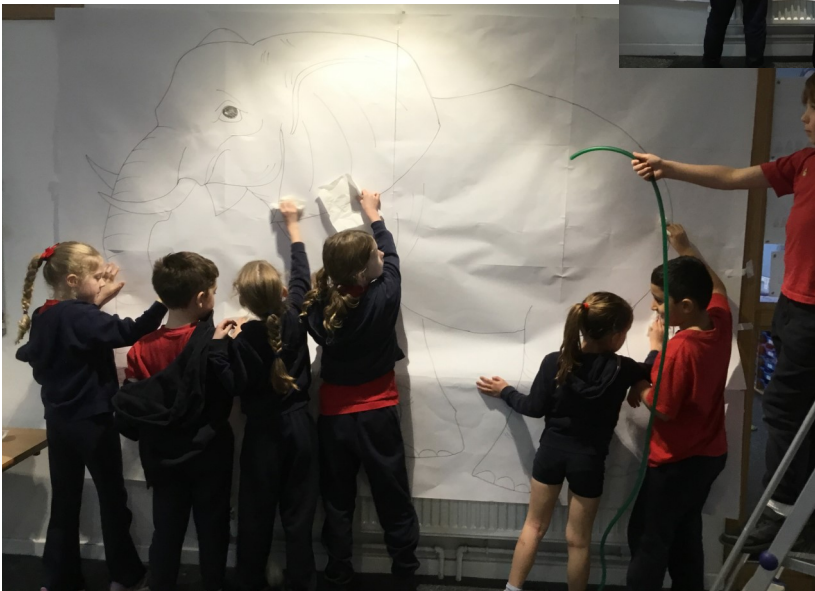
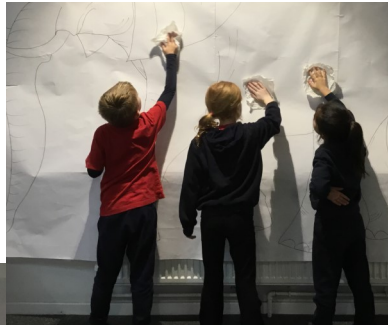


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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Washing Elephants!

How do you wash an elephant? Year 2 had fun discovering how, as part of their immersion into their new text in English.



Many congratulations to the children who represented the school at the Surrey X Cross Country tournament last weekend. All five ran brilliantly, with Otis finishing 6th in his race and Immy B 4th in hers. It was a really fun afternoon and they all showed a great attitude.



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a Week!

Well, what a wonderfully wet week we've had! ☁️ The rain has been absolutely relentless, but I've noticed quite a few children arriving looking like they're expecting sunshine and rainbows!

We LOVE getting outside, rain or shine (well, mostly rain lately!), but it's so much more fun when everyone has their coat. So, please pop a coat in your child's bag (named please) - even if it's just squished at the bottom. After all, it's only a bit of water, and we British are famous for not letting weather stop us! 🌧️

Assembly Adventures

This week's assembly took us back to ancient Babylon with Daniel and his brave friends. Our theme? *"Doing the right thing is always the right thing to do."*

It's a message for all of us – whether it's me eyeing that extra biscuit at breaktime (the struggle is real!), grown-ups accidentally blocking driveways, or our wonderful children choosing kindness over that tempting unkind comment. Why not chat about it over dinner this weekend. You might be surprised at the conversations that pop up!

The Joy of Being Here!

Let's talk about something really important – being at school! Did you know school is only open 190 days a year? That leaves a whopping 175 days for adventures, appointments, and all the fun stuff!

I know sometimes little ones wake up with a sniffle and beg to stay home (Oscar-worthy performances, some of them!), but here's something wonderful: research shows that children who attend school regularly are actually *happier*. Yes, really - even when they insist otherwise! 😊

And here's the thing – our curriculum is jam-packed with amazing learning. Missing just 3% of school means missing up to 6 English and 6 Maths sessions. That's a lot of knowledge to catch up on!

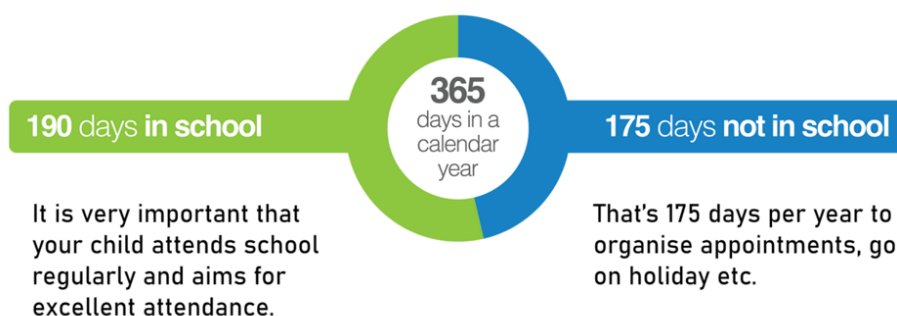
Most importantly, we want every child to know that school is their special place to be. If coming to school feels tricky for your child, please come and chat with us - we have a brilliant team ready to help and can make all sorts of adjustments to make things better. But we can only work our magic when children are here with us!

Have a Wonderful Weekend!

Here's hoping the sun decides to make an appearance soon - but if not, we'll just embrace our inner ducks and carry on! 🦆

Stay dry (or don't - puddles are fun too!)

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



SPRING TERM DATES		
Wed 28 Jan		INSET DAY
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)
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		<i>Safer Internet Day</i>
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
Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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	09:00	KS2 visit CoGS to mark Ash Wednesday
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		<i>Bishop of Dorking Visit</i>
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		EASTER HOLIDAY

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

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Ezra A who is really enjoying the traditional tales in nursery. Last week he made a teddy bear textured collage for *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, and this week he made a house out of bricks for the *Three Little Pigs*. Last week we also made porridge for Goldilocks and Ezra went home and had a porridge tea party with his bears. Well done Ezra!



R BEECH - Reuben We have been junk modelling. After reading the story about the *Three Little Pigs*, Reuben decided to make a brick house to keep them safe. He decided to use the straw for the roof and a wooden door, thinking hard about how each material could be used. He also added pictures of the pigs and details inside. Reuben returned to his model throughout the week to improve it - well done!

R HAZEL - Santi who has responded enthusiastically to the story of the *Three Little Pigs*. He retold the story wonderfully using props and play dough and designed a house by thinking about the materials available and combining them.



1 OAK - Hannah C for the fantastic story she wrote to retell the key events from our new English text, *The Queen's Hat*. Hannah used the text map to identify the key events and

remembered her capital letters, finger spaces, capital letters for proper nouns and time conjunctions, which we have only just started learning about in Year 1. She has also showed great resilience in her writing since the start of term. Miss Daly especially loved her interesting fact that London is a capital city. Well done Hannah!

1 PINE - Ava for her exceptional effort across all subjects. She always follows our school rules of being Ready, Respectful and Safe, and gives 100% in everything she does. She is a wonderful role model for others in our class. Miss Dennis is really proud of her - well done Ava!

2 CEDAR - Bobby for working hard with his writing. He wrote a description of Bear using noun phrases and similes. He slowed down and made his writing neat. Keep it up Bobby!

2 HAWTHORN - Finley In History this week we acted out the Crimean War. Finley dressed as Florence Nightingale and even found a basket to act as his lamp. He followed the story brilliantly and showed a good understanding of the impact Florence had on nursing. Well done Finley!

3 ELM - Hassan This week we have been writing descriptions of a character from our text. Hassan described the character brilliantly using punctuated speech, conjunctions and well-chosen adjectives. *Elvis was on Lizard Street bouncing his ball aggressively and angrily ... "Get out of my way...." Elvis said frustratedly and loudly.* Great work Hassan!

3 MAPLE - Aaryan In Maths this week we have been learning how to divide with remainders. We used base ten to build our numbers and also drew them. Aaryan worked so hard on this task and confidently completed task one and the challenge too. Well done to Aaryan for his fantastic Maths, keep it up!

4 ALDER - Jasmine During this week's Science lesson we investigated how to make different pitches using two art straws. Jasmine took the investigation one step further and worked out how to play *Mary had a Little Lamb* on the pipes she made. We were very impressed by how she used clever thinking and linked her brilliant music ability to her investigation. Well done Jasmine!

4 LARCH - Mila We have loved watching Mila's expressive acting as Red Riding Hood in our show rehearsals. She listens to directions and works so hard to practise and learn all her lines. We are particularly impressed by her courage in singing her beautiful solo!

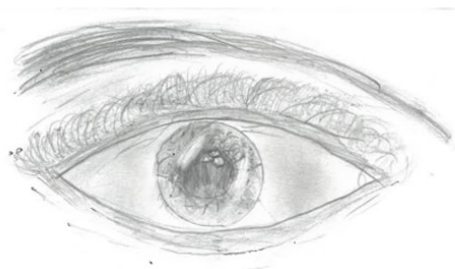
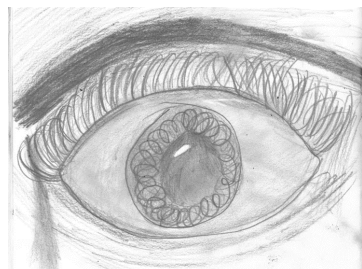
5 ROWAN - Shifa for her excellent work in Science. She showed great curiosity and determination in her group investigation into materials, helping to test and identify the most effective insulator. Shifa also demonstrated outstanding teamwork. In addition, she took responsibility for tidying and organising resources, showing maturity and care for the learning environment. A fantastic example of hard work, cooperation and scientific thinking - well done Shifa!

5 WILLOW - Ioan Year 5 have been learning about the properties of materials and carried out an experiment to test which materials are the best insulators. Well done Ioan for showing excellent teamwork throughout and confidently sharing his ideas with the group. He also justified his predictions using what he already knew about materials, showing excellent scientific thinking - well done!

6 ASPEN - Amelie for her brilliant work in Science. Mrs Brockway was very impressed with the information poster she made about how the circulatory system transports nutrients and water around the body. What fantastic work. Well done Amelie!

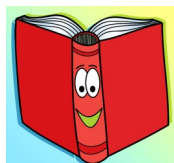
6 HOLLY - Mia M for working very well in History and making a positive contribution throughout. She added some thoughtful and relevant points during the discussion and worked effectively as part of a group. Mia particularly impressed with her comparison of democracy in Ancient Greece and modern-day Britain. She presented her work neatly and clearly, including the key features of each system and showing a good level of understanding. Mia worked hard and should be proud of her efforts. Well done.

6 LAUREL - Lucy for her fantastic work in Art. We have been drawing human eyes and learning how to create a realistic 3D eye by applying shading techniques, such as pressure control and blending, to represent depth, texture and light. Well done Lucy, keep up the great work!



<https://corp.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Explore how Roblox tailors chat settings and content access for different age groups



Could you help with reading in the school?

There are some classes that would love some extra adults to hear the children read. If you are able to spare any time please contact Miss Adams s.adams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

You will need a school DBS check which can be arranged for you.

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		Bank Holiday
Thu 7 May		YR to Wellington Park
Fri 8 May		Y4 to Hampton Court
Mon 11 - Thu 14 May		Y6 SATS
Wed 20 May		Class Photos
Thu 21 May		Y5 to Mosque
Mon 25 - Fri 29 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
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		INSET DAY
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

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

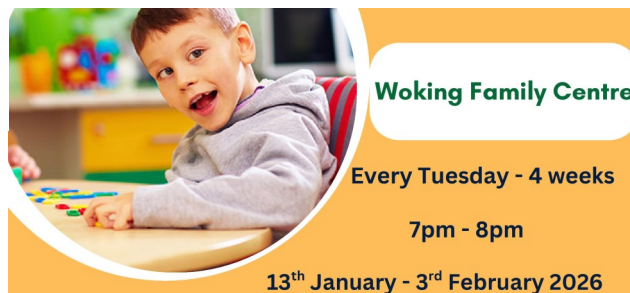
Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September	INSET DAYS
Thursday 3rd September	Term starts for children
Friday 16th October	INSET DAY
Monday 19th - Friday 30th October	HALF TERM
Friday 18th December	Term ends
Monday 4th January	First day of term
Monday 15th - Friday 19th February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 24th March	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



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



Woking Family Centre

Every Tuesday - 4 weeks
7pm - 8pm
13th January - 3rd February 2026

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 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

TUCK SHOP ->

50P ENTRANCE FEE

6.30 - 7.45 PM

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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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

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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 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.

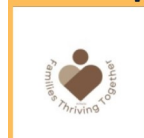
The course covers:

- 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

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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
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When: 11th March 2026

Time: 12:45 - 14:45

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**SCAN ME**

**To book your place please click on this
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Email : family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

Tel : 0300 200 1044



WOKING FAMILY CENTRE

Online course
Friday 20th & 27th 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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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



Text: 07919 541 424



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