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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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Year 3 spent a wonderful morning creating reptiles from junk. They named their creatures and discussed their diets, habitats and how they rear their young. They will be using their ideas to write reports.

Year 4 have impressed their teachers with their coding skills using Scratch.



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## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

What a week it's been! With the INSET day on Wednesday, things felt a little topsy-turvy—one child even asked if it was Monday when they arrived on Thursday! Despite the confusion, the day itself was incredibly productive for staff. We spent time reflecting on how childhood is changing and the impact this has on children's development. This is an ongoing project that we aim to make a key focus in our School Development Plan for next year.

In addition, we had some valuable training sessions to better support some of our most vulnerable pupils. And, as if that wasn't enough, we also tackled our shiny new management information system, which will roll out across the school after half term. It was a jam-packed day—and that's not even mentioning the workmen fixing the heating in the kitchen, patching the leaky roof, and sorting out the air-conditioning in the server room. Never a dull moment at Pyrford!

On a different note, I'd like to remind everyone about our school meals provider, Twelve15, and their website. They've told us they haven't received any feedback on the school meals, which surprised me since I know it's been a hot topic among parents. We're working closely with Twelve15 to improve the food and service, and your feedback could really help. You can share your thoughts directly with them here: <https://www.itstwelve15.co.uk/contact>.

Next week, we're excited to welcome you to Parents' Evening. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's learning, progress, and behaviour so far this year. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, there's still time. See the link below to book your appointment. If the available slots don't work for you, feel free to contact your child's teacher to arrange a more convenient time. Working together is key to helping every child reach their potential, and Parents' Evening is an important step in that process. Just a quick reminder—please use the door at the back of the building to enter.

We thought it might be useful to include this picture which illustrates when children should, or should not, come to school when they are unwell.

Finally, some exciting sporting news. A huge congratulations to our girls' football team for their fantastic 3-0 victory last night! Let's hope that same energy rubs off on the England rugby team this weekend as the Six Nations kicks off. Fingers crossed for a win!

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

Link to book parents evening meetings:

<https://pyrfordcofe.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

**Year 4 Residential**  
Medical forms must be  
returned to school by  
Tuesday  
4th February

**GOLDEN BOOK RETURNS NEXT WEEK**

**IS MY CHILD TOO ILL TO GO TO SCHOOL?**

✓ Minor coughs & cold	✓ Ear infection
✓ Sore throat	✓ Cold sores
✓ Conjunctivitis	✓ Tonsillitis
✓ Respiratory infections	✓ Head lice

**GO TO SCHOOL**

✗ Whooping cough	✗ Covid
✗ High temperature	✗ Flu
✗ Chickenpox	✗ Scarlet fever
✗ Diarrhoea & vomiting	✗ Measles

**STAY AT HOME**





**Wear Your**

**SCARF**

**Day**



**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

Children's Mental Health Week 2025 is taking place next week, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 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.

## **Sports Report**

A big well done to our Year 5/6 girl footballers from our TA sports club. We hosted 2 football matches against St Dunstan's and all the girls absolutely loved taking part and representing their school. We came away with a 1-0 win in our first game with a last-minute goal. In yesterday's match, we came away with a 3-0 win. It was a fantastic team effort from everyone who played and we are so proud of how all the girls played. A big thank you to Tom Arnold for coaching and refereeing. We look forward to more matches ahead.



SPRING TERM DATES		
<b>Mon 3 - Sun 9 Feb</b>		<b>Children's Mental Health Week 2025</b>
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
<b>Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb</b>		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Mon 3 Mar	pm / evening	Choir to Primary Music Festival
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
<b>Fri 7 Mar</b>	<b>after school</b>	<b>Book Day - PTA selling 'Wonka Bar's</b>
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
<b>Fri 21 Mar</b>	<b>19:30</b>	<b>PTA Race Night</b>
<b>Fri 28 Mar</b>		<b>Mufti Day for PTA Colour Raffle</b>
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
<b>Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr</b>		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

Recycle  Charity

### Ink Cartridge Collection

You can help us raise funds by recycling your ink cartridges.

Please bring to the school office.  
We cannot take toner and laser cartridges.



**WONKA IS BACK IN TOWN!**

Alongside the school's World Book Day celebrations

**WONKA BARS** will be on sale again!

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH**

Chocolatiers of PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL present our **WONKA WISDOM BAR** 100% CHOCOLATE

BUT HAVE YOU FOUND THE GOLDEN TICKET?

Congratulations! YOU'VE FOUND A GOLDEN TICKET!

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!**

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Rowan)
<b>Mon 28 Apr</b>		<b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Perform Drama Workshops</b>
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Willow)
<b>Tue 6 - Fri 16 May</b>		<b>Ducks in Reception</b>
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry)
Tue 20 May		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Tue 20 May		Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit
<b>Wed 21 May</b>	<b>14:15</b>	<b>Y3/4 Production @ CoGS</b>
<b>Thu 22 May</b>	<b>am</b>	<b>YR Fire Service Visit</b>
Thu 22 & Fri 23 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
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		<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

## 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**





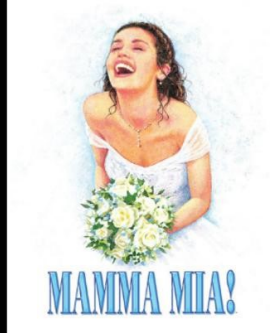
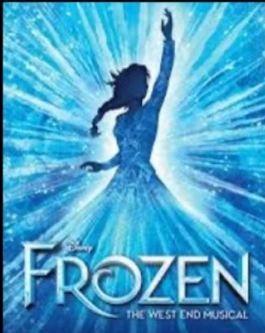
# FEBRUARY WORKSHOP

17th, 18th & 19th February 2025

@ Feltonfleet school, Cobham

9AM - 4PM

Ages 6 - 16



Join us for a fun filled 3 days for **£120!**

**LEARN DANCES, SONGS AND SCRIPT**

taught by cast members from these PHENOMENAL musicals!

Limited spaces available. Secure your place now!

info@varnhamperformingarts.co.uk or WhatsApp: 07563217920

www.varnhamperformingarts.co.uk

\*cast members are subject to change due to availability and/or illness\*

## 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



### FEBRUARY WORKSHOP LEADERS!

✦ CAITLIN TIPPING ✦

Caitlin is currently playing Jane Seymour in Six The Musical at London's Vaudeville Theatre.

Caitlin's Theatre credits include: Ensemble/ cover Elsa & Queen Iduna in Disney's Frozen The Musical (Theatre Royal Drury Lane), Jane Seymour in SIX (UK Tour), Jane Seymour in SIX (NCL Bliss), Dancer/Lead Vocalist in The Best of Musical Starnights (European Tour) and Cathy in The Last Five Years (Edinburgh Fringe Festival).



✦ AARON JENKINS ✦

Aaron has just returned from the International tour of 'CATS' as Swing and understudy Mungojerrie & Skimbleshanks

Aaron's Theatre credits include: Swing, Assistant Gym Captain and understudy Rudolpho & Michael Wormwood in Matilda (Cambridge Theatre, London); Ensemble and understudy Mary Sunshine in Chicago (UK & Ireland Tour); Ensemble in Matilda (International Tour); Admetus/Macavity and understudy Rum Tum Tugger in Cats (Kilworth House Theatre); Neleus in Mary Poppins (Hamburg, Germany); Ensemble in Wicked (Apollo Victoria Theatre, London).







## 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](mailto: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.

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## Easter Trail Café & Chill Zone

**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 10-12NOON**  
**SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> 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](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)

**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 :-)

SOP 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](mailto: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.