



April 2026

Dear Parents,

Well, here we are again at the start of a new term, batteries recharged and raring to go! It hardly seems possible that the children are now in their final term of Year 6 (and of their time at Pirbright!), but what a busy one it is destined to be. This term, **our main topic will be a study of Central and South America**, in particular the historical focus of Ancient Mayan culture and also Brazil, with a focus on the Amazon Rainforest. For your information, you will find on the reverse of this letter, our topic web that outlines our areas of study for the forthcoming term.

The SATs are 11th – 14th May. The children have all worked very hard and are familiar with the format of these assessments. We would like to thank you in advance for your support in ensuring the children are in school on time and well rested each day. The assessments will all take place in the mornings so the children can still attend clubs at lunch times and after school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your payments for our trip to **Nettlecombe Court** in Somerset. The children have been very successful in contributing through their fundraising at both Pirbucks and with the Easter Raffle. We hope to raise more funds from our Money Circus later this term too.

We will continue setting a maths home learning task each Monday and a SPaG task each Wednesday for the next few weeks but **home learning** will change somewhat after the SATs as we focus on our topic work for the term, setting longer tasks which encourage the children to work independently and to present their work to others – excellent skills to develop prior to their move to secondary school.

Reading remains an important part of our daily learning. Good readers make excellent writers! We do ask that even in Year 6, children read to an adult at least 3 times per week. We use Boom Reader as a means to measure the children's reading commitment so please take minute or two to record their reading each time.

Our Year 6 children should have their **PE** kit in school every day – just in case - as we spend a surprisingly large amount of time outside the classroom during the summer term.

Uniform is always tricky one as children reach the end of Year 6 and grow out of their Pirbright clothes or wear out shoes before the end of term! We would ask that you support the school in ensuring that the children wear the correct uniform right up until the end of the school year as the Year 6 children are role-models to the younger children.

Earrings cannot be worn for PE, and if they can't be removed, it rules children out of PE activities, including some activities during our residential trip in June. Please save any piercings until the summer holidays!

Transition – if children are attending transition days at secondary schools, please complete an authorised absence form, just to ensure that we know where the children are on those days.

If at any time during the term you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to email us using the class email addresses: 6DS@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk & 6DC@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk.

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