



SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

Date: 12.10.2026

Chair: Mrs Dow

School Council

- **Year 1:** Arabella, Ella & Toby
- **Year 2:** Daisy, Amber & Kit
- **Year 3:** Imogen, Astrid & William
- **Year 4:** Comfort, Cora & Aaron
- **Year 5:** Tilly, Amabel & Max
- **Year 6:** Frankie & Josh

Total councillors: 17

1. Suggestion Boxes – A Huge Well Done!

Every class has made its own suggestion box. A huge well done to everyone for creating their boxes and helping to give children across the school a voice.

The School Council shared suggestions from their classes, listened to different ideas and discussed what could realistically be done. Every suggestion was considered, even when the answer was no.

2. Class Suggestions and Decisions

Year 1 – Three months off school

- **Decision: That's a no...**
- Year 1 suggested having three months off school. However, the School Council decided that this was not realistic — the rest of us love school too much!

Amber – More opportunities for children to vote and take part in competitions

- **Decision: Yes!**
- The School Council agreed that children should have more opportunities to vote on important decisions and take part in competitions.
- **Action:** School Council representatives will think of more opportunities for children to share their opinions and vote on bigger school decisions.

Daisy – More playtime and more toys

- **Decision: More toys – let's explore this! Longer playtimes – not needed!**
- The School Council discussed the importance of play but recognised that we need to protect our learning time.
- Some children feel there may not be enough toys in the KS1 shed.
- **Action:** Explore holding a toy donation morning to increase the range of toys available for KS1.

Imogen – No peeping in the bushes

- **Decision: Reassurance given.**
- The School Council discussed concerns about children peeping in the bushes.
- The LSAs are happy and are keeping an eye on the children. Pupils should feel reassured that staff are there to help keep everyone safe.

Astrid – A dress-up day for teachers

- **Decision: More information needed!**
- The School Council would like to find out more about the proposed teacher dress-up day before making a decision.
- **Action:** Clarify what kind of dress-up day Astrid has in mind.

Aaron – Larger school dinners

- **Decision: To investigate.**
- Several School Council members shared the view that school dinner portions may have become smaller.
- **Action:** Mrs Dow will investigate the concerns about portion sizes and look into what can be done.

Cora – No running in and out of the tyres

- **Decision: Safety action needed.**
- The School Council discussed concerns about children running in and out of the tyres during playtime. This has resulted in near misses, and both Josh and Cora have been hurt around the tyres.
- Everyone agreed that children need to play sensibly and safely in this area.
- **Actions:**
 - School Council representatives will remind children in their classes about playing safely around the tyres and not running in and out of them.
 - Mrs Dow will speak to the LSAs about the concerns and the need to monitor safe play around the tyres.

Max – More choices at the salad bar, including bringing back the croutons

- **Decision: To explore possible options.**
- The School Council discussed the request for more salad bar choices, particularly the return of croutons.
- It was recognised that croutons were a popular choice but that children “raided” them and then there were none left if you came in later.
- **Action:** Explore whether croutons could be served from the counter to help ensure fair access, alongside considering other salad bar options.

Tilly – One class to visit the farm every month

- **Decision: Unfortunately not.**
- The School Council discussed the suggestion of a monthly class visit to the farm. Unfortunately, the farm is an external business and the school cannot commit to organising a visit every month.
- Year 1 and 2 still have their visits to the farm but it won't be accessible for KS2 as a regular thing.

Frankie – More Frozen Fridays during the summer

- **Decision: Yes – let's explore this!**
- Mrs Dow has already spoken to FOPS, who are keen to explore the idea too.
- One possibility is to hold more Frozen Fridays during the summer, alongside having slightly fewer cake sales.
- **Action:** Mrs Dow and FOPS will explore the possibility of arranging additional Frozen Fridays.

4. Summary and Next Steps

The School Council has shown that every suggestion deserves to be heard and considered. Some ideas can be taken forward, some need further investigation, and others cannot be accommodated.

The agreed next steps are to:

- ✓ Explore a toy donation morning for KS1.
- ✓ Consider more opportunities for pupil voting and competitions.
- ✓ Investigate concerns about school dinner portion sizes.
- ✓ Follow up on safe play around the tyres.
- ✓ Find out more about the proposed teacher dress-up day.
- ✓ Explore salad bar options and additional Frozen Fridays with FOPS.
- ✓ School Council representatives will share relevant updates with their classes and continue encouraging children to use their suggestion boxes.

Thank you to everyone for contributing and helping to make Pirbright an even better place to learn!

Next meeting: Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 2:30pm