



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end our first full week of the school year I am, as always, amazed at all of the learning that has been squeezed in! Don't forget that you can read a weekly synopsis of what your child has been up to (alongside the rest of the school if you are interested) in Pirbright's Learning Week which is attached to the newsletter email.

It's been great to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Team' meetings at school this week, and I hope you have found these a useful opportunity to understand more about your child's daily routines and their year ahead. As always, if there are any questions that you still have, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher. Year 5's meeting is at 2.30pm today and the final one (Year 6) is on Monday at 2.30pm. Next Friday will see the start of Home Learning but also the publication of the letter which outlines what was discussed at Meet the Team alongside the curriculum plan for the term and a handy Guide to Home Learning (year group specific) which we hope will support you, to support your children. The dates are all listed at the end of the newsletter so please keep an eye on them, it will be Parents' Evenings before we know it.

Mr Fuller recently attended an excellent presentation from Daniel Sykes, the Cyber Protect Officer from Surrey & Sussex Police. Daniel is now offering several free online sessions aimed at parents; each one is 60-90 minutes long. We really recommend them for parents and all the details can be found in the box directly below including how to book. Online Safety is an ever-evolving part of life and something which we are always reflecting on as we meet new challenges, so it really is something we all have to be mindful of and try to stay on top of – at home and at school.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend; let's hope the sun shines!

Kind regards,
Pete
Pete Wright
Head Teacher

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.

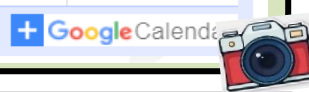
Book online here: <https://tinyurl.com/2vsntdtj>

Coming Up September

15th - 2:30pm – Year 6 Meet The Team & Residential Trip Meeting
18th – 2:30pm - House Captain Elections
26th - 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports
2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports
30th - 3:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening
1st - Sports Crew Training for House Captains
2nd – 3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening
6th - Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science

Scroll to the end of the newsletter for the year's dates including all class assemblies

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



School Website Photos

Online Safety For Parents



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM

Pegasus

Delphinus

Orion

Phoenix

Aquila

Coming Soon!

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Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2BT – 100%	4BC, 6DC – 100%
Whole School Year to Date	
97.7%	



HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



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.

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.



*****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!

All Things Clubs!
Pirbright lunchtime clubs will go live for booking on **WEDNESDAY**. Please look over the attached timetable and clubs' descriptions with your child over the weekend and get them booked in. Don't forget, the "new" (as of two years ago) clubs system means we have lots more adults, so the days of fighting over clubs and waiting lists are long gone – there should be space for everyone. Clubs booking will close on **Monday 22nd September** and start on **Tuesday 23rd**.

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.



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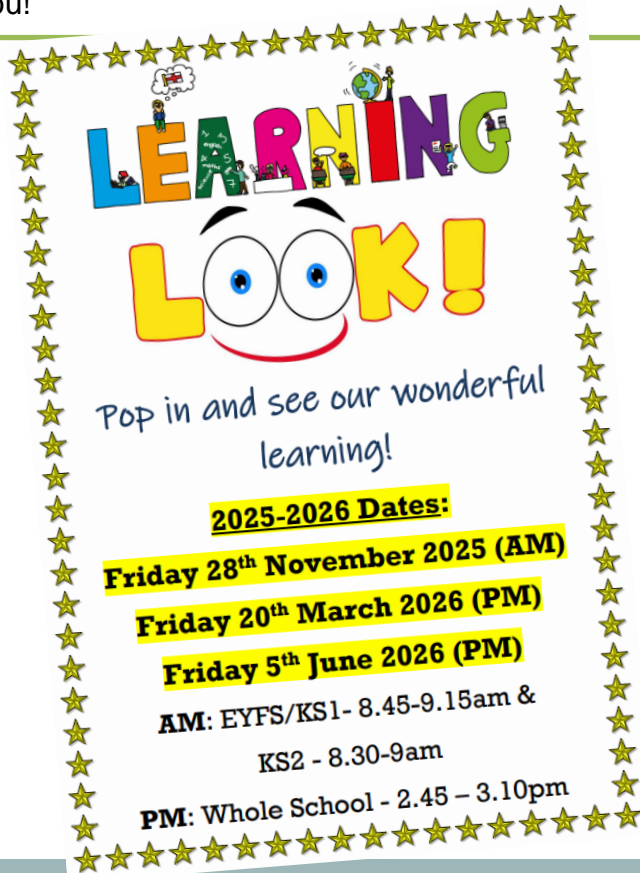
Extra-Curricular Clubs

Home >> Learning >> Extra-Curricular Clubs

- ★ Clubs Charter
- ★ Pirbright's Lunchtime Clubs
- ★ External After School Clubs

Forest School

Mrs Bean is at the helm of Forest School this year in the absence of Miss Durdle and Miss Russell who are both on maternity leave. She is eagerly putting together her timetable for the year but was wondering if there were any parents who might like to get involved and support her. 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 her at 4LB@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk and let her know and she will be in touch. Thank you!



Learning Looks

At Pirbright, we love involving parents in their children's learning. One way is through our *Learning Looks* - informal drop-in sessions where your child shares their work, books, and classroom displays with you. You'll also be invited to leave a short comment about something you're especially proud of. These sessions are led by the children, giving them the chance to showcase their learning. There's no expectation to attend every session - we offer a few dates across the year (alongside Parents' Evenings of course) so you can join when convenient.

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 three 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!

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.



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!



PEDALS POINTERS



Returning to school brings new opportunities, but also challenges – Try these “PEDALS Pointers” for a positive start:

Get a good night's sleep:

Try to get back into a good routine at bedtime. Getting enough, good quality sleep, is vital for both mental and physical wellbeing.

Keep moving:

Regular physical activity aids both mental and physical wellbeing. Even just 10 minutes a day is enough to improve our mood. Get outside when you can.

Get organised:

Pack bags, make packed lunches and get uniform ready the night before. Calm mornings are often more successful than rushed ones.

Ask for help:

If you are finding something tricky or need some advice, seek out the support of friends, family or trusted school staff to assist you. We are here to help.



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

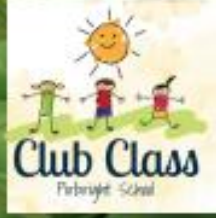


Honouring Remembrance Together: A Poppy Display at Brookwood Military Cemetery

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.



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!**

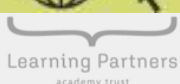
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FOR 2026 DATES!**



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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

Friends of Pirbright Surgery - Open Evening Monday, 15 September 2025 at 7.30pm

On 15 September at 7.30 in Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright Surgery will host an Information evening sharing the latest news from the Surgery and the NHS >> plus an update on the new Triage appointment booking system. Also, Dr Ellie Atkins will join us to talk about how we can cope with the challenges of our children, families, and ourselves, when suffering from mental health issues such as anxiety and self-harm. She will also talk about autism. Her work puts her in a great position to be able to help us all cope with these issues.

All are very welcome to join us.

On **Thursday 18 September** Guildford Book Festival have a free event at **Guildford High School** for children age **7 to 13 years** old. It is with award-winning author Maz Evans who will be taking the audience on a whirlwind tour of Shakespeare's greatest hits - and their modern equivalents, from *The Lion King* to *West Side Story* - in this hilarious, anarchic show. The event takes place after school from **4pm to 5pm** and tickets are free for all families and are offered on a first come, first served basis. For more information visit: <https://www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk/maz-evans-children>

Maz will be signing books after the event and books can be pre-ordered from the Haslemere Bookshop at <https://haslemerebookshop.co.uk/collections/maz-evans-at-guildford-book-festival>

They also have a wide range of other children's events starting next weekend. For more information please visit <https://www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk/>

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.

Wow, six weeks off and now we are BACK. I swear it's taking me an age to re-adjust. Did I remember to pack the bananas? When is half term? Who knows. I don't even know what day it is but by the time you read this it'll be FRIDAY, so happy Friday. How nice. I'm just going to limber up, dance around a little bit and say a huge hello, welcome and welcome back Pirbright Parents!

We welcome new parents to the school with your wee babies joining reception (happy tears!) and I extend a warm welcome back to the established veterans of school life who already know the drill but enjoy reading this section (I believe there are 3 of you by now - hi friends!) I feel the need to introduce myself to those who are new here; I'm Lauren and I write this weekly (let's call it a column for the sake of my CV) COLUMN for Friends of Pirbright School (FOPS). We are a volunteer-led, registered UK charity and we have one big agenda - to raise money for our beautiful school! We have been able to do this very successfully in the past, owed to your help and support (it really does take a village!) and have been able to provide some superb resources to the school over the years. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the part of the newsletter where we talk about all things fundraising!

I do this very job under the watchful eyes of Steph Fox and Emma Cameron who head up FOPS as our chairwomen, alongside the newly appointed treasurer Thorsten Schulz-Gerhardt who took over from the fantastic Neil Manser after six years of loyal service! We have a wonderful team of volunteers who run various aspects of the job; pre-loved uniform sales, cake sales, fundraising events, the website, and we have lots of support from the school and the wonderful staff. We also have a fabulous team of class reps who share much of the communication about FOPS-related happenings. There's more about us coming soon in a full newsletter which I just need to finish up (read: start) and we will be showing an overview of what we do, how much we raise, how the money is spent and how you too can get involved. In short (loyal readers; is it ever short?), we do two main school fairs each year at Christmas and in the Summer, as well as a series of smaller events over the year including Chocolate Bingo, quiz and curry evenings, ticket sales for big family days out such as Legoland or theatre tickets, and we let you know about ALL OF IT right here. In my COLUMN.

We are also always open to new fundraising ideas; perhaps something you've seen work in another school which would be a hit at Pirbright? We have a FOPS email address Pirbrightfops@yahoo.co.uk, or you can of course message your class reps! We even have (mic drop) INSTAGRAM. You can follow us over at @pirbrightfops and slide into our DM's with your ideas and feedback. As I say, there's a full newsletter coming from me very soon and I know you're ALL desperate to get involved this year, so I won't keep you waiting long.

Welcome new friends, and welcome back loyal readers. See you next week. For now it's time to kick off my heels, listen to a bit of Earth, Wind and Fire and make myself an omelette. First full week back? Completed it mate.



Food support in the Woking area

2025

Community Fridges

Surplus donated food, open to all, no referral required.

Canalside Community Fridge

183 Boundary Road, Maybury, Woking, Surrey, GU21 5BU

Monday & Wednesday 11 am - 1 pm

Knaphill Community Fridge

Woodhill Church Grounds, Chobham Road, Knaphill, Surrey, GU21 2SX

Monday - Friday 11 am - 3.30 pm

West Byfleet Community Fridge

St. John's Church, 3 Camphill Road, West Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 6EH

Saturday 10 am

Byfleet Foodbank Free Food Table

2 Rectory Lane, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7LL

Wednesday 12.30 pm - 2.30 pm

Westfield Community Fridge

St. Mark's Church, Westfield Road, Woking, Surrey, GU22 9NQ

Wednesday 1.30 pm - 3 pm

Barnsbury Community Fridge - limited stock

30 Ash Road, Woking, Surrey, GU22 0BH

Monday 10.30 am - 12 pm, Wednesday 2 pm - 3.30 pm

Foodbanks

Referrals required.

Woking Foodbank

07896 077760

info@woking.foodbank.org.uk

woking.foodbank.org.uk

South Woking Community Foodbank

01483 725660, 07730 504470 (Paul), 07851 625200 (Mike)

southwokingcommunityfoodbank@gmail.com

Bisley & West End Foodbank

01483 473 377

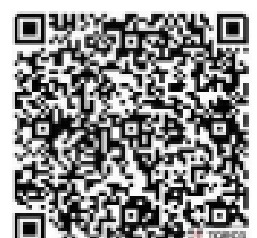
bisleywestendfoodbank@gmail.com

bisleywestendfoodbank.org

Further information

www.woking.gov.uk/safety-community-care/

support-community/food-banks-support-food



Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

September 2025	<p>12th – Sayers Croft Visit (Year 6) 15th - 2:30pm – Year 6 Meet The Team & Residential Trip Meeting 18th – 2:30pm - House Captain Elections 26th - 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports 2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports 30th - 3:30pm – Parents' Consultation Evening</p>	October 2025	<p>1st - Sports Crew Training for House Captains 2nd – 3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening 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 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 – <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 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 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