

Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Creative Learning



On Monday, the children in Year 1 were greeted by a special letter from Rosy the Tree! The letter helped us to understand the importance of gardens and how we can look after nature and help it to grow. The children explored a garden scene and then created their very own gardens using the resources available in the classroom.

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Inspired by Giacometti, Year 3 created these brilliant human sculptures using clay and wire.



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear All,

I hope you enjoyed a restful half term break, despite the unpredictable weather! It has been an incredibly busy and exciting week back, so there is plenty to share.

Young Voices at the O2

The week kicked off on a high note as our school choir headed to the O2 Arena in London to take part in the Young Voices event. It was my first time attending and I was blown away - our choir joined over 8,200 other young singers to fill the venue with something truly special. I could not have been prouder of the children; it was a long day but their enthusiasm and energy never wavered for a moment. A huge thank you to all the staff who accompanied the children, and to Miss Dennis for the dedication she has shown in preparing them so brilliantly.

Girls' Football - Regional Finals

Tuesday brought another fantastic achievement, as our girls' football team travelled to Hemel Hempstead to compete in a regional NFL Schools event. Representing Woking Football Club, they faced Slough Town, Maidenhead, Hemel Hempstead and Boreham Wood — all worthy opponents who had won their own competitions to reach this stage.

After a narrow defeat in their opening match, the girls were magnificent, finishing the group stage undefeated before winning their semi-final. The final was a tight, hard-fought contest in which our team dominated and created chance after chance - only a truly outstanding performance from the opposing goalkeeper kept the score at 0-0. After extra time, the match went to penalties, and what followed was a masterclass in composure and resilience. The first round finished 4-4, leading to sudden death, and our girls held their nerve throughout before ultimately being edged out by that same exceptional goalkeeper. It was heartbreaking, but both teams have thoroughly earned their place in the next round. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them.



Trustees' Visit

This week we also welcomed a team of Trustees into school. They spent time in classrooms, met with staff and children, and really took the time to understand life at Pyrford. It was a very positive visit and the Trustees were full of praise for our pupils - their knowledge, their behaviour and the warm atmosphere they experienced throughout the day.

Year 6 Biology with Bishop David Brown

Our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful opportunity this week as part of our partnership with Bishop David Brown School - a secondary science teacher joined us to deliver a hands-on biology session, which included dissecting hearts! The children were given a real taste of what science looks like at secondary level, and they rose to the challenge brilliantly.

KS1 Perform Workshop

KS1 also had a fantastic day with the Perform workshop, giving the children the chance to showcase their creativity and performance skills. It looked like enormous fun!

Looking Ahead

World Book Day — Next Friday

Next Friday we celebrate World Book Day, and I want to take a moment to remind everyone what this day is truly about: fostering a love of reading. It is not a costume competition, and no child should feel under pressure. Whether your child comes in full costume, school uniform, or something in between - a favourite t-shirt, a small prop, a subtle nod to a beloved book - all of it is equally wonderful. Please make sure your child feels comfortable and happy in whatever they choose.

I also want to let you know that we are reviewing how we celebrate World Book Day going forward. We are keen to find ways to make it more meaningful and less stressful for families. We are also conscious that ordering costumes from overseas is not the most sustainable choice for our planet, and we would like to explore more creative, eco-friendly alternatives in future years.

Mother's Day Celebrations

We are making a small but positive change to how we mark Mother's Day this year. In previous years, KS1 parents have been invited in for a short performance. This year, we are combining our Mother's Day event with a format similar to our Father's Day celebration - a chance for families to spend some quality time with their children through play and shared activities. We feel this approach is more inclusive and gives more people the opportunity to be involved. The date will be confirmed shortly for the Summer term.

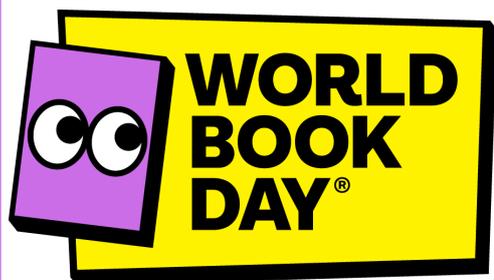
A Note on Parking

Finally, I have received a number of visits this week from local residents raising concerns about parking near the school. I must remind all families that double yellow lines mean no parking at any time. Please do be mindful of this - it is a matter of both safety and consideration for our neighbours.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr D

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



We will be celebrating World Book Day (a day late) **next Friday 6th March**. This is a national celebration of books and reading. On this day, we would love children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and bring the accompanying book (named please).

If you prefer a 'bought' costume to a homemade one, and you have any **old, no longer need costumes** please bring these to school and put on the rail outside the office and help yourself to a different one. Hopefully this will help with cost and saving the planet!

More Football Success

Congratulations to our Under-11 girls, who, following their victory in the Woking Schools tournament, went on to represent the school and Woking F.C. in the National League Trust Under-11s Girls Cup. The team demonstrated outstanding performances throughout the competition and reached the final, where they were widely regarded as the stronger side. Despite dominating large periods of the game, they were narrowly defeated on penalties.

Nevertheless, they came away with silver medals and their superb efforts secured qualification for the South Finals — a fantastic achievement. The winners of the South Finals will then go on to play the North winners at Wembley Stadium, just before the National League promotion final, making this an incredible opportunity and experience for the team.

Well done, girls — we are all incredibly proud of you!



SWIMMING HELPERS WANTED



Swimming lessons start in May for Reception and Years 1 & 2. We need volunteers to come in and help the children to change into and out of their swimming kit. Reception will be swimming on Tuesday mornings, Year 1 on Wednesday mornings and Year 2 on Thursday mornings.

If you are able to help, even if not every week, please let us know office@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

You will need a school DBS and if you don't currently have one, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can apply for one for you.

Many thanks.



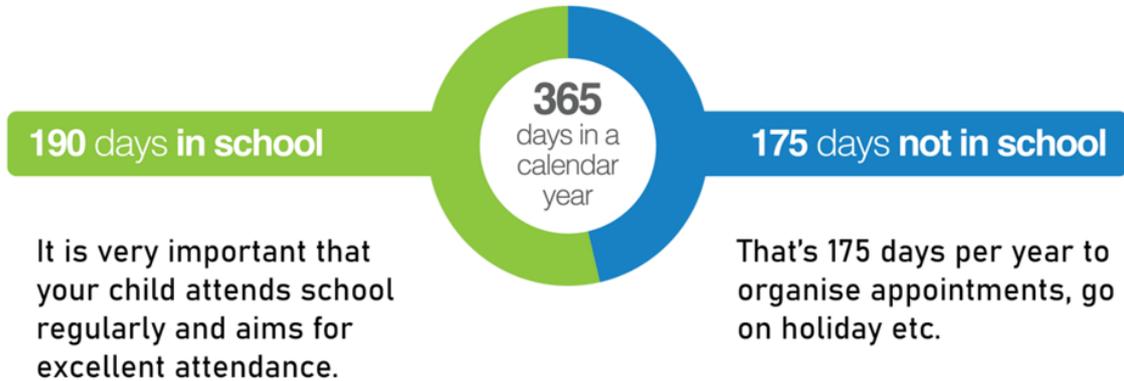
During the half term holiday, Mike from the Pырford Neighbourhood Forum helped Mr Woodings install bird nest boxes around the school. They successfully installed 17 nest boxes for garden birds, including Blue Tits, Great Tits, Robins and Wrens in suitable locations around the school, including the Environmental Garden and the school field hedgerows. This was just in time for this year’s nesting season which has started early due to climate change.

See if you can spot them and keep an eye out for nesting activity in the coming weeks. It’s not too late to install some in your garden. Nest boxes for garden birds should typically be installed around 1.8-2 metres off the ground and facing north/north-east in a sheltered / semi-concealed location away from predators such as cats. Be sure to install them before the main nesting season begins in March.

The Pырford Forum has a few left if you’d like one.

Contact them on email info@pyrfordforum.org or wildlife@pyrfordforum.org

See the PNF website (<https://pyrfordforum.org/doing-your-bit/#>) for further information and helpful advice on making your garden wildlife friendly.



Term Dates ... This Year (2025/26)

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



On Monday our O2 choir headed to London to take part in a Young Voices concert - the largest children's choir concerts in the world which bring together primary schools from across the UK .

They (and the staff who went with them) had an amazing time and a rather late night!



Gardening Club



Adult Volunteers Wanted!

We would like to restart the School Gardening Club in the Environmental Garden after the Easter holidays. But unfortunately, a change in personal circumstances means the adult who led the group last year can't commit to leading it every week next term. So we are looking for someone new to lead the club, working with the other adult volunteers.

We have a great group of 10-15 children in Years 5 and 6 who attend the club. In the past we have undertaken a range of gardening activities, from seed sowing to pond dipping and building nature habitats. There is lots of scope to come up with exciting ideas to engage the children with gardening and the wider natural world!

Last year the club took place for 1 hour after school on a Monday, but there would be scope to change this if another day suited a new volunteer better. The role would be open to anyone connected to the school, e.g. parents, carers, grandparents, keen local community gardeners, Monty Don, etc.

Please email l.bell@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk to find out more!

**Just a
reminder...**



YEAR 3

If you haven't booked Feet First, the portal closes at 10am on Monday 2nd March

YEAR 4

Please return any dietary / medical forms for Hindleap

YEAR 2

Consent on Scopay for Brooklands

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 2 Mar	16:00-17:00	Y5/6 Cross Country Team @ Hoebridge
Fri 6 Mar		World Book Day
Fri 6 Mar	19:30 - 22:00	PTA Spring Quiz Night
Mon 9 Mar		Y3 Elm Feet First Training
Tue 10 Mar		Y3 Maple Feet First Training
Wed 11 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Fri 13 Mar		YR Superhero Day
Mon 16 Mar	15:45-17:45	Primary Hockey Festival @ Charterhouse
Tue 17 Mar		Bishop of Dorking Visit
Tue 17 Mar	16:00-17:00	Y3/4 Cross Country Team @ Hoebridge
Wed 18 Mar		YN & YR Little City @ CoGS
Mon 23 Mar		Easter Pause Day
Mon 23 Mar	09:00	Engage Easter Assembly
Tue 24 Mar		Y3 Soils workshop with Dr M
Tue 24 Mar	15:30	Y4 Hindleap Parents' Meeting
Wed 25 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Thu 26 Mar	09:00	Easter Service @ CoGS
Fri 27 Mar	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 30 Mar - Fri 10 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY

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

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 13 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Thu 23 & Fri 24 Apr		Life Bus Workshops
Mon 27 - Wed 29 Apr		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Mon 4 May		Bank Holiday
Thu 7 May		Revd Nick leading assembly
Thu 7 May		YR to Wellington Park
Fri 8 May		Y4 to Hampton Court
Mon 11 - Thu 14 May		Y6 SATS
Mon 18 May	am	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
Tue 19 May	13:30-16:30	North Surrey Schools Chess Event
Wed 20 May		Class Photos
Wed 20 May	10:30-15:00	Y5 Boys Cricket Competition
Thu 21 May		Outdoor Learning Day
Thu 21 May		Y5 to Mosque
Fri 22 May	am	KS2 Sports Day
Mon 25 - Fri 29 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wed 10 Jun		Y1 Animal Club Workshop
Wed 10 Jun	10:30-15:00	Y5&Y6 Girls Cricket Competition
Thu 11 Jun		International Day of Play
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
Sat 20 Jun	evening	Y4 Brass Concert @ CoGS
Wed 24 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Wed 24 Jun		Nursery Class Photo
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
Thu 9 Jul		Revd Nick leading assembly
Thu 16 Jul	09:00	Leavers Service @ CoGS
Fri 17 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

WONKA IS BACK IN TOWN!
WORLD BOOK DAY
FRIDAY 6 MARCH
WONKA BARS

On sale in the School playground from 3pm
 £2.50 each - cash & card accepted

Chocolatiers of
 PYRFORD
 C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL
 present our
WONKA WISDOM BAR
 100% CHOCOLATE

BUT HAVE YOU FOUND A GOLDEN TICKET?
 Congratulations!
 YOU'VE FOUND A GOLDEN TICKET!

Will you find a Golden Ticket?

PLEASE NOTE: The bars being sold are Galaxy Chocolate bars - please check the wrapper for allergy information

YOUTH CLUB JNR

FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4,5 AND 6

50P ENTRANCE FEE

6:30 - 7:45 PM

TUCK SHOP :-)

@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)

JANUARY

- Friday 16th January 6:30pm-7:45pm
 @ the church of the good shepherd
- Friday 30th January 6:30pm-7:45pm
 @ the church of the good shepherd

FEBRUARY

- Friday 13th February 6:30pm-7:45pm
 @ the church of the good shepherd
- Friday 27th February 6:30pm-7:45pm
 Ice Skating @Guildford Spectrum

MARCH

- Friday 13th March 6:30pm-7:45pm
 @ the church of the good shepherd
- Friday 27th March 6:30pm-7:45pm
 @ the church of the good shepherd

For 2026 Pyrford and Wisley Village Show proudly presents a

BRAND NEW POTATO GROWING COMPETITION!

BIG CASH PRIZE - £20!

Could you grow the heaviest crop of potatoes from one single seed potato?

Buy a single seed potato for 50p from outside Pyrford shops between 10 and 11:30am on Saturday 7th March. Potatoes can be made available at other times. Enquiries to: horticulture@pyrfordflowershow.org.uk or Rob on 01932 351029

HEAVIEST CROP OF POTATOES WINS A £20 CASH PRIZE!

Judging will be at the show on 11th July 2026

Open House

Come and encounter God's presence with us.
 3rd Sunday, 7.30-9pm
 (refreshments from 7.15)
 Informal worship, bible teaching, time...
 Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford.

PARISH OF WISLEY WITH PYRFORD

Online Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **For Parents of Year Five Students Only, group starting Wednesday 1 April at 6:00pm**



Online Course

strengthening families strengthening communities

For parents and other adult carers; **for Parents of Year Five Students Only, group starting on Thursday 16 April at 10:00am**

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?

Want to get some new ideas to help you be the best parent you can be?
Enhance your relationship with your children?
Learning at a time that suits you?



What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

What to expect...

- Information on strategies and child development.
- Hear from other parents.
- Worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and fun activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Expert help from a real person each week.
- Choose a course that suits your child's age.

Topics covered...

- Healthy relationships.
- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.
- Being part of a community.

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to any questions you might have.
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you.
3. Address other difficulties relating to parenting.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.



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Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **For Parents of Year Six Students Only, group starting Monday 9 March at 1:00pm**



Online Course

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For parents and other adult carers; **for Parents of Year Six Students Only, group starting on Thursday 19 March at 10:00am**

- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
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ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety.

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not. **Please note we will need you to sign up at least a day in advance of the session.**

Dates

Day 1: Wednesday 14 January 12:00-2:00pm
 Day 2: Monday 19 January 6:00-8:00pm
 Day 3: Wednesday 21 January 12:00-2:00pm
 Day 4: Wednesday 4 February 12:00-2:00pm
 Day 5: Monday 23 February 6:00-8:00pm
 Day 6: Wednesday 4 March 12:00-2:00pm
 Day 7: Monday 9 March 6:00-8:00pm
 Day 8: Wednesday 25 March 12:00-2:00pm

PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE OR CLICK BELOW

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FAMILY LEARNING



Empower Your Child: Supportive Approaches to Manage Anxiety

Join our FREE workshop designed for parents and carers! In this 2-hour session, you'll work with the tutor and other parents to deepen your understanding of anxiety and learn practical ways to support your child.

What you'll learn:

- Gain a deeper understanding of childhood anxiety
- Practical ways to help your child manage anxious feelings
- Opportunities to connect with other parents in a safe, supportive environment

Where: Woking Family Centre

The Bungalow, Sythwood
 GU21 3AX

When: 11th March 2026

Time: 12:45 -14:45



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 Changing lives.

To book your place please click on this link or scan the QR code



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Tel : 0300 200 1044



WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

Online course
 Friday 20th & 27th March
 9.30am - 12.00pm

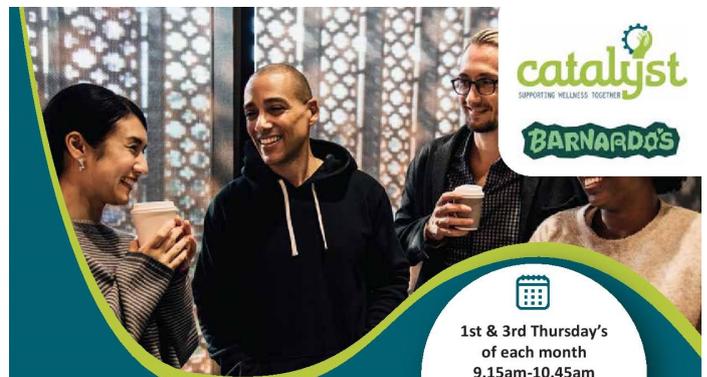
Parenting Puzzle Workshops

A supportive, non-judgemental programme for parents/carers of children under 5 years old. Helping families to understand why their children behave as they do and to recognise the feelings behind their behaviour.

For more information scan the QR code or call: 01483 310419



Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow, Sythwood, Woking Surrey, GU21 3AX



1st & 3rd Thursday's of each month
 9.15am-10.45am
 (Term time, babies up to 3 months welcome in the group with their parents)

18+

Parent/Carer Well-being Group Catalyst Support & Woking Family Centre

Being a parent/carer can bring a range of emotions and challenges that can impact our mental health. Catalyst Support & Barnardo's, are running themed support sessions. Come along for a friendly chat to help build your support network, resilience and re-focus on your own mental health and well-being.

- Scan the QR code, call or email to register



Call: 01276 409 415



Text: 07919 541 424



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