



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and recovered from last Saturday's incredible Summer Fair. A huge thank you to Claire Brouner and Jasmine Lomanto for all of their organising. They would be the first to point the finger at all of their helpers so thank you to everyone who did Costco runs, chopped lemons for the drinks, help set up on Friday evening and Saturday morning, ran a stall, sold raffle tickets and helped clear up at the end. Whilst the event was only three hours, the work that went into it extends into the hundreds of hours and we are so appreciative of all of your support. Thank you!

I wanted to let you know that I have heard "on the grapevine" that the local police will be carrying out patrols along School Lane during drop-off and pick-up times. This is to help ensure that everyone is driving and parking safely and considerately around our school. We've had a few concerns raised recently, and these patrols are simply a way to help keep all of our children safe and to support a calm, respectful environment at these busy times of day. Your continued cooperation and attention to road safety are very much appreciated.

On a lighter note, I'm really looking forward to our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly this afternoon! From what I've seen in rehearsals, it's shaping up to be a truly funny and memorable send-off for our fantastic Year 6 pupils. I do hope as many of the Year 6 parents and carers as possible are able to join us — it promises to be a celebration full of laughter, nostalgia, and perhaps a few tears!

Speaking of fantastic, a big well done to our Year 2 children and staff for their brilliant day out at Littlehampton Beach on Tuesday. Despite the hot weather, the children behaved wonderfully and had an excellent time. Thank you to all the staff who made the trip such a success.

Finally, most of our Year 6 cohort have now had their secondary school induction visits, giving them the chance to experience a taste of what's to come in September. It's an exciting time for them as they prepare for the next chapter of their educational journey—we are very proud of how maturely they're approaching this big transition.

Next Thursday we will be taking to the field for the annual Summer Concert. The children (and staff) have been rehearsing their words and moves ready to entertain you all in what I'm sure will be a night to remember!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Pete

Pete Wright



Coming Up June

10th – Summer Concert
EVE (Parents Welcome)

11th – 10am Late
Registration

14th – New Entrants
Morning Session (10:30-
11:30)

14th – 3.15pm-4.30pm
Celebration Afternoon
(Parents Welcome)

16th – Leavers' Party
(Eve) 5:30pm

17th – Year 6 Fun Day

18th – 10.00am Year 6
Leavers' Assembly
(Parents Welcome)

18th – 1.30pm – End of
Term

18th - Cake Sale (Year
1 to Lead)

Add our calendar
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calendar!

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calendar.

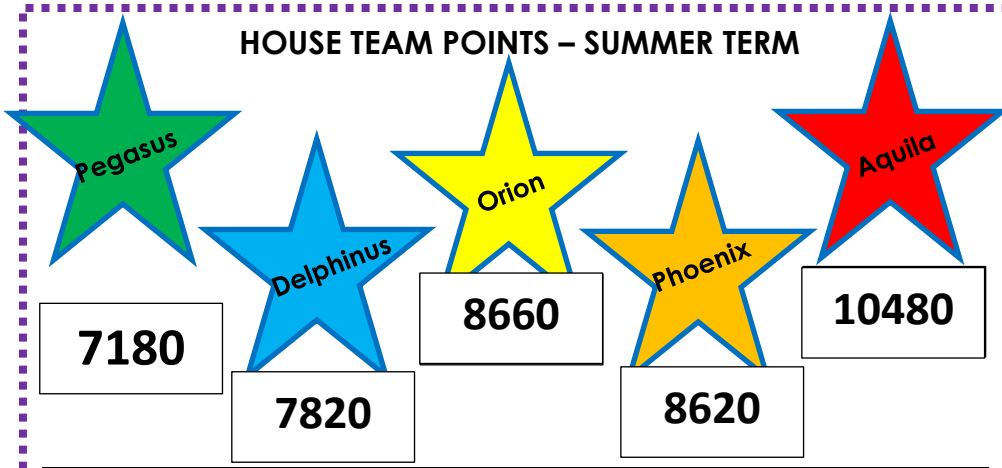


School Website Photos

Ufton Court
Nettlecombe Court
Y4 Roman
Exhibition
Y6 Show (ASAP!)



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2HJ – 100%	Y6 & 5LB – 99%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.5%	



Dates for the Diary – 2025/2026

At the very end of the newsletter, you will find lots of dates for the new year and these are also on the electronic calendar which you can download to your phone. ← See green box for link to download!



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The Waterslide was a huge success at The Summer Fair and is ready for action. Please listen out for your class/year groups slot on the slide and, if your child is keen to partake, send them in with their swimmers and a towel in a bag to get changed into. We would always encourage parents to do this, as apprehensive children often change their minds when they see their friends going down the slide. It is entirely optional for children though; we would never force anyone to have a go. There is a good deal of bubble bath which is needed to get the slide going so we are reliant on parent donations for this – if you are able to send in a bottle of bubble bath, we would be very grateful indeed! Thank you!

The Daily Mile!
 Congratulations to the following children!
Marathoners
 Anay (3DG)
 Hunter (3DG)

The Daily Mile will finish for the year on Thursday 10th July so Year 6 can enjoy a week off before the end of term. As Friday 11th is late registration, we won't run that day either.

The Summer Concert! – Thursday 10th July

We cannot believe that we are sadly coming to the end of the school year; however, we are very excited because that means Summer Concert time! This year the theme is "Battle of The Bands" so hopefully you know your K-Pop from your Indie! You will be entertained by the whole school (every child will be involved) for the evening when we set the stage on the school field (start praying for sunshine now!) and showcase our amazing children. If you can come for food beforehand then this is great, otherwise please aim for a **6:30pm return** and bring a picnic blanket. Don't forget we won't be taking the register until 10am* on Friday morning if you need the extra hour in bed.

Details will follow from classes regarding any costume needs and FOPS have the food and drink sorted!

Timings

- ✓ Food from 4:30pm (Thanks to FOPS for organising!) or bring a picnic.
- ✓ 6:30pm children will move to classes and be seated together – children must have finished eating!
- ✓ 6:45pm The Summer Concert will begin!
- ✓ 7:30pm – Adult food will close
- ✓ 8:00pm – Adult drinks will close

*School gates will be open as normal from 8:10am; we will all be here if you need a normal drop off!

PERMISSION TO CYCLE/ WALK TO AND FROM SCHOOL – KS2

In preparation for next year (we do like to be organised!) the form for allowing children to cycle/walk to and from school unaccompanied, is available for you to complete NOW. 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 USE NEXT YEAR'S CLASS TEACHER TO COMPLETE THE FORM!

Please note, we will not allow anyone home unaccompanied on the first day back in September unless you have completed a new form for the year.

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SEND Conversations

As of the autumn term, parents will have the opportunity to book a 10-minute virtual meeting with their child's class teacher and SENCo to discuss their child's Individual Support Plan (ISP). This session will provide a chance to reflect on the current ISP and discuss plans for the upcoming term. Meetings will take place during school hours on Tuesday 14th October and Wednesday 15th October. Further details, including how to sign up, will be shared in September.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Did you Know?

Tablets have transformed the way children learn and play, but are they always a safe choice? This guide focuses on the ever-popular iPad and how to use it responsibly with younger users. It explores key concerns such as exposure to harmful content, data collection by apps and the possibility of screen addiction. It also gives advice on using Apple's own tools to limit screen time, filter content and prevent unwanted purchases. With expert insights and clear recommendations, it's essential reading for parents and educators keen to make iPad use safer and smarter.

<https://tinyurl.com/2ay8782u>

Celebration Afternoon – 14th July 3:15pm – 4:00pm

You will receive your child's annual report on Friday 11th July which the teachers are busy working on. The following Monday is an entirely optional drop-in session where you can have a quick catch-up with the teachers before your child moves on, and look over their books if you would like to. There are no appointments, it is open door and a little like a Learning Look! It's a great chance to thank staff for their efforts over the year if you would like to come along and see them.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or discuss apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

- WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**
- COSTLY TO REPAIR**
While iPads are still relatively durable, the iPad is not built for rough handling, its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.
- DATA PRIVACY**
While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, to power most of our third-party iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 60% of the second largest set of most one piece of user information is third parties, which concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.
- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
The App Store and Safari browser provide robust controls to help protect children from inappropriate content, whether through age-appropriate content filters or parental controls. However, some recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable content.
- BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS**
 Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer tap-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question. Supervising certain filters provides a bit of control.
- SCREEN ADDICTION**
 iPads can be highly interactive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioral development. Signs of excessive use include frequent tantrums, anger, irritability, and difficulty focusing on other activities.
- REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT**
Prolonged use of tablets has been linked to reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulty in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media can become more struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ENABLE FAMILY SHARING**
Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their settings. You can approve purchases, restrict what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.
- FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES**
Parental controls in iOS let you select explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of sensitive apps.
- USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY**
Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device usage. Downtime allows you to block certain apps during set times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits set daily time caps on specific games or apps. Parents help children anticipate when their time is spent up.
- PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING**
Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases with in-app, allowing kids to buy virtual family phone numbers you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert
Cathy Papps is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Cathy has written for publications including Wired, Forbes, TechCrunch, and The Verge. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.

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Medication

Please don't forget to head to the school office at the end of term and collect any medication which we have stored here for your child. Thank you!



PE – 2 Star Mark

Congratulations to Ms Jackson and everyone involved in PE at Pirbright for the retention of the 2 Star Mark in KS1. Ms Jackson is so pleased that she has accrued even more points toward the 3 Star Mark showing great progress! Well done all!

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!).

Guys and dolls,

Well.... I mean, where even to begin.... THE SUMMER FAIR. That was brilliant, wasn't it? I am on such a high; the whole thing was just so superbly well-executed, such a jolly good day and I feel like it was just a complete vibe of its own. The fact that our very own Mr Wright matched our energy and came full on Oompa Loompa into the playground... props to you, Sir! We had a flashmob, we had stalls and games, and entertainment from the best in the biz; our very own talented Pirbrightians (That's a word, surely?), everyone got incredibly merry on Pimms (judging by the total on the SumUp machine after...) and was well fed by our local pub THE CRICKETERS! Huge shout out to them for serving up the BBQ and donating all their profits to our school to the tune of £800... that they would do that for us is just so wonderful and is in the true spirit of community. Thank you! And to Seymours for their generous sponsorship; not just for this fair but across many of our school events, you really come through for us and make a massive difference to our fundraising efforts. We are eternally grateful for your continued support. We have a lot of incredible people to thank in our school community too so here goes:

To Caz Philips for all the fantastic artwork! She's often called upon for help with these creative tasks for FOPS and so generously gives her time and creativity to the cause – it is so very much appreciated. Thank you

To Jen Collins for organising all the stalls for the day; that's a tall order and you had the whole thing coordinated perfectly. To Lou Shutt for securing some fantastic prizes for the day and being a super star team member, you managed to secure some amazing things to give away and that drummed up amazing raffle ticket sales. To Dave Shutt for painting EVERYTHING – that superb Wonka factory entrance you saw as you came in, to Mike TV, Augustus Gloop, and all the signs – what a talented fella you are and such dedication to the cause working through all of the above even on Father's Day! To the many kids who spent weekends wrapping Wonka bars – well done team! You did a brilliant job – 800 bars! Of course to Claire Brouner and Jasmine Lomato for organising the whole shebang and ensuring it ran smoothly on the day; coordinating all of the above, as well as teaching kids and parents an oompa loompa dance... they had all bases covered for a fantastic event. You can be so proud of yourselves for making the fair a huge success and I know you both run on extremely busy schedules so thank you for giving our school the precious commodity that is your time to make this happen.

To Jo Rodgers, and Jen Hall (and I suppose me, Lauren, although how weird thanking yourself) for organising the bar and running it dressed as Oompa Loompas! You girls did great, go us! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped on the day setting up, running the stalls and clearing away – it's hard work but SO worth it and we couldn't have done it without you. It's often many of the same parents year on year and that doesn't go unnoticed; you are fantastic human beings. Thanks to Luke Brinicombe for being so incredibly helpful always and being everywhere, and everything to anyone who needs anything. You do it with such good grace and we're lucky to have you. To our treasurer Neil, who will soon be handing over after many years of service, for pulling all the numbers together and ensuring everyone had everything they needed on the day – floats, card machines, and then patiently collected it all up at the end – thank you. To Emma and Steph, our chair people, for supporting efforts across the board and being on hand all day to support. To the teachers and LSA's who helped support our efforts, to those who helped run the day, and to Mrs Dow and Mr Wright – it's the practical help, the support that you give us, and it's that you are always so appreciative of the work FOPS do – we really enjoy doing it with you. Thank you.

We're still counting all the pennies and card taps so will get back to you next week with a total profit for the school. Phew!

I'm gonna just keep the next bit brief because there's some key points to note now as we approach the end of the year:

- ✓ Cake sale TODAY – so don't forget your change but there's also a SumUp machine (just be mindful that cakes are 50p and the min card charge is £1)
- ✓ Summer concert next Thursday – there will be a burger van, ice cream van and a bar!
- ✓ A reminder that we still need CLASS REPS so if you would be willing to take it on as a role for the year then please let your current class rep know before the end of term!

Thank you for reading, you brilliant bunch.



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Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

June 2025		July 2025	10th – Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome) 11th – 10am Late Registration 14th – New Entrants Morning Session (10:30-11:30) 14th – 3.15pm-4.30pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome) 16th – Leavers’ Party (Eve) 5:30pm 17th – Year 6 Fun Day 18th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly (Parents Welcome) 18th – 1.30pm – End of Term 18 th - Cake Sale (Year 1 to Lead) 21st - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 22nd – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)
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Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2024	Monday 2 nd September 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 28 th October 2024	Fri 1 st November 2024
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 23 rd December 2024	Friday 3 rd January 2025
SPRING 2025	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 17 th February 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 7 th April 2025	Monday 21 st April 2025
SUMMER 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 30 th May 2025

INSET DAYS 2024/2025

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Wednesday 29th January 2025

Monday 30th June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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

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Wednesday 28th January 2026

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Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

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September 2025	<p>2nd – INSET DAY 3rd – INSET DAY 4th – Children return to school 8th – 2:30pm – Year 1 Meet The Team 9th – 2:30pm – Year 2 Meet The Team 10th – 2:30pm – Year 3 Meet The Team 11th – 2:30pm – Year 4 Meet The Team 12th – 2:30pm – Year 5 Meet The Team 12th – Sayers Croft Visit (Year 6) 15th – 2:30pm – Year 6 Meet The Team 19th – 2:30pm - House Captain Elections 26th – 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports 2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports 30th – 3:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening</p>	October 2025	<p>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) 18th – Year 4 Present - Harvest Festival (No parents) 24th – INSET DAY 27th - 31st – HALF TERM</p>
November 2025	<p>3rd – Start of second half term 7th – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC) 9th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery 10th – 14th Anti-Bullying Week 10th - Flu Immunisations 21st – The FOPS Christmas Fair (3:30 – 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 28th – INSET DAY School will be closed to children</p>	February 2026	<p>2nd – 3:30pm – 7:00pm Parents' Evening 4th - 3:30 – 6:00pm Parents' Evening 16th – 20th - HALF TERM 23rd – World Thinking Day</p>
March 2026	<p>6th – World Book Day – DRESS UP 20th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo 20th - Learning Looks - PM 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)</p>
May 2026	<p>11th – 14th – KS2 SATS Week 25th – 29th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2026	<p>5th - Learning Looks - PM 19th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 29th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children 30th - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p>
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