

11 September 2026

Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

New Beginnings

It has been a week of new beginnings for our children and staff. Here we have enclosed some images of our new reception intake beginning their school journey with us.



Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start!

It has been a really positive start to the new school year. The children have returned full of amazing stories from their summer holidays, looking incredibly smart in their uniforms and, most importantly, ready to learn. The focus and enthusiasm in classrooms has been a real delight to see.

There has been plenty happening across school too. Our new Nursery has opened and we are thrilled with how well our youngest children are settling in. Our new OWLS room is also up and running and has already become a wonderfully welcoming space for our children.

We have also welcomed our new catering team, Clever Chefs, who have been cooking up a storm in the hall. Alongside this, we have continued the fantastic work of our OPAL project. All of this has made for a very exciting start to the year.

Looking ahead

During our INSET days, we spent time thinking carefully about the year ahead and what we want to achieve for our children.

We had training from OPAL as we continue to develop our approach to play across the school. We also undertook safeguarding training and spent a morning setting our sights on our priorities for the year ahead.

We will continue the important work we have already started through our work with Paul Dix, the Joy Project and OPAL. Alongside these initiatives, our focus this year will be on developing consistently strong whole school practice, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to achieve their potential and develop the knowledge, skills and confidence they need for the next stage of their educational journey.

Our new Play Policy

Attached to this newsletter is our recently approved **Play Policy**. I would encourage you to have a read through it, as it gives a useful insight into our aims and vision for play at Pyrford.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has generously donated items to help us get OPAL up and running. Your support has been fantastic and has made a real difference.

For the time being, however, we are going to pause donations while we wait for some additional storage to arrive. We really do appreciate everyone's generosity and will let you know when we are ready to accept further donations.

A reminder about arriving on time

Finally, a quick but important reminder about the start of the school day.

Children really do not enjoy arriving late. They miss valuable time with their friends, and learning begins promptly from the start of the day. Please make sure that your child arrives at school between **8.30am and 8.40am** each morning so that they are ready to begin the day with everyone else.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a **great weekend!**

Mr. D

Reminders

School Uniform

A quick reminder that shoulder length hair should be tied back and that hair accessories should be **plain and in school colours**.

Please keep the big bows for the weekend!

Healthy Eating

A reminder that we have a **Food and Nutrition Policy** which sets out our expectations around the food children bring into school.

It is important that everyone, including parents and carers, is familiar with the policy and ensures that food provided for children in school meets these expectations.

I have attached the policy to this email for you to look through. We will also share some further guidance over the next few weeks to help everyone understand our expectations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Meet The Teacher Drop In

Don't forget that we are doing these differently this year, we will send out all the key information via the newsletters on Monday and then you can choose to drop in and meet your teacher on Wednesday 16th September between 1530 & 1630.

Term Dates 2026/27

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Mon 14 - Fri 18 Sep		Y6 Bikeability
Wed 16h September	1530—1630	Meet The Teacher Drop In Session
Mon 30 Sep		Y3 to Butser Farm
Mon 5 Oct		Y5 to Juniper Hall
Mon 5 Oct		Y6 Papaya Online Safety Workshops
Wed 7 Oct		Y? Netball Tournament @ Seaton House
Thu 8 Oct		Y4 Saxon Workshop
Thu 8 Oct	9:00	Harvest Festival @ COGS
Tue 13 & Wed 14 Oct		Flu Vaccinations
Tue 13 Oct		Parents Evening
Thu 15 Oct		Parents Evening
Thu 15 Oct		Y3 Romans & Celts Day
Fri 16 Oct		INSET DAY
Mon 19 - Fri 30 Oct		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tue 3 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Tue 10 & Wed 11 Nov		Individual & Sibling Photos
Thu 12 & Fri 13 Nov		Life Bus
Mon 16 Nov		KS1 Perform Drama Workshops
Thu 19 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Visit
Fri 18 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 21 Dec - Fri 1 Jan		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Monday 7th September	First day for Nursery
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

Teen Life Program

Join the National Autistic Society's Teen Life program for parents and carers of young autistic people aged 10 to 18.



Starting on 4th November 9.30 – 12pm
Woking Family Centre
Sythwood
GU21 3AX

The six-session program covers:

- understanding autism
- understanding autistic identity
- stress and anxiety/understanding behaviour
- health and wellbeing
- puberty
- education/planning for the future.

"This has made a real difference to me. In general, life-changing."
Parent



The Teen Life program aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic teenagers.

For more information contact:

Name: Surrey Family Support Services
Contact: SurreyFamilySupport@nas.org.uk
or wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



SAL FAMILY LEARNING



First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

This FREE three-week course (2-hour sessions) will help you explore the early signs of school-related difficulties and understand the common reasons behind non-attendance.

✓ What you'll learn:

- Understand the range of reasons why your child may struggle to attend school or take part in certain lesson
- Learn about reasonable adjustments that can be agreed with the school to support your child
- Feel more confident advocating for your child

Where: Woking Family Centre

The Bungalow, Sythwood
GU21 3AX

When: Wed 16th Sept – 30th Sept 2026

Time: 09:30 – 11:30



To book your place please click on this link or scan the QR code

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