

Pyrford CofE Primary

School Weekly Newsletter

15 May 2026



Headteacher's Letter

Dear parents and carers,

What a week it has been! We wanted to take a moment to share just how immensely proud we are of our Year 6 pupils. The dedication and hard work they have shown throughout their SATs this week has been truly remarkable. Every single child has approached the tests with such maturity and determination, giving their absolute best. It's been wonderful to witness their resilience and positive attitude during what we know can be a challenging time. They should be very proud of themselves, and we certainly are.

Away from the SATS we've been reminded of the simple magic that makes primary school so special. If you've ever needed awe and wonder brought back into focus, you should have seen the faces in our Reception class this week when the first duckling began to hatch! The children were absolutely transfixed – watching new life emerge before their eyes was a genuinely magical moment. It's these precious experiences that sit at the very heart of what we do, and it's impossible not to feel moved watching young children experience such real, natural wonder.

You will have received a letter this morning about our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project where we aim to make sure that the children's play time is as good as it can be. As part of this there is a questionnaire for parents and we urge you to complete this before Thursday when our OPAL mentor is visiting to carry out an audit of our current play.

I hope you're looking forward to the Sports days next week! Please see overleaf for details of timings, entrances, exits etc.

Have a good weekend.

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



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PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY

Keystage 1 and EYFS Sports Day

When: Monday 18th May
Years 1 and 2
8.45am

Nursery and Reception
10.20am

WHERE: THE SCHOOL FIELD

Please exit the school premises after dropping your child to school and come to the cricket field gate at the side of the school field at the start of your child's event. This will be the only entrance open.

Order of events

Year 1	Year 2
obstacle	jump/throw
sprint	obstacle
jump/throw	sprint
year group relays	
Nursery	Reception
running races	fun field events
fun field events	running races

Remember:
PE kit
sun cream, water bottles and caps

PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY

Keystage 2 Sports Day

When: FRIDAY 22nd MAY
Years 3 and 4 - 8.45am
Years 5 and 6 - 10.30am

WHERE: THE SCHOOL FIELD

Please exit the school premises after dropping your child to school and come to cricket field gate at the side of the school field. This will be the only entrance open.

Year 3/5	Year 4/6
throw/jump	wacky races
jump/throw	sprint
wacky races	throw/jump
sprint	jump/throw
House team shuttle run Long Distance	

Remember:
**PE kit with their house colour t-shirt,
 sun cream, water bottles and caps**

Class Photos

Class photos will be taken next week on **Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st May**. Our photographer will return on **Wednesday 24th June** to take the Squirrels Nursery shots. On their day, the children should come to school in full smart uniform - summer dresses can be worn but all children in EYFS and KS1 should have a jumper or cardigan with them. All in KS2 should have their blazer. All children should be in school shoes and not trainers.

If your child would normally be in PE Kit on the day of their photograph, please send them in wearing uniform and bring their PE Kit with them

Wednesday 20th May

- Reception - Beech & Hazel
- Year 2 - Cedar & Hawthorn
- Year 3 - Elm & Maple
- Year 4 - Alder & Larch
- Year 5 - Rowan & Willow
- Year 6 - Holly

Thursday 21st May

- Year 1 - Oak & Pine
- Year 6 - Aspen & Laurel



Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Hugo & Phoenix In nursery we have been learning about wild animals. Hugo and Phoenix made fantastic lions using paper plates. They carefully used scissors to snip around the edges to create a mane, painted their plates, then added eyes and drew a mouth. Well done boys!



R BEECH - Billie who has developed into a very keen writer. She impressed Mrs Murray by practising her letter formation during her playtime and when she returned for our school trip, wrote about it 3 times in one day!

R HAZEL - Harrison Well done to Harrison for using his imagination and our resources to build wonderful structures. Harrison is always so proud of what he has achieved and can't wait to tell us about it!

1 OAK - Felix In Year 1 we have been learning about finding halves of numbers and also halves of shapes. Felix worked so carefully to cut out some shapes and challenged himself to find different ways of folding them in half. Fantastic shape work Felix!

1 PINE - Milly for her fantastic effort in Music. She chose two notes to make a pitch pattern and performed it confidently to the class. Well done Milly!

2 CEDAR - Roman for working incredibly hard on his reading. Keep up the great work Roman!



2 HAWTHORN - Alexander In our Science lesson this week, Alexander drew and labelled the different parts of a plant. He demonstrated a good understanding of the structure of plants. He drew a lovely picture with clear labels. Well done Alexander!

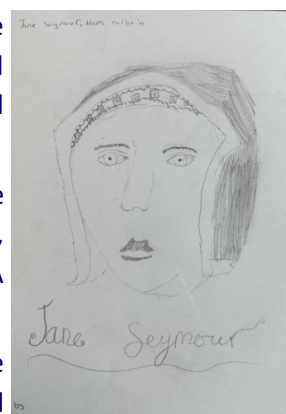
3 ELM - Wilbur We wrote an explanation text about how the stars came to be. Wilbur presented his interesting thoughts really neatly, including conjunctions to explain when and why things happened. Wonderful work Wilbur!

3 MAPLE - Benny In Maths we learnt how to measure to the nearest millimetre. Benny used his ruler accurately to measure the lines and then to draw some of his own. We only ticked them if they were within 3mm of accuracy! Benny also measured the length of the diagonal by drawing a square accurately.

4 ALDER - Manha In Year 4 we have been learning all about Henry VIII and his six wives. On Friday, we visited Hampton Court where everyone in Alder Class were beautifully behaved. In school Manha used the notes she made during our research about Henry's wives and turned them brilliantly into interesting and detailed information. Well done Manha!

4 LARCH - Noah for working incredibly hard on his writing about Henry VIII's six wives and all he had learnt. On our trip he was brilliant in our workshop where we were learning to be history detectives.

5 ROWAN - Haleema for creating a wonderful sketch of Jane Seymour, inspired by the famous portrait by Hans Holbein the Younger. She paid close attention to detail and used careful shading to give depth and form to her work. Haleema demonstrated exceptional observation skills and artistic talent throughout this piece. Well done Haleema!



5 WILLOW - Mariah for creating a brilliant story map based on our class book *Treason*. She demonstrated an excellent understanding of the characters and key events that took place, clearly presenting ideas and making thoughtful connections throughout the story. A fantastic effort - keep up the great work!

6 ASPEN - Alana for her excellent spy-gadget invention. If Mrs Brockway was a spy, she would definitely want to buy one. As always, Alana's writing was beautifully presented and she took great care with her work. Well done!

6 HOLLY - Isaac for his outstanding piece of writing inspired by *Stormbreaker*. From the very first sentence, his story draws the reader in with action and suspense. His use of figurative language is both imaginative and powerful. What makes this piece even more impressive is his excellent control of punctuation. His choice of vocabulary is thoughtful and precise, with words that paint pictures in the reader's mind. A very impressive piece of writing - well done Isaac!

6 LAUREL - Adam Mrs Gilbey was so impressed with Adam's suspense story. He created a descriptive setting, used excellent sentence openers, varied vocabulary and fabulous punctuation. He also worked extremely hard to plan his suspense story. A very impressive piece of writing - well done Adam. Keep up the great work!



Are these your scooters? They have been in the bike rack for some months and will be removed if not claimed.



OFFICE NOTICES

- ◆ Y6 - Osmington payments must be made by the end of **TODAY**
- ◆ Y5 - Mosque consents must be given by the end of **TODAY**

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



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

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

Monday 25th -	HALF TERM
Monday 29th June	INSET DAY
Friday 17th July	Term ends at 12:00

SUMMER TERM DATES		
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 (not Y1)
Wed 20 May	10:30-15:00	Y5 Boys Cricket Competition
Thu 21 May		Y1 Class Photos
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 08:45 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

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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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:

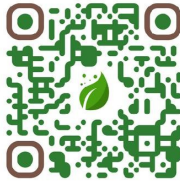
- Gain a deeper understanding of childhood anxiety
- Practical ways to help your child manage anxious feelings
- Opportunities to connect with other parents in a safe, supportive environment

Where: Woking Family Centre

The Bungalow, Sythwood
GU21 3AX

When: Wednesday 3rd June 2026

Time: 12:45 -14:45



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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



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



**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



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Ages 3 Yrs +

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info@tinyterrapinsswimschool.com

Tuesday 26th May - Fri 29th May



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

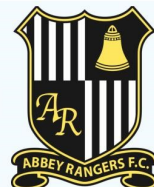
Hardball Trials

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



TA SPORTS
In partnership with

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

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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



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BARNARD'S

WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

DROP-IN & JOIN US FOR MESSY PLAY

ARTS, CRAFTS & HEALTHY SNACKS

TUESDAY 26th MAY 2026

11:00am-12:30pm



For more information contact:
wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk
01483 310419

Suitable for children 0-11 years (older siblings are welcome)

Woking Family Centre, Sythwood,
Woking, GU21 3AX

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



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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