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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



## Little City Fun



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# Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

## What a Week!

Spring has truly sprung and what a difference it makes! The sunshine has been a real treat, giving the children the chance to get outside and make the most of the beautiful weather - long may it continue!

We kicked off the week with a wonderful learning moment, discovering the incredible story of **St. Alphonsa** - the first Indian woman to be made a saint. Her life was one of remarkable selflessness; having experienced illness herself as a child, she dedicated herself to caring for others in their time of need. This led us to explore a big question together: **What is the greatest gift you can give?** I shared my answer - **Love** - and gave my reasons why. I wonder if your children can remember some of those reasons? It's a great conversation to have around the dinner table this weekend! 😊

My office has been an absolute joy this week - I have been *inundated* with children proudly bringing in their fantastic learning to share! I've been treated to brilliant examples of **emergent writing**, fabulous **fact files on Alfred the Great**, and some truly **stunning artwork**. It is always such a privilege to see what the children are achieving and how wonderfully they are growing. On Wednesday I headed to **Wisley**, where headteachers from across Surrey gathered for a conference with some brilliant speakers. I came away with plenty of food for thought as we navigate the ever-changing educational landscape. And to top it all off, I had the joy of joining **Year 4** on their local lands field trip - exploring our local area and discovering the fascinating variety of land uses right on our doorstep!

🏏 **Sporting News!** Our **Hockey teams** had a fantastic festival on Monday, playing at the superb pitches at Charterhouse School - with one team finishing *undefeated!* 🏏 Our **Year 3/4 Cross Country** runners also put in a brilliant performance at the WASPS Cross Country on Tuesday - we are so proud of them all! Meanwhile, our **Squirrels Nursery and Reception** children had an absolutely brilliant time at **Little City** in the church on Wednesday, exploring role play areas covering hospitals, police stations and much more. The smiles said it all!



**Eid Mubarak** to all of our families celebrating the end of Ramadan today - wishing you and your loved ones a joyful and blessed celebration!

And finally... can you believe **next week is the last week of term?**! We are just one term away from the end of the school year - time really does fly! As we head towards Easter, the most important time in the Christian calendar, we have some special moments to look forward to: our **Easter Pause Assembly** on Monday and our **Easter Service at the church** on Thursday.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!



Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher



## SQUIRRELS NURSERY APPLICATIONS

The closing date for applications for places at Squirrels in September is the end of March.

Please email [squirrels@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:squirrels@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk) for an application form.

# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Jamie & Lucas** Our story was *The Tiger Who Came To Tea*. We learnt some interesting facts about tigers, including that they have over 100 stripes and that each tiger's stripes are different. The children had a go at drawing a tiger and then painting orange and black stripes. Jamie and Lucas both did an amazing job. Well done boys!



**R BEECH - Xavier** for becoming an amazing writer. He has been working really hard on his phonics and writing this term. We have been looking at the changes that happen in Spring and Xavier wrote about what he could see in a Spring picture. He was determined to continue all the way down to the bottom of the page and wouldn't stop writing!



**R HAZEL - Georgia** for some thoughtful writing about her mum. She used her phonics well to sound out and showed good independence when recording her ideas. Well done Georgia!

**1 OAK - Cameron** for always going above and beyond in the effort he puts into his learning every day. He comes into school with a smile and a positive attitude and is always determined to do his very best. He has made fantastic progress recently, especially in his reading and writing and Miss Daly is very proud of him. Well done Cameron!

**1 PINE - Sophie** for her wonderful effort in Maths this half term. She has become much more independent and always approaches each task with her best effort. Well done Sophie - keep up the great work!

**2 CEDAR - The whole of Cedar Class** for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm whilst on our trip to Brooklands. The children represented the school brilliantly and displayed excellent scientific knowledge.

**2 HAWTHORN - The whole of Hawthorn Class** for excellent behaviour and enthusiasm on our trip to Brooklands Museum. We made and raced cars, climbed on board the Concorde, visited the aircraft factory, launched rockets and saw the Lego McLaren car!

**3 ELM - Tabs** We have been writing stories where a character travels through fairy tale settings. Tabs created a brilliant story full of excellent descriptive phrases, alliteration and varied sentence structures which was a joy to read. *"Shafts of sunlight drifted in between the gaps in the trees. Birds sang sweetly."* Wonderful work Tabs!

**3 MAPLE - Ada** In English, Year 3 have been writing fantasy story settings. Mrs Goree has been so proud of Ava who thought carefully about how to describe the setting of her story and created some excellent writing. *"In the deep dark forest there was a beautiful cottage with lots of glowing fairies floating around it."* Well done Ada!

**4 ALDER - Elliott** In Year 4 we have been discussing and writing discussion texts about whether the cat, Varjak, should go over the wall to save his family or not. Elliott worked incredibly hard on his writing. He should be very proud of himself as Mrs Gill and Mrs Wright are too. Well done Elliott!

**4 LARCH - Holly** In our Art lessons we have been learning the technique of collagraph printing. Holly selected natural resources from the garden to make her printing plate. She thought carefully about her composition and Mrs Steen was so impressed with her effective prints.



**5 ROWAN - Toby** for creating a fantastic fact file about Alfred the Great. It is full of fascinating facts about the famous Anglo-Saxon king who defended England from Viking invasions and helped shape the country's future. From battles and bravery to learning and leadership, Toby explored why Alfred earned the title "the Great". A brilliant piece of research - well done Toby!

**5 WILLOW - Emily** for producing such a brilliant fact file. This half term we have been learning all about the Vikings, this week focussing on King Alfred the Great. Emily demonstrated excellent knowledge about the topic and showed a clear understanding of what we have been studying in class. She should also be very proud of the care she took in presenting her ideas so clearly and thoughtfully. Well done Emily!

**6 ASPEN - Haider-Ali** for his excellent writing. Mrs Brockway is so impressed with the progress he has made. She loves reading his work and seeing just how far he has come. Well done for using lots of interesting fronted adverbials to help set the scene and for choosing great descriptive language. *"At the beach, I saw rare birds flying through the air. As I got out of my cave, I could see the glassy water filled with tiny fishes."* Keep up the great work Haider-Ali!

**6 HOLLY - Noah** for his story this week. He created a descriptive setting, used excellent sentence openers, varied vocabulary and super punctuation. His ideas flowed clearly and creatively, showing his super imagination. Mrs Bull really liked the way Noah wrote his conversation between the two characters and chose great alternatives to 'said' - *screamed, shouted, quivered, spluttered, spat*. A very impressive piece of writing - well done Noah! He should be very proud of himself.

**Apologies to Henry for missing him off last week...**

**6 LAUREL - Henry** for his fantastic work in RE. We have been learning about the different ways that Christians show they belong to God's Kingdom. Henry always works so hard and thinks about each lesson carefully, completing the task using lots of examples and often also illustrations. Keep up the great work!

**6 LAUREL - Jennah** for her fantastic work in Geography. We have been learning about Fairtrade. She worked hard researching the topic and presented her findings clearly and concisely. Keep up the great work!



On Monday, a group of Year 6 pupils attended a hockey festival hosted by Guildford Hockey Club at Charterhouse School. They participated in a round-robin tournament, competing in a series of 10-minute, 6-a-side matches, where they delivered consistently strong performances against

other schools from across Surrey. The pupils demonstrated exceptional teamwork, determination, resilience, and excellent sportsmanship throughout the event. We are immensely proud of their efforts and the manner in which they represented the school. Thank you also to all the parents who came out on a chilly Monday afternoon to support everyone.



**A HUGE THANK YOU TO INNOVISION LANDSCAPES FOR SPONSORING OUR**

**NEW SPORTS KIT WHICH THE CHILDREN CAN WEAR FOR HOCKEY, CRICKET, ROUNDEES etc. This was its first outing!**

We had another fantastic evening at Hoebridge, taking part in a cross country event for our Year 4 runners. Once again, all of the children ran brilliantly and showed wonderful support for one another throughout. Thanks also to the parents who came and cheered from the sidelines!

A special mention goes to our girls Skye, Ava and Sophie, who achieved impressive finishes in 3rd, 5th and 7th place. Well done to everyone involved!



On Thursday, we were thrilled to welcome the Fullbrook English lead, who visited to present prizes to our talented Year 5 poetry contest winners. The judges were deeply impressed by the exceptional quality of writing and the heartfelt affection for our school that shone through in the children's poems. They were captivated by the vivid language and creative expression the young poets displayed, which clearly reflected their genuine passion for the art of poetry.

Everyone that got through to the final received a book mark and with Bethany in 3<sup>rd</sup> place , Ben in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the overall winner in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kira.

Well done, we are extremely proud of you all!



## SPRING COLOUR RAFFLE

Thank you so much for all your wonderful donations



9 fabulous colour hampers packed with goodies



Buy your raffle tickets before midnight tonight for a chance to win 🎁

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SPRING TERM DATES		
Fri 17 Apr	15:30	Relationship Education Presentation for Y4 & Y5 parents
Mon 23 Mar		Easter Pause Day
Mon 23 Mar	09:00	Engage Easter Assembly
<b>Tue 24 Mar</b>	<b>08:45</b>	<b>KS2 Awards Assembly</b>
Tue 24 Mar		Y3 Soils workshop with Dr M
Tue 24 Mar	15:30	Y4 Hindleap Parents' Meeting
Wed 25 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Wed 25 Mar	15:00-17:00	Y5 Maths Challenge @ Fullbrook (selected children)
Wed 25 Mar	15:30	Y5/6 Netball Match v Horsell
Thu 26 Mar	09:00	Easter Service @ CoGS
Fri 27 Mar	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
<b>Fri 27 Mar</b>	<b>08:45</b>	<b>YR &amp; KS1 Awards Assembly</b>
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
<b>Fri 17 Apr</b>	<b>15:30</b>	<b>Relationship Education Presentation for Y4 &amp; Y5 parents</b>
Thu 23 & Fri 24 Apr		Life Bus Workshops
<b>Thu 23 Apr</b>	<b>12:30-15:30</b>	<b>Y3/4 Cricket Skills Festival @ Old Woking Cricket Club (selected pupils)</b>
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
<b>Thu 25 Jun</b>		<b>Y6 Health Use of Technology Workshops</b>
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

**BRAND NEW LOCATION**



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## EASTER FUN DAYS

SWIMMING, MULTI-SPORTS, AIR-X INFLATABLE, SOFT PLAY, ARTS & CRAFTS, PERFORMING ARTS, GAMING, LASER TAG, NERF WARS, LEGO BUILDING & MUCH MORE!

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**



**Woking Leisure Centre**  
 Woking Park, Kingfield Road, Woking GU22 9BA  
**9.00am - 4.00pm**  
 Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 5pm

Book online: [www.lets-play.org.uk](http://www.lets-play.org.uk)



**FUN, TRAINING AND GAMES  
 AFTER EASTER 2026**

**WE HAVE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR  
 YOUR RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & 2  
 TO JOIN US**



**EASTWOOD LEISURE CENTRE**  
 Saturday mornings  
 08:30 - 09:30  
 Reception, Year 1 & 2  
 Inside the fabulous sports hall  
[CARDINALSNETBALL.COM](http://CARDINALSNETBALL.COM)



**TOTALLY TANGERINE Cookery**

**HAVE YOU GOT CHILDCARE SORTED FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS?**

## HOLIDAY COOKING CAMPS AND BAKING WORKSHOPS

Hands-on session cooking, mixing, making meals. They have fun with their peers along the way, And the best bit, they help clear up the mess too!

Tues 31 March, 10am - 3pm, Full Day  
 Wed 01 April, 10am - 12:30pm, Half Day AM  
 Thurs 02 April, 10am - 3pm, Full Day  
 Tues 07 April, 10am - 3pm, Full Day  
 Wed 08 April, 10am - 12:30pm, Half Day AM  
 Thurs 09 April, 10am - 3pm, Full Day

Drop and go session in Shepperton, in our Cooking Studio!  
 To book go to [HERE](#)  
[contact@totallytangerinecookery.co.uk](mailto:contact@totallytangerinecookery.co.uk) | 07974 320678

Thank you to Crayola who dropped off this lovely pack of art materials and crayons, marking the move of their UK headquarters to Woking.



# HOLIDAY CLUB

7th – 10th April

St. Michael's Church • Woking

**10AM – 2PM**

- STEM Activities
- Outdoor Play
- Lunch Included

**FREE HOLIDAY FUN!**  
Sign Up Now!

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# Stay & Play

Family STEM Sessions

St. Michael's Church • Woking

**10AM – 1PM ✓ 1PM – 4PM ✓**

Sign Up for One of Our Sessions!

- Hands-On STEM Activities
- Fun Challenges for All Ages!
- Get Creative & Explore Science!
- + Hot Meal Included!

Open for All Families!

Part of the CLUB 4 HAF Programme

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## Woking Family Centre

Wednesdays - 4 weeks

7pm - 8pm

15<sup>th</sup> April - 6<sup>th</sup> May 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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## Easter Trail Café & Chill Zone

**THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 10-12NOON**  
**SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 10-12NOON**

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd, Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8SP

**Come on an interactive journey through the Easter Story!**

**A story trail including craft, games, eggs, hot cross buns.**

- Easter Trail in Main Church.
- Café area, sofa, toys & soft play in Main Hall.
- Games Zone including table tennis, table football, Wii, in Sherwood Jones/Lantern Room.

do sign up for FREE to reserve a place at the Easter Trail  
[www.wisleywithpyrford.org/events](http://www.wisleywithpyrford.org/events)

Come as a family, on your own  
Everyone's welcome

## Agape Bring and Share Meal Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**5:30pm – 7:00pm**  
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

## Communion with Foot Washing Maundy Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**8:00pm – 9:30pm**  
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

## Easter Walk

**A Pilgrimage for ALL**  
**Between our three Parish Churches.**  
**Running between 31<sup>st</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April**  
**in daylight hours.**

Pick up a map from the Church of the Good Shepherd and enjoy the beauty of creation as you travel to St Nicholas, Wisley Church and back.

Prayer Resources provided at each Church.  
(TOILETS available at the CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ONLY)

## 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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