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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Snowy Scenes

*As part of their introduction to the story setting in Rabbit's Bad Habits, Year 2 painted snow scenes.....*



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

Wednesday 28th January	INSET DAY
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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term. I hope you were able to enjoy some rest and relaxation over the Christmas break, along with precious time spent with family and friends.

We returned to school with the possibility of some tricky winter weather, and the team was on high alert over the weekend in case we needed to make any changes to our usual routines. Thankfully, the coldest temperatures and snowfall seem to have passed our particular part of the world by. Whilst this has made school life easier, it is perhaps a little disappointing too - snow seems to visit less and less these days, and it brings a great deal of joy for children (and some adults as well!)

A quick reminder that if the weather does take a turn for the worse, we will always contact you. If temperatures are expected to remain below zero, we may ask you to consider additional layers for your children, and we will also reduce time spent outdoors by adjusting how breaktimes and lunchtimes are organised.

If conditions are icy or hazardous but school remains open, we will extend drop-off and pick-up times to help reduce congestion and allow everyone to arrive and leave safely. And, of course, if we were ever to experience snowfall like parts of the Midlands have had recently and needed to close the school, we would let you know as soon as that decision is made.

If you don't hear from us, you can assume it is business as usual. We also know we don't need to remind you about warm winter clothing — big coats, hats, gloves and scarves are essential, and base layers can be a great idea too. That said, hats off to the brave few who still arrived in shorts this week! Every school I've worked in has always had a handful of hardy souls determined to brave the cold.

While much of our attention was focused on the weather, we did unfortunately experience an IT issue on Monday that resulted in our phone lines being down for a few hours. We apologise for any inconvenience this caused. The problem has now been resolved and was traced back to a power surge overnight that affected one of our systems. Thank you for your patience on the first day back.

In Monday's assembly, we explored some of the traditions from around the world that celebrate the start of a new year. You might like to ask your child if they can remember what the Danes do with their plates! We also reflected on the idea of a new year as a chance to start afresh — learning from the past and challenging ourselves to do even better.

Our assembly theme this term links to the Old Testament and the story of Daniel. We considered the passage: *"Wise people will shine like the brightness of the sky. Those who teach others to live right will shine like stars forever and ever."* We want all of our children to think about how they can **shine like stars** this year.

On that theme, I would also like to celebrate the fantastic achievements of Miss Adams and Mrs Freeman. Alongside their work supporting our children, both have successfully completed their National Qualification for Senior Leadership over the past 18 months. A huge well done to you both — the school will benefit greatly from all that you have learned.

Finally, some sad news from the school's perspective. You may already be aware that Miss Daly, Oak Class teacher, will be leaving Pyrford at Easter. Miss Daly has a long and special association with the school, having been a pupil here herself, and she will be greatly missed. However, she has been offered an exciting opportunity within the trust's education team. This is a wonderful step and a real testament to her expertise, commitment and impact since joining the staff in 2019. I'm sure you will join me in thanking Miss Daly for everything she has given to the school and in wishing her every success in her new role.

We are very pleased that Mrs Humphries will be supporting Oak Class through the summer term. She will already be familiar to many children and parents, as she currently works within the school, and we know she will provide excellent continuity and care.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr D

SPRING TERM DATES		
Wed 28 Jan		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Fri 30 Jan	12:30 - 15:30	Y5/6 Girls' Football Team to County Round of ESFA Tournament
Mon 2 Feb		Y5 Fire Safety Workshop (1 class)
<b>Tue 3 Feb</b>		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
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
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
<b>Tue 24 Feb</b>		<b>Y5/6 Girl's Football Tournament</b>
Mon 9 Mar		Y3 Elm Feet First Training
Tue 10 Mar		Y3 Maple Feet First Training
Wed 11 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Wed 18 Mar		YN & YR Little City @ CoGS
Tue 24 Mar		Y3 Soils workshop with Dr M
Wed 25 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Fri 27 Mar	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 30 Mar - Fri 10 Apr		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 13 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
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>Wed 20 May</b>		<b>Class Photos</b>
Thu 21 May		Y5 to Mosque
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
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
Fri 17 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term



The Children's Commissioner has published 'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives.

This is available here <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

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



- Dogs, except assistance dogs, are not permitted on the school grounds.
- We still have numerous items of unnamed clothes/property coming in to school. We have no hope of reuniting them with their owners so they will therefore be recycled.
- Please keep your Breakfast Club / Treetops accounts up to date.

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



# 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

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

**YOUTH CLUB JNR**

FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4/5 AND 6


50P ENTRANCE FEE

TUCK SHOP :-)

6:30 - 7:45 PM

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD





**Woking Family Centre**

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks

7pm - 8pm

13<sup>th</sup> January - 3<sup>rd</sup> February 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



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**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

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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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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.

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## 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 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.

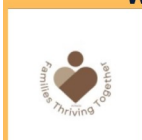
#### The course covers:

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

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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)

\* 18+

## Parent/Carer Well-being Group Catalyst Support & Woking Family Centre

Being a parent/carers 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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