



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now completed our second full week back at school, and I am so pleased with how smoothly the term has begun. Our new Reception children have transitioned to being in full time this week and are doing an excellent job of settling in. They have already begun to show great independence, enthusiasm, and curiosity in their learning, which is a joy to see.

As many of you know, the issue of parking and driving along School Lane continues to be challenging – at times, if I am honest, quite awful. To help improve the situation and ensure the safety of our children, we are going to trial a new arrangement which we believe will speed things up. Any Key Stage 1 children **may** be dropped off **from 8.45am (Kiss & Drop)**, if parents are happy for them to come in independently. This is completely optional and not an expectation of the school. The classroom doors will be open, so they should be able to walk straight into class and parents can leave more efficiently. We are looking for other ways to improve the situation – watch this space.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to be hosting Potted Sports next Friday, 26th September. This is always a fun event, and we warmly welcome parents and carers who are able to join us to watch the children take part in a variety of sporting activities. Further details are included further down the newsletter; please note, this event is not for Reception children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you and your families a very lovely weekend.

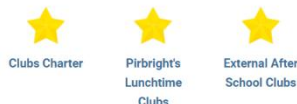
Kind regards,
Pete

CLUBS! – PLEASE BOOK THIS WEEKEND – LAST CHANCE!

Thanks to everyone who has already booked on. Clubs booking will close on Monday 22nd September and start on Tuesday 23rd. All information can also be found on the website – click on the picture.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Home >> Learning >> Extra-Curricular Clubs



Coming Up September

26th - 1:15pm – KS2

Potted Sports

2:15pm – KS1 Potted

Sports

30th - 3:30pm – 7:00pm –

Parents' Consultation

Evening

October

1st - Sports Crew Training

for House Captains

2nd – 3:30pm – 6:00pm –

Parents' Consultation

Evening

7th - **Understanding SEND Support at Your School – 9am**

6th - Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre

13th – Tempest School Photos (Portraits)

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar! Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



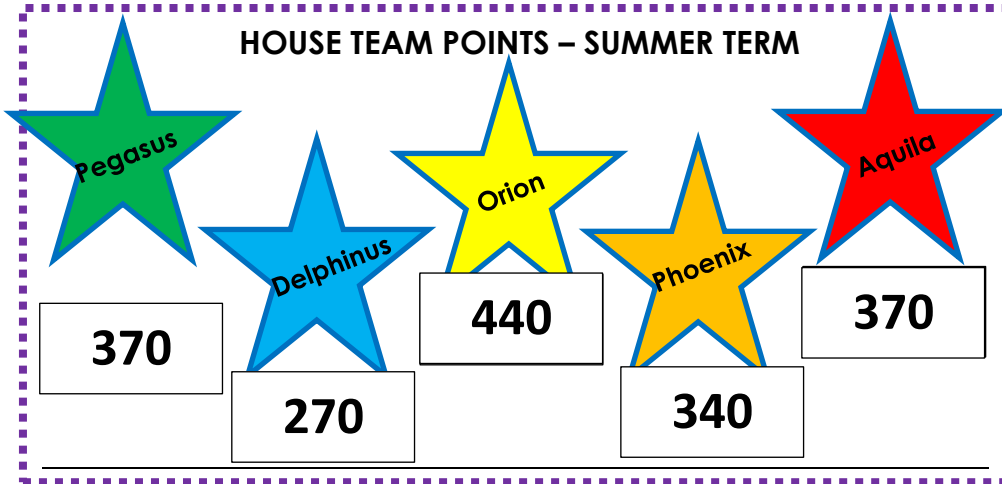
School Website Photos Y6 Sayers Croft

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!



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
YR & 1RG – 97%	5GJ & 3ND – 99%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.8%	

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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!
 In order to manage the registration of all the new children, there will be a staggered start next week...

Monday – Just Y5 & 4
Tuesday – Just Y3 & 2
Wednesday – Just Y1 & R
From Thursday – everyone!

All details for The Daily Mile can be found [here](#) but essentially, KS1 children need a supervising adult, children need to be independent at the table, they must wear a bib, must be running by 8:30am and it's on every day it isn't raining. Let's go Pirbright!

Keeping Children Safe Online

With Snapchat's ever-evolving features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about new and emerging safeguarding risks. From AI chatbots to paid content options, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide takes a closer look at the platform's most pressing dangers – plus the latest updates to be aware of. Click



Potted Sports - Years 1-6 (not Reception!)

Pirbright's sporting calendar kicks off with Potted Sports on Friday 26th September where the children have the chance to work in their House Teams and complete a number of small sports activities to earn team points. It is great fun and the first chance for the new Year 6 House Captains to get going with their leadership roles. This year, if you would like to come and watch, you would be welcome at 1:15pm for Key Stage 2 and 2:15pm for Key Stage 1. Please note, we will be locking the gates in between these times so we really appreciate you being prompt - the school office is very busy!

***** PE KITS AND HOUSE T-SHIRTS ALL DAY PLEASE! *****

Parents' Evenings & Pirbucks

Parents' Evenings are happening on 30th September and 2nd October and you will be able to book your appointment from next week – please keep an eye on your email for all the details. Please touch base with class teachers if you can't make those dates and would like to arrange something different.

Pirbucks is much like Starbucks only run by children and better for the world! Year 6 host and ensure tea & coffee alongside cakes and sweet treats are on hand for parents (and children if parents choose to share). All money goes towards their residential at the end of the year. Pirbucks is available for all but it sometimes misses out on KS1 and Reception parents if they don't quite make it over to the hall. The Year 6 children will have baked and bought goodies to go with hot drinks so head on over to celebrate your child's achievements, donate to the good people of Year 6 and generally have a merry old time! Please note, you may have bagged yourself an earlier appointment with a class teacher but this does not mean Pirbucks will be open – they have very strict opening hours to match the official Parents' Evening timings so if they are not open then apologies. All purchases are a donation, so if you don't bring change, the children will happily relieve you of notes – please plan ahead as they are hard to resist!

All children need to be supervised and whilst Pirbucks is happening in the hall; it is not for childcare, so please make arrangements to ensure someone is watching your children whilst you are in with class teachers.

Reception and KS1 parents head to the classrooms and KS2 parents head to the school hall to be collected by the class teachers; please don't use the outer doors as the teachers will be in meetings and you don't want to interrupt. There will be opportunities to see any learning that has happened in the first few weeks.

Swimming Lessons – KS2

We've been looking at how we deliver swimming lessons, and we're making a small change to help pupils get the most out of their time in the pool. From now on, swimming will move from Year 3/4 to Year 5. This means children will have longer lessons – 60 minutes instead of 30 – giving them more time to practise skills and build confidence in the water. We believe that older pupils will benefit more from the extended lesson time, as they typically have greater physical strength and endurance. The increased session length allows for more intensive instruction.

Each child will still receive 3 hours of swimming lessons, now spread across 3 weeks rather than 6. Extra "top-up" sessions will be available for any pupils who need a little more support to reach the national standard.

Because of this change, there will be no swimming this year for our current Year 5s, as they have already completed their lessons in Year 3/4. Swimming will begin again in January 2027, starting with our current Year 4s when they move into Year 5.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Forest School

Mrs Bean & Miss Collins are at the helm of Forest School this year in the absence of Miss Durdle and Miss Russell who are both on maternity leave. They are eagerly putting together a timetable for the year but was wondering if there were any parents who might like to get involved and support. You don't need any training, just a love for all things outdoors (and children of course!) and some time on your hands where you might be able to come in for some sessions. If you are keen, or fancy a new challenge, please email 4LB@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk and let them know and they will be in touch. Thank you!

Reception Bike Theft

At the start of term, we were saddened to learn that a brand new bike for the Reception children had been stolen from the Reception shed overnight. It cost over £400 (school equipment is very expensive) as it was a three-seater. We cannot afford to replace it and would love to hear from anybody who might know of its whereabouts...



Honouring Remembrance Together: A Poppy Display at Brookwood Military Cemetery

This year, our school will be creating a Remembrance Poppy display at Brookwood Military Cemetery. Each child will receive a pack to create their own poppy at home and return it to school. During our Remembrance Service, the children will walk with their poppies, which will then be placed in the display for the community to view until after 11th November. Once the commemorations have concluded, your child's poppy will be returned for you to keep.

Participation is entirely voluntary. We kindly ask for a small contribution towards the cost of materials, via the PTA website: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=102745 Any surplus funds will be divided between FOPS and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Please sign up via the link before 3 Oct so we have time to purchase the correct amount of materials and nothing goes to waste. Thank you.



Hello Eco Warriors of Pirbright!



We are excited to kick off the year with some exciting news and a fun challenge for everyone to join in with. As part of the Year 3 Enterprise Money Scheme last year (Thank you FOPS for the starter fund), the children raised a whopping £180.00 and decided to use the money to help support ECO causes. Not only did each class adopt an animal, but they also paid for PVPS to adopt their very own Giant Panda through the WWF animal adoption scheme! Thanks Year 3!



Competition Time!

Our panda has no name... YET!

We would love a name for our new cuddly panda which the school has received as part of the adoption plan so follow the sketching guidance below to draw your own panda and then give it a name.

You have until Monday 6th October to send your entries into the box at the school office. The winner will be announced the following week and will get to name our school cuddly panda and have photo with it! So, why not read these top tips for drawing a panda, get sketching and use your Super 6 Skill of Creativity to think up the best name you can!



Pirbright Village Primary School is pleased to invite parent/carers to a presentation:

'Understanding SEND Support at Your School'

Hosted by Surrey County Council's SEND Support Advisors

On Tuesday, 7th October from 9am

Please email April, Pirbright's SENCO on awoods@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk to confirm your space.

Meet a SEND Support Advisor alongside your school's SENCO over tea or coffee to find out about:

- The term SEND and what it means
- The Graduated Response to additional needs (SEND)
- What the Graduated Response looks like at your school
- The statutory process when requesting an Education, Health and Care Plan

There will also be the opportunity to answer any questions you have.



Please note, this session is for families of children who may or may not have identified SEND, but who do not have an EHCP.





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 Service 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	20 th July - 14 th August	16 th July

BOOKING
OPEN NOW!

BOOKING OPENS SOON
FOR 2026 DATES!



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

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

Do you know what your child does in their online world? How safe are they really?

Daniel Sykes, the Cyber-Protect Officer from Surrey & Sussex Police, is running several free, online presentations aimed at the parents of school-age children. The sessions aim to equip you with easy-to-implement tips to keep you and your family safe in today's fast-changing, digital world. Key topics will include: spotting email and mobile phone scams, social media and chatroom safety, parental controls, gaming, cybersecurity essentials, Q&A.

Book online here: <https://tinyurl.com/2vsntdtj>



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.

Hello, howdy and hi fine folks of Pirbright,

How's your week been? Hopefully you feel like you are back in the swing of things now and have your jumper on the right way round. I have been celebrating my birthday this week and am officially all grown up, and with that comes this incredible new sophisticated and mature skill whereby I read the newsletter, write down key dates in my calendar, feel smug about it and turn up on time for things... life changing stuff. If you haven't started doing that yet then join me. Pens at the ready.... **SAVE THE DATE** for Christmas festivities; firstly, an adults-only wreath making evening on the **14th November at Lord Pirbright Hall from 8-10pm** for £50 per person including nibbles and a glass of fizz (or soft drink). It's not restricted to Pirbright School parents; you can bring your pals along and have a right old good time getting into the festive spirit with sprigs of seasonal foliage and berries. I'll be publishing ticket details as soon as I know them – so do keep checking this part of the newsletter. Do not, however, harass me on the school playground; I know everyone is DESPERATE for FOPS news but I'm just a girl trying to get her kids into school each day and turning up and shouting at me 'BUT WE NEED MORE UPDATES ABOUT FOPS, LAUREN, AND WE NEED THEM NOW' whilst pulling at my coat and stroking my hair is making daily life hard. Enough is enough!

I will also share with you that the **PIRBRIGHT WINTER WONDERLAND CHRISTMAS FAIR** is happening on **Saturday 22nd November** from 2-5pm! That's just not that far away, is it? Will I be dressing up as an elf and blasting out Mariah Carey on the Bar-humbug? Only time will tell.

One last thing which is live right here, right now, is the wonderful Remembrance Day Poppy Display – you can buy your child a poppy making pack via our website www.pta-events.co.uk/FOPS and make a poppy to form part of a beautiful display at Brookwood Cemetery. I think this is a beautiful and thoughtful initiative, and a lovely way for your child to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day whilst making their poppy. You can also use the page to donate to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal which raises money for the armed forces community. We hope to have a sea of poppies on display so please do get involved.

Over and out! Tune in next week! My husband had the audacity to tell me that I should summarise key dates below as (and I quote) 'That's quite a lot of text to get through.'

Remember: 14th November Wreath Making and 22nd November Christmas Fair.



Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

September 2025	<p>26th - 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports 2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports 30th - 3:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening</p>	October 2025	<p>1st - Sports Crew Training for House Captains 2nd – 3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening 7th - Understanding SEND Support at Your School – 9am 6th - Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre 13th – Tempest School Photos (Portraits) 16th – Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 17th – Year 4 Present - Harvest Festival (No parents) 24th – INSET DAY 27th - 31st – HALF TERM</p>
November 2025	<p>3rd – Start of second half term 6th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm 6th – FOPS Mufti Day 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 Day 19th – FOPS Adults-Only Wreath Making Evening 20th – Year 5 Potions Day 21st - FOPS Mufti Day 22nd – The FOPS Christmas Fair (2:00pm– 5:00pm) 28th - Learning Looks - AM</p>	December 2025	<p>8th – 11th SHOWS WEEK 9th - KS2 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – Pre-School Siblings Welcome 10th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – Pre-School Siblings Welcome 10th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – Adults and School Aged Siblings Only 11th - 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance - Pre-School Siblings Welcome 11th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm - Adults and School Aged Siblings Only 11th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm - Adults and School Aged Siblings Only 12th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 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 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</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 20th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo 20th - Learning Looks – PM 25th - Y3 Pop-Up Museum (2:45pm – 3:10pm) 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 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 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 27 th October 2025	Fri 31 st 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 3 rd October 2025 at 10am	3ND
Friday 14 th November 2025 at 10am	5SF
Friday 16 th January 2026 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