

16 January 2026

Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another good week in school, despite the cold and wet weather trying its best to dampen our spirits!

We started the week by launching our new assembly theme, '**Shine Like Stars**', linked to the story of Daniel from the Old Testament. This week, we focused on Daniel's time serving in the court of King Nebuchadnezzar and how important it was for him to stay true to his beliefs, even when things were challenging. We talked with the children about how doing the right thing is always the right thing to do – even when it isn't the easiest choice. The children shared some thoughtful reflections, as always.

On Thursday, we were pleased to welcome the Headteacher and some colleagues from Horsell CofE Junior School to our site as part of our Trust work. We have been paired together to explore how each school supports children's spiritual development. This is something we care deeply about here. We want all of our children – whatever their beliefs or background – to develop a sense of their place in the world, an appreciation of what's around them, and to feel inspired by the wonder of it all. Our children and staff were fantastic, confidently sharing how we reflect on assembly themes and link the messages to our own lives in meaningful and practical ways.

A quick reminder for parents and carers at pick-up time: please do not enter the school building unless you have been asked to do so. We've had a few occasions where adults have accidentally wandered inside through open doors. If you do need to come into school for any reason, please enter via the office so we can sign you in and offer any help you might need. Thank you for your support with this.

In addition, we ask please that if children are attending Breakfast Club, you bring them to the hall door and not allow them to come unaccompanied from the church car park. This is particularly important if you haven't been able to make a booking for them as we would not miss them if they didn't make it to the hall.

We were absolutely delighted to receive **over 200 applications** for Reception places for September 2026. This is a real testament to the fantastic work of our staff and the brilliant start we give the children in our community. It's also lovely to know that so many parents are sharing positive messages about our school – thank you for your continued support.



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Finally, we send good luck wishes to the Year 5 & 6 children representing the school this weekend at the Surrey X Cross Country tournament. We are sure that you will do the school proud.

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

SPRING TERM DATES		
Wed 28 Jan		INSET DAY
Fri 30 Jan	12:30 - 15:30	Y5/6 Girls' Football Team to County Round of ESFA Tournament
Mon 2 Feb		Y5 Fire Safety Workshop (1 class)
Tue 3 Feb		Y5 Fire Safety Workshop (1 class)
Tue 3 Feb	15:30 - 17:30	Spring Term Parents Evenings
Thu 5 Feb	15:30 - 19:30	Spring Term Parents Evenings
Wed 11 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Wed 11 Feb	14:15	Y3 / Y4 Performance @ CoGS
Thu 12 Feb		Y1 to Milestones Museum
Thu 12 Feb		Y5 Bath Bombs with Dr M
Fri 13 Feb		Bright Mufti Day for Children's Mental Health Week
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 23 Feb		Young Voices Choir to O2
Tue 24 Feb		Y6 Hearts with Dr M
Tue 24 Feb		Y5/6 Girl's Football Tournament
Wed 25 Feb		KS2 visit CoGS to mark Ash Wednesday
Mon 9 Mar		Y3 Elm Feet First Training
Tue 10 Mar		Y3 Maple Feet First Training
Wed 11 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Wed 18 Mar		YN & YR Little City @ CoGS
Tue 24 Mar		Y3 Soils workshop with Dr M
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 ... This Year (2025/26)

Wednesday 28th January	INSET DAY
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	HALF TERM
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

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Ezra B for being a Squirrels Superstar! He listens to what others are saying and sits beautifully at group times. Ezra always has something positive to contribute and he is really trying to wait his turn to speak. Ezra is very busy at nursery and loves to explore all the different activities. Well done Ezra, we are very proud of him!

R BEECH - Jackson We are learning to retell stories. Jackson has been excellent at using props to retell the story of the little pigs and using story language in his play. We have loved listening to Jackson retell the story. He is a great storyteller!

R HAZEL - Ambrose who has come back from his Christmas holidays as a phonics writing super star. Well done Ambrose for trying so hard and for achieving so well. We love to see how proud he is of his work each day!

1 OAK - Chanae for the fantastic and insightful contributions she made during our Computing lesson on staying safe online and our RE lesson focusing on Shabbat. Chanae engaged well with the learning and listened and followed instructions carefully. Well done Chanae, all the adults in Oak Class are very proud of her!

1 PINE - Abi-Rose & Maxim for their wonderful effort in English. As part of our learning about London, they built the famous landmark Big Ben out of Lego. They even added the four clockfaces to make it as accurate as possible. Well done!

2 CEDAR - Sienna In Art we have been learning about shades and tints. Sienna carefully added white systematically to create new shades. Great work!

2 HAWTHORN - Clara In our Art learning about shades and tints, Clara learned that if she added black to a colour, it quickly became darker, whereas when she added white, it slowly became lighter. Well done Clara!

3 ELM - Arabella This week we have been working on our multiplication skills. Arabella did a brilliant job, using a place value chart to accurately multiply 1 and 2-digit numbers. Wonderful work Arabella!

3 MAPLE - Hector In English, we have been reading *Krindlekrax*. We wrote a character description of the main character Ruskin. Hector used a range of adjectives to describe Ruskin's personality and appearance. He also included conjunctions to extend his sentences and used speech effectively. *Ruskin triumphantly exclaimed, "I am brave and wise and wonderful!" He used a croaky and squeaky voice.* Well done Hector - Mrs Goree can see how hard he worked on this piece of writing and is very proud of him!

4 ALDER - Amal In Science, Year 4 have been learning about how sound is caused by vibrations. This week we investigated how vibrations affect amplitude. We were so impressed with how well Amal worked with her partner.

4 LARCH - Amelie We have been reading a Revolting Rhymes poem about Goldilocks on trial in court. Amelie wrote her own fabulous version about the Wolf from Red Riding Hood in the style of Roald Dahl. We particularly enjoyed her use of emotive adjectives to describe the characters and onomatopoeia at the end!

5 ROWAN - Joshua for producing some fantastic work in Geography, showing excellent understanding of the Equator and the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. He demonstrated fabulous knowledge and explained his ideas clearly and confidently. It is clear that Geography is a subject he really loves. Keep up the great work Joshua!

5 WILLOW - Louis for showing fantastic knowledge and understanding of our English text during a hot seating task. He responded confidently and carefully to questions created by the class, using what he knew from the book to really step into the character of Jeff from *There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom*. He should be very proud!

6 ASPEN - Amelia for her amazing progress with reading. She has worked hard to read more fluently which has helped her to read faster. She has also worked hard with her comprehension skills. We hope she carries on enjoying what she is reading!

6 HOLLY - Mustafa Last week we welcomed a new member to Holly Class and Mrs Bull has been incredibly impressed by how well Mustafa has settled into life at Pyrford. He has made friends quickly and already feels as though he has always been part of our school community, taking everything in his stride. Mustafa has also produced some excellent work, including a wonderful story in English inspired by the adventures of Odysseus in Ancient Greece. A very warm welcome to Pyrford and well done Mustafa!

6 LAUREL - Ada for her fantastic work in History. This term in Year 6 we are finding out who the Ancient Greeks were and what their legacy was. Ada worked collaboratively in her table group, recording facts about ancient Greece. She was able to locate Greece on the map of Europe and correctly order events in Ancient Greece. Keep up the great work Ada!

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		YR to Wellington Park
Fri 8 May		Y4 to Hampton Court
Mon 11 - Thu 14 May		Y6 SATS
Wed 20 May		Class Photos
Thu 21 May		Y5 to Mosque
Mon 25 - Fri 29 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wed 10 Jun		Y1 Animal Club Workshop
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 16 Jul	09:00	Leavers Service @ CoGS
Fri 17 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term



TELL YOUR MP TO RAISE THE SOCIAL MEDIA AGE TO 16 - it takes 60 seconds

Keir Starmer has said he's considering an Australia-style age limit on social media. That means this issue is live in Parliament right now – and parents' voices can shape what happens next.

Email your MP now: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.eaction.org.uk/raise-the-age> MPs are deciding what to push for today. They need to know how much this matters to their constituents.

We've made it easy:

- A pre-written email
- Takes 60 seconds
- You can personalise it, or just send as-is

Anyone can send this - parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, young people.

This isn't party-political. It's about protecting children from addictive, algorithm-driven platforms – and making it easier for parents to hold the line together. These moments don't come around often. Let's make it count.

Team SFC

Term Dates ... Next Year (2026/27)

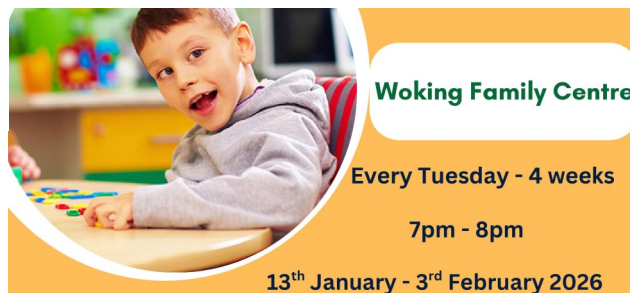
Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September	INSET DAYS
Thursday 3rd September	Term starts for children
Friday 16th October	INSET DAY
Monday 19th - Friday 30th October	HALF TERM
Friday 18th December	Term ends
Monday 4th January	First day of term
Monday 15th - Friday 19th February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 24th March	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



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



Woking Family Centre

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks
7pm - 8pm
13th January - 3rd February 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)

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



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

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

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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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WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

Online 10 week course
 Starting 22nd January 2026
 9.30am - 11.15am

The Nurturing Programme (formerly The Parenting Puzzle)

This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges supporting a calmer family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

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



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WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

Online 4 week course
 10th Feb - 3rd March 2026
 10.00am - 11.30am

Talking Teens

A free course for parents or carers of teenagers and pre-teens (8 years plus), looking for advice.

Sessions will focus on relationships within the family, communication, negotiation, decision making and strategies to reduce conflict.

The group aims to develop:

- relationships between teenagers and parents/carers
- a calmer home life
- confidence when talking about difficult issues
- an understanding of teenage needs and development

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Woking Family Centre

Online 4 week course
 12th February - 5th March 2026
 7.00pm - 8:45pm

Keeping Your Child In Mind

Adults working together.

A FREE programme for parents and carers focusing on relationships within the family and the influence of parental relationships on children.

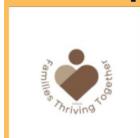
The course covers:

- Self-awareness
- Appropriate expectations
- Boundaries and positive discipline
- Understanding empathy

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STAY & PLAY AFTERNOON

NSSport and Barnardo's are delighted to host a Stay and Play afternoon, featuring fun activities designed to bring the local community together.

- ✓ Drinks & Snacks
- ✓ Raffle Prizes
- ✓ Inflatables & Races
- ✓ Glitter Tattoos

Thursday
19th February 2026

13:30 - 15:00

Sythwood
Primary School

Ages 4-13

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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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**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



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



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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)

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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