)
Tue 6 May		Swimming lessons start
Tue 6 - Fri 16 May		Ducks in Reception
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry)
Mon 19 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Technical Rehearsal
Tue 20 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Dress Rehearsal to school
Wed 21 May		Class Photos
Wed 21 May		Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit
Wed 21 May	14:15	Y3/4 Production @ CoGS
Thu 22 May	am	YR Fire Service Visit
Thu 22 & Fri 23 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Mon 2 Jun		Class Photos
Thu 5 Jun	13:30	KS2 Author Visit
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
<b>Mon 9 Jun</b>		<b>Y5 Fullbrook Away Day</b>
Wed 11 Jun		EYFS Bugfest
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
<b>Sat 28 Jun</b>	<b>13:00-15:00</b>	<b>PTA Summer Fair</b>
Sat 28 Jun	18:00	Brass Concert @ CoGS
Mon 30 Jun		<b>INSET DAY</b>
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



### IMPORTANT INFORMATION RE FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From 1 April 2025, the Government's transitional protection arrangements for means tested Free School Meals (FSM) will end.

Any eligible claims confirmed from this date will no longer be protected. This means any child confirmed as eligible for free school meals from 1 April 2025 will be subject to ongoing checks to confirm continued eligibility. This will not impact any children who are already confirmed as eligible.

*If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, even if your child is still in Squirrels or KS1 please contact the school office re this as only applications processed before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 will maintain transitional protection.*

### Gardening Club - Call for Parent Helpers

For the last few years the school has run an after school gardening club for children in the current Year 4 and Year 5. This has been organised and run by parents, but unfortunately this year changes in circumstances mean that we need one more parent volunteer to make the club viable - two extra volunteers would be ideal.

The club runs on a Monday after school during the summer term, and there is no need for extensive experience of horticulture! A willingness to try new things and get your hands dirty is all that is needed.

If you think you might be able to help, even if unable to commit to coming every week, or just want to find out more, Martin Hunter (07812601920 or [martinhunter61@hotmail.com](mailto:martinhunter61@hotmail.com)) would love to hear from you. Or alternatively please let the office know.

Thank you!



**Squirrels  
& Rec**

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# **Spring Colour Raffle & Mufti Day**

**Yr 1**

**Yr 1**

**FRIDAY 28 MARCH**

**Yr 2**

**Yr 2**

Each year group has been allocated  
with a colour/s on this poster

In exchange for mufti dress in your allocated  
colour on the day (which can be just one item  
in that colour), please bring in a donation  
of the same colour for our 7 raffle hampers  
(no alcohol or nuts please)

**Yr 3**

**Yr 3**

**Raffle tickets - £1 each**

**purchased via Raffall link or QR Code below**

<https://raffall.com/380037/enter-raffle-to-win-fabulous-colour-hampers-hosted-by-pyrford-primary-school>

Raffall sign-up answer is "red"

**Yr 4**

**Yr 4**

**Yr 5**

**OR**

**Yr 5**

The draw will take place  
at 23.55 on 28 March.

Winners announced and prizes  
for collection on Mon 31 March



**Yr 6**

**OR**

**Yr 6**



✨ **DISNEY WORKSHOP - 7th April 9am - 5pm** ✨

Join us for a fun filled day of singing, dancing and acting to songs from these incredible movies!

**Ages 5 - 16 years**

**£50 for the day!**

Contact us now to secure your place  
info@varnhamperformingarts.co.uk



## MAY WORKSHOP

27th, 28th & 29th May 2025

@ Feltonfleet school, Cobham

9AM - 4PM

Ages 6 - 16



Join us for a fun filled 3 days for **£120!**

LEARN DANCES, SONGS AND SCRIPT  
taught by cast members from these PHENOMENAL musicals!

Limited spaces available. Secure your place now!  
info@varnhamperformingarts.co.uk or WhatsApp: 07563217920

www.varnhamperformingarts.co.uk

\*cast members are subject to change due to availability and/or illness\*

# WOKING TOWN FC OPEN DAYS!



**22nd MARCH U5-U10 (YEARS R-5) 11:30am - 12.30pm**

**29th MARCH U11-U16 (YEARS 6-11) 11:30am - 12.30pm**

**EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE**

(ALBERT DRIVE, SHEERWATER, GU21 5RF)

## BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME

Come along and see why Woking Town FC is a great local club for children to play football.



To book your free place visit  
[www.wokingtownfc.org/club-open-day-march-2025](http://www.wokingtownfc.org/club-open-day-march-2025)



## 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 (fortnightly) 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.

The Hope Service will be offering topical sessions to coincide with the dates on offer, where parents and carers can join together to discuss current difficulties.

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/15wPURrH3sqdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvjpOmfho-JzvP7c1OsGj2TUbnQU9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support>

### Coming up.....

<b>Tuesday 1 April</b> 5 - 6 pm	<b>Substance and Alcohol Misuse:</b> The impact of Substance and Alcohol misuse on a young person.
<b>Tuesday 15 April</b> 5 - 6 pm	<b>What is Sexual Exploitation (WiSE):</b> An opportunity to learn more about the WiSE project, a service using a trauma informed approach to working with children and young people up to the age of 25. They support young people to recognise the process of grooming and cohesion and how this can influence behaviour. They support young people in identifying risks and responding to concerns.
<b>Tuesday 22 April</b> 5 - 6 pm	<b>Action For Carers:</b> Are you looking after a friend or relative? Find out what support is available for parents and carers from Action For Carers.
<b>Tuesday 29 April</b> 5 - 6 pm	<b>Keyworking Service:</b> An opportunity to learn more about the new Keyworking Service that supports children and young people aged 5 to 25 years with an autism and/or learning disability diagnosis, and who are at risk of hospital admission or placement breakdown. Discover what support is available to young people and families living in Surrey.

## 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)





## Easter Trail Café & Chill Zone

**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 10-12NOON**  
**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2-4PM**

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

**Come on an interactive journey through the Easter Story!**

**A story trail including craft, games, eggs, hot cross buns.**

- Easter Trail in Main Church.
- Café area, sofa, toys & soft play in Main Hall.
- Games Zone including table tennis, table football, Wii, in Sherwood Jones/Lantern Room.

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)

### JANUARY

Friday 17th January 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 31st January 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

### FEBRUARY

Friday 14th February 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th February 6:30pm-7:45pm

Ice Skating Trip @ Guildford Spectrum

### MARCH

Friday 14th March 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th March 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd



## YOUTH CLUB JNR

FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4/5 AND 6

TUCK SHOP :-)

50P ENTRANCE FEE

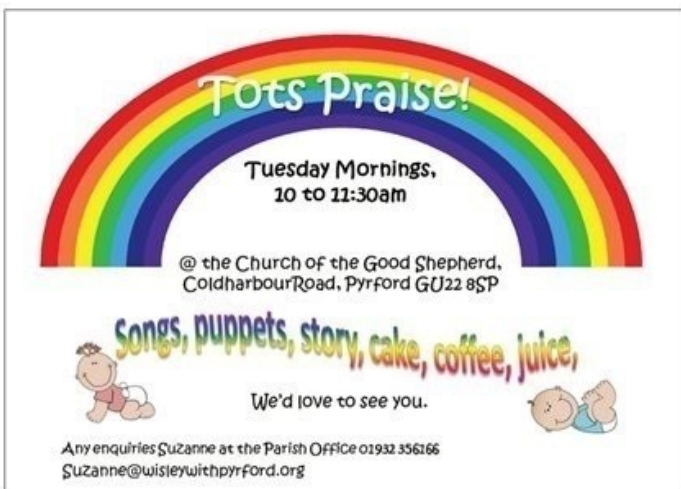
6.30 - 7.45 PM

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



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.



## 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)