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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

What a fantastic time Year 2 had at Brooklands Museum



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## The Evil Peas strike again - can Reception rescue the veg?



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## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful week it has been here at school! This week began with our whole class assembly centred on the remarkable life of Takoyama Kagawa - a man whose extraordinary compassion helped build communities and transform lives across Japan.

Kagawa was a pioneering figure whose 'helping hands' philosophy drove him to live and work alongside some of the most vulnerable people in Japanese society. Rather than standing apart, he chose to stand with - building co-operatives, schools, and community networks that gave ordinary people the power to support one another. His belief was simple but profound: that real change begins not with grand gestures, but with small, consistent acts of care and service.

Our children reflected beautifully on what this means for us in our own school community. How do we show up for one another? How can our own 'helping hands' build something meaningful, right here? The assembly was a powerful reminder that kindness is not passive - it is something we choose, and something we build together.

Year 2 had an absolutely fantastic day out at Brooklands Museum this week! Brooklands holds a very special place in British history - the world's first purpose-built motor racing circuit and a cradle of aviation. Our children were wide-eyed with wonder as they explored the historic vehicles, aircraft and stories behind this iconic site. They asked brilliant questions, made meaningful connections to their classroom learning, and showed impeccable behaviour throughout the day. A huge thank you to our staff and parent volunteers who made the trip possible. I was very jealous I was not able to join the children - maybe next year!

Year 5 were treated to a wonderful performance of the classic musical *Oliver!* at Fullbrook School this week. Experiencing live theatre is always a memorable event, and the children were visibly captivated by the storytelling, music, and performances on stage. Outings like this are so important in nurturing a love of the arts, and the children came back buzzing with excitement. Well done to Fullbrook School for such an impressive production - and well done to our Year 5 for being such a brilliant audience!

Today Mrs Steen hosted a small but heartfelt celebration for our wonderful Sports Crew - and what a well-deserved recognition it was! We reviewed how the term had gone and what we could work on to make it even better. Our Sports Crew are a group of dedicated young people who have given up their own lunchtimes, week after week, to organise and lead activities for their fellow pupils. They have shown a level of commitment, responsibility, and genuine care for others that is truly outstanding. Day after day, they have made our playground a more active, inclusive, and joyful place for so many children - and we could not be more proud of them.

As Ramadan draws to a close, we are delighted to wish all of our families who have been observing this holy month a very blessed and joyful Eid al-Fitr. Eid is expected to fall on either Thursday 19th or Friday 20th March - dependent on the sighting of the new moon - marking the end of a month of fasting, prayer, reflection and generosity.

Eid al-Fitr, which means 'the Festival of Breaking the Fast', is a time of great joy and togetherness - a celebration of community, family, and gratitude. To all those who have been fasting throughout Ramadan, we hope this time of spiritual dedication has been deeply meaningful.

Have a wonderful weekend.

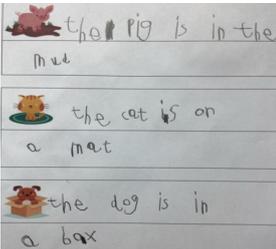
Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Tabitha.** Our story was *The Gruffalo*. We listened carefully to the words used to describe the Gruffalo's features. Then Tabitha made a Gruffalo puppet. It had orange eyes, a black tongue, terrible tusks and a wart on its nose. It also had purple prickles all over its back. Well done Tabitha. What a great puppet!

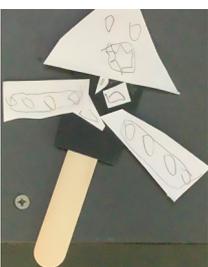
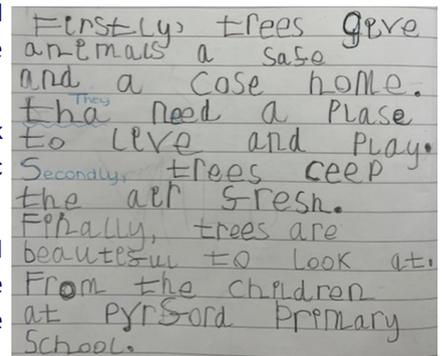
**R BEECH - Shonagh** for working so hard on her phonics, reading and writing this half term. She is now keen to read every day at school and is using her phonics in her independent writing. Great work Shonagh, keep it up!



**R HAZEL - Aria** for wonderful independent writing this week. She was so proud of herself, and so were we!

**1 OAK - Emily** for the excellent attitude she shows in our Maths lessons. We have been exploring numbers within 50, and Emily has been brilliant at spotting connections and partitioning numbers into tens and ones using Base 10. Miss Daly was really impressed with how confidently she explains her thinking. Well done Emily - you are a fantastic role model for others in Maths!

**1 PINE - Milo** for his fantastic writing in English. He worked incredibly hard to write a persuasive letter to our MP, asking for more trees to be planted in our local area. Well done Milo!



**2 CEDAR - Ethan** who thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and completed several activities in class. He created a fantastic lolly stick based on the character Funny Bones. Well done Ethan!

**2 HAWTHORN - Grace** for wonderful work in Maths. She has worked incredibly hard to become more independent with her learning. She also impressed Mrs Porter with how she now helps others. She hopes that Grace has realised how fun Maths is!

**3 ELM - Abby** In English we have been thinking about how authors create fantasy setting descriptions. Abby listened really carefully to the descriptive text and then created a brilliant picture of a cottage in a forest based on all the details in the writing. Wonderful work Abby!



**3 MAPLE - Airah** In Maths this half term, we have been learning about measures, including carefully measuring classroom objects using centimetres and millimetres. Airah really enjoyed her learning and Mrs Goree and Ms Humphries were so proud that she was able to carefully check and correct her measurements as well - super Maths Airah, well done!

**4 ALDER - Iris** In English we have been reading *Varjak Paw*. We had class discussions about whether or not Varjak should fight his mean brother Julius. Iris was excellent at debating this issue and then wrote a brilliant creative discussion text. She used imaginative noun phrases and subordinate clauses to describe each side of the argument and her own opinion. "Ultimately, I believe that Varjak should not fight because he might get injured badly so he wouldn't be able to fight the black cats and maybe even save his family from great danger." Iris' writing is always fantastic!

**4 LARCH - Hadi** Larch class have also been debating whether we think the character Varjak Paw should stand up to his cruel brother and fight or not. Hadi wrote a brilliant discussion text, giving thoughtful reasons for both sides of his argument. Mrs Steen was so impressed with how hard he worked independently.

**5 ROWAN - Miya** for her fabulous diary entry inspired by Zoe from *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgwick. Writing in first person, she truly stepped into Zoe's shoes and brought the character to life. Her use of rich, emotive language helped the reader feel Zoe's thoughts and experiences and she clearly sequenced the events she described, making the diary easy and engaging to follow. This thoughtful and imaginative piece of writing shows great understanding of the character and excellent storytelling skills. "Suddenly I saw Munchkin closing a door. My heart pounded, my eyes widened, my breathing stopped. Would he see me?" Well done Miya - what a brilliant achievement!

**5 WILLOW - Abdul-Qadhir** for the excellent effort and participation he has shown in Spanish. As part of our new unit *In a Spanish café*, we have been practising conversations and taking turns to act out being customers and waiters. Abdul-Qadhir showed great enthusiasm throughout the lesson, working brilliantly with his partner. Well done for a fantastic effort in practising pronunciation when speaking Spanish. Keep up the excellent work!

**6 ASPEN - Amelie** In Geography, we have been learning about Fairtrade. She researched the topic very well and presented her findings beautifully. She showed a good understanding of how we can all do our bit to help farmers be treated more fairly.

**6 HOLLY - Rumaisa** Mrs Bull was so impressed by Rumaisa's descriptive story. She created a vivid and engaging setting, using excellent sentence openers, rich vocabulary and some truly lovely descriptive noun phrases that really brought her story to life.

Her handwriting is beautifully presented, neat and easy to read, which makes her piece even more impressive. It is clear that Rumaisa took great care with her work. A very impressive piece of writing - well done Rumaisa. She should be very proud of herself! *"Feeling nervous but confident, I walked really slowly towards the harbour. The morning air was hot and fresh. As the sun was beginning to rise, the last of the fog drifted away revealing a light blue sky."*



**WORLD BOOK DAY  
WINNING LOLLY STICK  
CHARACTERS**



## Stock Up for Spring: The Easter Pre Loved Uniform Clearance Event

Good quality preloved uniform available including

- Summer Dresses and Grey Pinafores
- Polos
- Shorts, Skirts, Trousers
- Blazers
- PE Tops, Hoodies and Bottoms
- All Ages (Squirrels to Year 6)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March from 3pm  
PTA Cabin in the back playground

Cash or card accepted – all proceeds go to the PTA



**TODAY** →

# SPRING COLOUR RAFFLE & MUFTI DAY

Friday  
20 March

Squirrels & Rec

OR

Yr 1

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

Yr 2

In exchange for mufti dress in your allocated colour on the day (which can be just 1 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

Raffle tickets - £1 each  
via link or QR Code



Yr 4

<https://pci.jotform.com/form/260696600065053>

Yr 5

Draw takes place at 23.55 on 20 March.  
Prizes collected on Mon 23 March

Yr 6

OR



- \* Breakfast Club & Treetops accounts to be brought up to date please.
- \* PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE ROUNDABOUT OR THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN THE CHURCH CAR PARK
- \* We are noticing more litter being dropped around the site and would appreciate your help in keeping it tidy. Thank you.

SPRING TERM DATES		
Fri 13 Mar	15:00	Preloved Uniform Clearance Event
Mon 16 Mar	15:45-17:45	Primary Hockey Festival @ Charterhouse
Tue 17 Mar	16:00-17:00	Y3/4 Cross Country Team @ Hoebridge
Wed 18 Mar		YN & YR Little City @ CoGS
<b>Fri 20 Mar</b>		<b>Spring Colour Raffle &amp; Mufti Day</b>
Fri 20 Mar	15:30	Relationship Education Presentation for Y4 & Y5 parents
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
<b>Wed 25 Mar</b>	<b>15:00-17:00</b>	<b>Y5 Maths Challenge @ Fullbrook (selected children)</b>
<b>Wed 25 Mar</b>	<b>15:30</b>	<b>Y5/6 Netball Match v Horsell</b>
Thu 26 Mar	09:00	Easter Service @ CoGS
Fri 27 Mar	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 30 Mar - Fri 10 Apr		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

## 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

## 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		<b>Bank Holiday</b>
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		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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		<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



# Woking District Football

## Boys & Girls District Squad Trials



Represent all the primary schools in Woking by playing in the hugely successful Woking District Football Teams!

Woking Primary Schools F.A. are looking for talented and committed football players for our Main Squads. You would compete for Woking district in national competitions, leagues, cups and tournaments, across the country which can also provide a platform for player pathways.

We are also looking for players for our development squads who want to quickly develop their footballing skills to a more advanced level

We are running U11 (School Years 5 & 6) and U10 (School Years 4 & 5) Squads. Players with us can still play for clubs.

To register your interest, contact us at [wokingpsfa@gmail.com](mailto:wokingpsfa@gmail.com)

Please check spam folders for replies

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[www.wokingprimaryschools.co.uk](http://www.wokingprimaryschools.co.uk)

## Ever Fancied Treading The Boards?

The Byfleet Players are a friendly and inclusive am-dram group who rehearse and perform in Byfleet and welcome new members from Byfleet Village and beyond.



Come and meet the team - whatever your experience, whether you're keen to be on stage or behind the scenes - everyone's welcome.



Where: Byfleet Library  
When: The first Wednesday of every month.  
Time: 7.30pm

(Please contact us via the website)

To find out about the Byfleet Players and what we do - visit us at: [www.thebyfleetplayers.co.uk](http://www.thebyfleetplayers.co.uk)

Join us for friendly chat & catch-ups, quizzes, drinks & nibbles and more.

# YOUTH CLUB JNR

FOR SCHOOL YEARS 4, 5 AND 6

50P INTRANCE 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](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 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

# 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.

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## Parent & Guardian First Aid Practical

Thursday 14 May 2026 - 18:30 to 21:30

Barnardo's Woking Family Centre, The Bungalow  
 Sythwood  
 Woking, Surrey  
**GU21 3AX**

### P Travel and parking:

No onsite parking, park along Sythwood Road

### USEFUL INFO

**Dress code:** Please wear casual, comfortable clothes.

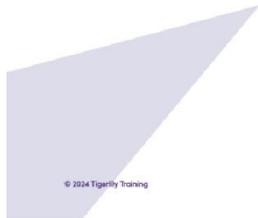
**Timings:** Please check your journey times and the venue location. You must arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the course start time. The trainer has the right to refuse entry once training has started.

**Lunch:** Please ensure you take your lunch and all necessary refreshments with you.

**Dress code:** Please wear casual, comfortable clothes.

**Practical activity:** The duties of a first aider can be physically demanding. For certification you must be able to meet our assessment criteria by demonstrating your skills during practical course assessment. You must be able to kneel on the floor to administer CPR and put a casualty into the recovery position.

For more information contact: **Nasreen Farooq** - nasreen.farooq@barnardos.org.uk - 01483 310419



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# The Arbor Centre

Available for hire - £38 per hour

Planning a party, starting a class or organising a community event? The Arbor Centre offers flexible spaces to suit every occasion.

The spacious Main Hall is ideal for bouncy castles, sports and larger gatherings, while the Coffee Room is perfect for smaller parties, meetings and clubs. With a kitchen, a stage and a secure outdoor area included, it's a practical, affordable setting for any event.

For more details and booking availability see

[www.arborcentre.org](http://www.arborcentre.org)



**PYRFORD GUIDES AND SCOUTS**  
**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**



Since 1996, the Pyrford Guides and Scouts Parents Association (PGSPA) has run and maintained The Arbor Centre, providing a welcoming space not only for our Guides and Scouts groups, but also for the wider local community.

Today, the PGSPA urgently needs your help to continue its work.

We are looking for volunteers to join the team that keeps The Arbor running. We need support with bookings, finance, and a variety of other roles. Whether you can spare a few hours a week or a little time each month, your contribution would make a real difference to this valued community space.

If you'd like to get involved and support your local community, please contact us at [admin@arborcentre.org](mailto:admin@arborcentre.org).

Together, we can ensure The Arbor continues to thrive for future generations.

Open Monday - Sunday 09:15 - 17:45  
 Ages 0 - 8

# Mazzy Bee's Soft Play!

Unit 5-6 Parfitt Way  
 Sheerwater  
 GU21 5GP  
 (Opposite ASDA)

**Exclusive Hire at MazzyBee's**  
 Looking for the perfect space for a baby shower, family celebration or child-friendly work get-together? Hire out the hive from £90 per hour, available 18:00-21:00. Enjoy full private access to MazzyBee's for a magical evening with your favourite people!

**Parties at MazzyBee's**  
 Make your little bee's big day unforgettable at MazzyBee's! Our magical party packages start from just £195, giving you exclusive party fun, softplay adventures and memories that will have everyone buzzing! Exclusive hire options available for that extra special celebration.

**MazzyBee's Memberships**  
 Join the hive! From only £30.39, MazzyBee's Memberships unlock buzzing discounts, priority access, and exclusive perks for your little ones. Perfect for families who love to play, explore and grow!

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