

Pyrford CofE Primary

School Weekly Newsletter

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THANK
YOU!



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Headteacher's Letter

Dear parents and carers,

I must start the newsletter this week with a heartfelt thank you to all the team from the PTA who put on such a fabulous event last weekend. It was wonderful to see it so well supported by our community; we had great weather and it was clear that everyone enjoyed themselves.

Following on from that event, we then had the Moveathon this week which was another great success, with all children taking part in some 'sporty' activities to raise funds for the school's OPAL programme. Thank you for sponsoring your children and supporting the event. We were quite lucky with the weather in that it wasn't as hot as it looks like it will be next week.

This week also saw our Year 6 pupils head to Guildford Cathedral to take part in the Diocese Leavers' Service. It is always a wonderful event; the children have the opportunity to reflect on their time at primary school and look forward to their secondary schools, before a service in which two of Pyrford's pupils wrote and read prayers. A proud moment for myself and all of the Year 6 team.

It's been an action-packed week on the sports field, with both our Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 teams heading to District Sports, competing against 16 other school teams in a variety of athletic events. Our Year 5/6s did the school proud (as always) with a very creditable 4th place finish. Our Year 3/4 team went a little further, finishing 2nd overall, a mighty achievement. We are very proud of all those who competed.

The fun doesn't stop there, with a team of intrepid swimmers heading to the local swimming gala tomorrow, I want to wish them the very best of luck!

We are looking forward to our Year 6 end of year production in church next week. I am afraid that we are going to have to be extremely strict on the numbers in the audience as any more than 2 per family will cause a fire risk. We will be sending home 2 tickets with each child and these will be checked on the door. Family members must be seated with no standing around the edges or sitting in the aisles. Thank you for your understanding and thanks, as ever, to the church for welcoming us.



We take the heat seriously at school and want to reassure parents that we will be taking appropriate precautions next week:

- We ask all parents to make sure children are covered in a high-factor sun cream before school. We cannot apply sun cream during the day, but a good layer in the morning should be sufficient. If you have taught your child how to apply sunscreen then they can bring some to school with them to top up during lunchtime if needed.
- From next week (outside of special events, such as visiting the church), children will not be required to wear ties or blazers for the remainder of this term. We have decided against requesting full PE kit as not all families will have enough for a full week of school, and some children will find summer dresses or school shorts just as comfortable. PE kit should still be worn on their usual PE days.
- The PTA have kindly lent the school some gazebos, which will be put up on the field so that children have access to shade during lunchtime.
- External clubs will make their own decisions as to whether they go ahead and will contact you directly. If you wish to withdraw your child due to the heat, that is of course your prerogative.
- All children should come to school with a hat/cap and a water bottle.

We will be encouraging children not to run around too much during the hottest part of the day.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

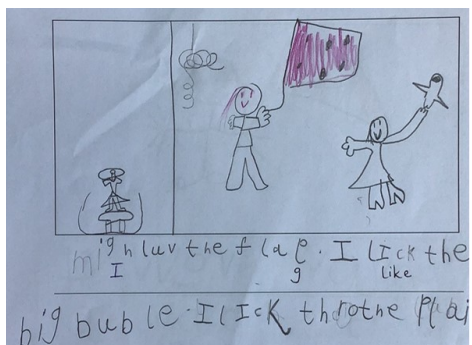
Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Rachel & Rosie for painting beautiful pictures of a bunch of flowers. They looked carefully at the flowers and painted different shapes. These paintings will be entered into the Pyrford Village Show exhibition.

R BEECH - Nico who always shows excellent behaviour for learning. He always listens carefully on the carpet and always tries his best in all he does. Keep doing great learning Nico!



R HAZEL - Margot & Sophia who both produced beautiful drawings and carefully presented writing about our visit to the church during the Week of Prayer. Their work showed great care, effort and attention to detail. Well done!

1 OAK - Keyaan who is great at following our school rule of being ready. He is always ready for his learning and we have been so impressed this week, particularly with his wonderful phonics

and his reading. Thank you Keyaan, we are so proud of you!

1 PINE - Jacob This week Year 1 have been working hard on retelling the story of our class book *Leaf*. Jacob wrote a fantastic recount, paying close attention to his handwriting and punctuation. He used great adjectives to describe the setting and thought carefully about his sounds. Well done Jacob, keep up the great work!

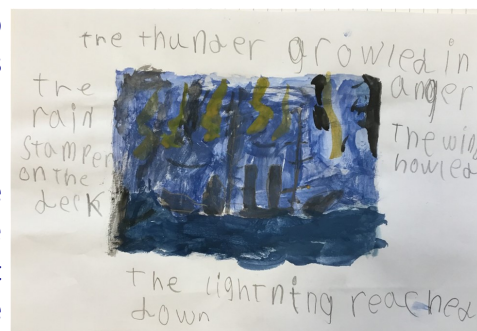
2 CEDAR - Emilia, Mason & Talia for brilliant work in DT. They created excellent tubes and prisms using nets.

2 HAWTHORN - Max for working really well with his partner to make 3D shapes in our DT session. He used the scoring technique to make folding card easier. He impressed Mrs Porter with his resilience and how he adapted his first attempt to improve the stability of his cube. Well done Max!

3 ELM - Maisy This week in English we have been learning about how to describe the weather using personification. Maisy painted this fabulous picture of a ship in a storm and wrote excellent descriptive sentences. Wonderful work Maisy!

3 MAPLE - Ali for demonstrating great resilience when learning to tell the time. He made the time shown on each picture on a clock with moveable hands and counted in fives to find out how many minutes past the hour it was. We were really impressed with how well he understood this by the end of the lesson. Well done Ali for persevering!

4 ALDER - Luca This week Year 4 have been learning about angles in Maths. Luca worked exceptionally hard with his partner, discussing, comparing and completing the challenges. He produced some fantastic work!



4 LARCH - Esmee for the amazing cushion she designed and made. She worked so carefully on it, showing great attention to detail. Well done Esmee!

5 ROWAN - Mahenoor for producing a wonderfully informative piece of work on the history of the Shah Jahan Mosque as part of our local history unit. She took great care in researching and presenting her information clearly and thoughtfully and her beautiful illustration of the mosque added a lovely creative touch to her work. Brilliant work Mahenoor!

5 WILLOW - Ali Congratulations to Ali for his brilliant work in English. He carefully chose adverbs to build cohesion, linking it with the story of Marion Wallace Dunlop and the Suffragettes. His thoughtful use of language showed a strong understanding both of our grammar focus and historical context. Well done!

6 ASPEN - Ben for his excellent ability in Maths. He has wowed us with his speed at problem solving all year!

6 HOLLY - Ben for writing an excellent biography of the famous children's author, Enid Blyton. It was a pleasure to see the care and thought he put into his work. His use of subheadings and paragraphs helped to organise his ideas clearly, while his range of punctuation made his writing interesting, informative and easy to read. Mrs Bull was

particularly impressed with the pride he took in presenting his work so neatly and carefully. He should be very proud of this achievement. A super biography Ben!

6 LAUREL - Martin for a fabulous piece of writing. He wrote an excellent biography of the famous children's author, David Walliams. He used subheadings and paragraphs to organise the information that he researched, in addition to using a wide range of punctuation. Once he had finished, he carefully edited and corrected his work. Well done Martin - keep up the great work!

Nursery & Reception enjoyed their visit from Bugfest who showed them all sorts of creatures. The children's knowledge was incredible and most of them (possibly not Mrs Murray!) enjoyed handling them.



District Sports

A huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the District Sports events over the past two weeks. Competing against 16 other schools, the children participated in a wide range of athletics events, including vortex throw, long jump, and both sprint and long-distance races.

We are delighted to share that our Upper Key Stage 2 team finished in an impressive 4th place overall, while our Lower Key Stage 2 team achieved an outstanding 2nd place overall.

Every child involved represented our school brilliantly, demonstrating determination, teamwork, and excellent sportsmanship throughout. They were a real credit to Pyrford, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements.



SUMMER TERM DATES		
Sat 20 Jun	evening	Y4 Brass Concert @ CoGS
Sat 20 Jun	18:00 - 21:00	Swimming Gala @ Guildford Spectrum
Wed 24 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Wed 24 Jun		Nursery Class Photo
Thu 25 Jun		Y6 Healthy Use of Technology Workshops
Fri 26 Jun		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Fri 26 June	13:15	Year 6 Play @ CoGS
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 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

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

JOB VACANCIES

We are looking for Level 3 Early Years qualified staff for the nursery

If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Mrs McAllister

info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

OFFICE REMINDERS

- Y1 Scopay consents for Forest School by **TODAY**
- Y6 Health & Dietary forms to be returned **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

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



fik | HOLIDAY CLUB

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)

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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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