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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Year 6 Screen Printing Workshop



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe how quickly time has flown! It feels like just a few weeks ago that I arrived, and yet here we are, already approaching half-term. As this will be the final newsletter before the break, I wanted to take a moment to thank each of you for your warm welcome and support.

Next week, I'm holding informal drop-in sessions on **Thursday, 24th October**, where you can come along to meet me in person. Here are the session details:

- **8:30 AM - School Hall:** Drop-in after the morning drop-off.
- **2:30 PM - Practical Room:** Enter via the alleyway gate near Pine Class (before collecting children at 3:15 PM).
- **6:00 PM - School Hall:** Entry through the hall door.

There's no agenda for these sessions—just a chance for you to say hello, ask any questions, or share any thoughts over a cup of tea or coffee. I'd love to see you there!

This week, I had the pleasure of visiting all the classrooms during a Maths learning walk alongside our Maths leader. It was fantastic to witness such high-quality teaching and learning across the school. The children were so engaged, focused, and demonstrated excellent learning behaviours—exactly what we aim for.

It's also been a busy week on the sports front! Our Year 6 Netball team participated in a tournament, and a Hockey team travelled to Charterhouse School —everyone had a great time! Additionally, our Year 3 students had an exciting trip to Butser Farm as part of their learning journey, returning with plenty of new knowledge and enthusiasm.

In assembly this week, we continued our exploration of the 'Be-at-titudes' from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, focusing on justice and fairness. We reflected on how certain groups around the world face discrimination because of their religion, race, or beliefs. The children considered how they might feel if they were barred from attending school or forced to leave their homes due to persecution. We also linked this discussion to our school value of **respect**, emphasising the importance of respecting one another, our teachers, and our wider community.

As the evenings grow darker, I'd like to remind parents to explore the resources available on the **Clever Never Goes** website (<https://clevernevergoes.org/>). It's a valuable tool to help you talk with your children—especially older, more independent ones—about staying safe when travelling between school and home.

This also ties in with my ongoing reminders about **safe parking and walking**. Please remember that parking on white zig-zag lines, or in areas with two parallel yellow lines, is strictly prohibited as it endangers the entire school community. Additionally, please encourage your children to use the designated pathways around the school, rather than cutting through the car parks. Children often learn through imitation, so it's vital we model safe behaviours for them to follow.

Next week will end on a high note, with our Year 5 students visiting the Planetarium and the Year 5/6 Girls' football tournament. After that, the children will enjoy a well-deserved break for half-term.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend and a restful half-term when it comes.

Best regards.

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher



FOOTNOTE

Allergies Please remember that we are a nut free school and this extends to sesame seeds, to which a number of children are highly allergic. Please check the snacks that you send in for your child.

Year 3 visit to Butser Farm



Year 3 had a wonderful, sunny day at Butser Ancient Farm on Thursday. We visited a number of Celtic roundhouses and a Roman villa, as well as making copper spiral jewellery, spinning woollen bracelets and designing mosaics. The day was extremely informative, and we all learnt lots of interesting facts about how the Romans and Celts lived.



Is your child starting school in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place between **4 November 2024** and **15 January 2025**.

Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

Apply online
between
04 November 2024
and 15 January 2025



Tours of the School for Prospective Parents Wednesday 27th November

Do you have a child due to start in Reception next September?
Come and hear what we can offer your child and see the school in action.

Tours at 10am, 2pm & 7pm

No need to book - just come along at the time that suits you best.

Squirrels Nursery

We will be holding small group tours of the Nursery. Please email Mrs Anderson to register your interest.
c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Xavier McArthur for some great shape sorting. He sorted the shape toys into the shape boxes and went on a shape hunt in the nursery garden, ticking off all the shapes he found on his checklist. Well done Xavier!

R BEECH - Keyaan Sahi Keyaan loves learning his phonics sounds. He has been practising writing them with chalk in the outdoor area and using them to build words with the magnetic letters. Well done Keyaan, keep up the good work!

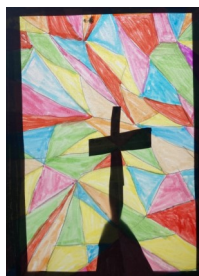
R HAZEL - Usman Atiq Usman always has something to tell Mrs Freeman about his learning. She loves his enthusiasm and confidence, and always looks forward to what he has to say. Well done Usman!

1 OAK - Bobby Goree for trying so hard in gymnastics. He has made great progress in his shapes and is always enthusiastic to demonstrate these. It is lovely to see his confidence grow and Miss Daly is very proud of him. Well done!

1 PINE - Max Lamb for his independent Picasso-style portrait. It was really great Max. Well done!

2 CEDAR - Bella Watson Cedar Class have been working hard on their handwriting every morning. Bella reduced the size of her letters when writing on smaller lines in her best book. Well done Bella!

2 HAWTHORN - Amelia Vymetal In English, Hawthorn Class learned the poem *My Colours* by Colin West. Millie really impressed Mrs Porter by leading her group in a fantastic performance to the class. Well done Mille!



3 ELM - Elise Emerton Elm have been learning about the Bible's big story. Elise created a lovely stained glass window artwork to reflect her ideas about an important part of the story. Beautiful work Elise!

3 MAPLE - Nuriyah Bhura for her amazing stained glass window picture. Mrs Brockway loves the detail in her design and can see she chose 3 crosses to represent the Bible's message of salvation.



4 ALDER - Ben Williams Inspired by the book *Wolves*, Year 4 have created their own creatures. Ben created The Armoured Crystal. He decided on its appearance, habitat and diet. Ben worked hard to organise his writing into paragraphs. He listened carefully and thought about different ways to start his sentences.

4 LARCH - Jack Newman for his amazing effort with their latest work in English on non-chronological reports. Jack produced a wonderfully imaginative report all about his mythical beast. He used all the features we had learnt about to make his writing effective. Well done Jack!

5 CHERRY Vera Sankar In Geography, she used the information and facts she had learnt to create a detailed and engaging fact file about the three different types of volcanoes, Ring of Fire and pyroclastic flow. Well done Vera, Miss Dennis was really impressed!

5 ROWAN - Adam Hussain In Year 5 they have been reading *Survivors* by David Long. One of the stories we have focussed on is about how a sailor from WWII survived for nearly 4 months alone on a life raft in the Atlantic Ocean. Adam really engaged with this tale of survival and produced a fabulous story map to retell the incredible true story of Poon Lim.

5 WILLOW - Jacob Jones for his fantastic learning behaviours. Mrs Woodhams was so impressed with how quickly and sensibly he transitions between lessons. He has been super helpful around the classroom too - always offering to support the grown-ups and his peers in completing jobs. He has really embodied the school values this week and Mrs Woodhams is extremely proud of him. Well done Jacob!

6 HOLLY - Archie Matthews for fabulous work in Science, studying how plants adapt to various habitats. He drew a detailed labelled diagram showing how cacti are suited to the hot, dry conditions in deserts. He continued to write details about how rainforest plants and water plants are well adapted to their own habitats. A well-presented piece of work Archie. Well done.

6 LAUREL - Holly Hope for her fantastic story chapter from our exciting book *The London Eye Mystery*. Holly worked hard on her writing to create a feeling of suspense and emotion in her story chapter. Well done Holly, keep up the great work!

Sports News

On Monday, 10 children travelled to Charterhouse School near Godalming to take part in a hockey tournament organised by Guildford Hockey Club. We entered 2 5-side teams and for some players this was their first or second experience of a tournament like this. Both teams played exceptionally well, showing resilience, sportsmanship and team work.

The Pyrford bibs team were made up of Freddie, Radley, Skye, Alana and Beau. The team took a heavy defeat in their first game against a team which had a lot more hockey experience and were much more physical than us, but this did not deter them and they went on to win their next 2 games convincingly. Skye had an amazing debut and made some brilliant saves near the goal, Radley made lots of solid tackles in defence to stop the opposition and there were some fantastic goals and determination from Freddie, Alana and Beau upfront.

The Pyrford non bibs team were made up of Holly, Matilda, Mickayla, Lincoln and Jago. This team was also very successful in their games with one win, one very narrow defeat and a draw where the opposition had an exceptional defender who managed to keep out all but one of our many chances. Jago dominated upfront for this team with many goals scored, assisted by Lincoln and Holly in the midfield who put in many tackles and worked hard to feed the ball through to Jago. Matilda and Mickayla were very solid in defence, ensuring that the team only conceded 3 goals the entire tournament.

Well done to everyone that took part - we are incredibly proud of you.

We are looking for more hockey players so if you are interested there is an after school club run by Guildford Hockey Club on Monday afternoons that you can sign up to. Or alternatively let your teacher know so that you can be included in future tournaments.

Mrs Westen



On Wednesday afternoon a team made up of girls from Y5 and Y6 went to Greenfield School to play in a netball tournament. This was the first time the squad had played together and they really did themselves proud, demonstrating a very positive, determined attitude, coupled with a fantastic, supportive team spirit.

The afternoon concluded with their best result which was a 6-0 win over Greenfield's B team.

Well done Abbie, Adriana, Amelie, Ellie, Immy, Mickayla and Poppy.

Mrs Harburn





CHRISTMAS DATES

Fri 6 Dec @ 10:30am **ENGAGE assembly**

Tue 10 Dec @ 2:30pm
Squirrels Sing Christmas

Wed 11 Dec @ 10am **EYFS Play**

Wed 11 Dec @ 1:30pm **KS1 Play**

Thu 12 Dec @ 1:30 pm **KS2 Carol Concert**

Fri 13 Dec **Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day**

Fri 13 Dec @ 2:30pm
Squirrels Sing Christmas

Tue 17 Dec a.m. **EYFS Elf Visit**

Tue 17 Dec p.m. **Christmas Film
Afternoon**


Wed 18 Dec **Christmas
Pause Day**

Fri 20 Dec @ 9am
Christmas Service @ CoGS

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Fri 18 Oct	19:30-22:00	PTA Quiz Night
Wed 23 Oct		Y5 Wonderdome Visit
Thu 24 Oct	08:30 14:30 18:00	Parent Drop-In Sessions with Mr Dutton
Thu 24 Oct		Y3 Romans & Celts Day
Fri 25 Oct		INSET DAY
Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 4 Nov	13:40-16:00	Y4 Football Team Tournament @ Halstead
Tue 12 Nov		Individual Pupil Photos
Wed 13 Nov		Individual Pupil Photos
Wed 13 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y6 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 15 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Visit
Wed 20 Nov		Flu Vaccinations
Thu 21 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Wed 27 Nov	10:00, 14:00 & 19:00	Tours for Prospective Parents
Wed 27 Nov	15:30-17:30	SEN Parents Meetings
Thu 28 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y4 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Mon 2 Dec	pm	Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Halstead
Thu 5 Dec		Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 6 Dec	10:30	ENGAGE Christmas Assembly
Sat 7 Dec		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
Tue 17 Dec	am	EYFS Elf Visit
Tue 17 Dec	pm	Christmas Film Afternoon
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

SPRING TERM DATES	
Mon 6 Jan	First Day of Spring Term
Thu 23 Jan	Y1 to Windsor Castle
Wed 29 Jan	INSET DAY
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
Wed 19 Mar	YN & YR Little City Visit
Fri 4 Apr	12:00 Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAY

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)
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thu 12 Jun	Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Tue 17 Jun	Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Fri 20 Jun	Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
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





Twelve15 wants you!

Do you want to make a difference by preparing and serving healthy, tasty, nutritious lunches for the children at this lovely village school?

If you are enthusiastic, enjoy cooking and communicate well with children, then your friendly nature will get every opportunity to shine here at this delightful school.

We have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant on 25 hrs per week term time only, also vacancies in local schools. Please follow the link or scan the QR code to apply via the SCC website

Apply @
www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs
 and search 'Catering'
 or scan QR code

Is your child in year 6?



If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2024**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Apply online
 apply on time by
 31 October 2024



FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT OUR

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

MORE TO FOLLOW!

Do you own or work for a business or company that would be willing to support our Christmas Raffle and Silent Auction by donating a prize?

Please get in touch by emailing pyrforduniform@gmail.com

Shop with Asda?

Raise £1 plus 0.5% of every shop for our school FREE!

Easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1 Open your Asda rewards app
- 2 Tap 'Cashpot for Schools'
- 3 Search for and select 'Pyrford Church of England Primary School'

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

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

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
@ the church of the good shepherd

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

PYRFORD TOTS STAY & PLAY

For Carers and little ones.
Toys, Refreshments, Craft, Chat.

Wednesdays
(Term Time)
10:35am – 12noon

At the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Pyrford GU22 8SP

£2 donation per family

The Light Fantastic

Thursday 31st October
6pm-7:30pm

Music, Food, Fun, Worship,
Prayer, Craft, Fireworks, Jesus

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

6:00pm Together in Church
6:30pm Food & Fun in Hall & Church
7:00pm Fireworks watch from the School Field

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

21 OCTOBER 2024 **WOKING BRIGADES**
5:30 PM - 7PM

the GIRLS BRIGADE
the BOYS BRIGADE

SPACE NIGHT

COME AND ENJOY GAMES AND FUN ACTIVITIES
MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 6

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
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WHITE ROSE LANE | WOKING | GU22 7HA

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.