



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week, and I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing summer. The weather certainly seemed to be kinder to us over the holiday than it has been since we returned - typical September!

I have been so impressed with the way the children have settled into their new year groups. They have started the term with enthusiasm, positivity, and a clear determination to do their very best. Walking around the classrooms, it has been a joy to see such focused learning and happy, smiling faces.

Next week, we are also very excited to be welcoming our new Reception children, who will be starting their school journey with us. We can't wait to see them settle in and become part of our school family.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our open-door policy. We are always here to work with you and your child's teacher to ensure the very best for every child. If you ever have a question or concern, please do come and speak with us - we are always happy to help.

A reminder too about our 'Meet the Team' events next week. These sessions are a great opportunity to meet your child's teachers, find out more about the year ahead, and ask any questions you may have. I encourage you to attend if you can!

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to a fantastic year together.

Pete Wright  
Kind regards,  
*Pete*  
Pete Wright

### Pirbright Club Class: Holiday Club

The school was an absolute hive of activity over the summer holidays with a new roof being installed on the Art Suite and Reception class building. Whilst this was ongoing, Mrs Allen also managed to squeeze in two weeks of a Pirbright Club Class: Holiday Club! Staffed by LSAs and Club Class adults, an average of nearly 50 children attended every day – what better way to spend your summer than at school, with your friends! It was a really great launch to our holiday provision for parents and based off this success, we are happy to announce that we will be rolling out a full calendar for the rest of the year. All the details, including how to book, will be in next week's newsletter but for your information, we will be running for all the half-terms, a week over Easter and four weeks over the summer next year.

## Coming Up September

8<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm – Year 1  
Meet The Team  
9<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm – Year 2  
Meet The Team  
10<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm – Year 3  
Meet The Team  
11<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm – Year 4  
Meet The Team  
12<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm – Year 5  
Meet The Team  
12<sup>th</sup> – Sayers Croft Visit (Year 6)  
15<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm – Year 6  
Meet The Team & Residential Trip Meeting  
19<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm - House Captain Elections  
26<sup>th</sup> - 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports  
2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports (NO RECEPTION)

**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**



## HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM

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



**Click here to order!**

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the most important job we do as a school and we have robust processes in place to support parents and children. Mr Fuller is the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and he has a team of Deputies (DDSLs) he works with. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child you are welcome to go to him directly (DSL@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk), any of the DSLs, directly to your child's class teacher or in fact any member of the team. Every member of staff at Pirbright is trained and has the responsibility to safeguard children so never be shy to chat to us. If you are a Club Classer, Mrs Allen is your first port of call as she is also a Deputy DSL.

### Meet the Team!

Our Meet the Team meetings kick off on Monday with Year 1. This is a chance for you to meet the teachers and LSAs involved in the year group and listen to a short presentation about the exciting details of the upcoming year alongside how best we can work together. You can also ask any burning questions you may have. Please come to the main entrance where you will be let in at **2:30pm**.

### The Daily Mile!

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



### All Things Clubs!

Clubs HQ is busy timetabling and sorting the finer details for the Pirbright internal offer which will be with you soon. Clubs will start at lunchtimes in a few weeks but kick off next week for external clubs. 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.

### 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**

**Mr Fuller**  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

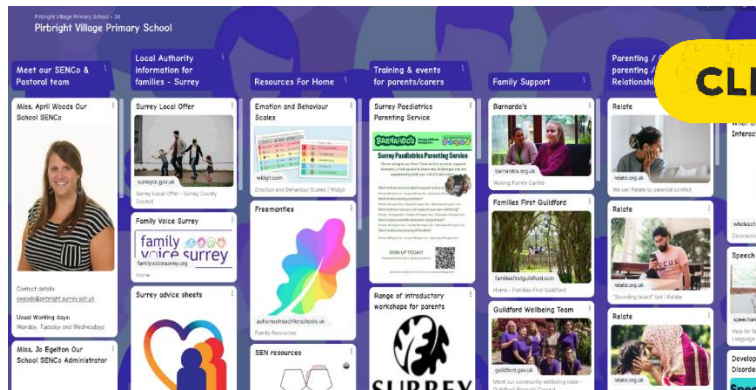
**Mr Wright**  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Mrs Hinzman**  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Mrs Dow**  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## 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.



**CLICK HERE**

## Earrings

Thank you to all the parents who got ears pierced at the start of the holidays so that children are now able to take their earrings out for PE. Children must independently remove earrings for PE or they won't be able to take part in lessons. Tape and plasters are not permitted to "cover up" earrings so please get practising over the weekend.



## Charities have warned anyone living with domestic abuse to opt out of the alerts on any hidden devices

The domestic abuse charity Refuge has warned that, because the alerts will sound even if a phone is in silent mode, the test could alert an abuser to a concealed device. Other charities and organisations, including Solace, Women's Aid and local police forces, have shared similar warnings. If you're concerned about this, you can opt out of emergency alerts in your phone or tablet's settings before the test at 3pm on Sunday 7 September. While you could simply switch the device off before the test, this won't prevent any future alerts from ringing – which could happen at any time given the alerts are now being deployed by the Government in real emergencies.

### How to opt out of emergency alerts

If you'd prefer not to get the alerts, you can disable them in the settings on your device – though the Government does advise that you should keep them switched on for your own safety.

#### To opt out on iPhone:

1. Go to your settings and select the 'notifications' menu.
2. Scroll to the bottom.
3. Turn off 'severe alerts' and 'extreme alerts'.

#### To opt out on Android:

1. Search your settings for 'emergency alerts'.
2. Turn off 'severe alerts' and 'extreme alerts'.

Following the steps above should prevent the test alert from going off.

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/>



**FAMILY  
LEARNING**



**First Steps to Understanding  
Emotionally Based School  
Non-Attendance Course**

This FREE online three week course for parents will be delivered in two hour sessions. You will gain an understanding of your child's school avoidance and ideas on how to make changes for a positive impact for all the family.

**What will I learn?**

- Understand reasons why your child will not attend school or lessons
- Understand reasonable adjustments from school to support your child
- Be confident in advocating for your child

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



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Email : [family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)  
Tel : 0300 200 1044



**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.

**Please Help – if you can!**

Parents always ask us how they can help out at school and we will pop a Wish List onto the back of the topic webs and letters which go out after the Meet the Teacher sessions in September with some things which would be useful for our classrooms if you wanted to donate – much appreciated! It would be really helpful if children had full pencil cases with equipment that we **actually** use in school. Some children have the most expensive sets of gel pens (that we don't need!) but can never find a rubber or a pencil. When you are preparing for the return to school, sending your child in with a fully named pencil case full of essentials, would be much preferred to sets of felt pens and all-singing and dancing pencil cases. **From Y3 up**, a pencil, rubber, ruler, sharpener, glue stick and black handwriting pen would be amazing (and the ability to top up at home when needed). **Year 2** need the same but without the handwriting pen. We've got Reception and Year 1 covered, so no need for pencil cases at all (but we wouldn't say no to a class donation of something useful!).

# Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

<b>September 2025</b>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> – INSET DAY            3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET DAY            4<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school            8<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm – Year 1 Meet The Team            9<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm – Year 2 Meet The Team            10<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm – Year 3 Meet The Team            11<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm – Year 4 Meet The Team            12<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm – Year 5 Meet The Team            12<sup>th</sup> – Sayers Croft Visit (Year 6)            15<sup>th</sup> - 2:30pm – Year 6 Meet The Team &amp; Residential Trip Meeting            19<sup>th</sup> – 2:30pm - House Captain Elections            26<sup>th</sup> - 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports                      2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports            30<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents’ Consultation Evening</p>	<b>October 2025</b>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> – 3:30pm – 6:00pm – Parents’ Consultation Evening            6<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre            13<sup>th</sup> – Tempest School Photos (Portraits)            16<sup>th</sup> – Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards)            17<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Present - Harvest Festival (No parents)            24<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY            27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> – HALF TERM</p>
<b>November 2025</b>	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> – Start of second half term            6<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm            7<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC)            9<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery            10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week            10<sup>th</sup> - Flu Immunisations            12<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 - World War II Creative Day            21<sup>st</sup> – The FOPS Christmas Fair (3:30 – 5:00pm)            28<sup>th</sup> - Learning Looks - AM</p>	<b>December 2025</b>	<p>8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> SHOWS WEEK            9<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Christmas Performance <b>PM 1:30pm</b> – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u>            10<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Christmas Performance <b>PM 1:30pm</b> – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u>            10<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Christmas Performance <b>EVENING 7pm</b> – <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u>            11<sup>th</sup> – <b>10:00am</b> Reception Nativity Performance - <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u>            11<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Christmas Performance <b>PM 1:30pm</b> - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u>            11<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Christmas Performance <b>EVENING 7pm</b> - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u>            12<sup>th</sup> - PJ Day &amp; Movie Afternoon            16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Quiz            17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch &amp; Christmas Jumper Day            19<sup>th</sup> - 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright’s Hall (Parents Welcome)            19<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>
<b>January 2026</b>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> – Start of the spring term            28<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY School will be closed to children</p>	<b>February 2026</b>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> - 3.30pm – 7.00pm – Parents’ Consultation Evening            4<sup>th</sup> - 3:30 – 6:00pm Parents’ Consultation Evening            11<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics            16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> - HALF TERM            23<sup>rd</sup> – World Thinking Day            27<sup>th</sup> - My First Steps Leadership Course – Year 2</p>
<b>March 2026</b>	<p>4<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Sportshall Athletics            6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day – DRESS UP            20<sup>th</sup> – FOPS Chocolate Bingo            20<sup>th</sup> - Learning Looks - PM            26<sup>th</sup> - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards)            27<sup>th</sup> – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!)            27<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>	<b>April 2026</b>	<p>13<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> – Start of the summer term            17<sup>th</sup> - 'Little Troopers' Dandelion Day - Wear a Yellow Accessory (in lieu of official date in the holidays)            30<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White House</p>
<b>May 2026</b>	<p>11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATS Week            19<sup>th</sup> - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park            25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM</p>	<b>June 2026</b>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> - Learning Looks – PM            11<sup>th</sup> - Year R Zoolab workshop (at school)            19<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day &amp; Family Lunch            29<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children            30<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p>
<b>July 2026</b>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)            9<sup>th</sup> – Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome)            10<sup>th</sup> – 10am Late Registration            13<sup>th</sup> – 3.15pm - 4.00pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome)            15<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers’ Party (Eve) 5:30pm            16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Fun Day            17<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly (Parents Welcome)            17<sup>th</sup> - 4.30pm – End of Term</p>		

## Term Dates 2025/2026

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

## INSET DAYS 2025/2026

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

## Class Assemblies 2025/2026

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