

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## More Nursery Rhymes



Research shows that if a child knows 8 nursery rhymes off by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they are usually amongst the best readers and spellers in Year 3! What a great reason to sing lots of rhymes at home and school!



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## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see everyone wrapping up in their big coats, hats, and scarves this week as the temperatures have dropped sharply. It looks like we're in for a stormy weekend! While the biting cold is expected to ease, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our school closure policy as we move into winter—just in case we experience significant snowfall.

### School Closure Policy

**Decisions on School Closure** The school will decide as early as possible whether we can safely open. In many cases, this decision will be made on the morning of closure as it largely depends on whether enough staff can safely travel to school.

**Communication** Parents will be notified directly via email if there are any changes to the school day. Updates will also be posted on our website and social media. In the event of closure, the information will also be available on the Surrey County Council website.

**Contingency Plans** Please ensure you have alternative arrangements in place for your child in case the school needs to close.

**Early Closure** If heavy snow falls during the school day, we may ask parents to collect children early or provide the option to do so to help reduce traffic and minimise disruption.

### Book Fair Success

This week, we were thrilled to welcome the return of the Book Fair, which has been a huge hit! The excitement and enthusiasm among the children has been wonderful to see. A recent study by the National Literacy Trust highlighted a concerning decline in the number of primary-aged children who read regularly and for pleasure. Let's hope the buzz around the Book Fair inspires more "book time" and less screen time at home. Reading is such a vital skill and a gateway to incredible worlds of imagination and knowledge.

### Assemblies and Activities

In this week's assembly, we explored the theme of **peace**, sharing a story about how Jesus brought calm to a stormy situation. We reflected on how cultivating peace—both within ourselves and in our interactions with others—is essential for our mental well-being. The children were encouraged to think about how their actions can promote peace within the school community.

Year 2 had a particularly eventful week, taking part in their **Great Fire of London workshop** on Thursday. We were also delighted to welcome **Canon Alex Tear** from the diocese for a school visit. Additionally, I had the privilege of meeting with members of our school's Muslim community to explore how we can work together to make our school the best it can be. To cap off this busy week, our choir will be performing this evening at the **Pyrford Christmas Lights** switch-on—a lovely way to kick off the festive season.

### A Plea and a Reminder

**Parking Considerations** We kindly ask for your co-operation in being considerate and following road rules when parking near the school. Please avoid parking on grass verges, blocking driveways or stopping on double yellow lines. Additionally, please switch off your engine while waiting. We're fortunate to live in such a beautiful area surrounded by nature and we want to ensure our children aren't exposed to unnecessary car fumes.

**Playground Safety** A gentle reminder that children should not be playing on the playgrounds after school. Once dismissed, children are expected to head home promptly with their adults. This ensures everyone's safety, as playgrounds are not supervised at the end of the school day, which can lead to accidents or disagreements.

Wishing you all a wonderful week!

Mr. D  
Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

## FOOTNOTES

### Breakfast Club

Please remember that in order to get the children to class on time, the cut-off for food is 8:15am.

## Calpol

We are going through Calpol very quickly at the moment. Please can we ask that if you think your child will need some during the day, that you send some in to the office. Also, if you are able to donate an unopened bottle we would be grateful so as to avoid the cost to the school.

## Worms

We have a number of cases of threadworms in school. There is more information on spotting the signs and how to treat them on the NHS website. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/>

## Baby Toys

Do you have any toys that make sounds or light up? Any donations would be gratefully received. Thank you.

TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/26	
Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd September	INSET DAYS
Thursday 4th September	First Day of Autumn Term for children
Friday 24th October	INSET DAY
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Autumn Half Term Holiday
Friday 19th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 22nd Dec - Friday 2nd January	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5th January	First Day of Spring Term
Wednesday 28th January	INSET DAY
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Spring Half Term Holiday
Friday 27th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 13th April	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Summer Half Term Holiday
Monday 29th June	INSET DAY
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Summer Term for children
Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st July	INSET DAYS

### Tours of the School for Prospective Parents

#### This 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](mailto:c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Aden Seabourn** We have been learning about day and night and we read *Owl Babies*. Aden made a tea party for the owls and read them a story. He also made an owl using shapes.



**R BEECH - Adam Ibn Mehran** We have been learning about different historical events, including Guy Fawkes Night and Remembrance Day. Adam loves learning facts. His inquisitive nature makes him ask lots of questions about what he has learnt and helps him bring what he has learnt to life in his play. It is such a pleasure to see him so interested to learn.



**R HAZEL - Jacob Eastwood** Mrs Freeman was impressed with the work Jacob produced to go on to his Proud Square. He has done it all independently and with great care. Well done Jacob!

**1 OAK - Talia Hutchinson** We have been developing our mouse skills in Computing by being able to draw a picture on the screen. Talia was able to control her mouse so well and successfully created a beautiful picture. Well done Talia!

**1 PINE - James Mann** for writing some fantastic sentences about what could be in the 'Mysterious Egg' which appeared in Year 1. James thought it was a monster.

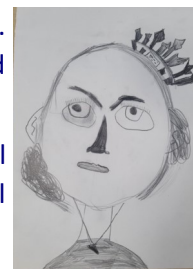
**2 CEDAR - Noah Mussa** for his fantastic comic strip about the Great Fire of London.

**2 HAWTHORN - Tabitha Napier** for writing a fantastic diary entry for the character 'Dark' from our story *Orion and the Dark*. She used interesting words and phrases and shared her ideas with others. Well done Tabs!

**3 ELM - Elliot Pribyl** We have been writing detailed instructions for building a seawig inspired by our text. Elliot wrote brilliant instructions describing the things you would need and using conjunctions to make his sentences more interesting. Great work Elliot!

**3 MAPLE - Jasmine Jameson** for her brilliant instruction writing on how to build a seawig. She started her instructions with time fronted adverbials and used bullet points effectively. Mrs Brockway particularly liked her 'Top Tip'!

**4 ALDER - George Watson** We have been recreating famous portraits of previous monarchs. George started his portrait of a young Queen Victoria by carefully observing all the details and thinking about the proportions of her face. An excellent start George!



**4 LARCH - Daniel Tine** We have been sketching portraits of past monarchs. Daniel made careful observations and thought about proportion in his wonderful sketches of Henry VIII. We can't wait to see his finished painting.

**5 CHERRY - Mark Sokolovs** for his fantastic effort in Spanish. In addition to learning English this year, Mark threw himself into our Spanish lesson this week and even impressed the visiting language teacher from Fullbrook. Mark could say which subjects he liked and disliked and translate what was said by his talk partner. Great work Mark!

**5 ROWAN - Monty Sherlock** for his fantastic work in History. We have been learning about the Ancient Maya. Monty showed clearly on his map where in Mesoamerica the Maya lived and explained some of the advantages and disadvantages of some of the settlements. Great work Monty!

**5 WILLOW - Alana Foote** for her excellent attitude towards learning in all subjects. She is ambitious and resilient when trying something new. She also regularly demonstrates how she listens to feedback to further improve her work. Alana is setting a fantastic example to others. Keep up the good work!

**6 HOLLY - Abbie Napier** for creating a fabulous poster about the Amazon River. She organised her work under sub-headings to make it easy to read and used a nice chatty tone to engage her reader. She also included bullet points preceded by a colon, which we have been using in our English writing. Great work Abbie!

**6 LAUREL - Tom Waldron** for his work in Science. We have been learning about light. Tom gave a detailed explanation of how light is reflected and drew a clear, well-labelled diagram to explain reflection. Well done Tom, keep up the great work!



# 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**

Mon 16 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 22 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Wed 27 Nov		Y2 Fire Safety 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
Fri 29 Nov	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
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
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

### Parents' Voices Matter

The Additional Needs and Disabilities (AND) Partnership has designed a survey for all parents and carers of children and young people with AND in Surrey.

The AND Partnership want to understand your experience of accessing help and support related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Surrey. They will use your feedback to improve local services that support Surrey's children with additional needs with their education, health (including diagnosis) and care.

Take the survey <https://www.surreylocaloffer.org.uk/news/homepage/parents-voice-matters-survey>

**The survey closes at 23:59 on Sunday 24 November**

<b>SPRING TERM DATES</b>		
Mon 6 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
<b>Thu 16 Jan</b>		<b>EYFS &amp; Y1 KAPLA Stem Workshop</b>
Thu 23 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle
Wed 29 Jan		<b>INSET DAY</b>
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		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

<b>SUMMER TERM DATES</b>		
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		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
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		<b>INSET DAY</b>
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

# Christmas Tree Sale

Saturday 7th December

9am – midday

Pyrford C of E Primary School



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

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT OUR

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

SAT 7 DECEMBER  
1-3PM

WITH XMAS TREE SALES  
9AM-12 NOON

- ★ **FREE ENTRY** includes a Festive Treasure Hunt
- ★ School Choir performance at 1.15pm
- ★ **Festive food & drink stalls inc. mulled wine**
- ★ Lots of festive gift stalls for cards, crafts and sweet treats plus home, fashion and beauty bits
- ★ **Fun festive games and our ever-popular Jolly Jam jars and chocolate tombola!**

Hope you can join us!

Cash & card accepted





STICK ME TO YOUR FRIDGE

# 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  
**CONT.** **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!

# JOLLY JAM JARS

for our Christmas Fair

## What to do

- ★ Find a clean jam jar at home and decorate in the theme of “Christmas joy”
- ★ Fill with lots of jolly things - sweets, chocolate, small toys, stickers, small pencils/pens/crayons
- ★ Write your first name and class name on a label and stick it to the bottom of the jar
- ★ Bring it to school on Fri 6 Dec to give to your teacher and then look out for your jar in the Jolly Jam Jar raffle at the Christmas Fair!



**FRIDAY 6 DEC**

**PRIZE FOR THE WINNER  
OF EACH YEAR GROUP**



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!



£35

Please use Slottr to book your session



15 Minute slots available  
3 Digital images included

[www.katyphotography.co.uk](http://www.katyphotography.co.uk)

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>



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](mailto: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

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](mailto: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](mailto: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**

A reminder that second-hand uniform is sold every Friday from the portacabin at the back of the school. Thank you for all the donations so far but we are not accepting donations at this current time, as we need to process the clothes that we currently have. However, if you have any unstained, white polo tops with the school logo on, then we will accept these. Thank you very much.



## Let's come together to celebrate **Christingle**.

Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

**Come and join us!**

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

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

**To find out more, contact:**  
suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org

christingle.org

Scan the QR code to find out more.



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**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.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, PYRFORD

We'd love to see you at our special..

**Christmas Parade Gift Service**

At this service we collect in gifts & festive food.

In particular we are asking for gifts for **MEN & TEENAGERS.**

★ Sunday 8th December ★  
10am to 11am

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

We'd love to see you at our special..

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★ Sunday 8th December ★  
10am to 11am

### 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.

**YOUTH CLUB JNR**

FOR SCHOOL YEAR'S 4/5 AND 6

TUCK SHOP

50P ENTRANCE FEE

KNIT TUBES

@ 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](mailto: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