



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you've all had smooth and calm transitions back into the routine of school life! The staff returned to their learning on Tuesday this week, where the teachers attended the auditorium of another school to receive training on inclusive teaching and how to improve children's critical thinking. On Wednesday, all staff were in school to receive their annual safeguarding training and prepare the classrooms for the weeks ahead.

Having welcomed Years 1-6 yesterday morning, we are looking forward to greeting our Reception children from Monday of next week. This is always an exciting time for everyone! Please remember that all children need to head down to the KS2 playground in the mornings and shouldn't be outside the Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 classrooms.

Pirbright Club Class Holiday Club had a lovely summer with a variety of activities and events on the go. There is a full report of what they got up to further down the newsletter.

We would like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support in helping to keep our school community safe during drop-off and collection times. We have recently been in discussion with Pirbright Tennis Club, who have shared some concerns regarding congestion in the shared parking areas and surrounding roads at busy times. The Club has recently expanded its private parking area to better accommodate its members and improve traffic flow.

To help ensure the safety of everyone using the site, we kindly ask parents and carers to:

- Use the shared car park considerately and safely.
- Adhere to the 15-minute parking limit where applicable.
- Switch off vehicle engines while waiting.
- Respect neighbouring properties and local residents.
- Avoid parking in the Tennis Club's designated members-only parking area, which is private land.

By working together, we can help reduce congestion, improve safety for children and families, and maintain positive relationships with our local community. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Looking forward to another fantastic year ahead!

Kind regards

Pete

Pete Wright, Head Teacher

Coming Up SEPTEMBER

7th – 2:30pm – Year 1
Meet The Team
8th – 2:30pm – Year 2
Meet The Team
9th – 2:30pm – Year 3
Meet The Team
10th – 2:30pm – Year 4
Meet The Team
11th – 2:30pm – Year 5
Meet The Team
11th – Sayers Croft
Visit (Year 6)
14th – 2:30pm – Year 6
Meet The Team
17th – 2:30pm –
House Captain
Elections
25th – 1:15pm – KS2
Potted Sports
2:15pm – KS1
Potted Sports
29th – 3:30pm –
7:00pm – Parents'
Consultation Evening
1st – 4:00pm –
6:00pm – Parents'
Consultation Evening

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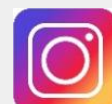
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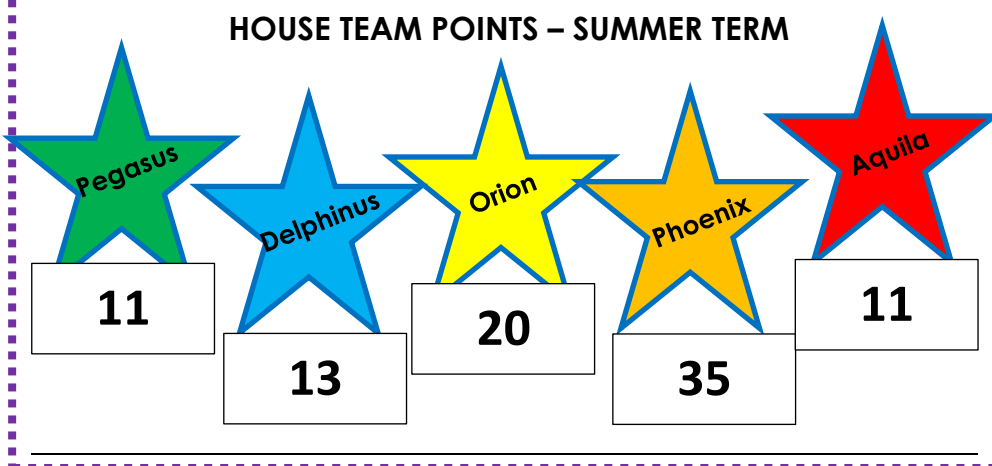
At Pirbright Village Primary School, we are committed to being an allergy-aware school and keeping all our children as safe as possible. We have children in school with serious, potentially life-threatening nut allergies. We therefore ask all parents and carers to be extremely mindful when preparing packed lunches and not to send nuts or foods containing nuts into school. Please check food labels carefully. A reminder that morning snacks should only be fruit or vegetables. Thank you for taking this seriously and for helping us to reduce the risk to children with allergies.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
Coming Soon	Coming Soon
Whole School Year to Date	
Coming Soon	

Valentino Schoolwear

[Click here to order!](#)

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the most important job we do as a school and we have robust processes in place to support parents and children. Mr Wright is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and he has a team of Deputies (DDSLs) he works with. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child you are welcome to go to him directly (DSL@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk), any of the DSLs, directly to your child's class teacher or in fact any member of the team. Every member of staff at Pirbright is trained and has the responsibility to safeguard children so never be shy to chat to us. If you are a Club Classer, Mrs Allen is your first port of call as she is also a Deputy DSL alongside Miss Philbrick.

The Daily Mile!

Just to manage expectations, this will start in a few weeks' time once we have a team assembled and fully trained. You might have seen some keen Y6s having a go this morning but we won't be starting officially for a few weeks yet. Thank you!



Meet the Team!

Our Meet the Team meetings kick off on Monday with Year 1. This is a chance for you to meet the teachers and LSAs involved in the year group and listen to a short presentation about the exciting details of the upcoming year alongside how best we can work together. You can also ask any burning questions you may have. Please come to the main office entrance (by the KS2 gate) where you will be let in at **2:30pm**.



All Things Clubs!

Clubs HQ is busy timetabling and sorting the finer details for the Pirbright internal offer which will be with you soon. Clubs will start at lunchtimes in a few weeks but kick off next week for external clubs. Please see the timetable attached for external clubs where you can click on the links and make the bookings directly with the companies. Children are collected from class by the team that run each club and you collect directly from them at the end of the session.

Earrings

Thank you to all the parents who got ears pierced at the start of the holidays so that children are now able to take their earrings out for PE. Children must independently remove earrings for PE or they won't be able to take part in lessons. Tape and plasters are **not permitted** to "cover up" earrings so please get practising over the weekend.

Pirbright Club Class: Summer Holiday Club

As we look back on our second fantastic Summer Holiday Club, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us this year. We had a wonderful few weeks filled with fun, laughter and unforgettable memories. We were incredibly blessed with the weather, which meant the children were able to make the most of our outdoor activities and adventures.

From space missions and underwater explorations to sporty challenges and woodland adventures, every themed week was a huge success. The children embraced every activity with enthusiasm, creativity and smiles, and it was a joy to see them making new friendships and building their confidence. It was especially lovely to welcome our new Pre-Reception children to the club. They settled in so well and quickly became part of our Holiday Club family. We were delighted to receive so much positive feedback from families, and it has been wonderful to hear how much the children enjoyed their time with us.

As we begin a new school year, we'd like to thank all of our families for their continued support. We are already looking forward to welcoming the children back to breakfast and after-school club and exciting Holiday Clubs in the future.

Please note: Information regarding the **2026–2027 term dates** and school holiday dates will be shared with families very soon, so please keep an eye on future communications.

Thank you once again for helping to make this year's Summer Holiday Club such a wonderful success.
Mrs Allen and the Club Class Team

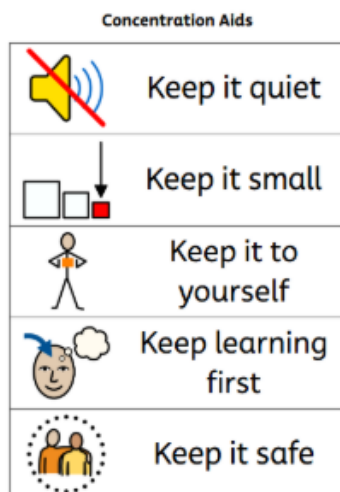
Fidgets **CONCENTRATION AIDS**

From September, children are not permitted to bring fidgets or sensory toys from home into school. As a school, we have been working closely with a local specialist school to ensure we are supporting children's focus in a consistent and effective way. As a result, every class will now have a 'Concentration Aid' set.

These sets include carefully selected resources designed to support attention and engagement in learning. They will be used in class alongside a clear set of guidance, helping children understand when and how to use them appropriately. These are shared in the image [here](#).

We are sharing this approach across the school so that we can use a common language and ensure a consistent experience for all pupils.

Thank you for your support in helping us create calm, focused classrooms.



Cleverchefs have shared their new lunch menus with us which is now in action. The link to see them is [here](#). Please work with your children so that ordering is accurate and we don't have a queue of children each day who would like to change their meal choice because they weren't involved from the start. Thank you!

PERMISSION TO CYCLE/ WALK TO AND FROM SCHOOL – KS2

The form for allowing children to cycle/walk to and from school unaccompanied, is available for you to complete if you haven't done so already and want your child to be able to leave the classroom independently. They do not have to be walking all the way home: it might be that you are meeting somewhere outside of the classroom. Your child should not cycle/walk to school until you have completed the form, even if you completed it this year. We insist that all cyclists wear a helmet when cycling to and from school. The link is below and if you click on it, it will take you to a Google Form to complete.

Please note, we will not allow anyone home unaccompanied unless you have completed a new form for the year.

CLICK HERE



Parents' Consultation Evenings:

We'd love you to pop these dates in your diary for this term's Parents' Consultation Evenings! These are a great opportunity to meet with your child's new teacher(s), celebrate their successes and discuss how they have settled into the new school year.

For most classes, consultations will take place on **Tuesday 29th September (3:30pm–7:00pm)** and **Thursday 1st October (3:30pm–6:00pm)**. However, please note that **5RG** (Miss Grant's class) will hold their consultations the following week on **Tuesday 6th October (3:30pm–7:00pm)** and **Thursday 8th October (3:30pm–6:00pm)**. Further information about booking appointments using MCAS will be shared nearer the time.

Photo Sharing Moving Forward

We would really value your views on how we share photographs of children and their experiences at school. Guidance around children's images online is continuing to develop, particularly in response to the increasing risk of photographs being copied, manipulated and misused. We are very mindful of this guidance and take our responsibility to keep children safe seriously.

At the same time, we know that parents value seeing glimpses of school life and celebrating the things their children are doing, whether on a trip, in a sporting event or in the classroom. We don't want to simply stop sharing photographs - we want to find the right balance between celebrating school life and protecting children's digital privacy and safety in a manageable way for the school.

Please take a few minutes to complete our Parent Voice survey and share your thoughts on our current approach and possible ways of sharing photographs in the future. There are no right or wrong answers; we genuinely want to hear your views. Thank you for helping us think carefully about this important issue.

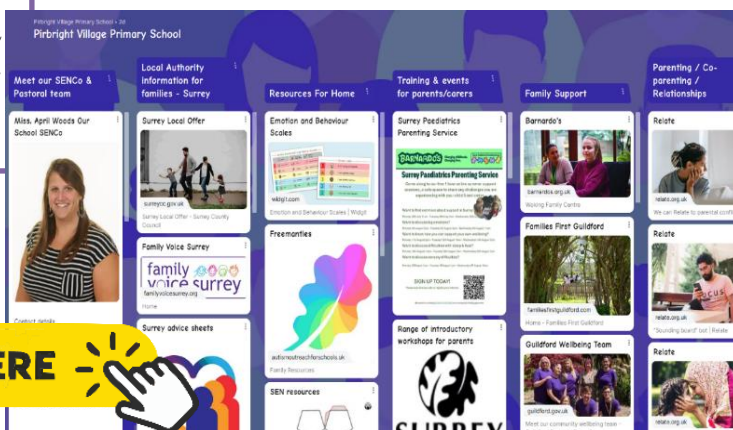
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SEND & Pastoral Support Padlet

Just a reminder that Miss Woods and Miss Egelton have a Padlet which is jam packed full of information and resources which you might need as a parent. Whilst they primarily have SEND parents in mind, the wealth of pastoral, learning and parenting based resources is absolutely incredible and will certainly benefit all of our families so please take a look. They will continue to add to it so please let them know if there is anything in particular you would like them to cover.

CLICK HERE



Reporting Absence

Moving forward, we will be asking parents to report all daily absences for their child using the MCAS (My Child At School) app. Studybugs will no longer be the place to go in the mornings if your child is sick or unable to attend school. Absences you would like to apply for still need a form from the office as usual but on-the-day non-attendance is now via the app. This will be compulsory from September but if you find yourself with a poorly child over the next few weeks then feel free to give it a go; it would help us enormously to be able to do some trouble shooting this side of the summer. Thank you!



Pirbright Village Primary School

GUIDE TO REPORTING ABSENCE

We will no longer be using Studybugs to report daily absence from September 2026, so please follow these instructions...

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- Log into your MCAS (My Child At School) account.
- You can log in on a browser or download the app.



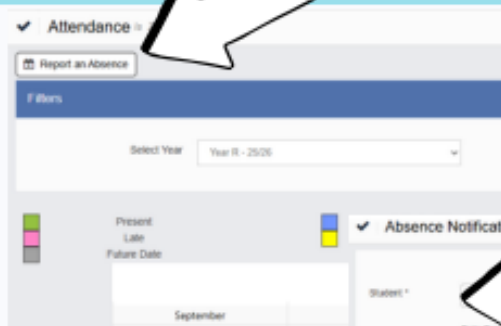
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- Head to your child's dashboard that sits on the left hand side of their home screen.
- Click on ATTENDANCE.

3

- Click on Report Absence



4

- This takes you to an absence notification for you to complete. You will receive an acknowledgment email and there is nothing more for you to do. You will receive an acceptance email once the office have noted your request later in the morning.

Term Dates 2026/2027

Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2026	01 September 2026	16 October 2026
<i>Half term</i>	<i>19 October 2026</i>	<i>30 October 2026</i>
	02 November 2026	18 December 2026
<i>Christmas</i>	<i>21 December 2026</i>	<i>01 January 2027</i>
SPRING 2024	04 January 2027	12 February 2027
<i>Half term</i>	<i>15 February 2027</i>	<i>19 February 2027</i>
	22 February 2027	25 March 2027
<i>Easter</i>	<i>26 March 2027</i>	<i>09 April 2027</i>
SUMMER 2024	12 April 2027	22 May 2026
<i>Half term</i>	<i>28 May 2027</i>	<i>04 June 2027</i>
	07 June 2027	23 July 2027

INSET DAYS 2026/2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026
 Wednesday 2nd September 2026
 Friday 16th October 2026
 Thursday 25th March 2027
 Monday 28th June 2027
 Monday 26th July 2027
 Tuesday 27th July 2027
 Wednesday 28th July 2027