

Pyrford CofE Primary School Weekly Newsletter

26 June 2026

Woodland Activities

*What a fantastic day Year 2 had
keeping cool in the forest and
exploring Science!*



*Last week Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their day at
Wildwood - building on their teamwork,
communication and resilience.*



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear parents and carers,

A huge thank you to everyone for your support during what can only be described as an 'extraordinary' week. The kind messages, drinks and ice lollies for staff and children have meant a great deal to the whole team. We won't pretend it has been easy with temperatures soaring, but everyone has pulled together brilliantly to keep the school open and as comfortable as possible. Hopefully we never see conditions like this again!

With cooler weather on the way and the INSET day on Monday giving the building some time to settle, we're looking forward to things feeling a little more manageable when children return. Children are welcome to come in their preferred uniform, whether that is PE kit or standard uniform, and juniors do not need to wear ties or blazers. This will remain in place until the end of term.

We are really looking forward to Monday's INSET day. We will be completing training linked to our OPAL play project and then spending time developing new play areas around the site, so that children will have more options to enjoy when they return on Tuesday.

As we head towards the end of term, there is a great deal to look forward to. Next week sees the first of three transition days, as children begin the process of saying goodbye to their current teachers and hello to their new ones. Children will find out who their new teachers are on Thursday and will no doubt have lots to tell you when they get home. We will follow this up with a full list of teachers in Friday's newsletter, but we are not able to provide a class list of pupils due to GDPR. It is worth remembering that children often pick up on the anxieties of the adults around them. I am genuinely proud of the team we have here and confident that every child will be well supported through this process.

Alongside transition, we wish all of our Year 6 pupils the very best as they visit their secondary schools next week, before returning for their rescheduled performances. Our victorious Year 5 cricket team head to the county finals on Tuesday and we wish them the very best of luck. The following week I will be joining the Year 6 team on residential at Osmington Bay.

I hope you have all managed to get through the week in one piece and enjoy a well-earned rest from the heat this weekend.

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Smartphone Free Childhood is a growing grassroots movement of families choosing to delay smartphones and social media, together.

Our mission is to give kids more time to grow, explore, and connect — free from addictive technology and algorithm-driven distractions.

Join the movement. Let's let kids be kids.



Sign the Parent Pact to delay

Or find out more at SMARTPHONEFREECHILDHOOD.ORG

Kids & smartphones - what's the big deal?

 Opportunity cost More scrolling means less time for play, movement, reading and real-life connection — the building blocks of a healthy childhood.	 Harmful content Extreme, explicit content is just a click away — often served by algorithms, even when kids aren't looking for it.	 Mental health Since smartphones became widespread, teen anxiety, depression and self-harm have surged. Early use is linked to poorer mental health.
 Addiction Apps are designed to hook kids in. The longer they scroll, the more money tech companies make — at any cost.	 Attention Smartphones hijack focus. Constant pings and notifications make it harder for kids to concentrate, learn, and enjoy deep focus.	 Family life Phones can quietly dominate home life — fuelling arguments, draining attention, and crowding out real connection between parents and kids.
 Cyberbullying Conflicts no longer end at the school gate — they follow kids home, with no off switch and no escape.	 Sleep Blue light and late-night scrolling disrupt rest and recovery — leaving kids wired, overtired, and struggling to function the next day.	 Grooming Predators target kids on popular apps like TikTok and Snapchat — especially when they first get unsupervised smartphone access.

 Explore the evidence and discover the solution at SMARTPHONEFREECHILDHOOD.ORG

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS -Abuzar, Huzaifah, Isobel & Lana The children created marble painting pictures for Father's Day. They all followed the instructions and showed great control as they tilted the tray to make the marble move. They had great fun and created unique pictures. Well done!



R BEECH - Theo He is always so enthusiastic about everything we learn, but he was very excited to learn about minibeasts. He was enthusiastic about learning about bugs during our workshop and was brave, holding and touching some too! Afterwards he did some fantastic writing about the bugs too!

R HAZEL - Aula We have been learning about frogs and Aula did a fantastic job recalling and sharing the facts she had learned. It was lovely to see her enthusiasm, excellent memory and great writing. Well done Aula!

1 OAK - Isla This week, Oak Class have been celebrating Isla. During our activities, Isla has been choosing to write and has even started to write her own songs. We are so proud of her ideas, her writing and her song-writing. Well done Isla!

1 PINE - Ayla for her fabulous attitude to learning in Science. Year 1 have been learning all about the different animal groups and not only did Ayla ask some thoughtful questions in our animal workshop, but she also paid close attention when learning about mammals. Well done Ayla, keep up the amazing work!

2 CEDAR - Thea who has shown real skill when learning about turning 2D nets into 3D packaging. She showed kindness and support towards others and helped lots of people.

2 HAWTHORN - Josh He created his own creature called a Spiderchog. He used expert vocabulary to write his own facts about it, setting his work out neatly with headings and sub-headings. He also included a 'did you know' fact. Well done Josh!

3 ELM - Belle This week we wrote stories about our adventures on the Green Ship. Belle wrote a fantastic story about her trip to Italy. Her imaginative writing uses excellent vocabulary and a wide range of conjunctions make her sentences really interesting. Wonderful work Belle!

3 MAPLE - Amaliia We are so proud of her writing this week. We wrote our own Green Ship adventure stories and Amaliia used some interesting sentence openers, adventurous verbs such as 'huddled' and even personified the weather. Fantastic writing Amaliia!

4 ALDER - Ava & Lottie for showing absolute kindness. If anyone has a problem, they always give their time to that person, have patience and know how to speak appropriately and in the most caring way. We are very proud of both girls and appreciate all the effort they make with other children.

4 LARCH - Lyla We have been designing and making our own cushions in DT. Lyla took so much care and time with her sewing and produced an exceptional cushion!



5 ROWAN & WILLOW - Everyone for showing brilliant collaboration, communication and resilience during their visit to Wild Wood on Friday. They worked superbly together, supported one another throughout the day and approached every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. They had a fantastic day and were a credit to our school.

6 ASPEN - Alex for his work in Science. We have been learning about classification keys and how scientists use them to help identify animals and plants.

6 HOLLY - Abubakr-Ali for his excellent work in our STEM Lego workshop. He listened carefully to instructions, worked patiently throughout and successfully built and programmed his model. He confidently explored the use of Bluetooth technology and sensors to create a fairground ride with his partner, using algorithms to control the lights and speed. He showed great focus, problem-solving skills and enthusiasm for learning. Well done Abubakr-Ali - great work!

6 LAUREL - Everyone We were lucky to take part in a STEM Lego workshop. They were all so well-behaved, working collaboratively, listening to instructions and building motorized Lego models with care and attention. Well done Laurel class!

Term Dates 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 29 Jun	INSET DAY
Wed 1 Jul	10:30 - 11:30 New Reception Children visits 13:30 - 14:30
Tue 30 Jun & Wed 1 Jul	Forest School - 1 class per day
Thu 2 Jul	09:30 Y6 Production @ CoGS
Fri 3 Jul	13:30 Y6 Production @ CoGS
Mon 6 - Fri 10 Jul	Y6 Osmington Bay Residential
Wed 8 Jul	Nursery Photos
Thu 9 Jul	Revd Nick leading assembly
Tue 14 Jul	08:45 - 09:15 EYFS / KS1 Awards Assembly
Wed 15 Jul	08:45 - 09:15 KS2 Awards Assembly
Thu 16 Jul	09:00 Leavers Service @ CoGS
Fri 17 Jul	12:00 Last Day of Summer Term

YEAR 3 ACTIVITY

The Y3 Activity Day scheduled for today will now take place on Friday 11th September when the children will be in Year 4.



PRAYER FOR WOKING FOOTBALL CLUB

**COME AND JOIN IN
AN ALL AGE GROUP, PRAYING
FOR PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT, FANS,
AS WE WALK AROUND
THE STADIUM
TAKING WRITTEN PRAYERS AND
HAVING A PRAISE TOO.**

**AT LAITHWAITE
COMMUNITY STADIUM,
OLD WOKING**

**SATURDAY 27TH
JUNE '26
10 AM - 12 NOON**

sign up via
wisleywithpyrford.org/events





SHIPWRECKED

a holiday club in Jonah

ALLSORTS

Holiday Club for 4-11 yrs
4th to 7th August 2026
10:15am to 2:30pm

At the Church of the Good
Shepherd, Pyrford GU22 8SP

Bring packed lunch
£6 donation per day (subsidies available)
Book via www.wisleywithpyrford.org

Sunday 9th August 9:50am
refreshments, fun and family service.
All welcome.



TINY TERRAPINS
SUMMER SWIM SCHOOL
 (formerly Swimrays swim School)

SUMMER FAST TRACK
 5 DAY INTENSIVE COURSES
VERY LIMITED SPACES!

- Monday 27th July – Friday 31st July
- Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August
- Monday 10th August – Friday 14th August

✓ 30 minute lessons

£80.00 (small group)

£225.00 (121 private lessons)

£275.00 (221 private lessons)

Byfleet Primary School
 Kings Head Lane
 Byfleet

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 ☎ **07786 106768**

Tiny Terrapins SWIM SCHOOL



Pyrford & Wisley
VILLAGE SHOW
FANCY DRESS COMPETITION

Fancy dress inspired by the theme of the show:
 an English country garden

SATURDAY 11th JULY 2026
 ON PYRFORD CRICKET GROUND
pyrfordvillageshow.com

Meet at Pyrford Village Hall 1.00pm
 Open to all ages - prizes awarded by the Mayor of Woking in the Arena



West Hall
 WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

Summer Festival
Saturday 27 June, 12.30pm - 4pm

We're delighted to invite you to our Summer Festival within the beautiful grounds of West Hall.

Our theme is High School Musical. We are inviting local community groups from schools, Scouts, Brownies and dance organisations to perform on our stage to showcase their talents. We will also be welcoming a children's magician, ice cream van and a selection of stalls holders. BBQ food will be available, where we request cash payments.

The event is free to attend. If you wish to make a donation, this will be for our chosen charity Woking Rotary Club, who generously raise funds for multiple charities.

To register your interest as a performance group/individual, or as a stall holder, or for more information, please call us on **01932 338000**.

We look forward to welcoming you.

 **West Hall care home**
 Off Parvis Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6EY

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West Hall
 WEST BYFLEET | SURREY

Where luxury living meets exclusive day care

We'd like to invite you to our Open Day
Saturday 27 June | 12.30pm - 4pm

We will be launching our exclusive day care service, and our team will be happy to discuss all aspects of our care and how we can tailor support you or your loved one. Enjoy guided tours, refreshments, and a chance to meet our residents and team.

To find out more about West Hall care home's exclusive day care or to confirm your attendance, please contact our friendly team on **01932 338000**, visit www.WestHall.org.uk or call in.



We're looking forward to meeting you and giving you a warm welcome.

West Hall luxury care home, Off Parvis Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6EY

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Parent & Guardian First Aid Virtual

Thursday 17 Sep 2026 - 12:30 to 14:30

USEFUL INFO

Timings: Please ensure you are logged in at least 5 minutes before the start time.

Camera: Cameras must be on for the duration of the course.

Identification: Learners will need to provide photo ID to the trainer for certification purposes.

Breaks: Please ensure you have refreshments. There will be a short comfort break.



Parent & Guardian First Aid Practical

Thursday 01 Oct 2026 - 09:30 to 12:30

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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PLAY & LEARN SUMMER SESSIONS 2026

Play, explore and learn. Make new friends, try exciting activities, and healthy snacks. Feel free to talk with our staff for advice and support. No booking required. Suitable for children 0-11 years (older siblings are welcome)

Tuesday 28th July 2026 11am - 12:30pm

Wednesday 5th August 2026 12:30pm - 2pm

Thursday 20th August 2026 10am - 11:30am

Thursday 27th August 2026 10:30am - 12pm

Location: Woking Family Centre, Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX

FOR MORE INFORMATION: wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk

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BUMPS & BABIES GROUP

Join our free, friendly group for expectant parents and infants up to one year.

Meet other parents in the community on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month.

No need to book, Just come along!

New group starting 3rd September 2026

Where: Woking Family Centre, Sythwood, Woking GU21 3AX
When: 1st & 3rd Thursday every month (Term-time only)
Time: 9:30- 11:00am

For further information please contact our Team

01483 310419 wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk



Woking Family Centre

Welcome to the World

Are you an expectant parent?

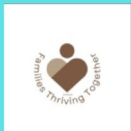
This is an 8 week programme for parents expecting a baby. You can attend the group from approx. 24 weeks of pregnancy.

Topics include empathy & loving attentiveness, infant brain development, healthy eating choices, breastfeeding, infant care, managing stress & difficult feelings, promoting self esteem & confidence & the couple relationship.

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



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WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

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

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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.

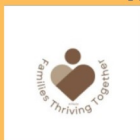
The course covers:

- Self-awareness
- Appropriate expectations
- Boundaries and positive discipline
- Understanding empathy

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WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

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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