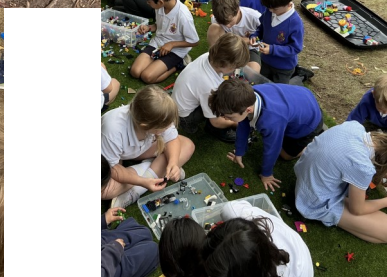


# Pyrford CofE Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Creativity & Collaboration

12 June 2026



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# Headteacher's Letter

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you've had a good week despite the weather, and are looking forward to the Summer Fair tomorrow! The PTA have had a word with the powers that be, and tomorrow is looking dry and sunny (but not too sunny) so everyone will be able to have a great time and raise some funds for the school. Thank you in advance for your support.

In other news, I'm pleased to announce that from September, school catering will move from our current provider to Clever Chefs. We've attached a flyer with more information about them. We're in the early stages of managing the handover and will communicate more about the process, including how to order meals, in due course.

In the meantime, please do keep an eye on your Scopay account for school dinners — try not to top up too much, so you're not left with leftover credit at the end of the year. Having worked with Clever Chefs at my previous school, I'm confident they'll bring a real improvement to the quality of our school dinners.

Preparations for the next academic year are well underway. This week the leadership team has been reviewing the school development plan alongside the new Ofsted framework, to make sure we're set up for a successful year ahead. We'll also be continuing our OPAL project, which has had such positive feedback from children, staff and parents alike, and this links nicely with our Joy project as we look at how to develop our teaching so children learn at their best - excited, motivated and engaged.

As part of this, a letter has gone out reminding parents, in Reception and Years 1-3, about the class mix-ups and how they work. Teachers are busy preparing for transition while making sure their current classes have the best possible time for the rest of the year. Please do take a moment to read the letter so you understand the process - and look forward to your children coming home after the first transition day to tell you who their new teacher will be!

Finally, I'm looking forward to travelling with the Year 6 pupils to Guildford Cathedral next week for their Leavers' Service - a lovely occasion for pupils at Church of England schools that creates lasting memories.

See you all at the fair tomorrow!

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

**Pyrford Primary School's**

**SUMMER FAIR**  
Sat 13 June, 12-2pm

**SCHOOL FIELD**  
Entrance via Peatmore Ave.

Join us for some family fun...

- bouncy castle •
- giant slide •
- fun games •
- children's stalls •
- BBQ food •
- ice creams & drinks •

**Free Entry**

**Cash & card accepted**

# OPAL Update



A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for the donations we have received so far. Your generosity will really help us to supply and develop our play offer as we continue our OPAL journey.

This week, we officially opened our new **Lego Zone**. The aim of this area is to provide opportunities for creativity, problem-solving and a different style of play.

It has been very well received by the children, and it has been wonderful to see children of different ages playing, creating and collaborating together.

During our Play Assembly this week, we focused on **Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** – the right to play. We discussed the importance of play and learned about the **International Day of Play**. To celebrate, we planned an extended playtime with an extra 31 minutes of play. Unfortunately, the weather had other ideas, so we postponed the event until today.

Over the next few weeks, we hope to introduce resources for **creative role play** and **chill-out zones**. To help us develop these areas, we would be very grateful for donations of:

- Picnic rugs or outdoor blankets
- Outdoor cushions
- Fancy dress clothing, particularly larger sizes (ages 7+) for our older children

Dressing-up accessories such as hats, waistcoats, glasses, scarves, handbags and other role-play items

Remember, dressing up doesn't have to mean Disney princess costumes! Everyday clothing and accessories that inspire imagination and role play are just as valuable.

Thank you again for your continued support in helping us create rich, engaging and enjoyable play opportunities for all our children.

Sophie Murray

Assistant Headteacher & EYFS Lead

On Wednesday, a group of sixteen Year 5 and 6 girls went to a Dynamos Cricket tournament at Byfleet Cricket Club. Competing as two teams of eight, *Puffins* and *Penguins*, the girls played two group-stage matches in the morning. The standard of cricket was really high, with each of our teams winning one match and losing one match meaning they both went through to the semi-final matches.



After a lunch break in the sunshine, it was semi-final time. Sadly, both our teams lost their matches, with one of the matches,

against Pirbright, coming down to a nail-biting, deciding 'Super Over'. The girls played every match with enthusiasm and beaming smiles. They all played some fantastic cricket, supported each other and showed great team spirit. We are very proud of you all. Thank you to Mr Clough who came to help.

# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Eliza, Ezriana & Rosalyn** We have been learning about colours and exploring what happens when you mix the primary colours. The children engaged in a range of activities linked to colour. Rosalyn showed good control using the tweezers to sort bears, and Eliza and Ezriana enjoyed the creative colour activity.

**R BEECH - Zachary M** who has been trying really hard in his phonics lessons recently. He has been listening carefully and practising blending. Zachary is a 'tricky word expert' and is able to say them all in our lessons and in his books. Well done for working so hard, keep up the good work!

**R HAZEL - Abeeha & Rayden** who spread so much joy wherever they go. They have smiles on their faces all day long as they play and learn. It's lovely to spend the day with such happy children!

**1 OAK - Gisele** This week in Year 1 we have been using our imaginations to picture what is happening in a story. Gisele spent a long time carefully drawing Leaf the Polar Bear, imagining what he would look like as he burst through the forest covered in hundreds of beautiful leaves. Well done Gisele! We are so proud of the time and care you put in to creating your beautiful picture.



**1 PINE - Joshua** This week Year 1 have been learning all about position and direction. Joshua wowed Miss Dennis with his mathematical language and clear explanations when moving the Beebot forwards, backwards, left and right. Well done Joshua. Keep up the great work!

**2 CEDAR - Danyaal, James & Zaina** for writing fantastic explanation texts about foxes. They used interesting vocabulary and lots of conjunctions. We have been reading *The Fox and the Star* and we have researched foxes. They used lots of their new knowledge to write fabulous fox facts!

**2 HAWTHORN - Thea** This week Year 2 have been reading *The Fox and the Star*. They used pastels to create their own fox in a deep, dense forest. Thea took her time and created a lovely picture. Well done Thea!

**3 ELM - Amaya** for her brilliant work in Maths in recent weeks. She has provided some excellent answers during class teaching and shown great understanding of our learning, including about shape. Wonderful work Amaya!

**3 MAPLE - Emily** who published her persuasive letter in her neatest handwriting. She worked hard to use the joins we have learnt this year to join some of her handwriting. Well done Emily!

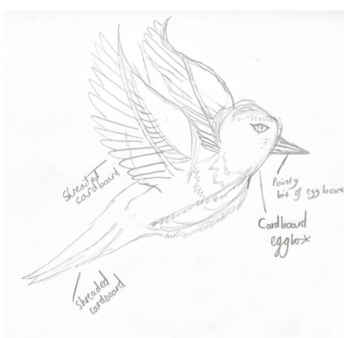
**4 ALDER - Ibrahim** In Maths we have been learning about time. Ibrahim has been brilliant at converting the 12-hour and 24-hour times. He has also been excellent in supporting his partner to talk through time problems to solve them together. Well done Ibrahim!

**4 LARCH - Polly** In Year 4 we have been exploring a problem and resolution narrative through our class text *The Wild Robot*. Polly offered some very thoughtful ideas and reasons in our class debate as to whether a robot could ever be a good parent. She then went on to impress us with her wonderfully written narrative explaining the problem, conflict and how it was resolved in the story. Well done Polly!

**5 ROWAN - Jay** for his fantastic sketch of a bird. He took great care and attention to detail in creating this beautiful goldfinch, thinking carefully about tone and shading to bring his artwork to life. Excellent work Jay!



**5 WILLOW - Astrid** This week in Art we have been focussing on the work of Darrell Wakelam's cardboard birds. Using this as inspiration, Astrid has sketched a brilliantly labelled design to be used for creating a final sculpture. Well done Astrid for taking great care on both the presentation and careful selection of materials. Keep it up!



**6 ASPEN - Harry K** for the outstanding effort he has put into all of his learning all year. Every day he puts 100% into all his classwork and shows determination, enthusiasm and perseverance in all he does. Well done Harry!

**6 HOLLY - Ollie** for a fantastic piece of writing. He wrote an excellent biography of the famous children's author Roald Dahl. His use of sub-headings and paragraphs organise the information, while his careful use of wide range of punctuation made his writing clear and informative. Mrs Bull was particularly impressed with the effort he put into the presentation of his work, showing real pride and determination. He also started to edit and correct his work. A super biography Ollie.

**6 LAUREL - Freddie** for his fantastic writing in English. He wrote an exciting suspense story packed with action and engaging dialogue. He used exciting vocabulary to create tension and atmosphere throughout the story. Well done Freddie - keep up the great work!



### Sports Star Medal Winners

**Shifa Ahmad \* Amal Ali \* Summer Davies  
Annie Doig \* Lincoln Evans \* Amelia Lamb  
Elizabeth Wheatley \* Harry Whittington  
Adee Wilde**

### Congratulations to Ashdown

HOUSE	POINTS
Ashdown	1149
Atholl	1071
Brecon	971
Kielder	964

#### JOB VACANCIES

**We are recruiting for Teaching Assistants to work in the school**

**And we are looking for Level 3 Early Years qualified staff for the nursery**

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Mrs McAllister

**info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk**

#### OFFICE REMINDERS

- YN/YR Scopay consents for Bugfest by **TODAY**
- Y5 Scopay consents for Wildwood by **TODAY**
- Y2 Scopay consents for Lookout by **MONDAY 15th**
- Y3 Scopay consents for Activity Day by **MONDAY 15th**
- Y1 Scopay consents for Forest School by **FRIDAY 19th**

**internet matters.org**

Together, we've got this.

#### **New online safety advice for parents of children with additional needs**

Children with additional needs may experience the online world differently to their peers.

Some children may spend more time online, be more trusting, compliant or anxious, or feel less in control of their online experiences.

As parents and carers, it can be difficult to know how best to support your child, especially when much of the online safety advice available takes a "one size fits all" approach.

That's why Internet Matters want to share **Every Child Safe Online**, a new advice hub from **online safety experts Internet Matters** which offers accessible, practical resources and guidance for parents and carers of children with additional needs.

The resources are designed to help you support your child to have safer, more positive online experiences, with guidance that recognises that every child is different. The resources are on this link

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/additional-needs-support/>



**WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE**

We are excited to launch our sponsored Move-a-thon to raise funds for the school's Joy Project! 🎉

The project aims to transform playtimes using the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) approach — creating more active, imaginative and meaningful play experiences for all children. 🌈

Children will take part in fun activities including:

- 🏃 Running
- 💃 Dancing
- 🏊 Obstacle challenges

.....and lots of movement

Funds raised will help provide new outdoor play equipment, creative play resources and improved play spaces that encourage confidence, teamwork, creativity and fun. 🤝

Please sponsor your child if you can and we'd love you to pass on this link to family and friends. Together we can help create a more joyful play environment for everyone. Every donation makes a difference — thank you for your support! ❤️

<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/pyrfordmoveathon>

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Sat 13 Jun	12:00 - 14:00	School Summer Fair
Tue 16 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Wed 17 Jun		Sponsored Move-A-Thon for the Joy Project
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
<b>Sat 20 Jun</b>	<b>18:00 - 21:00</b>	<b>Swimming Gala @ Guildford Spectrum</b>
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
<b>Fri 26 June</b>	<b>13:15</b>	<b>Year 6 Play @ CoGS</b>
Mon 29 Jun		<b>INSET DAY</b>
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

## Term Dates 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

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## ALLSORTS

Holiday Club for 4-11 yrs  
4th to 7th August 2026  
10:15am to 2:30pm

At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford GU22 8SP

Bring packed lunch  
£6 donation per day (subsidies available)  
Book via [www.wisleywithpyrford.org](http://www.wisleywithpyrford.org)

Sunday 9th August 9:50am refreshments, fun and family service.  
All welcome.

# Pyrford & Wisley VILLAGE SHOW

## FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Fancy dress inspired by the theme of the show:  
an English country garden

**SATURDAY 11th JULY 2026**  
ON PYRFORD CRICKET GROUND  
[pyrfordvillageshow.com](http://pyrfordvillageshow.com)

Meet at Pyrford Village Hall 1.00pm  
Open to all ages - prizes awarded by the Mayor of Woking in the Arena

# PRAYER FOR WOKING FOOTBALL CLUB



**COME AND JOIN IN AN ALL AGE GROUP, PRAYING FOR PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT, FANS, AS WE WALK AROUND THE STADIUM TAKING WRITTEN PRAYERS AND HAVING A PRAISE TOO.**

**AT LAITHWAITE COMMUNITY STADIUM, OLD WOKING**

**SATURDAY 27TH JUNE '26**  
**10 AM - 12 NOON**

sign up via [wisleywithpyrford.org/events](http://wisleywithpyrford.org/events)






## Additional Needs Service showcase

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2026**  
9:30am-2:30pm

Eastwood Leisure Centre  
Albert Drive, Sheerwater, Woking  
GU21 5RF

Free parking onsite and public transport nearby.

- Come and find out about local and national services!
- Age range 0-25 years for Children and Young People with Additional Needs
- For Families and Practitioners

If you would like further details please scan the QR code or email [localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk)



**No need to book, just drop in!**




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# 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.

**Everyone welcome | No booking required | Completely FREE**



**West Hall**  
 WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

## Summer Festival

**Saturday 27 June, 12.30pm - 4pm**

We're delighted to invite you to our Summer Festival within the beautiful grounds of West Hall.

Our theme is High School Musical. We are inviting local community groups from schools, Scouts, Brownies and dance organisations to perform on our stage to showcase their talents. We will also be welcoming a children's magician, ice cream van and a selection of stalls holders. BBQ food will be available, where we request cash payments.

The event is free to attend. If you wish to make a donation, this will be for our chosen charity Woking Rotary Club, who generously raise funds for multiple charities.

To register your interest as a performance group/individual, or as a stall holder, or for more information, please call us on **01932 338000**.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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**West Hall**  
 WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

## Where luxury living meets exclusive day care

**We'd like to invite you to our Open Day**  
**Saturday 27 June | 12.30pm - 4pm**

We will be launching our exclusive day care service, and our team will be happy to discuss all aspects of our care and how we can tailor support you or your loved one. Enjoy guided tours, refreshments, and a chance to meet our residents and team.

To find out more about West Hall care home's exclusive day care or to confirm your attendance, please contact our friendly team on **01932 338000**, visit [www.WestHall.org.uk](http://www.WestHall.org.uk) or call in.

We're looking forward to meeting you and giving you a warm welcome.

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