



Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now the other side of both of the school residential trips, and I would like to say a massive well done and thank you to all of the children in Year 4 who represented the school so beautifully at Ufton Court earlier this week. None of this would have been possible without the hard work, dedication and sleep deprivation of the staff who accompanied the children - thank you Miss Currie, Mrs Bean, Mrs Dow, Mrs Rocknean, Mrs Badman and Mrs Parsons!

Last week saw Year 6 head off to Nettlecombe Court for 3 nights and they came back suitably excitable and tired from such a full-on time away with a focus on geographical studies. They explored the coast and river environments, and looked into the small animals who make Nettlecombe their home – all whilst having a brilliant time being very grown-up and away from school. Again, the children behaved impeccably and made many memories to take with them to Key Stage 3! Thank you to Mr Smith, Miss Casey, Miss Philbrick, Mrs Rocknean (again!) and Mrs Sands for supporting the children throughout their time away.

I hope to see many of you at the Sports Day later. Please be assured that we will be doing what we can to help the children through the hot day - make sure you have read the email sent out yesterday, detailing the changes we have put in place. Remember - sun hats, water bottles and sun cream for all! Another thank you and huge shout-out goes to the catering staff of Clever-Chefs for providing us with food at today's Family Lunch. Robert, Nikki, Sharon, Olivia and Sophie - what a team you are!!

Call for toilet rolls still needed as this year's sweet containers at the Summer Fair - thank you! Children will be decorating them in class next week. Speaking of the Summer Fair, if you are able to give up some of your precious time on Saturday 28th June to support a stall or help run a fundraising activity, FOPS would love to hear from you!

And finally, an unusual request... are there any budding furniture upholsterers out there who would be able to give up their time to help us recover the chairs and padded benches in the school's entrance hall? All materials will be provided!

Here's to an even hotter weekend...

Kind regards,
Pete
Pete Wright
Headteacher

Coming Up June

- 24th - Drowning Prevention Assembly
- 24th - RAMs Basketball Workshop – Year 5
- 26th - WASPs Rounders Tournament (After School)
- 26th - Year 1 Visit to The Church
- 27th - RAMs Basketball Workshop – Year 5
- 27th - Mufti - Cakes!
- 27th – Frozen Friday (KS1 After School)
- 28th – FOPS Summer Fair
- 30th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children
- 1st – Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)
- 1st - Year 2 Visit to Little Hampton

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

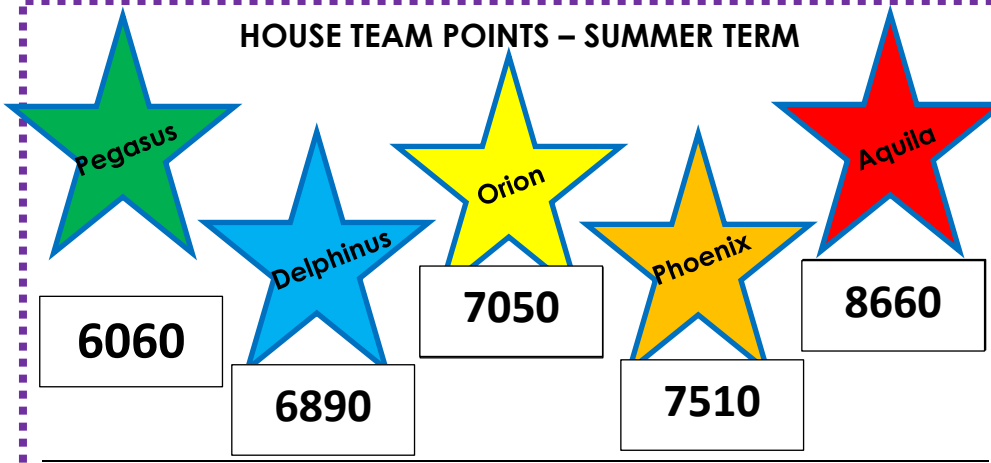


Dates for the Diary – 2025/2026

At the very end of the newsletter you will find the skeleton of next year's calendar starting to take place and this will be uploaded to the electronic calendar imminently. Enjoy!



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1HE/RJL – 100%	3DG – 100%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.5%	



Click here to order!

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



The Daily Mile!
 Congratulations to the following children!
Half Marathoners
 George (3ND) & Roslyn (2BT).
Marathoners
 Archie (5LB) & Cordelia (2HJ)



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

Did you know?
 YouTube Kids is designed to be the safer cousin of the regular YouTube app; however, built-in risks continue to pose concerns. From targeted advertising to addictive design, there's more going on behind the scenes than many realise, so YouTube Kids still needs careful oversight. Check out this guide to find out more.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS**: YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate content than the regular YouTube app, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to certain users.
- BE WARY OF ADVERTISING**: Like its regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features targeted advertising, but some parents worry that this could lead to inappropriate ads for children.
- DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE**: YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive, with autoplay, recommendations, and other features that encourage users to watch more videos.
- AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION**: YouTube Kids uses AI to generate recommendations, which can sometimes lead to misinformation.
- DATA COLLECTION RISK**: YouTube Kids collects data on user behavior, which can be used for targeted advertising.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED: YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, but these can be bypassed by users who know how to do so.

ADVICE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

- PARENTAL CONTROLS**: Use the parental controls to restrict content and set time limits.
- SET TIME LIMITS**: Set time limits to ensure children are not watching too much YouTube Kids.
- CHECK WATCH HISTORY**: Check the watch history to see what your child is watching.
- WATCH TOGETHER**: Watch YouTube Kids with your child to help them understand what they are watching.

Meet Our Expert: **Wake Up Wednesday** with The National College.

Move-Up Sessions - Next Week...

Next week we begin our transition for 2025/2026 with Move-Up Sessions. This is where the children will be introduced to their new class teacher(s). A successful transition is really important for all of the children and by doing it early we can ensure that the children have a good amount of time to prepare themselves for the inevitable change. All of the children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher on Monday morning for an hour and again on Thursday afternoon for an hour. The children will go on Monday with their usual LSA so there will be a familiar face for them and then the new LSAs will be there on Thursday so they will get to meet the whole team. Children in Years R, 2 and 4 will be sent up in their new classes as they have been mixed. We know that change is inevitable and this can bring some anxiety for some children. It is perfectly normal for children (and adults!) to feel wobbly at this time of year and we totally acknowledge these feelings and hear them. Reminding children that they have done it before, will do it again and have probably had even bigger changes that they have managed in life is a good place to start! We appreciate your support with this.

2025+ Staffing

As we look to the end of the year, we have the inevitable but unenviable job of thinking about staffing and who might be moving on. You might have noticed that both Miss Durdle and Miss Russell are having babies! This is very exciting news and if you see them, please hand them some sort of cold flannel or a glass of water as they glow in the heat! They are both due in September, so won't be with us in class next year. We will of course keep you updated on all things baby related for them both and wish them a restful summer before the fun begins! Returning from their maternity leave are both Miss Cass and Miss Collins, who we are sure have all the tips for our outgoing "Mums to Be!"

Mrs King will be leaving us at the end of the term. Having started her teaching career here nine years ago, we have been so lucky to keep her this long to be honest! Mrs King has made such an impact on Pirbright School in here time and has been the very best Diversity Champion, providing opportunity after opportunity for the children to really reflect on their place in the world and how special we all are. Mrs King has a very large house project to be keeping her busy and is looking forward to exploring what the future holds for her – we wish her all the best. There is always a home for her here at Pirbright! As Mrs King is leaving, we have been able to tie Mrs Bean down and she will now become a permanent member of the Pirbright team.

Mrs Ruddy is also saying au revoir after almost as many years! She has brought buckets of style to school with her fabulous fashion sense (have you seen the shoes?!) and has been a great supporter of children and staff alike. In recent months, she has worked across the school taking on various SEND roles and we are so appreciative of how adaptable and flexible she has been during her time here. Good luck for the future Madame Ruddy!

Mrs Hemsworth was with us for a maternity cover since September and leaves us at the end of the school year. She has been a wonderful member of the Year 1 team this year and whilst she goes off to do other things, she is always welcome back here!

We have recruited two new teachers to join the team on a full-time basis next year, Miss Grace Jessett and Miss Rhianna Grant. They were both interviewed earlier in the year and proved to be excellent, experienced candidates, so we are looking forward to welcoming them to join the team. Both of them will be here with us on Monday to meet their new classes. Miss Jessett is able to join us again on Thursday, but unfortunately Miss Grant is on a school trip with her current class. Mrs Herring is also joining us for the year and will be working a day a week alongside Mrs Davies who works four days.

And finally, we've decided to keep Mr Wright (never in doubt really!) as he has done a pretty good job this year. Yay for Mr Wright! Phew – that was a lot!

Forest School at Pirbright

In collaboration with
'Kind of Wild, nature connection and play'

In an effort to continue to improve our extra curricular provision we are excited to announce a fantastic opportunity for children to forge a deeper connection with nature while honing skills that foster independence and creativity.

Forest School sessions offer a fantastic opportunity for children to forge a deeper connection with nature while honing skills that foster independence and creativity.

Our after school club programme consists of six sessions, accommodating groups of 15 children from KS2. Sessions typically span consecutive weeks, from 3:15pm - 4:45pm.

The Level 3 qualified Forest School leader will work closely with school staff to tailor sessions to accommodate all KS2 ages, abilities, and interests, to ensure all needs are met.

As the weeks progress and children grow more comfortable in the Forest School environment, they are encouraged to take the lead in their play. Leaders are adept at recognising and nurturing individual learning styles, allowing children to learn at their own pace.

The cost for a 6 week course will be £120 per child.
To record an expression of interest please follow the link below and complete this [Expression of interest form](#).

Thank you to the few parents who did express an interest in additional Forest School sessions for their children after school. Unfortunately, there has not been enough interest so we will not be pursuing this any further. We will of course continue to offer Forest School in school time throughout the year – thanks to Miss Durdle for leading on this provision and to Miss Russell and Mrs Bean for leading the sessions. The children have absolutely loved them!

Event Parking

With all the usual summer highlights on their way (Fair, Sports Day, Concert!) we would just like to remind people of the importance of parking considerately around the village. We LOVE having you at all these events and absolutely want you to be there but it does put pressure on the community when parking all the additional cars. Please be mindful, kind and follow the Pirbright Values when parking your car as it makes things so much nicer for everyone.

Instrumental/Singing lesson update!

Please note that singing lessons with Alice from Rock and Pop are cancelled for the next TWO Mondays (23rd and 30th June).

A huge well done to those who have been learning the trumpet on Wednesdays with Matthew Nash from Surrey Arts. We are really impressed with the progress of all children. If you are interested in learning the trumpet then please do get in touch! Free trial lessons available!



CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB SUMMER

Key Information

- WEEK 1
28
JULY 2025
- WEEK 2
4
AUGUST 2025

- Two full weeks of the Summer Holidays with flexible booking options
- Cost - £30 per day
- Hours - 9am - 4pm
- All activities are on school site
- Run by Mrs Allen and a team of school staff
- Bookings made via SCOPAY
- Non-Club Class children need to be registered on the website first
- Bring a lunch and snack!
- Booking closes 17th July 2025

BOOKING OPEN NOW!

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED!

Club Class
Pirbright School

pcc@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

pirbrightvillageprimaryschool.com/clubclass



PIRBRIGHT VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR 2025

28th June 12-3pm

BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW

WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FOPS

GOLDEN TICKET



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Hola amigos,

I have some very important updates for you this week.... On Thursday. Or Jueves (as they say in Spanish.) Very similar to the Spanish word for eggs.... 'juevos' – reminding me of a time when I asked for there to be no Thursdays in my salad. I also have a highly inappropriate story concerning a chicken sandwich in a Spanish café but this is not the place for such tales, or I'll find myself being sent to Mr Wright's office!

Summer fair news: Tomorrow, on Sports Day, we will be strutting around doing pre-sales for Wonka Bars and Raffle Tickets during family lunch. I believe there's also going to be ice lollies for sale too so come support FOPS and stay hydrated. Even the government is telling us to eat ice lollies to stay cool so I'm conforming BIG TIME. Come and join me, it feels great. We also need some volunteers to sign up and help run the summer fair stalls – I know I say this all the time but if we all just do a quick thirty mins then everyone gets to enjoy themselves and lots of chefs make a great broth. That's how it goes, right? The link to sign up is this one (a total pain to write out just so you know): <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48A5AE2CA3FEC25-56800217-pirbright#/> urgh thank goodness - I just checked it, and it worked.) IN PARTICULAR, we need volunteers to run the Glitter Tattoos and Hair Braids stall, if you think you or maybe an older sibling might be a dab hand at this and can spare half an hour, please contact Jasmine on 07745049462 – I happen to think this is the best stall (with no disrespect to other stalls but I'm 35 and I know what I like) and the atmosphere is always really feel-good so if you don't want to get landed with half an hour on a less-fun stall then sign up to this one and go bonkers with glitter. In an artistic and flamboyant way. I love that for you. SEE YOU THERE SISTA'.

Legoland tickets will be emailed to you in due course, can't say exactly when, but am just gonna advise you to trust the process and it's all being dealt with by people who have their ducks in a row (spoiler; not me)

OHHHH and a fun one – last but not least guys – we need some bold, noble and selfless parents to run the BBQ at the summer fair. I reckon that'll be taken care of by the end of this sentence – being asked to grill meat in the name of helping the school? ME, PICK ME. I can see no shortage of volunteers for that job – get in touch if you'd like to be on that team.

That's all I've got this week, residents of la isla bonita! See you at Sports Day. I'll be there all day so throw me some electrolytes if you're passing. Hasta luego!



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RESEARCH?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTROL A COMPUTER GAME WITH YOUR BRAIN ACTIVITY?

We are looking for healthy children and young people aged 5 - 25 years to take part in a research study at Evelina Hospital, looking at how the brain communicates with our muscles to control our movements. This information may help us to understand and improve treatments for people with movement problems.

WHAT DOES THE STUDY INVOLVE?

The study takes place at the Evelina London Children's Hospital. It takes between 2-3 hours. We ask you to play our computer game whilst we record the electrical activity of your brain and muscles! We apply some special wires (called electrodes) to your head, which record the activity of your brain (your "brain waves" or EEG). We put some stickers on your arms and hands, which record your muscle activity. These link to a computer, so that we can see the brain and muscle activity on a screen. We ask you to grip a squeeze bar and use your brain activity to play the game.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

If you think you may be interested in taking part and there is no personal or family history of movement difficulties, please ask us for more information. We can provide you with information sheets and we are happy to talk to you in person about the study, with no obligation for you to take part. (If you are under 16 years old, please ask your parent/guardian to contact us).

Please contact Dr Verity McClelland on 020 7188 8533,
or email verity.mcclelland@kcl.ac.uk

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Class Assemblies 2024/2025

Friday 4th July 2025 in the **AFTERNOON** (Time TBC)

Year 6

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 26th May 2025	Friday 30th 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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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

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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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