

30 January 2026

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## The Great Debate

Yesterday, a team of Year 5 pupils attended Fullbrook School to take part in a debating competition. The team were up against students from other local primary schools and their skills were put to the test as they put forward their arguments (why homework should be banned and why maths is better than sports).

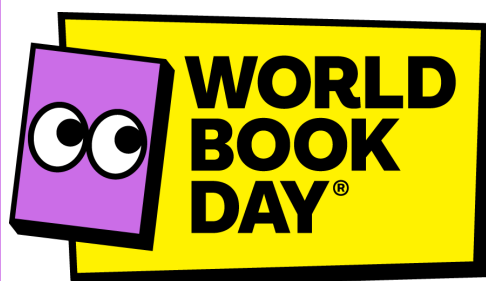
The children spoke eloquently and with clarity. This was the first time they had ever done anything like this and we were so proud when they won the competition overall, bringing home the debating cup. Great work, some future politicians in the making!

They were very well supported by their fellow classmates cheering them on!



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We will be celebrating World Book Day (a day late) on **Friday 6th March**. This is a national celebration of books and reading. On this day, we would love children to come to school dressed as their favourite book

character and bring the accompanying book (named please).

If you prefer a 'bought' costume to a homemade one, and you have any **old, no longer need costumes** please bring these to school from Monday 26th February. We will have a rail outside the office where you can leave costumes and help yourself to a different one. Hopefully this will help with cost and saving the planet!



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## Assistant Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy and positive week at school, with lots to celebrate!

### Assembly Adventures

This week, the children learned about King Nebuchadnezzar and how he differed from Daniel. They explored how Daniel showed kindness and love, while King Nebuchadnezzar was proud and accustomed to getting his own way. We discussed the importance of being proud of one another while remaining humble. During class assemblies, the children also reflected on ways they could *shine like stars* and make wise choices.

### English

On Monday, Mrs Murray and Mrs Goree carried out an English learning walk across the school. They visited each class and saw children thoroughly enjoying their English lessons. Pupils were immersed in their texts through rich discussion, thoughtful questioning, visual props, drama and artwork.

### Maths Visit

On Tuesday, we welcomed teachers from a number of local schools who visited our Maths lessons. Led by Miss Daly, they enjoyed seeing how engaged the children were, using a range of resources and strategies to support their learning.

### INSET Day

On Wednesday, we hosted several training sessions with schools across the trust. Miss Daly and Miss Adams led staff training in Maths and Science, while Miss Dennis delivered Music training. Our teaching assistants also took part in a valuable session led by Charlotte Clarke, focusing on supporting children's behaviour in school.

### Debating Glory!

A team of Year 5 pupils took part in a debating competition at Fullbrook School yesterday. As the winning team, they proudly brought home a trophy and a couple of teddies. Beware, Mr Dutton — you may now be challenged on whether homework should be banned!

### Girls' Football

We wish Mrs Steen and our girls' football team the very best of luck as they head to Dorking this afternoon for a football tournament. They are not only representing our school, but also Woking. We are extremely proud of their achievements so far and wish them continued success today. The winning team will go on to represent Surrey in a national schools' competition.

### Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing you all next week to discuss your child's progress. Please remember to sign up for an appointment if you haven't already done so. Please contact the office if you have any issues with booking.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Chantelle Porter

Assistant Headteacher



#### LEGO

Do you have any spare Lego (not Duplo please) that you could donate to school?

We are setting up a Lego station in the junior playground so any donations, no matter how big or small would be welcome. Perhaps you might see something going free on local marketplace sites and could snap it up for us!

Any donations can be brought to the office. Thank you very much!

## Golden Book Returns Next Week

SPRING TERM DATES		
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
Tue 10 Feb		Safer Internet Day
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
<b>Fri 13 Feb</b>	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Valentine's Day Bake Sale</b>
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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	<b>09:00</b>	KS2 visit CoGS to mark Ash Wednesday
<b>Fri 6 Mar</b>		<b>World Book Day</b>
<b>Fri 6 Mar</b>	<b>19:30 - 22:00</b>	<b>PTA Spring Quiz Night</b>
Mon 9 Mar		Y3 Elm Feet First Training
Tue 10 Mar		Y3 Maple Feet First Training
Wed 11 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Tue 17 Mar		Bishop of Dorking Visit
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		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

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

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



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		YR to Wellington Park
Fri 8 May		Y4 to Hampton Court
Mon 11 - Thu 14 May		Y6 SATS
<b>Mon 18 May</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Sports Day</b>
Wed 20 May		Class Photos
Thu 21 May		Y5 to Mosque
<b>Fri 22 May</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>KS2 Sports Day</b>
Mon 25 - Fri 29 May		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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		<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 16 Jul	09:00	Leavers Service @ CoGS
Fri 17 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term



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.

PARISH OF WISLEY WITH PYRFORD

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM!

**MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES**  
**GOLDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**INFO@TINYTERRAPINSSWIMSCHOOL.COM**

Lessons held daily between 9.30am - 11:30am  
/class size : Max 5 / 30 minute lessons **£82.50**

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

### OAK CLASS NEED YOUR HELP

Are there any parents who could come and read with Oak Class on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday please?

Parent readers are so valuable to us and make such a difference that it would be wonderful to have more.

Please contact Miss Daly if you can help

[m.daly@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:m.daly@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

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



**Valentine's Day  
Bake Sale**

In aid of  
**The Matthew Hackney  
Foundation**

**Friday 13 Feb**  
Time to get baking!

Please deliver your bake  
(cakes or biscuits - nut-free and  
optional valentine's themed)  
to the Music Hut at drop-off

**Bake Sale  
Music Hut from 3pm**  
All items £1

*See you there!*



**Friends of Pyrford Primary School**  
present our ever-popular

**Spring Quiz  
Night**

**Friday 6 March**  
**7.30-10pm, School Hall**

Scan QR code or follow link to book & pay (via PayPal)  
<https://pci.jotform.com/form/260276695321056>

**£10 per person**

Teams of maximum 8 people  
No team? Email: [pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com](mailto:pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com)  
and we'll find you one!

Pizza/Fish/Sausage & Chips  
available to preorder

Drinks and snacks available  
to buy on the night

Cash & card accepted  
Bring your own drinking glasses!

**Early birds...**  
Book before  
13 Feb to receive  
a free answer  
on the night!



## 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

CLICK HERE



**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.

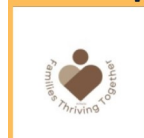
The course covers:

- 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

**CONTACT US**

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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  
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**Tel :** 0300 200 1044



## WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

Online course  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 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



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