

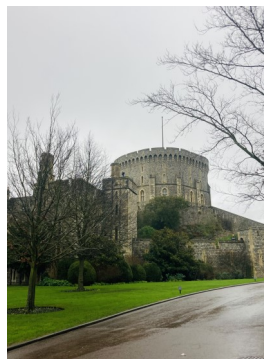
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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Year 1's Royal Visit to Windsor Castle



Despite the weather, Year 1 had an absolutely fantastic day at Windsor Castle. The children are bursting to share all the knowledge that they have learned!



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone woke up this morning with their homes still intact after last night's stormy weather. It seems we were fortunate compared to other parts of the country. Our Year 1 pupils did experience some rain yesterday during their visit to Windsor Castle as part of their learning. However, I am pleased to hear that the wet weather did not dampen their spirits. I was thrilled to learn how impressed the castle staff were with the children and their exemplary learning behaviours. They were wonderful ambassadors for the school!

I would like to apologise for the technical issue that occurred on Monday with the Parents' Evening bookings. Although we had set everything to go live as planned, a glitch in the system appears to have published the slots earlier than expected. We're sorry if this caught you off guard (it did for us too!). Hopefully, everyone was able to make arrangements, but if you experienced any issues, please let the office know, and they will do their best to accommodate you.

Next week, the school will close on Wednesday for an INSET day. In the morning, we will focus on reviewing our vision for pupils in the modern world, receiving vital special educational needs training, rolling out first aid training, and beginning training for all staff on the school's new management information system. After February half-term, the school will transition all its systems to BROMCOM, in line with other schools in our Trust. This change requires important training, but we are confident it will bring significant benefits to both the school and parents as it is rolled out. Please keep an eye out for more information during the summer term.

Turning to what seems to be everyone's favourite gripe: this week, I have received numerous comments about how parents park in the village during pick-up and drop-off times. On the following page is a guide to parking near the school. However, I kindly ask everyone to be considerate to our neighbours: please avoid parking on grass verges or blocking driveways, and do not sit in your car with the engine running. This is incredibly harmful to the environment and detrimental to the health of the children (and adults) who must walk through the unnecessary fumes created.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

Parents Evening Meetings

Parents meetings are on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th February (**Alder Class** meetings are on **Monday 3rd** and Tuesday 4th only).

Meetings will be in person in your child's classroom. Mrs Hope's meeting will be in the Conference Room (on the first floor at the rear of the building). She will meet with parents in their pre-school year only, as she will have met, or will be meeting, with parents of younger children at Squirrels.

Entry to the school will be via the rear doors only.

Appointments are booked online and the booking site is on this link <https://pyrfordcofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Please contact us in the office if you have any queries.

A Guide to Parking Safely at Our School

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our school is a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk.

We all want to keep our children safe so here are some top tips if you drive to school:

A Guide to Parking Safely at Our Schools

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools has become a big problem, putting the safety of children and others at risk.

DID YOU KNOW?

One in five cars in the morning rush hour are taking children to school

Please Do Not Park

- ⇒ On zigzag lines and in front of school entrances
- ⇒ By dropped kerbs
- ⇒ On resident's driveways
- ⇒ Opposite or within 10 metres of a junction – so children can see cars and they can see the children

Your Questions Answered

Can I park on zigzag markings if I'm only going to be there for a few minutes?

No, under no circumstances should you park on zigzag lines at any time. They are there to protect children at school entrances and to provide a clear view for pedestrians and children crossing the road.

We all want to keep our children safe around schools so here are some top tips on how you can make a difference.

How can you help?

- ⇒ Make sure your child leaves and enters the vehicle safely from the pavement
- ⇒ Check for pedestrians and cyclists before opening car doors
- ⇒ Leave enough room on pavements for pedestrians, prams and wheelchair users
- ⇒ Do not double park
- ⇒ Take care when reversing
- ⇒ Turn your engine off if leaving your vehicle



Please park considerately around our schools and keep our children safe!

Reporting Parking Violations

To report a parking violation, please follow this link to report via Surrey Police

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/driving-vehicles-traffic/report-illegal-parking/>

Have You Considered?

- Walking or cycling to school instead? This is a great way to contribute to a child's daily activity and is easy to incorporate into your daily routine. Try it once a week at first and see how easy it can be.
- Parking nearby. If you live too far away to walk, or need your car for your commute to work, you can still walk part of the way, ie Romans Way or Peatmore Avenue. Doing this every day could add up to an adult's recommended 30 minutes of exercise, 5 times a week.
- Car sharing is a great way to reduce congestion and save your pennies. Team up with other parents or carers who live nearby - share the cost and halve the hassle!

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Georgia Strong Our story this week is *The Three Little Pigs*. Georgia sorted the building materials and made a house using the bricks. She arranged them carefully to make a very strong house.

R BEECH - Albie Mitchell Johnson Albie has started to become an enthusiastic writer. He writes and draws every day and uses his skills in his play. Well done Albie!

R HAZEL - Hannah Cochran We have been reading a traditional Indian tale *No Dinner!* Hannah did a fabulous job of setting out the story map and writing the captions independently. Well done Hannah. Mrs Freeman is very proud of her for trying so hard!

1 OAK - Thea Seabourn In English we have looked at our new text *The Adventures of the Egg Box Dragon* and predicting what the dragon could do. Thea used her brilliant imagination to describe her thoughts. Miss Daly loved the interesting adjectives she used to describe the jungle, snake, tiger and parrot. Well done Thea. Miss Daly is so proud of you!

1 PINE - Ivy Gates for working really hard on her reading and being a fantastic reading partner. Keep up the hard work Ivy!

2 CEDAR - Lily Myers for working really hard in Maths and successfully making equal groups using 16 counters. She always presents her work beautifully and Mrs Goree and Mrs Shardlow are very proud of the effort she puts in - well done Lily!

2 HAWTHORN - Laila Tabrez Laila is enjoying exploring colour in Art. We have been looking at how to create shades by adding black to a colour and creating tints by adding white. Well done Laila!

3 ELM - Amelie Carapiet for the fantastic effort and progress she is making with her reading. Her fluency and accuracy is improving all the time as she tackles longer and more challenging texts. Great work Amelie!

3 MAPLE - Jamie Hill for the excellent effort he is putting in to all his work, especially in Maths. He really understood the work on division including remainders. Well done Jamie. Mrs Brockway is very proud of you!

4 ALDER - Rupert Daniell for showing excellent enthusiasm whilst learning about how we use land in the UK. He produced a very detailed map and design of a new urban area and included lots of key features. Mrs Gill and Mrs Wright think they would like to visit if it were real. Well done Rupert!

4 LARCH - Immy Hope for her wonderful cushion design in DT. Immy knew exactly what she wanted her design to look like and drew an eye-catching design. She then impressed Mrs Steen with her careful, neat sewing and the care and time she took with it. Well done Immy!



5 CHERRY - Mitzi Schifano for her incredible effort in Maths. Mitzi shows wisdom in her problem solving and always pays close attention to her presentation. Well done Mitzi, keep it up!

5 ROWAN - Julian Hewitt-Coleman for his fantastic work in Science. We have been investigating the properties of materials and tried to find the material that would be the best insulator. Julian worked systematically and thought carefully about his prediction. He demonstrated and justified his reasoning clearly. Great work!

5 WILLOW - Amelia Lamb for her fantastic writing. We have been writing letters to Jeff in role as Bradley (characters from our class text). Amelia has provided helpful suggestions on how to be a better friend and structured them in clear paragraphs. Well done Amelia!

6 HOLLY - Khloe Crittenden for her sketches of eyes in Art. Her use of various grades of pencils created light and shadow with her shading. Mrs Bull was particularly impressed with how she managed to get expression and mood into her eye drawings. The texture she built up around the dragon's eye is superb. Fabulous work Khloe. Well done!

6 LAUREL - Evan Sijo for his fabulous work in Art. Evan used his sketching pencil carefully to create light and shadow with various shading techniques. Evan moved on from drawing a human eye to drawing a dragon's eye very skilfully.

This is preparation for making dragons' eyes from clay. Keep up the great work Evan!





Wear Your

SCARF

Day



Friday 7th February

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is taking place from 3rd - 9th February 2025.

During the week, our children will be focussing on this year's theme of 'Know Yourself, Grow yourself', with mindfulness activities and discussions.

The aim of the week is to equip and empower children and young people across the UK, to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. It is so important that children and young people discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop.

Any donations given via Scopay will go to the charities - The Matthew Hackney Foundation and Place 2 Be.

SPRING TERM DATES		
Wed 29 Jan		INSET DAY
Mon 3 - Sun 9 Feb		Children's Mental Health Week 2025
Tue 4 Feb	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Wed 5 Feb	09:00-11:00	Y5 team to Orienteering @ Hoebridge
Thu 6 Feb	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Fri 7 Feb		Wear Your Scarf Day
Tue 11 Feb		Safer Internet Day
Thu 13 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Thu 13 Feb	15:00	Y6 Boys Football Team @ St Dunstan's
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 3 Mar	pm / evening	Choir to Primary Music Festival
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	14:00-14:30	MAGs Event (Years 1 & 2)
Fri 28 Mar	14:00-14:30	MAGs Event (Nursery & YR)
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

Hello from the Eco Team!



It's time for the RSPB Big Bird Watch. Before the end of this half term, we are going to be recording the birds that we see on our school grounds and submitting these results to the RSPB.

You can also join from home. It's the Big Garden Birdwatch this weekend and all of the information is available here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

And, if you'd like to make a bird-cake, a recipe is shared here

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SUMMER TERM DATES

Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Rowan)
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Willow)
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry)
Tue 20 May		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Tue 21 May		Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit
Thu 22 & Fri 23 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

CHILDREN, SMARTPHONES AND APPS

Join us on ...

TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY
7:30PM-9:00PM

GREENFIELD SCHOOL, OLD WOKING ROAD, GU22 8HY

Whether your child has a smartphone or not- please join us to find out some tips for managing smartphones in your family.

Learn more about the impact of smartphones and social media have on children and what we can do to delay or limit their exposure.

Talk from Jennifer Powers of PAPA YA

Sign up




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



Scouts

Volunteer Beaver/Cub leader vacancies

- Meet Wednesday evenings- 18.30, during term time.
- Part of a team of adult volunteers providing #skillsforlife to 6–8/8–10.5-year-olds.
- Training provided.
- Great community participation.
- Waiting list priority for your child/children.

Contact Ann-Marie Peasey: pyrfordscoutswaitinglist@gmail.com for more information and look at our website <https://www.pyrfordscoutgroup.org.uk>



Scouts

Volunteer Scout leader vacancies

- Meet Thursday evenings- 19.00 – 20.30, during term time.
- Part of a team of adult volunteers providing #skillsforlife to 10.5 - 14-year-olds.
- Training provided.
- Great community participation.
- Waiting list priority for your child/children.

Contact Ann-Marie Peasey: pyrfordscoutswaitinglist@gmail.com for more information and look at our website <https://www.pyrfordscoutgroup.org.uk>

Easter Trail Café & Chill Zone

THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 10-12NOON
SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2-4PM

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd, Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8SP

Come on an interactive journey through the Easter Story!

A story trail including craft, games, eggs, hot cross buns.

- Easter Trail in Main Church.
- Café area, sofa, toys & soft play in Main Hall.
- Games Zone including table tennis, table football, Wii, in Sherwood Jones/Lantern Room.

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 17th January 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 31st January 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

FEBRUARY

Friday 14th February 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th February 6:30pm-7:45pm

Ice Skating Trip @ Guildford Spectrum

MARCH

Friday 14th March 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 28th 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

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Tots Praise!

Tuesday Mornings,
10 to 11:30am

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd,
Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8SP

Songs, puppets, story, cake, coffee, juice,

We'd love to see you.

Any enquiries Suzanne at the Parish Office 01932 356166
Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org

We'd love to see you at the
Coffee Shop
Friday Mornings (term time)
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

- 9:00am to 11:00am. Hall and play area in Church are open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.