



Dear Parents and Carers,

Has it really only been two weeks back?! The weather has been particularly miserable, so please do continue to send your children in with as much dry gear as you can - coats and spare socks and anything else that helps keep them comfortable and ready to learn despite the rain.

I also wanted to say how much I loved 3SC's assembly this morning. Their performance was an absolute delight and truly a highlight of my calendar; they should all be very proud of themselves.

Next week sees the return of the Year 6 Bikeability! This is a great opportunity for the children to grow even more in confidence when on their bikes both on and off the road. Tuesday of next week is another chance for Year 6 to be active in the annual Sportshall Athletics meet at Guildford Spectrum.

A quick but important reminder regarding travel: according to Surrey Police, car users should not be driving down Vapery Lane. If we can please avoid using Vapery Lane, particularly while traffic is being diverted due to the ongoing roadworks, that would be greatly appreciated.

On that note, I want to acknowledge just how challenging travel has been over the last couple of days with various disruptions in the local area. Thank you so much for persevering through it all and for making the effort to get your lovely children into school - it really is appreciated.

Monday sees the return of lovely Mrs Alderton to the school as she has now finished her maternity leave. She is very excited to return to us and raring to go. She will primarily be based in Reception and we are sure she will enjoy getting to know the new faces very quickly but if you are in Year 1, perhaps give her a little wave as you pass by Reception as we know she will be keen to see you!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards

*Pete*

Pete Wright

Head Teacher

## Coming Up January

**W/B 19<sup>th</sup>** → Year 6

Bikeability Week 1

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Year 4 Netball Festival

**19<sup>th</sup>** - Year 6 SATs Meeting (2:45pm)

**20<sup>th</sup>** - Year 6

Sportshall Athletics

**23<sup>rd</sup>** - Year 4 Cake Sale

**W/B 26<sup>th</sup>** → Year 6

Bikeability Week 2

**28<sup>th</sup>** - INSET DAY

School will be closed to children

**30<sup>th</sup>** - Girls' Football

Match v Hermitage @ PVPS

## February

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>** - 3.30pm -

7.00pm - Parents' Consultation Evenings

**9<sup>th</sup>** - Year R Fire

Engine Visit

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.

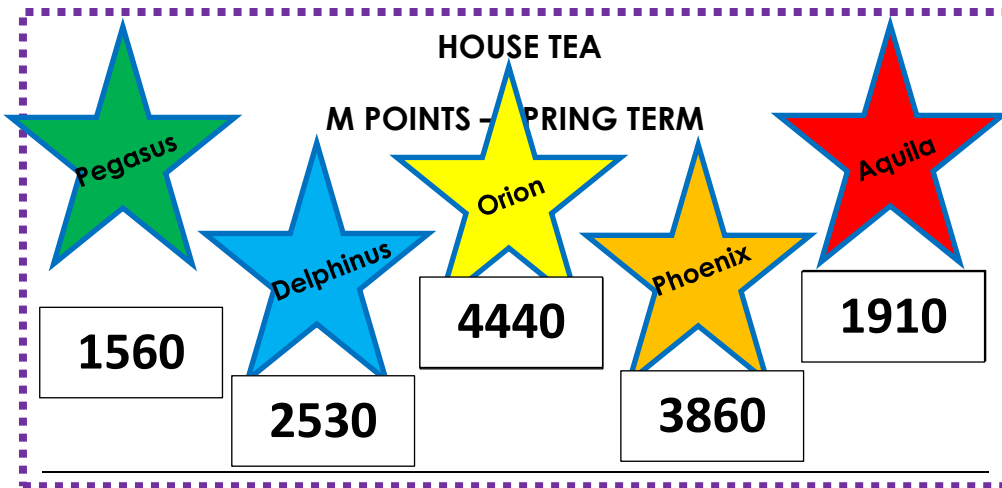


**SCHOOL PHOTOS!**



**3SC ASSEMBLY**





Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
4LB & 3SC 99%	1RG – 99%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.7%	



**Click here to order!**

# HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



**The Daily Mile!**  
Congratulations to the two Isaacs! Isaac in 5SF is a half-marathoner and Isaac in 3SC is a marathoner. Hurrah!



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.



## Keeping Children Safe Online

**CLICK HERE**

### Smartwatches

Following on from our recent newsletter reminder about keeping our school a smartwatch-free zone, we'd like to share a helpful online safety guide from *Wake Up Wednesday*. As smartwatches become more popular with children, this guide highlights a few important things for parents to be aware of, such as location tracking features, possible distractions during the school day, and the risk of loss or theft. We hope you find it useful when talking with your child about staying safe and focused at school. Anything that can take a photo, record audio, communicate either by sending or receiving messages, access games or 4G or call home is currently considered a smart watch. Thank you!



### Spring Term Parents' Consultation Evenings:

This term, we will be holding our Parents' Consultation Evenings on **Monday 2nd February (3.30pm - 7pm)** and **Wednesday 4th February (3.30pm - 6pm)**. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and next steps with their class teacher(s). Appointment times can be booked in advance using the **MCAS App** and booking will go live on **Monday 19th January at 10:00am**. Booking will close at **3pm on Wednesday 28th January**. If you experience any difficulties accessing MCAS, booking appointments or missed the booking window, please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to help.

### Class Assemblies!

This week Miss Currie kicked off the class assembly calendar for 2026. If you are new to Pirbright, every class (and Year 6 as a whole team) put together a class assembly for the rest of the school at some point over the year. The dates are published at the start of the year and can be found on the dates list at the bottom of the newsletter. Doors open for parents around 9:50/9:55 (depending on numbers) and we like to get you seated before the rest of the school come in. You can take your own photos and videos for your own personal use (please don't post them on social media). Afterwards, there is a moment to see your children and have a cup of tea if you have the time. All in all, we're usually wrapped up by 11am at the very latest (including tea!) and you can be on your merry way!

**This year we are limiting seats to TWO PER FAMILY, unfortunately we do not have the space to accommodate lots of additional family members so please be mindful of keeping to the TWO PER FAMILY rule. Younger siblings who can sit on laps don't count in the numbers. Thank you!**

*Do you know someone who practices Sikhism?*

*With the vibrant celebration of Vaisakhi just around the corner, we are looking for a guest to visit and share the significance of this wonderful festival with our children. If you know anyone who might be able to help, please email Miss Grant at [1RG@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:1RG@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk) with their details. She will be extremely grateful!*



We're proud to congratulate a fantastic group of children who have achieved the **British Science Association CREST Superstar Award**. This award is given to young learners who complete a series of hands-on science challenges, encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and a love of discovery.

Their hard work and enthusiasm have truly paid off!

# Zones of Regulation

As a school, this term we are implementing 'Zones of Regulation'. Zones of Regulation is a social-emotional learning curriculum that helps children and young people develop self-regulation skills using a system of four colour-coded zones as our PSHE units. The framework teaches individuals to understand their emotions and levels of alertness, recognize their triggers, and use strategies to manage their feelings and behaviours appropriately. This will be the PSHE learning for all children and they will work through a different concept each week – at a differentiated level of course! **[We have put together a Parents' Guide to the Zones of Regulation \(a video\)](#)** and there will be assemblies for the children, led by Mrs Dow or Mr Wright, which bring all of the learning together. Each week we will publish the "Zones Bridge" in the newsletter so you know what we have been learning about and can include some of the vocabulary at home if you would like. There are some questions you could ask your child and also some ideas of activities if you want to get involved. On the next page you will find the actual Zones of Regulation (the Pirbright version) and lots more information on the website [HERE!](#)

## Concept 2 - Introducing The Zones of Regulation



### WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

We are learning to categorize our feelings into four colored Zones of Regulation. A **Zone** is how we feel on the INSIDE, which includes our emotions and energy.



### WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Grouping our feelings into the four Zones makes it easier to understand, talk about, and regulate them.

#### BLUE ZONE

Low levels of energy and down feelings

Sad, tired, sick, or bored

#### GREEN ZONE

Calm energy and a sense of control

Happy, calm, relaxed, or focused

#### YELLOW ZONE

Higher energy and stronger feelings

Frustrated, worried, silly, excited, or wiggly

#### RED ZONE

Extremely high energy and strongest feelings

Angry, terrified, panicked, or super excited



### ASK AND SHARE

To help with learning, discuss these questions together:

- Tell me about The Zones of Regulation.
- What are the four colors in The Zones of Regulation?
- How might thinking/talking about the four Zones help ALL of us (adults and kids)?

**PARENTS' GUIDE VIDEO CLICK HERE**



## BRIDGE ACTIVITY: ZONES SCAVENGER HUNT

- 1 Put *The Zones of Regulation* poster where everyone can easily see it. It can be colored with the Zones colors and incorporated into a fun Zones Scavenger Hunt.
- 2 Look for things that show different feelings in each Zone. You can find them in action or LEGO® figures, dolls or toys, pictures in books, photos, or even on clothes and decorations.
- 3 While you're hunting, ask questions like: *What is the feeling? Which Zone does that feeling go in? Why?*
- 4 Look at *The Zones of Regulation* poster to think about and share your feelings throughout the week.



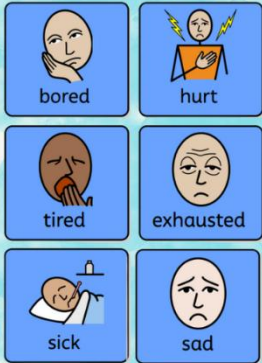


# Zones of Regulation

## I wonder how you are feeling?



### Some feelings in the **BLUE ZONE**



#### Recharge...



### Some feelings in the **GREEN ZONE**



#### Ready to Learn...



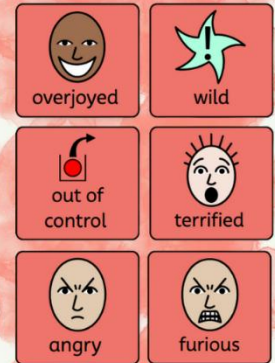
### Some feelings in the **YELLOW ZONE**



#### Relax...



### Some feelings in the **RED ZONE**



#### Take Control...



### Forest School at PVPS

Over the year, all of the children will participate in their Forest School sessions with their class! These are really popular and we very much look forward to leading them.

However, we would love a few extra resources to enhance these sessions!

If you have any of these items at home – please bring them in and drop them at 4LB or I can collect from the office!

**Balls of wool- new or partially used**

**Any old white sheets for crafting**

**Old pots and pans and kitchen utensils**

**If you have trees cut down – please ask your tree surgeon to drop off any good-sized logs for sitting on or any branches around 6-8cm in diameter that we can use for crafts.**

**Old wheelbarrows or spades**

**Thank you for your support**

Any queries/questions or if you would like to come and help at forest school -please contact me on 4LB@pirbright.sch.uk

### Shout Out to Parents!

We are looking for any bean bags, blankets or cushions that are in good condition but no longer needed at home. These items will be used in classrooms to help with sound absorption and to support children's comfort and wellbeing. If you are able to donate, we would be very grateful. Please send them Miss Woods' way. Thank you for your support!



We're excited to share a fantastic art opportunity for our pupils! Children are invited to submit their artwork to Miss Leppard for a chance to be selected and showcased both online and on-site at the prestigious Royal Academy of Arts. This is a wonderful opportunity for young artists to have their creativity recognised. Submissions close on 4th March, so please ensure all artwork is sent digitally to [RJL@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:RJL@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk) by 3rd March. Children can only submit one piece and it needs a title, what medium has been used (paint, pencils, oil pastels etc), their name & class and a short description. We can't wait to see the amazing creations and hopefully one of our Pirbright School artists will have their work on display!

Hello fine folks,

I hope you have all had a lovely week and are feeling full of the joys of January (just kidding; there's no joy in January.) I'm sitting here typing with wet feet, owed to the miserable rain which penetrated the toes of my shoes during my short walk to my desk this morning, and the whole day is giving 'Voldemort has returned.' – grey skies, quite dark. I'm a bit over it. I think, what I need, is some FOPS related updates to keep my spirits up. How can I inspire people to get involved? It's extra work, and you don't get paid – Join us! \*Jazz hands\*

No, in truth, it's awesome. I'm serious. People talk about the PTA like it's a never-ending treadmill of being roped into stuff, and it's cliquy and you've already got a lot on so why take on more? And it's just not true; FOPS is ace. Some of the best people I know, I've met through FOPS – they're a genuinely lovely bunch and everyone totally gets it; we're all busy, we all have kids, and jobs, and dogs, and hobbies and a whole load of other stuff going on but we do what we can, when we can. And we raise loads of money for our beautiful school – and we see the fruits of our labour when we look at the interactive classroom screens, or the fact our kids sit under gazebos on a roasting hot sports day, or the science lab.... And we think 'We did that'. And we had fun doing it. If you want to join us, I promise you can take on as much or as little as you like, then we're having some **drinks at the White Hart on Friday 6th Feb at 7.30pm.**

We are having a **UNIFORM SALE on March 6th** in the morning after drop-off. We will be accepting **uniform donations on 27th Feb at the FOPS shed** so you can get rid of all the surviving jumpers that your child hasn't lost; merely grown out of... and buy them some in the next size up. WIN WIN.

**Happy Bag Collection:** you know the drill, all those unwanted clothes and textiles, in a bag, and they'll be collected in the week before the 10th Feb – we'll even supply the bags in your child's bookbag so bring home, fill up and raise money for FOPS! Hooray!

I feel better already. Nearly there, folks. In 37 days, it'll be light at 7am.

**WE ARE HOSTING**

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

# The Nurturing Programme

How to get the best out of family life

The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group for parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment.

**AT PVPS**

It is a tried and tested support programme to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

You should plan to attend each of the 10 sessions:

Tuesday 13th January 2026	Tuesday 10th February	Tuesday 10th March
Tuesday 20th January	Tuesday 24th February	Tuesday 17th March
Tuesday 27th January	Tuesday 3rd March	Tuesday 24th March
Tuesday 3rd February		

🕒 9:30-11:30am

📍 Pirbright School, School Lane, Pirbright GU24 0JN

🌐 Book at: [www.familiesfirstguildford.com/events](http://www.familiesfirstguildford.com/events)



**Still time to join...**

## The Nurturing Programme

The Nurturing Programme started this week in the science lab. The Family Support Team from Guildford Family Centre are a lovely bunch who we regularly work with to support families and they are coming here to run their 10-session course which is a great opportunity for parents to drop off their children and then come into school.

They are happy to take new joiners so if you are feeling a bit nervous, swing by and say hello on Tuesday morning and see what you think!

## 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**



# Supporting Neurodiversity At Home and Introduction to ND Padlet Coffee Morning



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 -

9am

All parents and carers are welcome!

This session is a chance to hear about the ND Padlet for Parents and Carers and chat with a SEND Support or Neurodiversity Advisor from Surrey County Council's Team Around the School Support Hub

## The informal presentation will include:

- An introduction to the ND Padlet – a free online hub for printable resources for home use
- Helpful strategies to for managing daily routines and transitions between home and school
- Planning for school holidays in the way that supports your child's needs
- Signposting to local and nationwide support services for families



Please RSVP to register your interest to attend, so we can gauge numbers: [awoods@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:awoods@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk)



## FAMILY LEARNING



### Sensory Routines to Support Your Child with ASD, ADHD and other

Join us for a FREE online course or workshop designed for parents!

You'll work with an experienced tutor and other parents to:

- ✓ Identify your child's sensory needs
- ✓ Discover how our brains and sensory systems work—and why we're all different
- ✓ Learn practical skills and strategies to help your child manage their sensory needs and self-regulate

### Why attend?

- Gain confidence in supporting your child
- Understand sensory processing differences
- Build a toolkit of strategies for everyday life

To book your place please click on this link  
or scan the QR code



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Pirbright Players present

# Robin Hood

The Merriest Panto of them all!

24th-25th January 2026

Saturday 2pm & 7pm, Sunday 2pm



Lord Pirbright's Hall,  
Pirbright,  
GU24 0JE



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# Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

<b>January 2026</b>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> – Start of the spring term            W/B 19<sup>th</sup> → Year 6 Bikeability Week 1            16<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Netball Festival            19<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATs Meeting (2:45pm)            20<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Sportshall Athletics            23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 4 Cake Sale            W/B 26<sup>th</sup> → Year 6 Bikeability Week 2            28<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY School will be closed to children            30<sup>th</sup> - Girls' Football Match v Hermitage @ PVPS</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            9<sup>th</sup> – Year R Fire Engine Visit            10<sup>th</sup> - Art Trip to Guildford House Gallery and Guildford Castle            - Invite Only            11<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics            12<sup>th</sup> - Girls' Football Match - Away v Brookwood            12<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Church Visit PM            13<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Cross Country            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            27<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Cake Sale</p>
<b>March 2026</b>	<p>W/B 22<sup>nd</sup> → Year 6 Bikeability Week 3            3<sup>rd</sup> - Football Matches (Boys' &amp; Girls') Home v Knaphill            4<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Sportshall Athletics            6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day – DRESS UP            W/B 9<sup>th</sup> → Year 6 Bikeability Week 4            10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> - The Travelling Book Fair            18<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Wildfire Education Sessions            20<sup>th</sup> – FOPS Chocolate Bingo            20<sup>th</sup> - Learning Looks – PM            20<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Cake Sale            23<sup>rd</sup> - Healthy Teeth Talk - School Nurse (YR)            25<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Pop-Up Museum (2:45pm – 3:10pm)            25<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum            25<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Visit to Marwell Zoo            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)            20<sup>th</sup> - Tempest Class Photos            23<sup>rd</sup> - WASPS Football Leagues Finals Day - at Pirbright            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            15<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Cake Sale            19<sup>th</sup> - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park            20<sup>th</sup> - KS2 Theatre Trip - Barnum - New Victoria Theatre            25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM</p>	<b>June 2026</b>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 1 Visit to British Wildlife Centre            3<sup>rd</sup> - Year 4 Trip - Fishbourne Roman Palace            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            26<sup>th</sup> - Y5 trip to Woking Mosque (Shah Jahan Mosque)            26<sup>th</sup> - Reception Cake Sale            27<sup>th</sup> - Armed Forces: Picnic on the Green            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)            4<sup>th</sup> – The FOPS Summer Fair            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> – 1.30pm – End of Term            20<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)            21<sup>st</sup> – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>		

## Term Dates 2025/2026

Term	Start	End
<b>AUTUMN 2025</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 2026</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
<i>Half term</i>	<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>SUMMER 2026</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 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 10am	5SF
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10am	3SC
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2026 at 10am	1DG
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10am	2CD
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	3ND
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 10am	2BT
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 10am	1RG
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 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



# CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB

**£30 PER DAY**  
**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

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

**BOOKING OPEN NOW!**



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