



Year 1 Summer Term letter

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the Summer Term. It hardly seems possible that the children are already in their final term of Year 1; time certainly does fly when you are having fun!

Please find attached our topic web for the term, which outlines the key areas of learning we will be covering in the coming weeks. Our topic, *Nurturing Nature*, will include an exciting visit to the British Wildlife Centre, as well as opportunities for outdoor learning through Forest School sessions. With the warmer weather approaching, this topic should give us lots of opportunities to get out in the fresh air, jump in muddy puddles and get our hands dirty digging in the soil, taking full advantage of our outdoor area.

We would also like to share a few important reminders:

Summer Sun

As the weather becomes sunnier, please ensure your child applies sun cream before school. Children are welcome to wear a cap; school caps are available via Valentino Schoolwear, or alternatively, caps in school colours (blue, grey, white, or black) with minimal logos are acceptable.

Please ensure that all school jumpers and cardigans are clearly named, as children are more likely to remove them during the day. We encourage children to store these in their cubby holes rather than taking them outside, but as you can imagine they do sometimes grow legs and wander off!

It is also important that children bring a named water bottle to school each day so they can stay hydrated.

Home Learning

Home Learning will continue to be set each Friday and will reflect the learning taking place in class across a range of subjects. Our real focus continues to be on regular reading, phonics practice, spelling, and mental maths activities and we really appreciate your support with these tasks. Any of the additional tasks completed can be emailed to the class email address or returned in the red folder by Thursday so it can be included in our Home Learning Celebration.

Reading

Reading at home continues to play a vital role in your child's development. The Little Wandle scheme recommends daily reading to support fluency, confidence, and expression. We are very pleased with the progress the children are making through regular practice. Please record all reading on Boom Reader and inform us if you experience any difficulties accessing the platform. It is important that children have their reading book in school every day so they don't miss out on any reading opportunities and to ensure that books can be swapped efficiently. If a reading book is lost, we kindly ask for a replacement or a £5 contribution towards its cost.

P.E.

PE kits should remain in school throughout the week, as we may take advantage of good weather for additional outdoor sessions. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and that children can remove earrings independently for these activities.

Date for the Diary

To support our topic learning, we will be visiting the British Wildlife Centre on **Tuesday 2nd June**. As before, we will need some parent helpers to join us on the trip so please let us know if you would be available. Further information will be shared in due course.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email (1DG@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk or 1RG@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk) or speak to us at the classroom door.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Grant & Mrs Gifford
Year 1 Class Teachers