



Dear Parents and Carers

What a fantastic start to the week we have had! It has been wonderful to see our children return to school with such enthusiasm, excitement and confidence as they settle into their new year groups. For some, this has meant getting used to a new classroom, a new teacher and new routines, while for others it has been a very exciting step towards becoming the oldest children in their phase.

I have been particularly excited to see our new Reception children beginning their school journey with us. Starting school is such a significant milestone for children and their families, and they have made an absolutely fantastic start. We have seen lots of happy faces, growing independence and some wonderful examples of children beginning to build friendships and become familiar with their new surroundings. From Monday, all of our Reception children will be joining us full time. It is hard to believe that we are already beginning to look ahead to our next cohort of children! School tours for families considering joining us next year will begin next week.

Alongside the exciting start to the new school year, our staff are also continuing to develop their practice. This year will have a particular focus on making our classrooms even more inclusive for all learners, and myself and Mrs Dow have separate training of our own to attend this week to support this. We are committed to ensuring that every child feels valued, understood and able to participate fully in school life. The staff's ongoing professional development is helping everyone to consider how we can remove barriers to learning, adapt our environments and teaching approaches and ensure that every child is given the right support and opportunities to thrive. This is an important part of our school improvement work, and I am incredibly proud of the commitment our staff show to continually learning and improving for the benefit of our children.

In case you are looking ahead, the calendar has all the dates for the autumn term (that we know so far) at the very bottom of the newsletter alongside the term and INSET dates. We also have the Class Assembly dates in a table (and on the electronic calendar). On top of all this (we have been very busy!) you can book all Pirbright Club Class: Holiday Club childcare you might need for the whole year!

It has been a busy but hugely rewarding first week, and I would like to thank our children, families and staff for helping to make it such a positive one.

Kind regards

Pete

Pete Wright, Head Teacher

Coming Up SEPTEMBER

14th - 2:30pm – Year 6

Meet The Team &
Residential Meeting

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

6th - 3:30pm –
7:00pm – Parents'
Consultation Evening
(5RG)

8th – Tempest School
Photos (Portraits)

8th - 3:30pm –
7:00pm – Parents'
Consultation Evening

Add our calendar
to your electronic
calendar!

Head [here](#) and
click on the
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the bottom of the
calendar.

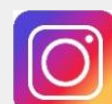


SCHOOL PHOTOS!

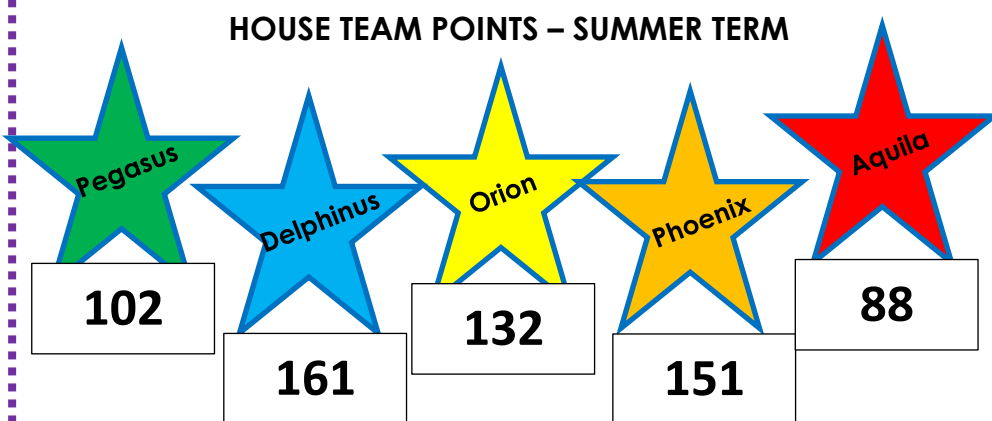


Reception Intake SIBLINGS 2027

It is essential that you apply for a school place for your children coming into Reception in 2027 – even if you already have children at Pirbright; you must still apply! Please apply! Someone gets caught out every year – don't let it be you!



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



All Things Clubs!

**CLUBS ARE GOING LIVE FOR BOOKING
ON WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER.**

There is a guide for how to book clubs attached and the clubs lists and descriptions. Please work with your children to choose clubs together so it is not a surprise for them! Clubs start week beginning 22nd September.

We have recently received a few enquiries about the possibility of offering after school sports clubs in addition to football. Over the past few years, we have explored a range of options for providing additional sporting activities and have worked with a number of external providers. Unfortunately, the number of children choosing to take part has not been sufficient for the clubs to continue and we have therefore had to withdraw them. We are keen to ensure that any clubs we offer reflect the interests and demand of our children and families. With this in mind, you will please see the link below where you can register your expression of interest in for alternative after school sports and activities. These clubs would be delivered by an external provider and would generally cost in the region of £100 per term. Please note that fees will be set by the individual provider and may vary depending on the activity and the provision offered. In the meantime, we have included below a list of local providers that you may wish to explore. These organisations offer a variety of sports and activities that your child may enjoy outside of Pirbright's curriculum PE lessons and existing extra-curricular provision. We hope that this provides families with a wider range of opportunities and helps us to identify the activities that are most popular with our children.

Expression of Interest: [LINK HERE](#)

Tiger Tennis - <https://tiger-tennis.co.uk/>
 Pirbright Cricket Club - <https://www.pirbrightcc.com/>
 Chobham RFC - <https://chobhamrugby.co.uk/>
 Woking Gym Club - <https://www.wokinggymnastics.co.uk/>
 Pirbright Ballet School - <https://www.pirbrightballetschool.co.uk/>
 Gremlin Dance - <https://gremlindance.com/>
 RAMs Basketball - <https://www.surreyrams.net/>
 Swimming - <https://www.rushmoorroyals.org.uk/page/home>

Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
YR- 100%	5SD - 98%
Whole School Year to Date	
97.6%	

Valentino Schoolwear

**Click here
to order!**

The Daily Mile!

Just to manage expectations, this will start in a few weeks' time once we have a team assembled and fully trained. Thank you!



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.



Back to School Online Safety Tips:

As the new school year begins and families settle back into their daily routines, there's plenty to be excited about. From making new friends and discovering new interests to exploring the latest online trends and enjoying favourite games, the digital world plays an important part in young people's lives. To help children and parents make the most of these opportunities safely, #WakeUpWednesday has compiled its top online safety tips for learning, connecting and having fun online with confidence.



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.

Thanks for all your feedback so far; last chance this week!

[CLICK HERE](#)


PERMISSION TO CYCLE/ WALK TO AND FROM SCHOOL

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](#)


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](#)


Learning Support Assistant

Salary: LPT3 £25,212 (FTE) Pro Rata £18,045

Posted today

Apply



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Description Supporting documents Employer Location

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and creative Learning Support Assistant to join our friendly, hardworking and supportive team in this popular village school.

We are looking for a motivated and dedicated person who is both passionate about supporting children's learning and committed to keeping children safe. We offer an ambitious and creative place to work with staff who are happy to assist and support each other. We work collaboratively with other local schools in different ways, including the schools in the Learning Partners Trust, and are constantly on the look-out for opportunities to enhance our provision. The role will involve supporting specific children to access their learning, but also in undertaking other usual classroom duties whilst working alongside the children as directed by the class teacher. This could include reading, administering the ISPs, working with intervention groups, working 1:1 with target children, working in the class alongside the groups and undertaking break and lunch-time duties. All applicants should have the flexibility and potential to work in any year group across the school. Although many of the responsibilities and expectations below are generic to the role of a learning support assistant (LSA), we are looking for someone with experience working with children with SEND, including an understanding of strategies to support children when they dysregulated and reluctant to engage with learning.

Come and Join Us!
We're hiring so if you are looking for a change of role or fancy coming and joining the fun, we would love to hear from you. All applications must go via e-teach but if you click on the advert it will take you there.

See Mr Wright or Mrs Dow for a chat if you are interested – we would love to hear from you!



Pirbright Village Primary
School Woking, Surrey

TRADER FRIDAY GUIDELINES

1 All trades must be fair for both traders; we agree to a trade with a handshake.

2 Trades should only happen at three times: before school, at breaktime and at lunchtime.

3 Look after your cards; there should be no lost property.

4 No means no. Respect the boundaries of your friends.

5 No games, lotteries, gambling or risk.

6 All cards being brought into school MUST be agreed by parents.

7 Think carefully about the cards you bring in. You don't have to bring them all!

8 Teachers decide where cards will be stored in their individual classes.



Trader Fridays

These are up and running so children in **Key Stage 2** are welcome to bring in their trading cards and have a lovely time swapping them. This will be new to Year 3 so we thought we would include the rules for you to have a look over and make sure you are happy. We went through a lengthy consultation period a few years ago with School Council and developed these as a whole school so hopefully they work for everyone. Parents must be in agreement with children bringing in the cards so please check what your children are doing and make sure you are happy!

Potted Sports – Friday 27th September

Years 1–6 (not Reception) will take part in fun team activities to kick off our sporting calendar.

All details will be in next week's newsletter but essentially, parents are welcome to watch: **1:15pm (KS2)** and **2:15pm (KS1)**.

Don't forget: PE kits and house T-shirts all day!

Let's Celebrate Pirbright

If your child "achieves" or takes part in something special outside of school (local football team, village show, scouts award, sporting event and the like) then please send a photo and a short description to Mrs Dow either at her email address or at celebrate@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk and she will pop it up on the display board in the hall for all to admire.



CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB

**£30 PER
DAY
9:00 AM –
4:00 PM**

Holiday	Dates	Booking Closes
October Half Term Week 1	19 th - 23 rd October 2026	15 th October
Spring Half-Term	15 th -19 th February 2027	11 th February
Easter Holidays Week 2	5 th - 9 th April 2027	24 th March
Summer Half-Term	31 st May - 4 th June 2027	27 th May
Summer Holidays Weeks 1-4	26 th July - 20 th August	22 nd July

BOOKING OPEN NOW!



pcc@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk



pirbrightvillageprimaryschool.com/clubclass

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.

Here we come again...

Just when you've forgotten about school fundraising... We walk right through the door, just like we've done before... and start talking about all things Christmas.

Here we come again, just when you're about to buy full-price panto tickets... you look into our eyes... and our tickets are half price – and pretty soon you're wondering how you came to doubt us!

All you gotta do, is smile that smile, and keep reading this newsletter – just leave it up to us, and in a little while, you'll be filling up your basket with half price panto tickets! (In Woking. This December. More details to follow next week.)



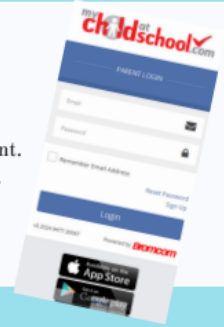
Pirbright Village Primary School

GUIDE TO REPORTING ABSENCE

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

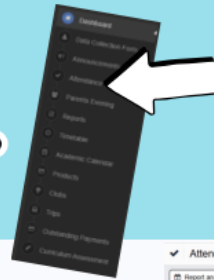
1

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



2

- 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.

So, this morning... I tumbled outta' bed and stumbled in the kitchen, poured myself a cup of ambition and yawned and stretched and tried to come alive... ordered my Christmas tree from Christmastreeasy, have to say the process was easy and all you do is choose your preferred date and size... Working 9-5, I'm buying my tree online.... there's no stress my side – making time for more mulled wine.... it's enough to stop you going crazy in December! www.christmastreeasy.co.uk (You can also book tree recycling after and have logs delivered too – they even give you the option to add a tree stand!)

Jolene... I mean Jolly, Jolly, Jolllllllllyyyyyy!! I'm begging of you (Yes, parents – you.) please organise our winter fair. You might be new to the school, or you just woke up this morning with a desire to sprinkle Christmas magic on Pirbright village – whoever you are, please make yourself known to us and come organise our Christmas fair! It won't happen without you. You won't be on your own this year, we'll help you – we're all friends here – but we do need someone just to take the lead. Please come forward ASAP, our happiness depends on you and whatever you decide to do, Jolene. I mean, Jolly.

If I should stay (any longer) I will only be in your way. So I'll go, but I know, I will think of you every step of the way.... And I.... need to tell you about... Happy School Bag clothing and textiles collection – next one happening 2nd October. We will let you know which dates we will be collecting textiles in preparation for them to be collected on the 2nd! More details to follow!

Watch this space for more details on future uniform sales, panto tickets and other fundraising related news! And I will always love you.



Dates for the Diary 2026/2027

September 2026	11 th – Sayers Croft Visit (Year 6) 14 th – 2:30pm – Year 6 Meet The Team & Residential Meeting 17 th – 2:30pm – House Captain Elections 25 th – 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports (Parents Invited) 2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports (Parents Invited) 29 th – 3:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening	October 2026	1 st – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening 6 th – 3:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening (5RG) 8 th – Tempest School Photos (Portraits) 8 th – 3:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening (5RG) 9 th – Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre 15 th – Year 4 Present - Harvest Festival (No parents) 15 th – Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 15 th – WASPS Football Tournament (Y5/6 Girls/Boys – Woking) 16 th – INSET DAY 19 th – 30 th – HALF TERM
	2 nd – Start of second half term 4 th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm 6 th – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC) 8 th – Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery 9 th Flu Immunisations 13 th – Whole School Cross Country (1:40pm KS2/2:20pm YR&KS1) Parents Invited 16 th – 20 th Anti-Bullying Week 27 th – Learning Look - AM		7 th – 11 th SHOWS WEEK 8 th – KS2 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 9 th – KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 9 th – KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 10 th – 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance - <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 10 th – KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 10 th – KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 11 th – PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 15 th – Christmas Quiz 16 th – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 18 th – 10am - Festive Carol Service – School (No Parents) 18 th – 1:30pm – End of Term

Class Assemblies 2026/2027

Friday 15 th January 2026 at 10am	1RE
Friday 22 nd January 2027 at 10am	1DG
Friday 29 th January 2027 at 10am	5RG
Friday 5 th February 2027 at 10am	2CD
Friday 12 th February 2027 at 10am	5SD
Friday 12 th March 2027 at 10am	RGD
Friday 19 th March 2027 at 10am	4CR
Friday 23 rd April 2027 at 10am	3SC
Friday 30 th April 2027 at 10am	4LB
Friday 7 th May 2027 at 10am	2BT
Friday 14 th May 2027 at 10am	3WS
Friday 21 st May 2027 at 10am	RJL
Friday 2 nd July 2027 in the AFTERNOON (Time TBC)	Y6

Term Dates 2026/2027

Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2026	01 September 2026	16 October 2026
<i>Half term</i>	19 October 2026	30 October 2026
	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