

5 December 2025

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Christmas Raffle

TICKETS £1 EACH

Follow the link below or scan the QR code  
to buy your tickets!

<https://raffall.com/404895/enter-raffle-to-win-2025-pyrford-primary-school-raffle-hosted-by-pyrford-primary-school>

### Raffle Prize List

#### Includes...

- £100 voucher John Lewis
- £100 voucher for Slug & Lettuce
- Bocketts Farm voucher for 2 • Shetland pony experience
- Oasis Play (Woking) voucher • Fighting Fitness Judo vouchers
- Copper Coffee Pyrford voucher • Barons Pub Co. voucher
- £50 A Casa restaurant voucher • Godstone Farm family voucher
- Graham Turner Family Butchers voucher • Nailux Vouchers
- Serenity Hair cut & blow dry • David Lloyd voucher
- Tookesbridge Bakes Bento cake with matching cupcakes
- Laura Charlick Interior Design consultation • Mixed wine case
- Hobbledown voucher for 2 • Magnum of Whispering Angel
- Man & Mower vouchers • Fishers Farm Park entry for 2
- Three Mat Pilates Sessions (Calm & Chaos) AND SO MANY MORE!

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL**

Draw will take place at 23.30 on SATURDAY 6TH DEC

Winners will be notified by email

Prizes should be collected after school on Monday 15th December



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## Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school is brimming with Christmas excitement! Monday certainly set the tone for the week - armed with stories of mischievous Elves, the joy of advent calendars and a blustery burst of winter weather, the children arrived full of energy and cheer. In assembly, we launched our Christmas theme by reflecting on the message of *hope* that runs through the Christmas story. This week, we explored Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary and the promise of hope for the future.

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome our School Improvement Partner, who works closely with us to ensure we never stop striving for excellence in teaching and learning. It was a truly uplifting visit. The children rose to the occasion wonderfully - sharing their learning confidently and showing the fantastic progress they've made this term. Of course, there are always things we can continue to develop and we remain committed to helping every pupil achieve their full potential.

Later that afternoon, we were proud to showcase another side of our school community, as the choir visited a local nursing home to perform Christmas songs. Their singing brought so much joy to the residents and was a lovely reminder of the warmth and generosity this season brings.

After starting the week with a bang, we're certainly finishing it with one too - Mufti Day today and our Christmas Fair tomorrow! The PTA have been busy little elves behind the scenes, crafting what promises to be a fantastic festive event. All that's left is for you to join us, enjoy the fun, and support the school. What a wonderful way to dive into the Christmas spirit. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher



## This Sunday



The Christingle logo features a stylized candle with a flame, and the text 'The Children's Society' is visible in the top right corner of the graphic. Below the logo, a cartoon candle character with a smiling face and black-rimmed glasses is shown. The text 'Let's come together to celebrate Christingle' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'celebrate' underlined. Below this, a short paragraph explains that Christingle is a great way for communities to get together this Christmas to catch up, make special memories, and have fun. At the bottom, it says 'Come and join us!'.

**Let's come together  
to celebrate  
Christingle**

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

**Come and join us!**

**SUNDAY  
7TH  
DECEMBER  
4PM  
CHURCH OF  
THE GOOD  
SHEPHERD,  
PYRFORD**

**NEXT FRIDAY  
12TH  
DECEMBER**



**PLEASE VISIT OUR JUSTGIVING PAGE TO DONATE**

**<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/cjd250000488>**

£2 buys a packet of seeds for a family in Kenya to grow their own food, after drought has killed their crops

£8 could buy a blanket to keep a child in Ukraine warm through the winter

£15 could pay for 2 weeks of super-powered peanut paste to help a child beat hunger

£20 could buy enough supermarket vouchers for 2 children in the UK

£40 could provide a family in Gaza with a Baby Kit to give them the items they need to provide basic care to their infant

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**

*additions &  
changes in bold  
& italics*

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Sat 6 Dec	08:00-12:00	School Christmas Tree Sale
Sat 6 Dec	13:00-15:00	School Christmas Fair
Wed 10 Dec	10:00	Reception Christmas Production @ CoGS
Wed 10 Dec	14:00	KS1 <i>'The Wonder of Christmas'</i> @ CoGS
Thu 11 Dec	14:00	KS2 Christmas Production @ CoGS
Fri 12 Dec		Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Fri 12 Dec	14:40-15:00	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Mon 15 Dec	am	Elf visits Nursery & Reception
Tue 16 Dec	08:45-09:30	KS2 Awards Assembly
Tue 16 Dec	14:40-15:00	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Wed 17 Dec	08:45-09:30	EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
Thu 18 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 19 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 22 Dec - Fri 2 Jan		<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>



## Sports Report



We invited Greenfield to come and play some matches against our year 5 and 6 teams. Both teams played brilliantly, displaying great team spirit and doing so well in what were their first matches together. The Year 5 team improved progressively as the game went on and through their hard work won their game well.

The Year 6 team demonstrated some excellent netballing skills and only narrowly lost their match. Well done to both teams.

A huge thank you to Jo Sexton and Alison Beattie for giving up their time and running the netball club this term.



Immy Bulmer represented the school at the regional Schools Biathlon competition at the weekend. She travelled to Northwood in Middlesex and took part in the regionals.

She won the 50m freestyle and followed this up by winning the run by 13 seconds. By winning and scoring over 200 points, Immy is now guaranteed a place at the National finals in March in Bath.

Huge congratulations Immy! We are very proud of your achievements and wish you all the best for the finals in March.



### Ink Cartridge Collection



You can help us raise funds by recycling your ink cartridges. Please bring to the school office. We cannot take toner and laser cartridges.

**PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**



# Christmas Silent Auction

**Follow the link below or scan the QR code to browse and get bidding on some amazing prizes!**

<https://www.32auctions.com/FPP2025>

## AUCTION LOTS



- Barracudas Activity Camps free day pass
- Panto tickets to Peter Pan at Dorking Halls
- Drop Zone Gaming party voucher
- Eden Lane Interiors 2hr consultation
- Dance Shack free term of classes
- Go Health United £400 voucher
- Decorbuddi Design & Transformation Get Started Consultation
- Katy Ward Photography outdoor photography shoot
- Pepe & Tete private Spanish lessons
- Reforma Studios voucher
- Signed John Terry photos and T-shirt
- Silent Pool Distillery tour
- Sport4Kids holiday camp vouchers
- Synergy Dance Christmas workshop
- The Feelgood Project silent disco event
- Venture Studios photographic shoot
- Woking Gymnastics holiday camp

**Happy Bidding!**

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL**

**Auction closes at 10pm on FRIDAY 12TH DEC**  
**Winners will be notified by email - prizes will be emailed or otherwise should be collected after school on Mon 15th Dec**



**STICK ME TO YOUR FRIDGE**

## FRIENDLY FESTIVE REMINDERS

**All the key dates for 'things to bring in', 'things to wear' and 'things to attend' at this very busy time of year!**

**FRI 28 NOV** Please **bring in** for our Christmas Fair:-

- a preloved toy or game, including soft toys
- a little gift suitable for grown ups
- fidget toys/new or lightly used stationery items

**FRI 5 DEC** **Mufti Day** for Christmas Fair  
Please **bring in**:-

- your completed Jolly Jam Jar (with name on)
- a bottle and/or chocolates for the tombolas
- any Christmas jumper no longer worn/needed

**FRI 5 DEC CONT.** PTA Wreath Making Workshop - School Hall  
**6.30 - 8.30pm** (pre-booking required - see poster)

**SAT 6 DEC** • Christmas Tree Sale **8am - 12 noon**  
• Christmas Fair **1- 3pm**

**SUN 7 DEC** Church Christingle Service - CoGS **4pm**

**WED 10 DEC** • Reception - Christmas Production (CoGS) **10am**  
• KS1 - Christmas Production (CoGS) **2pm**  
• PTA Panto Outing - 'Beauty & the Beast' at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, **7pm** (pre-booked)

**THU 11 DEC** KS2 - Christmas Production (CoGS) **2pm**

**FRI 12 DEC** • **Christmas Jumper Day** & Christmas Lunch  
• Squirrels Sing Xmas (1) - Nursery **2.40pm**

**TUE 16 DEC** • Squirrels Sing Xmas (2) - Nursery **2.40pm**  
• PTA Panto Outing - 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs' at New Victoria Theatre, Woking, **7pm** (pre-booked)

**THU 18 DEC** Whole School Xmas Service at CoGS - **9am**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jF2LHiOPm7M>

### The child friendly phones every parent should know about

If the Christmas phone pressure is hitting your house, this one is for you. Looking for a safe first phone for your child? Worried about social media, internet access, or smartphone addiction? You're not alone. This video reviews the 8 best phones for kids with no social media and no toxic or addictive algorithms. Presented by Anish - former Facebook engineer turned Smartphone Free Childhood advocate - this video covers simple 'dumb phones' for kids, child-safe feature phones, and the best alternative smartphones for ages 8-14.

Join the movement [www.smartphonefreechildhood.org](http://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org)

**We will be representing at this Saturdays Pyrford School Christmas Fair with a chance to win a Nokia 105 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 'brick' phone. Come visit our stall!**

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT OUR

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

**SATURDAY 6 DEC 1-3PM**

- ★ **FREE ENTRY** includes a Festive Treasure Hunt
- ★ **School Choir performance at 1pm**
- ★ **Festive food & drink stalls inc. mulled wine**
- ★ **Festive gift stalls for candles, sweet treats, jewellery and crafts, plus stalls run by our mini-entrepreneurs!**
- ★ **Fun festive games and our ever-popular Jolly Jam jars and chocolate tombola!**

**Hope you can join us!**

**WITH XMAS TREE SALES 8AM - 12NOON**

**Cash & card accepted**

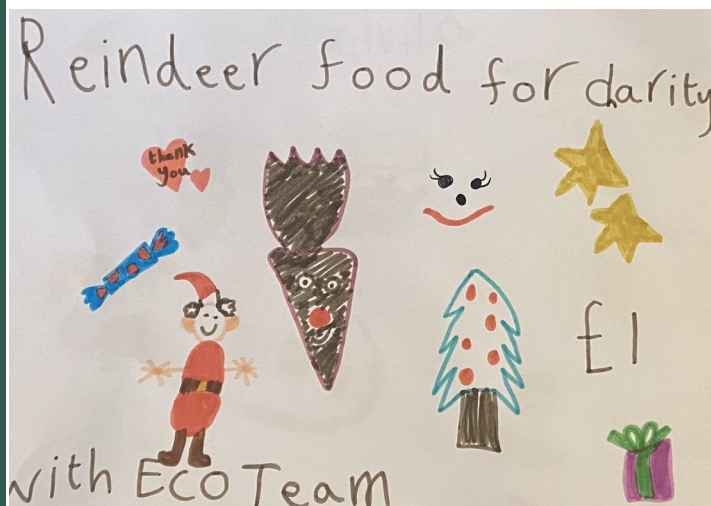
## Christmas Tree Sale

Saturday 6th December  
8am - midday  
Pyrford C of E Primary School

Premium Grade, non-drop Nordmann Firs

4-5ft tree	£45
5-6ft tree	£65
6-7ft tree	£70
7-8ft tree	£80
8-9ft tree	£95

All profits go directly to the school  
Friends of Pyrford C of E Primary School  
Registered Charity 1087320



**In Hazel Class**

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 5 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Wed 28 Jan		<b>INSET DAY</b>
Mon 2 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
Mon 9 Feb		Y5 Fire Safety Workshop (1 class)
Wed 11 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Thu 12 Feb		Y1 to Milestones Museum
<b>Thu 12 Feb</b>		<b>Y5 Bath Bombs with Dr M</b>
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Mon 23 Feb		Young Voices Choir to O2
<b>Tue 24 Feb</b>		<b>Y6 Hearts with Dr M</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
<b>Tue 24 Mar</b>		<b>Y3 Soils workshop with Dr M</b>
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>



**GASKIN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHES 2025**

**FREE LUNCH**

**24th December**

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL  
[WWW.FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM](http://WWW.FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM)  
[INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM](mailto:INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM)  
 MARTA 07855846597

FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME  
 DELIVERY WITHIN 10 MILES OF GUILDFORD  
 DELIVERY BETWEEN 12PM - 3 PM

**WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO DELIVER**

**FREE EVENT - LONELY, STUDENTS, HOMELESS, VULNERABLE, OPEN TO EVERYONE IN NEED**

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

Friday 19th December	Term ends at 12:00
Monday 5th January	First day of term
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

The residents of Hacketts Lane have contacted the school, reminding parents that it is a private road and should therefore not be used as a cut through. There have been several near misses for children walking along the lane, where there are no pavements.

Sadly, we have also received reports of inconsiderate driving and verbal abuse in the church car park. This is unacceptable behaviour and if you are a victim of this, or witness such behaviour, please report it via the Surrey Police website.

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
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

## 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





## 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 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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## 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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**Citizens Advice Woking**  
the charity for your community

## Sythwood Outreach

We have a new free advice outreach open at Sythwood and we advise on:

- Benefits
- Debts
- Housing
- Employment
- Family
- Consumer Issues

Drop-in sessions:  
Every Friday  
10am - 12pm  
During Food Bank  
opening hours



The Salvation Army  
Woking Corps  
Sythwood  
GU21 3BE

Fridays 10am - 12pm



## 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



# HOCKEY

**BOOK NOW FOR CHRISTMAS CAMPS!**

**MON 22 & TUES 23 DECEMBER**  
**MON 29 & TUES 30 DECEMBER**



**VENUE** Guildford Hockey Club  
 at Broadwater School GU7 3BW

**TIMINGS** 10am-3pm, with early drop-off (from 9am) and late pick-up (until 4pm) available as an add-on

**DISCOUNTS** available for multi-day bookings

**Performance Camps** available for more experienced players



**BOOKING LINK:** [ghchockey.as.me](https://ghchockey.as.me)  
 15% discount with code: **SCHOOL15**

# CAMPS



**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

For more information scan the QR code or call 01483 310419



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 SUPPORTING WELLNESS TOGETHER

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**18+**

**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/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  
 Text: 07919 541 424  
[groups.cc@catalystsupport.org.uk](mailto:groups.cc@catalystsupport.org.uk)  
[catalystsupport.org.uk](https://catalystsupport.org.uk)