# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

**Owls Galore** 



As part of their work in English, Year 5 have been making clay owls.















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Reception have been reading Owl Babies. They read the story inside a dark tent using torches to recreate the feel of the forest at night. Then they explored making owl pictures in different ways.



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#### **Headteacher's Letter**

Dear Parents,

This week, we concluded our assembly series on the teachings of Jesus's Sermon on the Mount, focusing on the theme of rewards. Together, we explored the importance of hard work and how true success is earned through dedication and resilience. We discussed the sense of pride and accomplishment that comes from mastering a new skill—something far more rewarding than any external prize. Linking this to school and learning, we emphasised that real learning is often challenging. As I reminded the children, if it's easy, it's not learning! One of my favourite quotes by golfer Gary Player captures this perfectly: "The more I practice, the luckier I get."

This week also brought a milestone event for me: hosting our Open Day. We welcomed prospective parents to the school, beginning with a short presentation before our fantastic Year 6 Ambassadors led them on tours. This was my first experience hosting an event like this, and I admit to feeling a little nervous beforehand. However, thanks to the incredible support from Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Anderson, and our wonderfully articulate students, the day was a tremendous success. Over the course of three sessions, more than 100 parents joined us, and it was a true joy to share our school community with them and hear their warm feedback.

As we edge closer to Christmas, the festive spirit is growing! The school halls are alive with singing as we prepare for our upcoming celebrations. The PTA is eagerly gearing up for next Saturday's Christmas Fair, and I hope to see many of you there to support the school and help raise funds for valuable resources. I'm particularly excited to experience this cherished tradition for the first time, alongside the many other events and performances that make this season so special.

Lastly, I'd like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Nicholas Hutchinson, a current parent in our community, following his collation as Rector last night. It was a wonderful occasion, and I was honoured to formally welcome him on behalf of the school. I look forward to working closely with him in the years ahead.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mr. D Gavin Dutton Headteacher

#### **Sports Report**

Yesterday our Year 4 team took part in a football tournament at Greenfield School against other local

schools. This was the first time that they had played together as a team and I was incredibly impressed by how well they played together. Samuel Hughes and Adam Nawaz both pulled off some great saves and Jay Doyle scored a fantastic goal. They played 4 matches, drawing 3 and losing 1.

We look forward to more games ahead and are so grateful to Mr Tine for coaching them and stepping in to ref again!



## Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS** - **Aafiyah Ali & Oscar Rundle** We build with small and large construction in nursery and the children create imaginative models. Aafiyah made a rainbow with the small bricks and Oscar made a plane with the large bricks.

**R BEECH - Zara Timms** Zara has recently developed a love of writing. She is always at the writing table writing and drawing and is starting to sound out her words so we can read what she writes. Well done Zara - keep up the good work!

- **R HAZEL Theodore Aristidou** Theodore enjoyed working as part of a team outside. He worked really well with the other children and created an amazing looking Elmer. Well done Theodore!
- **1 OAK Sienna Best** for always putting 100% effort into everything she does. She always wants to do her best and is constantly engaged, putting her hand up and sharing her ideas. Well done Sienna Miss Daly is so proud of you.
- **1 PINE Safa Aslam** for making a fantastic sock puppet representing Sonic. She used a range of techniques to join the components together.
- **2 CEDAR Avery Daniell** In History, we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. Avery wrote a fantasic diary entry as Samuel Pepys. Avery has tried really hard with his handwriting and has included lots of interesting information well done!
- **2 HAWTHORN Arabella Fitch** In RE, we have been thinking about how Christians give to God through worship. After visiting the church last week, Arabella considered what she saw and how it is used as a part of giving. Well done Arabella!
- **3 ELM William Clements** William attended a day where he worked with an author to develop his creative writing. He wrote a brilliant poem about a dragon with excellent rhyme and well-chosen vocabulary. Great work William!
- **3 MAPLE Nula Schifano** for her brilliant work in Maths, particularly with learning her Times Tables. She showed impressive confidence and ability when learning to multiply and divide.
- **4 ALDER loan Davies** for his wonderful writing about the Brownstone Family Vault from *Arthur and the Golden Rope*. loan creatively captured the sights of the vault and how they would make you feel. He used brilliant phrases which spark the imagination. A fantastic piece of work loan!
- **4 LARCH Zaynah Zaib** for working so hard in our Art lesson. She took great care investigating how to mix skin colours with the watercolour paints.
- **5 CHERRY Martha Woods** for her wonderful narrative in English. Martha created mystery and used 'show don't tell' techniques to convey her character's feelings. She took her time publishing and created a beautiful piece of work. Well done Martha!
- **5 ROWAN Eleanor Bligh** for her fantastic effort in English. She wrote a wonderful narrative about how Mina (a character from our book) meets a strange creature in her friend's garage. She produced some fantastic vocabulary and description. Her presentation is beautiful too. Miss Wilson is incredibly proud of Ellie. Keep up the hard work!
- 5 WILLOW Elliot Lewis for the effort he showed in English. He wrote a wonderful diary as Mina, a character from

*Skellig.* However, Mrs Woodhams was most impressed with how much care and attention he gave to his presentation, specifically his handwriting. She is incredibly proud of Elliot. Keep up the hard work!

**6 HOLLY - Hugo Campbell-Wild** In ICT we are designing a game on Scratch. Hugo made a very imaginative sprite which needs to be avoided in his game - a giant Venus Flytrap which waves around trying to catch the player. Mrs Bull was very impressed with how he had thought through the aim of his maze game and how the player will lose lives if they are caught. Well done Hugo!

**6 LAUREL - Charlotte Pusey** Mrs Gilbey was so impressed with Charlotte's artwork. The children were asked to create a Christmas bauble painting for the Year 6 display. Charlotte used her watercolour palette very carefully to create the illusion of light reflecting on the baubles hanging on the Christmas tree. Well done Charlotte, keep up the great work!





		AUTUMN TERM DATES
Fri 29 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Mon 2 Dec	pm	Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Halstead
Thu 5 Dec	Pini	Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Greenfield
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Fri 6 Dec	10:30	ENGAGE Christmas Assembly
Fri 6 Dec	18:45-20:45	PTA Wreath Making Workshop
Sat 7 Dec	09:00-12:00	PTA Christmas Tree Sale
Sat 7 Dec	13:00-15:00	PTA Christmas Fair
Tue 10 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Wed 11 Dec	10:00	EYFS Christmas Play
Wed 11 Dec	13:30	KS1 Christmas Play
Thu 12 Dec	13:30	KS2 Carol Concert
Fri 13 Dec		Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Mon 16 Dec		Y4 Victorian School Day
Mon 16 Dec	am	EYFS Elf Visit
Tue 17 Dec	08:45-09:45	KS2 Awards Assembly
Tue 17 Dec	pm	Christmas Film Afternoon
Wed 18 Dec	08:45-09:45	EYFS/KS1 Awards Assembly
Wed 18 Dec		Christmas Pause Day
Fri 20 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 20 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

## Christmas Tree Sale



## Premium Grade, non-drop Nordmann Firs

4-5ft tree £45 5-6ft tree £60 6-7ft tree £65 7-8ft tree £75

8-9ft tree £90

All profits go directly to the school Friends of Pyrford C of E Primary School Registered Charity 1047320

SPRING TERM DATES					
Mon 6 Jan		First Day of Spring Term			
Thu 9 & Fri 10 Jan		Life Space			
Thu 16 Jan		EYFS & Y1 KAPLA Stem Workshop			
Thu 23 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle			
Wed 29 Jan		INSET DAY			
Tue 4 Feb	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings			
Thu 6 Feb	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings			
Thu 13 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop			
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY			
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop			
Wed 12 - Fri 14 Mar		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential			
Thu 13 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum			
Fri 14 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2			
Wed 19 Mar		YN & YR Little City Visit			
Fri 21 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4			
Fri 28 Mar	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6			
Fri 4 Apr	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term			
Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY			

## NHS

## Measles cases are rising - is your child protected?

Our community nurses can check your vaccination status, provide advice and offer the MMR vaccine to eligible patients.

For patients aged
3 years 6 months - 19 years old



Visit the NHS mobile unit at St Dunstan's Church, Woking GU22 7DT

21 September | 30 November 10am - 2pm

Locations and dates/timings may change. Please scan the QR code for up to date information before your visit.





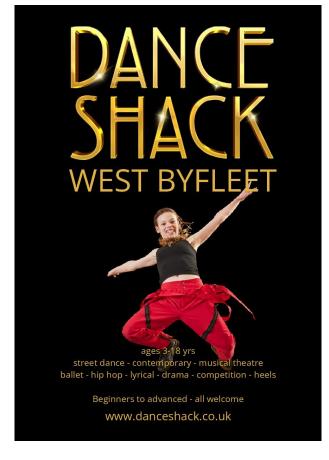








SUMMER TERM DATES					
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term			
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)			
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)			
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm			
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)			
Thu 22 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training			
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY			
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2			
Wed 11 Jun		EYFS Bugfest			
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre			
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4			
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral			
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop			
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6			
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop			
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood			
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY			
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day			
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day			
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential			
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term			







## FRIENDLY FESTIVE REMINDERS

We hope this helps you remember all the key dates for 'things to bring in', 'things to wear' and 'things to attend' at this very busy time of year!

FRI 29 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 6 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 6 DEC

PTA Wreath Making Workshop - School Hall **6.45 - 8.45pm** (pre-booking required - see poster)

SAT 7 DEC

- Christmas Tree Sale 9am 12 noon
- Christmas Fair 1- 3pm

TUE 10 DEC

Squirrels Sing Xmas - Nursery 2.30pm

WED 11 DEC

- EYFS Christmas Play at Church of the Good Shepherd (CoGS) - 10am
- KS1 Christmas Play at CoGS 1.30pm

THU 12 DEC

KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at CoGS 1.30pm

FRI 13 DEC

- Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
- Squirrels Sing Xmas Nursery 2.30pm

FRI 20 DEC

Whole School Christmas Service at CoGS - 9am

THU 2 JAN

PTA Panto Outing - 'Robin Hood' at Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, 1pm (pre-booked)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!





## TICKETS £1 EACH

Follow the link below or scan the QR code to buy your tickets! (answer to the 'Entry Question' is 3)

https://raffall.com/370828/enter-raffle-to-win-2024-pyrford-primary-school \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Raffle Prize List

## Includes...

·£100 voucher for The Drumming Snipe (from Addlestone Electrical)

·Voucher for The Red Lion Pub in Horsell

Barons Pub voucher for The Cricketers - £20

·Hamper from Graham Turner Family Butchers

·Little Trotters Woodland Pony Ride voucher

·Fighting Fit Judo Month Pass (5 available)

·Rock Box Guildford - Family Taster Session

· Bocketts Farm / Hobbledown Farm / Little Street vouchers

·Sleeping Beauty Panto at Dorking Hall (2 tickets)

·A3 Mounted Wildlife Print ·£20 COOK voucher

·Auntie Anne's Family Food & Drink Experience

·Ice Skating Voucher (Guildford Spectrum)

Decorated Christmas cake by Alison Beattie

·Various hair care & beauty vouchers and hampers

·Toiletry sets ·Electric toothbrushes ·Bottles of fizz & spirits

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE SCHOOL

Plus MORE!

Draw will take place at 23.55 on 11 Dec & winners will be notified by email

Prizes should be collected after school on 13 December



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

https://www.32auctions.com/organizations/58075/auctions/173717? r=1&t=all

### **AUCTION LOTS**

- £100 Party Voucher for Fighting Fitness Judo
- Woking Gymnastics Holiday Camp Voucher
- Term of Dance Classes at Dance Shack
- Musical Theatre Camp with Varnham Performing Arts
- 30 min singing lesson with West End star Lauren McArthur
- 4 days at holiday camp Learn, Play, Achieve
- Celebration cake for 16 via Tookesbridge Bakes
- Ticket for 5 at Mr Mulligan's Pirate Crazy Golf
- Interior design voucher by Decorbuddi
- Happy Bidding! • Half a term of dance sessions with De Feu Dance
- Painshill Park Family Ticket
- Family ticket to Brooklands Museum
- Ticket for 6 to Top Golf
- Katy Ward Family Photography Session
- LVL Lash Treatment
- 2 hr Family Paddleboarding session
- 2 hrs of garden maintenance by Treron Landscapes
- Block of 4 dance fitness classes with Troupe Fitness
- 2 electric toothbrushes

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Auction will close at 23.59 on 11 Dec & winners will be notified by email Prizes will be emailed or otherwise should be collected after school on 13 Dec









Join us again for this lovely festive event and create a beautiful wreath to take home

> 6.45pm - 8.45pm, School Hall £55 per person, includes all materials Please bring your own refreshments

Only 30 spaces - To book your place please email pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com and arrange a transfer to:

Account: FPPS Sort Code: 40-46-48 Account No: 51432591

Please use: WREATH/[INSERT NAME] as a reference

Katy Photography will be back this year holding 15 minute photo sessions on a white backdrop and a teepee. This can be of the whole family or just the children. Feel free to dress up in fun outfits and bring props!

Sessions are £35 and include 3 digital images. A percentage of sales will be given to the PTA.

https://www.slottr.com/ miniphoto2024

## K A T Y

#### MINI PHOTO SESSIONS At Pyrford Christmas Fayre

At Pyrford Christmas Fayre Saturday 7th December 2024

I am back taking photos at this Years Fayre, please book in for some fun, family photos!

I will be in the music room & will also have a small teepee set up this year for the children.

Look forward to seeing you all soon!



 $\pounds \, 35$  Please use Slottr to book your session



15 Minute slots available 3 Digital images included

www.katyphotography.co.uk



Location: Church of the Good Shepherd, Coldharbour Road, GU22 8SP

Date: 1st Dec '24 Time: 4:00pm

To find out more, contact:

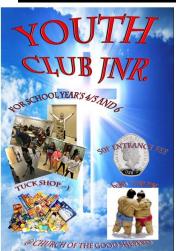
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QR code to find out more







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

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20th September 6:30pm-7:45pm

OCTOBER

Friday 4th October 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd
Friday 18th October 6:20pm-8:00pm
TRIP OUT BOWLING~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

NOVEMBER

Friday 15th November 6:30pm-7:45pm @ the church of the good shepherd Friday 29th November 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

DECEMBER

Friday 13th December 6:30pm-7:45pm @ the church of the good shepherd

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

#### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Good quality pre-loved uniform items available in a range of sizes

The PTA are now running the uniform shop

- Email: pyrforduniform@gmail.com with your request
- Collections/donations: meet at the portacabin (back playground) on Fridays at 3pm
- Cash or card accepted proceeds go to the school!

**EMAIL: PYRFORDUNIFORM@GMAIL.COM** 



AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, COLDHARBOUR RD, PYRFORD

## Christmas Parade Gift Service

**★Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December★** 10am to 11am

At this service we will collect in gifts.

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This year to be distributed in particular to MEN & TEENAGERS in need this

#### THE GIFTS

Where are they going?

This year we are working with Woking Salvation Army to help provide parcels for over 200 families in need.

Our gifts will be put together with food and other Items in parcels. These will be distributed to local hostels, to families via social services, sure start centres, home start, and to the Women's Prison at Send amongst other organisations.

There is a particular need for gifts suitable for **TEENAGE CHILDREN** and **MEN**, toiletries from Boots, scarfs, sweets, chocolates, Festive Food, hats, accessories, bags, vouchers etc.

We have been asked for new gifts, unwrapped please.

Many thanks if you can help in this way.

