



19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents,

We are delighted with the fantastic start our new Year 2 children have made to the academic year. They have already shown us what a wonderful cohort they are! As always, we have an action packed and exciting term ahead. You can find an overview of our areas of study on the attached topic web.

This term, we will be taking our passports around the world as we explore different countries and cultures. We are excited to learn about a variety of places and if you have any experiences of living abroad or relatives who could share photos of where they live, we would love to hear from you!

We would also like to take this opportunity to give you a few reminders:

**Reading:** It is essential for all children to read regularly at home, ideally every day. At school, your child will continue to read in a variety of ways – individual reading, buddy reading, guided reading and shared reading of a variety of texts. As part of the Little Wandle Phonics Programme children will take home the same reading book all week to continue reading and developing their fluency. Children can also take home ‘sharer books’ which they can choose as frequently as they like from the book corner to enjoy with an adult.

**Home Learning:** The purpose of Home Learning at Pirbright is to ensure that pupils have the necessary skills to reach their potential in school. Pupils should practise reading, mental arithmetic, number bonds (to 10, 20 and 100) and spellings four or five times a week. We also want to continue to foster the love of learning that our pupils have and so you will find a variety of activities for pupils to engage in, these are classed as ‘optional’ allowing parents and carers to manage their children’s time effectively.

Home Learning is divided into two areas:

- **Essential Learning** – regular reading, spelling and maths activities (4–5 times weekly).
- **Further Learning** – optional activities to build on classwork and interests.

Each Home Learning sheet includes weekly spellings, key reminders (including dates), a learning summary and space for messages. Sheets are sent home on Fridays and should be returned the following Thursday, along with folders, so we can share spelling results and celebrate extra learning.

**PE Kit:** Please ensure your child’s PE kit (royal blue T-shirt & shorts, trainers, dark plain tracksuit for outdoor PE) comes into school on a Monday and is taken home on a Friday. This allows us to have some flexibility for PE lessons within the timetable. Please also ensure that your child’s earrings are removed before school on the days they have PE. Earrings are not to be worn during PE and hair longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back as a matter of health and safety.

**Home Time Arrangements:** If there is a change to the normal arrangements for your child’s collection, please let us know at the door or call the school office who will let us know. We won’t allow your child to go home with anyone if you have not given consent.

**Pencil Cases:** We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the children are welcome to bring in their own small pencil case.

You may wish to include the following **named items**:

- HB pencils for writing
- Coloured pencils
- Erasers
- Rulers
- A glue stick (preferably one that is not coloured)
- Pencil sharpeners

If you find that you own any of the following items and you are not in need of them anymore, we would be very grateful for donations of the following:

- Old T-shirts for aprons
- Child friendly games
- Jigsaws
- Lego
- Children's magazines
- Playdough and playdough tools

**Phonics Assessment:** In Year 1, during the Summer term, the children took part in a Phonics Screening Check. If they did not pass, this will be retaken in June 2026.

**SATs:** KS1 SATs are now optional for schools. At Pirbright we will be completing the reading, grammar and maths papers in June as they are one of many tools we use to make teacher assessments at the end of the year. We will not make it obvious to the children that they are taking place.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your children over the next academic year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us or make an appointment to see us.

Yours sincerely,

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