

Pyrford CofE Primary School Weekly Newsletter

5 May 2026



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a great long weekend and were able to enjoy the Bank Holiday.

Last week's assembly focused on acceptance, and we shared with the children Julia Donaldson's wonderful book *The Smeds and The Smoods*. We encouraged them to think about how they can welcome people who are different into their lives and help make our school community a truly welcoming place for everyone.

I was fortunate to join Year 4 at Hindleap on Tuesday and it was fantastic to see the children having such a brilliant time. There was real bravery on display as they built towers higher and higher using crates and concentrating hard to show impressive accuracy on the archery range. I was particularly struck by the confidence of those children who tackled the Pentagon activity whilst wearing blindfolds – a real test of trust and courage.

I was also fortunate to join Friday's trip to the Royal Grammar School with Year 5, who were building on their learning about the Tudors by visiting this excellent school. As an added bonus, the buildings themselves are Tudor, which brought their studies to life in a really meaningful way.

Last Wednesday afternoon, I spent time with Rector Nick at a church event designed to bring us both together and explore themes for the next academic year. We discussed how we can work more closely together as a school with the church, to ensure we continue to strengthen these important partnerships.

Best wishes,

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

Attendance at Pyrford Primary School

At Pyrford Primary, we firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. Full and regular attendance at school is crucial for a child's future life chances and establishes a positive work ethic early in life. Not only does good attendance guarantee no learning is missed, but children who have poor attendance miss out socially and on opportunities for further personal development.

It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to make sure their child attends school regularly and that they arrive punctually at school.

Every minute at school counts and children can quickly fall behind, even if they miss one day. One or two days may not seem a lot but....

If your child misses...	%	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that is...
1 day a fortnight	90%	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	80%	8 weeks a year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	60%	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years
3 days a week	40%	24 weeks a year	Nearly 8 years

Attendance is monitored regularly in school by the office and senior leadership team. We are supported by Surrey's Attendance Advice and Intervention Officer. If we are concerned with your child's attendance you will be contacted by school to discuss how improvements can be made.

Excellent attendance	95% - 100%
Good attendance	90% - 95%
Cause for concern – at this stage your child is categorised as a 'persistent absentee'	Below 90%
Severe absence	Below 50%

Absences

There are 175 non-school days to make appointments, to go on trips and go on holidays.

Medical appointments – Parents/Carers are encouraged, whenever possible, to book medical and dental appointments outside of the school day. When appointments during school hours are unavoidable, please inform the school office with a copy of the medical appointment letter/text. **If no proof is provided this absence will be unauthorised.** We would expect that your child will attend school before any appointment, unless first thing, and return to school after their appointment, unless it is close to the end of the school day.

Family holidays – The school holiday dates are published a year in advance and are available from the school office and on the school's newsletters and website. Family holidays need to be booked within the school holiday dates. Family holidays are not deemed exceptional circumstances and will not be authorised.

We reserve the right to issue Fixed Penalty Notices when unauthorised holidays are taken.

If you need support with your child's attendance or punctuality please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will pass on this on to the school attendance lead and school home school link worker.

Punctuality and the start of the school day

The school gates open at 8.30 for entry to the school between 8.30 and 8.40. Classroom doors and entrance gates will be locked at 8.40.

Children arriving after 8.40 will be marked as 'late' on the register. If a child arrives after 9.10 they will be recorded as absent for that session.

Being late all adds up...



DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

Ways to help your child with punctuality:

- Make sure all school equipment and clothes are ready the night before
- Make the morning routine consistent
- Use alarms/Alexa to remind your child when it's time to leave the house

INFORMATION EVENT



Considering a career in teaching?

Would you like to train in a school in your local community?
Come and chat with a member of our friendly South Farnham SCITT team and find out if teacher training is the career for you.

Pyrford CofE Primary School GU228SP

Friday 8th May 2026

Drop in anytime between 9.30 – 1.30

No need to book. Ask us about:

- Do I need experience?
- Which programme is right for me?
- What finance options are available?

FOR MORE INFO

scitt@sfet.org.uk

www.sfsfscitt.org.uk



Our car parks at the front and back of the school are for staff only. If any parents are using the school car park, they need to email inclusion@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk to notify us, with the name of their child and the reason why. We will then give them a sticker and give the office and premises staff a list of those who have been approved.

Please do this by Friday 8th May.

Thank you.



Nathan Dunn

Director

07747 845142

info@saferhomeelectrical.com

Huge thanks to one of our parents, Nathan Dunn, for helping us with installing a fuse board in the new pool changing rooms and for fitting lights and switches elsewhere.

If any children would like a stall at the Summer Fair, please get in touch with Mrs Vymetal



Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Sharifa & Yusuf We are learning about animals and our role play area is a vets surgery. Sharifa and Yusuf have really enjoyed playing there, taking on the roles of a vet (to look after the animals) and of a receptionist (to make the appointments). We have been talking about pets and how to look after them.

R BEECH - Zachary P In RE we have been thinking about special places. Zachary carefully drew the Church of the Good Shepherd. He took his time and really thought about the shapes and colours to use. He was also able to explain why it is a special place for Christians.



R HAZEL - Eleri who really took her time to carefully write facts about the farm animals that we have been learning about this term. She remembered lots of 'Did you know' facts and included them in her talking and in her writing. Well done Eleri!

1 OAK - Jannat Oak Class have been preparing and tasting different fruit and learning about keeping healthy. Jannat made sure that she washed her hands and used the knife really carefully. After she had tried everything she told us that she really loved the strawberry, cucumber and kiwi. Jannat is a healthy living superstar!

1 PINE - Erica for consistently showing our school values each and every day. When a friend falls down, she is the first person to help them back up and to make sure they are okay. She is respectful to everybody around her and shows wisdom in her choices. She is a great role model and Miss Dennis is very proud of her. Well done Erica!

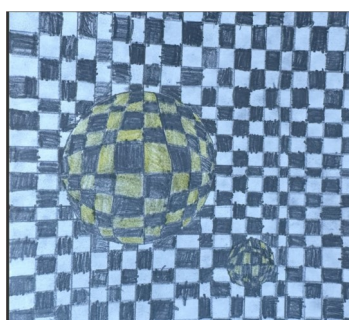
2 CEDAR - Ella for being a master of time this week. She showed great resilience and practised hard when reading a clock. She can now read the time to o'clock, half past and quarter past. Well done Ella. She is a Time Lord!

2 HAWTHORN - Hallie-Lou who used our text map to rewrite the story of *Pattan's Pumpkin*. She remembered to include everything she was asked to and is beginning to edit her writing. She also worked particularly hard on her handwriting. Well done Hallie-Lou!



3 ELM - Pippa In Art we have been learning about mixing tertiary colours and how colours complement each other. Pippa carefully mixed paints to produce this brilliant colour wheel and also clearly set out complementary colours. Great work Pippa!

3 MAPLE - Tara We have been learning about primary, secondary and tertiary colours. Tara produced an excellent colour wheel by using the three primary colours to mix the three secondary and three tertiary colours. We then learnt about complementary colours too.



5 ROWAN - Daniel for creating a truly impressive piece of optical illusion art, showing exceptional care and attention to detail throughout. The precision and patience he demonstrated really bring the illusion to life, making it both striking and engaging. A fantastic example of focus, creativity and pride in his work - well done Daniel!

5 WILLOW - Kamila for her excellent work in crafting sentences about our class book *Treason*. This week we've been focussing on conditional and hypothetical sentences for a discussion text and Kamila demonstrated a strong understanding of these. She worked extremely well with her partner to develop thoughtful and accurate examples, showing brilliant effort and engagement throughout. Well done!

6 ASPEN - Jacob for his excellent progress in Maths. Week by week, his arithmetic score has been going up and up. Mrs Brockway knows that he has put a lot of effort into his learning in school and at home. She is really pleased that he is feeling more confident and successful. Well done Jacob!

6 HOLLY - Hibba for her outstanding piece on how football changed over the twentieth century in our History topic. She presented her work with great care and included a range of impressive facts, thoughtfully organised using clear sub-headings. She should be very proud of the consistently high standard she demonstrates in class, as well as her excellent attitude towards learning. Very well done Hibba!

6 LAUREL - Matthew for his excellent work in History, in our new topic *The History of Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century*. This week we focussed on football and Matthew covered all the points that we discussed during the lesson and used sub-headings to summarise the information. Well done Matthew, keep up the great work!

Has your child lost a pair of Kylie Minogue branded glasses? They are in the office.

Dear all our loyal customers, parents, friends, and little adults,

At Valentino Schoolwear, we are ensuring our **Annual Discount Promotion** for 2026 is available *online* and *in-store* for our customers, no appointment required.

15% OFF IN-STORE school uniform purchases: **18th – 23rd May 2026**

Use discount code **SUMMER15** at checkout.

15% OFF ONLINE school uniform purchases: **17th – 24th May 2026**

Use discount code **SUMMER15** when you click 'View Cart'.

10% OFF ONLINE ONLY school uniform purchases: **Bank Holiday Monday 25th May 2026**

Use discount code **SUMMER10** when you click 'View Cart'.

Anything purchased during our promotion can be exchanged right up until 1st September!

Please note that we are unable to accept returns and exchanges during our promotional dates above 18th May – 23rd May 2026. Returns & exchanges are all subject to our normal returns policy. These offers are available online and in store. Not to be used in conjunction with any other offers. Exclusions apply.

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

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 baaa...ck!

Petting farm, ferris wheel & exotic animals

Half Term • Tue 26, Wed 27, Thurs 28 May • 10.30am-4pm

Woking United Reformed Church, White Rose Lane GU22 7HA

www.wokingurc.org.uk 01483 763078

Farm Animals • Kids rides • Exotic Animals • Magic Shows • Refreshments • Ferris Wheel • Lunches
 Full details at wokingurc.org.uk
 Small admission fee in aid of Children With Special Needs Foundation

Woking United Reformed Church Charity no. 1130926
 Children With Special Needs Foundation Charity no. 1062151

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 5 May		Swimming Lessons Start (YR, Y1 & Y2)
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	9 am - 11:20 am	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day Y1 & Y2 09:00 YN & YR 10:20
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	9 am - 11:30 am	KS2 Sports Day Y3 & Y4 09:00 Y5 & Y6 10:30
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
Thu 25 Jun		Y6 Healthy Use of Technology Workshops
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



Congratulations to siblings Ethan and Nicole - Ethan has just won his first Under 8s tournament at Byfleet Tennis Club and Nicole has won her first Under 16s at St George's College in Weybridge.



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:

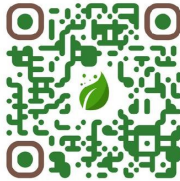
- Gain a deeper understanding of childhood anxiety
- Practical ways to help your child manage anxious feelings
- Opportunities to connect with other parents in a safe, supportive environment

Where: Woking Family Centre

The Bungalow, Sythwood
GU21 3AX

When: Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Time: 12:45 -14:45



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



Web : www.surreycc.gov.uk/familylearning

Email : family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

Tel : 0300 200 1044



COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Wednesday 17th June | 1:00pm - 3:30pm
Guildford Family Centre, Hazel Avenue GU1 1NR

Are you expecting or have a little one under 6 months?

Join us for a special afternoon celebrating you and your growing family!

What to expect:

- Meet local support services including midwives, health visitors, libraries, Homestart, Dads Matters and more
- FREE refreshments
- Enter our FREE raffle (just for attending!)
- Decorate a baby vest to take home
- Connect with other parents in West Surrey



Whether you're a first-time parent or adding to your family, come along to discover the support available to you in our community.

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Tuesday 26th May - Fri 29th May

Woking Family Centre

Wednesdays - 4 weeks

7pm - 8pm

3rd June - 24th June 2026

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



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



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.



BEDSER SCHOLARSHIP 2026

Give your cricket a boost and take the next step in your game!
Are you a girl currently in School Years 4-9?
Do you live in Woking, attend a Woking school, or play for a Woking cricket club?

We're inviting girls across Woking to join us for this year's Woking Bedser Scholarship trials.

Softball Trials

Monday 11th May
Old Woking CC

Hardball Trials

Monday 18th May
Woking & Horsell CC

For more information and to sign up, contact:
Ed Belger | Head Coach | ebelger@surreyccricket.com



BOYS FOOTBALL 2 Day May Camp 2026



WHAT?

Technical development/1st touch/receiving the ball.

Team games / combinations / 3v3, Defensive techniques and understanding.

Finishing & 4 aside transitions – attacking and defending.

WHERE?

3G Pitch
ABBEY RANGERS FC
Addlestone
KT15 2QH

WHEN?

Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
(8.30am – 4.00pm)

AGE?

Under 5 (Reception)
Under 6 (Year 1)
Under 7 (Year 2)
Under 8 (Year 3)
Under 9 (Year 4)
Under 10 (Year 5)

DAILY COST?

£35.00

M: 07825 089500

E: tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk



TA SPORTS



GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE MAY HALF TERM 2026

Tuesday 26th May

Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)

Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm

£35.00 Daily

Designed for girls of *all abilities* aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!

- Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- Professional FA qualified coaching.
- 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.



If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend please kindly contact Tom on 07825 089500 or email tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk



WOKING TOWN FC OPEN DAYS!

18th April
& 2nd May



U5-U9 (YEARS R-4) 10am - 11am

U10-U18 (YEARS 5 - 13) 11am - 12pm

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.



Book here

- FA accredited
- Professional coaching
- 500 members & 40 teams



To book your free place visit
www.wokingtownfc.org/club-open-days-2026



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)

APRIL

Friday 17th April 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

MAY

Friday 1st May 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 15th May 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

JUNE

Friday 12th June 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 26th June 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd



A place for Dads of children with additional needs to gather and journey together

Henna Workshop
Adult Learning Workshop

Beginners workshop 4x sessions for aspiring henna artists.

Learn how to:

- Hold and control a henna cone
- Create simple - intermediate henna designs
- Apply the correct after care
- Build your own portfolio and start your own journey as a henna artist!

FRIDAY 8TH MAY - 22ND MAY 2026
1PM - 2PM

REGISTER NOW
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