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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Living History in Year 6



*Spartans and Athenians were seen around the school as Year 6 were amazed by stories of Ancient Greek wars, the gods and their trickery and great inventions of the time. Thank you to Portals of the Past for a fantastic day!*



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## Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week after the half-term break. I hope you all managed to take some time to rest and enjoy the holiday. As we move further into spring, we can look forward to more bright and glorious mornings like today!

This week, our Monday assembly continued the theme of King David and his teachings through the Psalms, with a focus on Psalm 27. We reflected on special places, explored God's beauty in the world around us, and considered how we can keep God at the centre of our lives by making good choices. Next week, alongside our current assembly theme, we have been invited to take part in an **Ash Wednesday** service at the church. This marks the beginning of the most significant period in the Christian calendar, leading up to Easter. During the service, any children or adults who choose to participate will have the opportunity to be **ashed**—the practice of making the sign of the cross on the forehead using ashes from palm leaves mixed with olive oil. This service is for children only, but adults are welcome to attend other Ash Wednesday services running that day if they wish to take part.

I hope your household has been abuzz with talk of the exciting changes in the lunch hall this week! The children's enthusiasm for the **dessert station** and **salad area** has been wonderful to see, and we've been delighted by the improvements in food quality, portion sizes, and engagement from the whole team. It's been such a positive start, and if your child has shared good feedback at home, we'd love for the **Twelve15** team to hear it too! You can share your comments via their website: [Twelve15 Contact](#).

Finally, I'd like to remind all parents of the importance of ensuring children attend school every day. Regular attendance is essential—not only for learning but also for building confidence, social skills, and resilience. Gates open at 8:30am and registers will be taken promptly at 8:40am. Please make sure your child is in class by then. A consistent routine helps children make the most of the opportunities school has to offer. As part of our commitment to supporting every child, we **closely monitor attendance**, and if it falls below national expectations, we may need to get in touch to discuss any support we can provide. We're here to work with you to give your child the best chance to thrive.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend—let's hope these clear blue skies continue!

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton  
Headteacher

### RAMADAN

We are aware that Ramadan will be starting soon and we wanted to remind you about children who are fasting. Please email your child's class teacher to make them aware of which day(s) each week that your child will be fasting. Thank you.

ہمیں معلوم ہے کہ رمضان جلد شروع ہونے والا ہے اور ہم آپ کو ان بچوں کے بارے میں یاد دلانا چاہتے ہیں جو روزے رکھتے ہیں۔  
براہ کرم اپنے بچے کے کلاس ٹیچر کو ای میل کریں تاکہ وہ آگاہ کر سکیں کہ آپ کا بچہ ہر ہفتے کون سے دن (دنوں) سے روزہ رکھے گا۔  
شکریہ



We are celebrating **World Book Day NEXT FRIDAY**. Children are invited to **wear a costume of a favourite book character or pyjamas** (representing bedtime stories) to join in with the special day. Each year group will be celebrating the day with lots of fun activities in their classroom.

Children are asked to **bring a toilet roll to school** to decorate as a book character - there will be resources here for the children to use, but they are also welcome to bring in materials of their own to use if they would like to. The teachers will choose their favourite 2 toilet roll characters to be displayed in the school. If your child is in Nursery or Reception and you would like them to take part in the activity, please feel free to make a toilet roll character at home and bring them in on the Friday for judging.



We are delighted to announce that Mrs Woodhams is expecting a baby, due at the end of the summer holidays. Many congratulations to her and her family.

### SCHOOL LUNCH ORDERS

We still have many families that are not booking their child's school meals in advance. This causes a lot of extra work for the office at the busiest time of the morning as we have to input them manually. This also means the caterer cannot be informed of the numbers until later in the morning. Please can we ask that you book your child's school meals half termly or at the end of every week .



We are short of boys and girls pants and socks in all sizes - if you have any to donate, please bring in to the

office.

If your child has borrowed school uniform or underwear, please can you return it so we can replenish our stocks.

### Parent Governor

We are delighted to announce that Martin Hunter was recently elected as a Parent Governor of the school. Thanks to all those who stood for election.

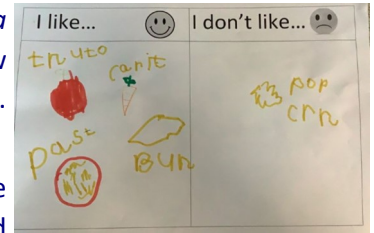
SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 3 Mar	pm / evening	Choir to Primary Music Festival
<b>Wed 5 Mar</b>		<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Fri 7 Mar		World Book Day Mufti
Fri 7 Mar	after school	Book Day - PTA selling 'Wonka Bar's
Wed 12 - Fri 14 Mar		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Thu 13 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 21 Mar	19:30	PTA Race Night
Fri 28 Mar		Mufti Day for PTA Colour Raffle
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		<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>

# Golden Book Awards



**N SQUIRRELS - Ethan Sijo** Ethan is always busy at nursery. He enjoys exploring the indoor and outdoor environments and engages in a range of activities. Ethan is learning to speak English and it is lovely to hear him using new vocabulary. Well done Ethan!

**R BEECH - Stephanie Wilmot** We have been reading *I will not ever, never eat a tomato* in our literacy. We thought about the food we did and didn't like, drew pictures and added labels. Stephanie used her sounds brilliantly to write her labels. Well done Stephanie!



**R HAZEL - Rosie Clough** We have been learning about people who help us at school. She carefully drew her pictures and wrote the labels independently. Well done Rosie!

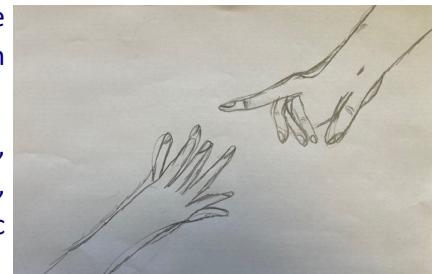
**1 OAK - Evangeline Croker** Year 1 received a very interesting letter from Rosy, the Oak tree, informing us that the council were planning to cut her down! We investigated the impact this would have on all the animals in the wood. Evangeline worked very hard to explain why squirrels, beetles and robins needs trees to survive. She wrote independently and Miss Daly is so proud of her for thinking so carefully about her sentences.

**1 PINE - Elodie Rackett** In response to the letter from Rosy, the Oak tree, Elodie wrote some great explanation sentences about why trees are important for animals in the forest.

**2 CEDAR - Abigail Bulmer** Abi always tries her best in class and worked really hard in Maths when learning to recognise a half. She showed good knowledge and completed her tasks independently and with confidence. Well done Abi!

**2 HAWTHORN - Zoe Grimes** for writing a fantastic set of instructions for her own made-up animal the 'Elecock'. She thought carefully about using interesting vocabulary and adding humour. Well done Zoe!

**3 ELM - Lyla Grimes** In RE, we looked at ways that Christian artists have represented God and their feelings about him. Lyla produced a wonderful sketch about God's relationship with us. Beautiful work Lyla!



**3 MAPLE - Alice Ashenden Myall** for her excellent report on a fictitious reptile, The Fang Monster! Mrs Brockway was impressed with her use of subheadings, fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses. Well done Alice for your fantastic writing!

**4 ALDER - Summer Davies** We are learning about the artist William Morris. Summer recalled information about him and set out her page beautifully. We especially liked the detail she added of a little bird and leaves which are in keeping with his style. Excellent work Summer!

**4 LARCH - Amy Stringfellow** Amy impressed us in our dance lesson with her fantastic Samba moves! She was able to move in time to the music and express the spirit of carnival.

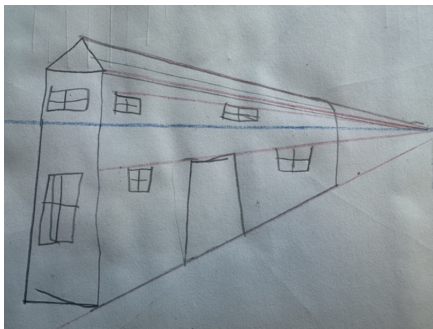
**5 CHERRY - Hibba Bhatti and Isaac Hutchinson** for their fantastic sketches and descriptions of the setting in our new book *Floodland*. Miss Dennis was blown away by their attention to detail and use of vocabulary to paint a picture in the reader's mind. Well done Hibba and Isaac!



*The once beautiful cathedral was now a dilapidated ancient ruin. The windows were cracked, and the glass lay on the cold floor.*  
Isaac



*The old cathedral was wretched and dilapidated. As Zoe looked at the once beautiful building, a slight fear crept inside her.*  
Hibba



**5 ROWAN - Martin Bahin & Lucy Holliday** In Art, we have been learning how artists use perspective to create depth and make their pictures look more realistic. Martin and Lucy used horizon and construction lines to draw fantastic houses. Great work!

**5 WILLOW - Aaminah-Zara Naeem & James Clothier** for demonstrating high levels of focus to produce detailed and well-presented timelines of the Vikings.



Mrs Woodhams was incredibly proud of the effort they put into their presentation. Keep up the good work you two!

**6 HOLLY - Iyla Akram** Mrs Bull is very impressed by how hard Iyla has been working in Maths and also how much she has been enjoying it. With growing confidence and determination, she has been exploring fractions and solving problems with more speed and accuracy. Her work concerning time is beautifully presented and shows her understanding. Well done Iyla!

**6 LAUREL - Charlie Sherlock** for working so hard this year on improving his handwriting and up-levelling his work. He produced a fantastic recount and included direct and reported speech, as well as fronted adverbials to add cohesion to his writing. Keep up the great work Charlie!

*Our Valentines Day Bake Sale raised*

**£529.50**

**A brilliant total!**  
**Thanks to everyone who baked, brought and bought a cake or sweet treat!**

**WONKA IS BACK IN TOWN!**

Alongside the school's World Book Day celebrations **WONKA BARS** will be on sale!

**FRIDAY 7 MARCH**

School Playground from 2.45pm  
**£2.50 each - cash & card accepted**

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

BUT HAVE YOU FOUND A GOLDEN TICKET?

Congratulations! YOU'VE FOUND A GOLDEN TICKET!

**Will you find a Golden Ticket?**

Prizes include being the Headteacher for an hour, extra mufti days, a tea party with Mr Dutton, Amazon/book vouchers, Trim Trail and Chrome Book sessions for your class + more!



FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PRESENT OUR FUNDRAISING

# RACE NIGHT

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH  
7.30 -10PM SCHOOL HALL



8 races AND  
a few surprises!  
It promises to  
be an evening  
of fun!

£5 ENTRY PER PERSON  
SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK  
FOOD PREORDER INFO COMING SOON



**The bar will be open for drink and nibbles.  
PLEASE BRING: Cash for betting + your own drinking glass**

**MORE INFO:** There will be 8 horse races shown with 8 horses running per race. Bets of between £1 - £5 per horse, per race, will be accepted. Every horse will have the same odds at 8-1. Winners will get paid out at 4-1 and all proceeds will go to the School.

Race Night booking link: <https://form.jotform.com/250432266625353>

<b>SUMMER TERM DATES</b>		
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Rowan)
Mon 28 Apr		EYFS & KS1 Perform Drama Workshops
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Willow)
Tue 5 May		Swimming lessons start
Tue 6 - Fri 16 May		Ducks in Reception
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (Cherry)
Mon 19 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Technical Rehearsal
Tue 20 May		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Tue 20 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Dress Rehearsal to whole school
Wed 21 May		Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit
Wed 21 May	14:15	Y3/4 Production @ CoGS
Thu 22 May	am	YR Fire Service Visit
Thu 22 & Fri 23 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Thu 5 Jun	13:30	KS2 Author Visit
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
Sat 28 Jun	18:00	Brass Concert @ CoGS
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



### **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.

## Parent and carer support



Building futures  
Transforming lives

Supporting children who face additional challenges can be difficult at times. With that in mind, the Hope Service has created a space for groups of parents and carers to come together on a regular (fortnightly) basis to discuss the challenges they face in a confidential and supportive environment.

These groups are specifically for parents and carers of children who would like additional support. You will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and receive support towards managing the often complex situations you find yourselves in. This is not a parenting class, rather a non-judgemental support group and we encourage you to talk about whatever seems most important.

The Hope Service will be offering topical sessions to coincide with the dates on offer, where parents and carers can join together to discuss current difficulties.

Support is offered via Microsoft Teams by Hope staff members, which could include a Therapist, Nurse, Teacher, Social Worker and Hope day programme staff or outside facilitators.

The following link details the sessions on offer:

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/15wPURrH3sqdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvjpOmfho-JzvP7c1OsGj2TUbNQU9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support>

Coming up.....

<b>Tuesday 4 March</b> 5 - 6pm	<b>Working with Aggression and Challenging Behaviour:</b> Learn how to set boundaries and manage difficult situations.
<b>Tuesday 11 March</b> 5 - 6pm	<b>Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and the connection with gender identity:</b> How do you support your young person with an ASC diagnosis and gender identity.
<b>Tuesday 18 March</b> 5 - 6 pm	<b>Transitioning to Adult Services:</b> What is the process of transitioning to mental health Adult services?
<b>Tuesday 1 April</b> 5 - 6 pm	<b>Substance and Alcohol Misuse:</b> The impact of Substance and Alcohol misuse on a young person.

**WOKING SWIMMING CLUB**  
Affiliated to: ASA, ASASER, SURREY COUNTY ASA  
[www.wokingsc.co.uk](http://www.wokingsc.co.uk)

**NEW MEMBERS TRIALS**  
 For children born between  
 January 2016 and August 2019  
 who are interested in competitive swimming  
 to be held on  
**Tuesday 11th March 2025**  
 at  
 Woking Pool in the Park

2018 born are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.  
 2015 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.  
 To request a time slot please scan the code below on your smartphone to sign up  
 Or contact Jane by emailing: [wokingscnewmembers@gmail.com](mailto:wokingscnewmembers@gmail.com)



# 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](mailto:PYRFORDUNIFORM@GMAIL.COM)



## 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!

**f 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

50P ENTRANCE FEE

KNO TALKERS

TUCK SHOP :-)

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

## MEN'S CURRY NIGHT

Thursday March 2025, 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford  
RSVP: [currynight@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:currynight@wisleywithpyrford.org)

### Major Peter Ward

#### Reflections on Life in the Army

Please join us as we enjoy fellowship, beer and fantastic Curry from New Haweli 'Heritage Cuisine of India!'

## Barn Dance Invitation

### AMAHAWE UGANDA Saturday 29th March 2025 at 7pm

Supper & Dancing with caller & band £25 each (£12 if still at school)  
Join the fun at Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford, GU22 8SP  
RSVP to [Robert@AmahaWeUganda.org](mailto:Robert@AmahaWeUganda.org) for ticket & payment details

## In aid of AWU Tree-planting & to fund Women's Groups

Hope to see you there...

Barn Dance - 29 March 2025

## 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.