



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic afternoon we had yesterday at our Family Lunch! It was truly heart-warming to see so many parents, grandparents and other family members join us to share a meal with the children. The rain stayed away and the playground and hall were full of smiles, chatter and laughter – a real celebration of our school community. A huge thank you goes to all our staff for their hard work in organising and supporting the event, and of course to Cleverchefs for providing such delicious food. Events like this really highlight the warmth and togetherness that make our school so special – thank you to everyone who was able to come along and make it such a memorable occasion.

Unfortunately, we continue to receive reports of inconsiderate and unsafe parking around the school site. This includes parents of both Pirbright School and Knoll Hill School children. These parking issues pose a real risk to our pupils and other road users. The police have now been in touch with the following message:

“Due to further complaints I have asked my PCSO’s to patrol the area at peak times when they can and start using enforcement powers, and this may include the removal of vehicles which are parked dangerously or causing an obstruction.

Can I ask that parents are further reminded and warned about police activity. I absolutely understand the frustration of parents trying to find a place to park, however the restrictions are in place to keep road users and pedestrians safe.”

Don’t forget, Year 1 and Year 2 children can be kissed and dropped off (if parents are happy to do so) but Reception children should still be brought onto the school grounds by an adult. We will continue to consider all ideas for improvements to parking as a school but we really need parents to be kind, considerate and lawful as a starting point.

This morning, we enjoyed a truly lovely Year 4 Harvest assembly. The children spoke, sang and performed beautifully – they did themselves and us all proud! It was a joy to see their confidence and enthusiasm shining through. Thank you to all families who were able to send in an offering for the Woking Food Bank. Your generosity will help make a real difference to local families in need. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards
Pete
Pete Wright
Head Teacher

Coming Up October

17th - Year 6 Cake Sale
23rd – FOPS Mufti –
Adult Tombola
24th – INSET DAY
27th - 31st – HALF
TERM

November

3rd – Start of second
half term
6th – Year 3 Visit to
Butser Farm
7th – Remembrance
Service – Whole School
(10am - TBC)
9th - Remembrance
Service at Brookwood
Cemetery
10th – 14th Anti-Bullying
Week
10th - Flu
Immunisations
12th - Year 6 - World
War II Creative Day
14th – FOPS Mufti –
Toys

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calendar.



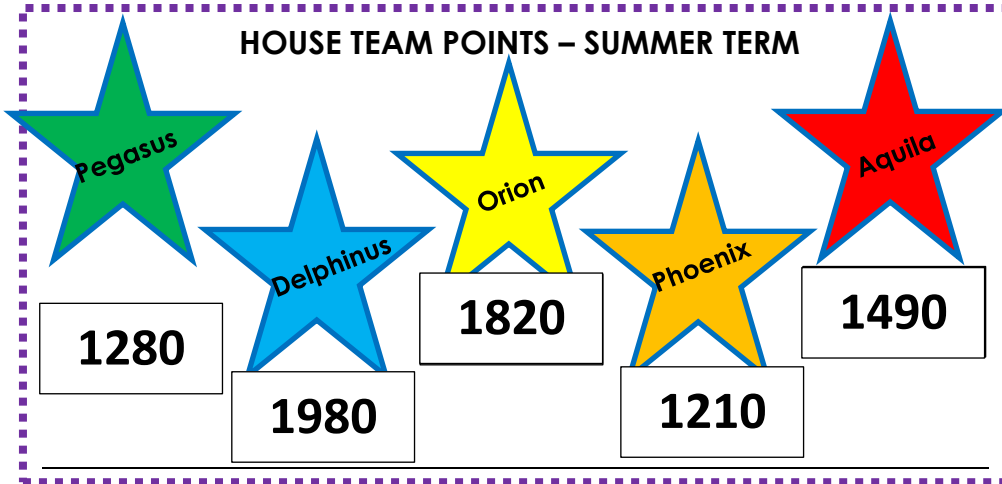
SCHOOL PHOTOS!



Y4 Harvest



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2BT 99%	5GJ – 99%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.4%	

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HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



HEAD TEACHER AWARDS are given out on a Thursday during assembly where we have the opportunity to hear about the children's successes of the previous week and celebrate how they embodied the Pirbright Values.



The Daily Mile!
Role of Honour...
 Congratulations to our first Half Marathoners of the year – Alexander & Stanley from Year 5!

SCHOOL TOURS

COME AND SEE WHAT WE DO...
 BOOK ON A TOUR TODAY
 CALL: 01483 473884
 OR EMAIL INFO@PIRBRIGHT.SURREY.SCH.UK

Keeping Children Safe Online

CLICK HERE

Important Online Safety Notice for Parents
 YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities. In this handy guide, you'll find tips on avoiding potential risks associated with YouTube such as connecting with strangers, inappropriate content and high visibility.

Parents & Educators Need to know about

YOUTUBE

Advice for Parents & Educators

- APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
- CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS
- CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
- RADICALISATION
- TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
- CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
- MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
- LIMIT SPENDING
- CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS
- TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
- SHREDDER SCAMMERS

Meet Our Expert

Wake Up Wednesday

The National College

Remembrance

As a school, we will all head down to Brookwood on the morning of Friday 7th November, which you are very welcome to join if you can, to have a short Remembrance ceremony. It is always a very special occasion and a lovely opportunity for the whole school to make the journey together. If you would like to come along, please meet at the KS1 gate for 10:15am where we will all gather together and then walk over to the ceremony. The gate will remain locked until we are all ready to depart and the children will file out through the gate and you will be able to join the class as they walk past. Reception and Year 6 will go first, then Years 1- 5 in order. There is no need to sign in at the school office, but it would be good to let class teachers know if you are coming so they can keep an eye out for you.

We always represent the school at Brookwood Military Cemetery for their Sunday service (9th November) and will be at the cemetery to meet children at **10:15am**. We will wait up on the grassy corner and the end of the road through the first part of the cemetery. Keep walking until you see us! If you would like to leave your children with us to represent the school then you are more than welcome, but you need to remain on site and nearby in case there is an emergency. At the end of the ceremony, please head our way to collect your children – we will keep them with us for the service and hand them back to you. If you would like to come but would also like to spend the time with your children yourselves then that is absolutely fine too: they don't have to join us. Feel free to come and stand with us or near us. We know there will be lots of other children there with Beavers, Cubs and other groups which is always lovely to see so we have no worries about our representation at the event! There is no need for the children to wear their school uniform.

FOPS Poppy Packs

For those of you who have purchased a Poppy Pack, these should be coming home with your child today - please check their bags! An instructional video showing how to make your poppy will be shared later today via your class WhatsApp group. If you are not part of the WhatsApp group, please email pirbrightfops@yahoo.co.uk and we will send the instructional video to you directly.

Please ensure all completed poppies are returned to school no later than **Thursday 23rd October**, so that the FOPS team can attach them to the stems over the half-term period. This will ensure they are ready for your child to hold and carry during the Remembrance Service - and placed into the display in the week following half term.

Happy making, and thank you for your support!

Happy Diwali

With Diwali just around the corner, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our school community who is celebrating, a very Happy Diwali!

On Monday, many Hindus, Sikhs and some Buddhists around the world will celebrate this special Festival of Lights. To mark the occasion, we held a Diwali assembly last Friday, where we welcomed Nabhinandan Das, a local Hindu guest, who shared the fascinating story behind Diwali. We were so impressed by how much the children already knew about the festival!

This weekend could be a wonderful opportunity to ask your child what they remember from the story or even to join in the celebrations at home. Here are a few fun Diwali-inspired activities to try together:

- Draw beautiful Rangoli patterns outside using chalk.
- Make colourful paper lanterns to hang around your home.
- Sculpt Diya lamps from air-dry clay and paint them in bright colours.
- Create a Diwali card for someone you know who is celebrating.

However you choose to celebrate, we wish you all a joyful and light-filled Diwali!

Thank you very much to the family who made an anonymous donation to cover half of the cost of replacement for the stolen Reception trike! What lovely, lovely people. The school will fund the other half and it will be replaced ASAP.

Rumour Has It...

Year 6 were given audition pieces today.

They are auditioning on Monday for the KS2 Christmas Show.

One of the characters is called Buddy. Another Jovie.

We might need to order some yellow

Toys/Keyrings/ Distractions

We do our very best to keep distractions to a minimum so that children can focus on their learning. Recently, this has become more challenging as some children have been bringing toys* – such as Labubus – into school each day. Some of these are cleverly disguised as keyrings!

We'd like to remind everyone that toys (including keyrings that are actually toys) should not be brought into school. Please take a moment to check your child's bag and remove any hanging toys or similar items.

If toys are seen in school, they will be looked after by staff and will need to be collected by an adult at the end of the day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the classroom a focused place for learning.

**There are a small handful of children that have an agreed item to bring in to school in consultation with teachers for whom this does not apply.*
Thank you!



This week the School Reporters decided to help you get to know some of the newest members of Pirbright School Staff whilst perfecting their interview skills!

Miss Grant

Q: Why did you want to be a teacher?

A: Because I love working with children and find it very rewarding.

Q: Are you enjoying your time at Pirbright School?

A: It is definitely the best school and clearly I have a brilliant class

Q: Have you ever taught at another school?

A: Actually, I have taught at 3 other schools but I moved house recently so I needed to move school again.

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Pasta

Q: If you could be a superhero, what would you be?

A: I would love to be able to read minds!

Miss Jessett

Q: Why did you want to be a teacher?

A: Because I love learning and helping people and doing different things everyday

Q: Are you enjoying your time at Pirbright School?

A: I love it. It is a lovely place and everyone is very friendly

Q: Have you ever taught at another school?

A: Yes, I have taught in Years 3 & 4 before in a school in Hertfordshire

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Depends on my mood but a gooey chocolate brownie is always a win

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: A dog called Jojo. He is a cocker spaniel and is very cute.

PEDALS POINTERS



Sleep and Relaxation Tips

Feeling relaxed is important in the run up to bedtime for both parent and child. If your child is experiencing difficulties sleeping it can make you both feel anxious. Youngsters often pick up on stress levels so try to create a relaxing and calm environment for all as bedtime approaches. Here are some tips that may help:

1. Turn off all screens an hour before bedtime, this includes television, laptops, tablets and mobile phones. Screen activities can be mentally stimulating and also may inhibit the production of melatonin, the sleep hormone that helps us to feel drowsy.
2. Set aside time earlier during the day to allow your child to share any worries with you. It can be helpful to share how their day has been and what is planned for the next day. Make sure to give them your full attention.
3. Dim the lights in the hour before bed to create a relaxing environment and aid the production of melatonin.
4. Fine motor skill activities such as craft activities, model making, jigsaws or colouring pictures can aid relaxation.
5. Massage can help some children to unwind.
6. Classical music can be very soothing and makes good relaxing music to play in the background during the bedtime routine.
7. Mindfulness is being increasingly used and there is evidence to suggest that it can be helpful to promote relaxation and sleep. There are a number of apps and products on the market that may be useful.
8. Encourage your child to concentrate on their breathing. Imagine breathing in a beautiful white light and blowing out any worries or troubles each time they exhale. Breathing exercises are also useful for parents to carry out and are a great exercise to enjoy together.
9. Teach your child to progressively relax the muscles in their body. They can begin by tensing their feet to the count of 5 and then letting them relax. Next tense the calf muscles and relax, moving up to the thighs and so on until they have relaxed each part of their body. This is another good activity to try together.
10. End the day on a positive note by sharing 5 great things that have happened during the day.



PEDALS
Mrs Hinzman & Mrs Nuttall
pedals@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

SEND & Pastoral Support Padlet

Just a reminder that Miss Woods and Miss Egelton have been very busy putting together 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.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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.

Harvest

Every year, Year 4 host the Harvest Assembly where they share the importance of Harvest, the process, as well as how different factors affect it. Unfortunately, we can't fit all of the parents into the hall so this one is for the children and staff only. This year, like last, we would also like to give the children the opportunity to donate food to the Woking Food Bank who work alongside The Trussell Trust Charity. Please see the link for more information on them - <https://woking.foodbank.org.uk/> We know from talking to Pirbright parents that some of our own families rely on The Food Bank and have wanted to share thanks to us for our donations and being involved - every little really does help.

We very much appreciate that with the rising costs of living that donating items might not work for you right now; however, if you and your children do wish to donate, then Miss Currie and Mrs Bean will have a table set up in the main entrance hall and will be collecting food up until half term on Thursday 23rd October.

Items we need - very urgent items are starred (last updated 6th September 2025)

- Long Life Fruit Juice ***
- Hot Chocolate Powder ***
- Nappies Sizes 7 & 8 ***
- Toilet Rolls ***
- Fruit Squash ***
- Deodorant Roll On & Spray Types
- Shaving Gel & Foam
- Disposable Razors
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Toiletries for Children and Babies
- Tinned Meat Meals
- Mayonnaise
- Tinned Custard
- Long Life Milk
- Corned Beef
- Cooking Oil
- Tinned Salmon
- Tomato Ketchup
- Peanut Butter
- Chocolate Spread

We have plenty of:

- Tea Bags
- Soup
- Porridge
- Tinned Pulses
- Cereal
- Dry Pasta & Spaghetti
- Baked beans

YES PLEASE

NO THANKS

Thank you in advance for your efforts. We look forward to supporting the Woking Food Bank.

Reception Intake SIBLINGS

It is essential that you apply for a school place for your children coming into Reception in 2026 - 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!

Hello friends and parents,

Some key information this week regarding upcoming events:

1. **Uniform sale** – THANK YOU for all uniform donations made this morning! The next pre-loved uniform sale will be held on **Thursday 23rd October from 8am onwards on the KS1 playground**. We will have a selection of preloved items – from branded jumpers, cardigans and fleeces as well as a selection of unbranded bits and bobs – the perfect chance to stock up!
2. We are hosting a **wreath making** event on **Friday 14th November at Lord Pirbright Hall from 7.30-10pm** – with a class led by wreath making professionals, all the materials you will need included, as well as a complimentary glass of bubbles or soft drink and some delicious light bites. You can purchase your tickets here: <https://pta.events/wreath-making>
3. **Christmas Fair** - SAVE THE DATE – **Saturday 22nd November from 2-5pm** – tickets, early bird tokens and Santa slots on sale now – <https://pta.events/winter-wonderland>
4. Today is the **YEAR SIX CAKE SALE** so please remember change for sweet treats – we also can take payment by card/apple pay!
5. Reminder: Guildford Lotto – you may already know about this but if not then you can sign up here: <https://www.guildfordlottery.org/support/friends-of-pirbright-school-fops#:~:text=Play%20the%20lottery%2C%20support%20Guildford,Lottery%20or%20the%20Health%20Lottery> Parents from Pirbright School have won the total in the past so it's not beyond the realms of possibility – the money raised goes towards supporting many local charities, including FOPS. Sign up today for your chance to win!

Lastly, we would like to ask for any unwanted Christmas decorations please; be it tinsel, lights, baubles, questionably chosen tree ornaments – send it over to us! Thank you to those who have already donated – you're helping us build our very own winter wonderland! We would also like to issue an appeal for sponsorship for the Christmas Fair – any local businesses which may be interested in becoming a sponsor for the event, please do get in touch.

That's all, folks!





Autism Reality Experience



Autism Reality Experience

by training2care

Additional Needs Service showcase

Monday
27 October 2025
10am-3pm
The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road,
Ash GU12 5DP

Free parking onsite and public transport nearby.

No need to book, just drop in!

- ✦ Come and find out about local and national services!
- ✦ Turn over to book onto the Autism Reality Experience!
- ✦ For Families and Practitioners

If you would like further details please scan the QR code or email localoffer@surreycc.gov.uk



The Autism Reality Experience is an innovative and inspirational training session designed to give participants an idea of what it may be like to live with Autism.

This experience will be at the Additional Needs Service Showcase at the Ash Centre on the 27th October, 10am - 3pm



To book your place, scan the QR code or contact us on community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk or 01483 444 150

Community Clean

Join Us for an Autumn Deep Clean at Lord Pirbright's Hall!

Lord Pirbright's Hall is getting a seasonal spruce-up, and we need your help!

We're inviting any members of the public, regular hirers, past party-goers, we would love for you to join us this October for a community deep clean. Whether you've hosted a birthday bash, attended a family gathering, or just have a soft spot for this lovely local space, this is your chance to give back.

Let's roll up our sleeves together and make LPH sparkle again!

Date: Saturday 25th October

Time: 10:00 – 14:00

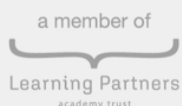
Where: Lord Pirbright's Hall

No experience necessary — just a willingness to help and a love for the hall!

Refreshments and sausage rolls will be provided
Bring your friends and family — many hands make light work!

To volunteer or find out more, please contact:

Catherine on 0749 4485 056 or email: lph@pirbright-pc.gov.uk



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Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

September 2025		October 2025	<p>17th - Year 6 Cake Sale 23rd – FOPS Mufti – Adult Tombola 24th – INSET DAY 27th - 31st – HALF TERM</p>
November 2025	<p>3rd – Start of second half term 6th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm 7th – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC) 9th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery 10th – 14th Anti-Bullying Week 10th - Flu Immunisations 12th - Year 6 - World War II Creative Day 14th – FOPS Mufti – Toys 19th – FOPS Adults-Only Wreath Making Evening 20th – Year 5 Potions Day 22nd – The FOPS Christmas Fair (2:00pm– 5:00pm) 28th - Learning Looks – AM 28th - Year 5 Cake Sale</p>	December 2025	<p>8th – 11th SHOWS WEEK 9th - KS2 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 10th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 10th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 11th - 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance - <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 11th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 11th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 12th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 15th - KS2 Singing at Cunningham House – 2pm 16th – Christmas Quiz 17th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 19th - 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright’s Hall (Parents Welcome) 19th - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>
January 2026	<p>5th – Start of the spring term W/B 19th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 1 23rd - Year 4 Cake Sale W/B 26th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 2 28th – INSET DAY School will be closed to children</p>	February 2026	<p>2nd - 3.30pm – 7.00pm – Parents’ Consultation Evening 4th - 3:30 – 6:00pm Parents’ Consultation Evening 11th - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics 16th – 20th - HALF TERM 23rd – World Thinking Day 27th - My First Steps Leadership Course – Year 2 27th - Year 3 Cake Sale</p>
March 2026	<p>W/B 22nd → Year 6 Bikeability Week 3 4th - Year 4 Sportshall Athletics 6th – World Book Day – DRESS UP W/B 9th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 4 10th – 17th - The Travelling Book Fair 20th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo 20th - Learning Looks – PM 20th - Year 2 Cake Sale 25th - Y3 Pop-Up Museum (2:45pm – 3:10pm) 25th - Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum 26th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 27th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!) 27th - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>	April 2026	<p>13th - 5th – Start of the summer term 17th - 'Little Troopers' Dandelion Day - Wear a Yellow Accessory (in lieu of official date in the holidays) 30th – Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White House</p>
May 2026	<p>11th – 14th – KS2 SATS Week 15th - Year 1 Cake Sale 19th - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park 20th - KS2 Theatre Trip - Barnum - New Victoria Theatre 25th – 29th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2026	<p>5th - Learning Looks – PM 11th - Year R Zoolab workshop (at school) 19th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 26th - Reception Cake Sale 27th - Armed Forces: Picnic on the Green 29th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children 30th - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p>
July 2026	<p>1st - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 4th – The FOPS Summer Fair 9th – Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome) 10th – 10am Late Registration 13th – 3.15pm - 4.00pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome) 15th – Year 6 Leavers’ Party (Eve) 5:30pm 16th – Year 6 Fun Day 17th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly (Parents Welcome) 17th – 1.30pm – End of Term 20th - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 21st – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>		

Term Dates 2025/2026

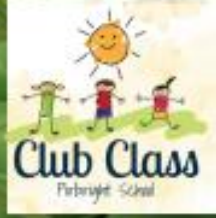
Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2024	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 27th October 2025	Fri 31st October 2025
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026
SPRING 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 16 th February 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026
SUMMER 2025	Monday 13 th April 2026	Tuesday 21 st July 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 29 th May 2026

INSET DAYS 2025/2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Friday 24th October 2025
 Wednesday 28th January 2026
 Monday 29th June 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026
 Tuesday 21st July 2026

Class Assemblies 2025/2026

Friday 14 th November 2025 at 10am	5SF
Friday 16 th January 2025 at 10am	3SC
Friday 23 rd January 2026 at 10am	1DG
Friday 30 th January 2026 at 10am	2CD
Friday 13 th February 2025 at 10am	2BT
Friday 13 th March 2026 at 10am	1RG
Friday 20 th March 2026 at 10am	4LB
Friday 1 st May 2026 at 10am	4BC
Friday 8 th May 2026 at 10am	RRE
Friday 15 th May 2026 at 10am	RJL
Friday 22 nd May 2026 at 10am	5GJ
Friday 3 rd July 2026 in the AFTERNOON (Time TBC)	Year 6



CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB

£30 PER DAY
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Holiday	Dates	Booking Closes
Autumn Half-Term	27 th - 31 st October	23 rd October
Christmas Shows Late Collection Sevice KS2	10 th & 11 th December 6-7pm	N/A
Spring Half-Term	16 th - 20 th February	12 th February
Easter Holiday	30 th March - 2 nd April	26 th March
Summer Half-Term	25 th - 29 th May	21 st May
Summer Holiday	20th July - 14th August	16 th July

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**BOOKING OPENS SOON
FOR 2026 DATES!**



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