



Dear Parents & Carers,

The weather has been a delight this week and the sporting events are coming thick and fast! Year 5 boys played their socks off yesterday afternoon and did us proud against the top local schools with the Year 5/6 girls competing in the evening for the WASPS Football League Finals. Both teams smashed it and won their respective leagues, so we have WASPS Football League Champions on our hands! Amazing work Mr Smith & Mr Fuller – what excellent coaches!

Key Targets and Expectations are coming home to you today. This is a great opportunity to catch up on how your child is doing from summative point of view. As you will know, we measure the children's attainment day in, day out, and it is all quite "under the radar", catching children at their best in their lessons and considering work in their books. Sometime we might give them a formal assessment but this just forms part of the picture. All details about what is expected for your child at the end of the year can be found [here](#). Feel free to touch base with your child's teacher or make an appointment if you would like to discuss this further.

This week you were all sent the login details for a computer program that we have bought in to, Clicker 8. This is a literacy support tool designed for primary classrooms, serving as a word processor that aims to make reading and writing more engaging for students. It's particularly helpful for children who find literacy challenging or have special needs, providing a supportive environment for them to develop their writing skills. I have seen incredible things from Clicker 7, in previous schools and Clicker 8 seems even better!

We are excited to announce that Cultural Week will be taking place from June 2nd. This is an exciting opportunity for our children to further explore and celebrate diversity, an essential part of creating a positive and inclusive school community. Understanding and embracing diversity helps children develop our schools' values such as respect, tolerance, as well as compassion and empathy, which are vital for their growth and success in an interconnected world. There is lots more information further down the newsletter about how you can get involved so please do read on!

Don't forget that we have been gifted another Bank Holiday Monday next week and will be back on Tuesday 6th May, before class photos on the Wednesday. Please continue to give your children a generous dose of sun cream before they arrive at school and keep those water bottles full - thank you!

Until then, I hope you have some time with family over the extended weekend

Kind regards
Pete
Pete Wright
Headteacher

Coming Up May

6th - Woking FC
Tournament: Girls – 12:00
– 4:00pm
Yr4 Boys 3.30pm-
6.30pm (At Woking FC)
7th - Tempest Class
Photos
12th – 16th – KS2 SATS
Week
13th - YR Visit to
Wellington Country Park
14th - Woking FC
Tournament: Boys -
3:30pm-6:00pm
16th - Cake Sale (Year 3 to
Lead)
19th – Pirbright Has Talent
Auditions (Y1 – Y6)
19th - **STEM McLaren
Workshop – Year 3**
20th - Reception Health
Check
20th - **WASPS Cross
Country – Year 3/4 –
Rearranged Date**

Add our calendar
to your electronic
calendar!

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



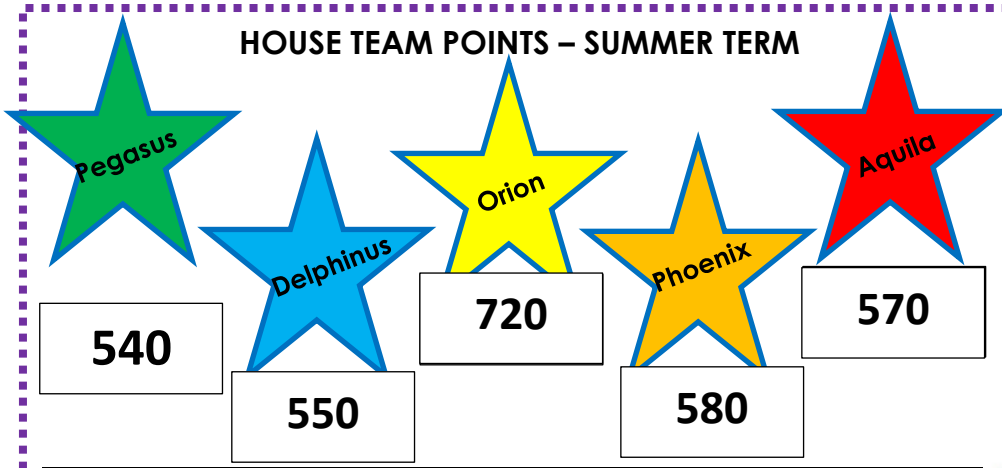
SCHOOL WEBSITE PHOTOS!

1JR Class
Assembly
Rock & Pop
Assembly

**DON'T FORGET - IT'S CLASS PHOTOS ON WEDNESDAYS SO MAKE IT A
CLEAN T-SHIRT DAY!**



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
RJL – 100%	6DG, 5LB, 4SG – 98%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.3%	

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



The Daily Mile!
 Congratulations to Half-Marathoners Jacob (RJL), Arthur (6DS), Anton (5LB), Cullen (3DG) and George (3DG). Well done!



CLICK HERE TO ORDER!

Sunglasses
 As the weather hots up, children are welcome to wear sunglasses to school but they are entirely their own responsibility; they must use them safely and cannot wear them in class!

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.



Attendance & Punctuality Matters!

With your child's Key Targets and Expectations document today, you will receive information about attendance (accurate from the end of last term). There is a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) rating.

Below 90%	90% - 94.9%	95%+
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The government would love 100% attendance for all; we are happy with 95%+ and as a school, have excellent attendance. If your child has fallen into the red zone, this means they are missing a minimum of one school day every two weeks which has a significant impact on their education. Over the course of the school year, this is more than three weeks of learning. What is even more worrying is that over the course of their time at school, children who have very poor attendance on average are missing almost a year of their education.

Missed Primary School Time Based on Attendance
 Average Attendance **90%** = **8.4 months** of school missed.
 Average Attendance **85%** = **+ 1 year** of school missed.
 Average Attendance **80%** = **1.4 years** of school missed.

You will also find a RAG rating for attendance; having KS2 children in class at 0830 and KS1/R at 0845 as the doors open gives the children the best possible start to the day. You would be amazed at what we can achieve in just an extra five minutes a day (25m a week, 300m a term, 900m a year – that's 15 hours a year of extra learning/socialising/schooling), it really does matter! If you are struggling at all, please chat to class teachers and ask for help – it's what we are here for!



Last Few Reception 2025 Places...

Please make contact with the school office for a tour and a chat if you are interested. We would love to meet you and your family!
info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

Reception 2025/2026

With a very small number of siblings in the new Reception intake for 2025/2026, we find ourselves with a few extra spaces which is most unusual! If you know anyone who is looking for a place, feel free to send them our way for a chat (once you've told them all the wonderful things about Pirbright of course!). Places can now be allocated to anyone so it absolutely doesn't matter where they live – come on over and say hello!

Congratulations to the children in Years 2 - 6 who participated in the **TCS Mini London Marathon 2025** this week. The children ran, skipped and walked a mile each to mark the occasion of the London Marathon and to celebrate being active. We were blessed by the weather, some would say it was too hot, which enabled us to complete the run this week. The children all completed the run enthusiastically, showing great resilience and determination, as well as teamwork and camaraderie. Congratulations, we are all very proud of you!

Cultural Week – 2nd June →

At Pirbright we are committed to building our students' understanding of living in a diverse world. We've already had some incredible learning experiences this year, including:

- **Theme Week**, where we explored the inspiring achievements of the Paralympians and learned about adaptive sports, fostering respect for people with disabilities.
- A visit from **CSSEF charity** to promote deaf awareness, where students had the opportunity to learn how hearing aids and sign language and understand the importance of inclusivity.
- A visit from Sadia Irfan, who shared her knowledge of **Islam** and a visit from Mrs. Alston, who shared her knowledge of **Judaism** and helped expand our understanding of different faiths.
- A rich and broad curriculum, from Year 2 students exploring cultures from around the world, and Year 5 students diving into **Diversity** through the powerful book *The Arrival*, which explores the immigrant experience.

These are just a few examples and we want to take this even further during Cultural Week! We believe that learning directly from the diverse people in our community will help our students see the world through different perspectives. We are inviting **visitors** who would like to come into school and share their personal experiences about topics such as **languages, cultural celebrations, religious practices**, and more. Whether you would like to speak to your child's class or visit another, your contribution will provide a valuable opportunity for students to learn firsthand about the diversity that surrounds them.

If you're interested in participating, please contact **Mrs. King**, 2HJ@pirbright.surrey.sch who will coordinate with you and the teachers to find a time that works for everyone during that week. Let's work together to make Cultural Week a meaningful and enriching experience for all. By celebrating our differences and learning from each other, we are building a school community rooted in **respect, empathy, and understanding**. We can't wait to hear from you!

Class Mix-Ups

For those new to PVPS, we mix up children in Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 classes each year and this process will begin in the coming weeks. When 60 children start in Reception, the classes are balanced out as much as possible considering a range of factors such as friendships, special educational needs, EAL, age and gender. As the children progress through the school, the classes can become less balanced due to variety of reasons. For example, the mobility we have with our military families, the development of children's Special Educational Needs (SEND) and the different rates at which children make learning across the board. We also think it is an important way to help children develop their socio-emotional skills and resilience in making new friendships and experiencing change in a safe and secure environment.

WHY DO WE SWAP CLASSES?

- To create classrooms where all children can achieve their potential.
- Pupils can become tired of the same classroom colleagues over time.
- Improved transition to secondary school by increasing a pupil's group of friends by mixing with children in the other class more regularly.
- Provides the chance to address any imbalance that occurs in classes due to pupils coming and going over time.
- The need to allow certain pupils the chance to develop different friendships.
- Balancing ability levels.
- Balancing Special Educational Needs and behaviour needs.
- Achieving a good gender balance.

HOW DO WE DO IT?

- 1) We will explain the process to the children beforehand and share the reasons why it is important as well as explaining that it is how we have always done it. We remind children that for lots of them, they have been through this process before.
- 2) On the week beginning Tuesday 6th May, all teachers will work with their classes to gather the names of four friends that they would like to be with in the following year. We guarantee that they will get one of these friends. There is no ranking order to these friends, we will do our very best to put together the best combinations of children. Feel free to talk to your children about who they want on their list leading up to this date. Remind them of the importance of the class swap and to really think about who they want to spend the next two years with and who will help them with their learning. Remember to consider children across the whole year group. Also reassure them that we don't share this information with anyone else. They should feel free to explore new friendships and take up old ones from previous classes.
- 3) Teachers use this information to build two new classes for the following year, considering the pupils' preferences. However, a pupil's friendship group is not the most important aspect as the objective is to ensure we have two equal classes that can be academically successful. We consider; gender split, academic ability, behaviour, pupil personality as well as SEND needs and also the general makeup of the group to be able to form a strong class unit.
- 4) These lists are shared with the whole staff, who are asked to consider how the pupils have interacted in the past and how they interact during both social times and learning activities. Feedback is given to the class teachers.
- 5) Lists will be reviewed based on staff comments and reviewed once more.
- 6) Pupils will be informed of their new classes on the mix up day.

We recognise that mixing classes will make some pupils feel apprehensive; however, we do ask parents to be as positive about this as possible with their children. It is the norm for our school and all our pupils have had this experience. It is also important to remember that the adults at school spend a huge amount of time with the children, see how they interact at school and know that what is best to support their learning can be different to what is seen at home. Finally, every single person at school is motivated to ensure that the children will be with the best group so they can be as successful as possible.

VE DAY Celebrations

We're looking forward to marking the 80th anniversary of VE Day next week and hope that children will return to school after the Bank Holiday weekend with a bit of an understanding about what might be going on as the national celebrations are taking place on Monday. We will be reflecting on VE Day in class and Mrs Davies has been hard at work leading some glorious singing. To mark the day, we will be putting together a video of the children singing and posting it on the school website; we will send you the link on Thursday to make the official day. In keeping with our school's policy on consent, we will of course not include children who we do not have photo consent for. If your child normally has consent, we will use this to assume they can be in the video. **If your child is normally in photos, but you would like them NOT to be in the video, please let class teachers know ASAP.** We are recording on Tuesday afternoon.

Oh, HELLO, Mr Blue Sky. The sun is shining in the sky, there ain't a cloud in sight. It's stopped raining, everybody's in the play and don't you know, it's a beautiful new day heyyyy....

Bonus points if you know the next verse... (I already know which of our loyal readers will WhatsApp this to me on Friday afternoon!)

Anyway, down to the nitty gritty:

THE SUMMER FAIR – so we are well underway prepping the Willy Wonka extravaganza of the year.... There will be chocolate, there will be oompa loompas* and there will be a lot of fun to be had. The Cricketers will be doing the BBQ – hurrah! **WE DO NEED** a few folks to contact their class reps if they'd be willing to have a Seymour's Estate Agent board advertising the Summer Fair outside their house – it's basically like the boards they'd put up if you were selling your house, but it advertises the fair! Pirbright folks, Brookwood folks, please let your class reps know if you would be ok with this – there's not a catch, it's just a board – but it's good marketing for them and they are one of our sponsors for the fair, so we'd love to have loads of boards up around the village to show our gratitude. They come and put them up too, so you don't even need to go into the shed to find a mallet.

Might I also take this opportunity to say that we still need **RAFFLE PRIZES** pretty please. If you own a local business, or perhaps know someone who does, then please get in touch with us if you have any lovely raffle prizes to donate. Anything from sausages to massages. We appreciate the support of our local community so much. Class reps are your go-to gang if you think you can help or know someone who can. Thank you.

IN OTHER NEWS, heavily discounted **LEGOLAND** tickets go on sale next week – don't miss out. These sold out so quickly last year! They will be available here: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

Lastly, our next UNIFORM SALE is happening on 9th May after drop-off outside the music suite – and it's an amazing opportunity to stock up on Pirbright branded items as well as good staples like summer dresses and PE kit. Don't forget to swing by – and we do accept card payments thanks to the magic of sum up machine. Can I also take this opportunity to thank generous parents for donating preloved uniform this morning. You are wonderful humans.

That's all gang.

* Oompa loompas unconfirmed but I'm hopeful.

* Perhaps we get Mr Wright to sing the oompa loompa song?

* OR Perhaps we get him to take the lead, wear purple and channel his inner Timothee Chalamet?!

* Perhaps I'll stop now.



Your Summer fair needs you!

28th June 2025
12pm-3pm

DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW?
~ A LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS WHO MIGHT LIKE A PITCH AT THE FAIR
PLEASE EMAIL JASMINE@CRANLEIGHDANCE.CO.UK

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER?
~ CAN YOU OFFER 30 MINUTES OF YOUR TIME ON THE DAY TO MAN A STALL/HELP WITH SET UP/PACK AWAY.
(KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CLASS REPS AND THIS YEAR ALL HELPERS WILL BE OFFERED A FREE ENTRY INTO THE RAFFLE)

CAN YOU HOST A SEYMOURS BOARD?
~ IF YOU WOULD BE HAPPY TO HOST A SEYMOURS BOARD TO ADVERTISE THE FAIR PLEASE EMAIL PIRBRIGHTFOPS@YAHOO.CO.UK

CAN YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS DONATE A RAFFLE PRIZE?
~ PLEASE EMAIL LOUISESHUTT@OUTLOOK.COM

THANK YOU!

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Auditions: Monday 19th May 2025

Children will be called to the Music Suite throughout the day so need to be ready!
Years 1 – 6 are welcome to audition

Children will be notified if they have been successful ready for the final performances...

Thursday 5th June 2025 (AM)

Singing, dancing, joke telling, magic, gymnastics, musical instrument and all manner of talents considered!

Any questions see Mrs Dow!

Year 1 Wishlist

We're sure that many of you have been having a good old spring cleaning clear out over the past few weeks, and if so, we would love to support you by taking any of the following from you to help resource our Year 1 outdoor area.

Outdoor Specific:

- Wooden cable drums
- Wooden pallets
- Wooden Planks
- Plastic crates
- Plastic piping/guttering
- Tyres
- Logs/Stumps
- Sand pit toys or water play items e.g. tubes, funnels
- Unwanted adult shirts (for use as aprons)
- Large Buckets
- Old Pots and Pans, cooking utensils, colanders
- Metal watering cans
- Spades and Trowels
- Any seeds/seedlings for us to grow.
- Tarpaulin

Thank You!

PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS PRESENT

Ladies' Day



A Comedy by Amanda Whittington

Saturday 7th June 2025, 2pm & 7pm

Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright

Tickets: pirbrightplayers.spanglefish.org




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FREE

AFTER-SCHOOL HOCKEY

for Primary School players (Years 3-6)

Join us for outdoor fun this summer term!



>WHEN: Tuesday evenings from 4:30 to 5:30pm. 10 weeks from 22nd April - 1st July 2025 (no session half term)

>WHERE: Guildford Hockey Club
Broadwater School, Summers Road, GU7 3BW

>WHO: Open to Primary after-school club children, children who have attended a hockey festival with their school, or who attend a GHC State Primary partner-school.

(Note that this course is aimed at children who are not already members of Guildford Hockey Club).

>HOW: Easy - just scan the QR code or click the booking link [HERE](#) to sign up!



Book here

We have sticks available to use.

guildfordhockeyclub.co.uk



Supporting families in our community

THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

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

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.

<p>9.45am – 11.45am at Guildford Nursery School, GU1 1NR</p> <p>Monday 12th May Monday 19th May Monday 2nd June Monday 9th June Monday 16th June Monday 23rd June Monday 30th June Monday 7th July Monday 14th July Monday 21st July</p>	<p>9.30am – 11.30am at The Walsh Junior School, Ash, GU12 6LT</p> <p>Thursday 11th September Thursday 18th September Thursday 25th September Thursday 2nd October Thursday 9th October Thursday 16th October Thursday 23rd October Thursday 6th November Thursday 13th November Thursday 20th November</p>
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This 10-week group course takes place face to face.

Book your place on our website or speak to our team on 01483 510570 for more details.

familiesfirstguildford.com/events



Celebrate Local Art and Craft at Pierrepont Farm's Artwork Day

On Saturday, May 10th, Pierrepont Farm's The Old Dairy in Farnham, Surrey will host an Artwork Day showcasing the creativity and talent of local artists and artisans.

Running from 12 pm to 5 pm, the event promises to show work of a similar standard to that which you'd find in an art gallery, with 12 invited artists plus some of the resident artisans in the beautiful surroundings of the farm.

Alongside the artwork, there will be delicious food and drink, including freshly made pizza and delightful Italian ice cream.

The event is free to enter, wheelchair accessible, family friendly, and dogs on leads are welcome.

For more information and updates, follow @theolddairy_pierrepont on Instagram. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

May 2025	<p>1st - WASPS Football Leagues Finals 6th - Woking FC Tournament: Girls – 12:00 – 4:00pm Yr4 Boys 3.30pm-6.30pm (At Woking FC) 7th - Tempest Class Photos 12th – 16th – KS2 SATS Week 13th - YR Visit to Wellington Country Park 14th - Woking FC Tournament: Boys -3:30pm-6:00pm 16th - Cake Sale (Year 3 to Lead) 19th – Pirbright Has Talent Auditions (Y1 – Y6) 19th - STEM McLaren Workshop – Year 3 20th - Reception Health Check 20th - WASPS Cross Country – Year 3/4 – Rearranged Date 21st - Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White's House 21st - Year 2 Victorian Day 21st - WASPS Yr4/5 tournaments: Boys AM/Girls PM @ Woking Leisure Centre 21st - New Entrants' Meeting 22nd - Year 6 Maths Money Circus 22nd - Year 5 Dynamo Cricket 1pm-5pm @ Old Woking CC 26th –30th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2025	<p>4th - Year 1 Visit to the British Wildlife Centre 5th – Pirbright Has Talent (no parents, sorry!) AM 5th – KS2 "Joseph" Trip to New Victoria Theatre PM 6th - Mufti - Adult Tombola Bottles 6th - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look 9th – 12th - Year 6 Residential Visit to Somerset 11th - Year 5 District Sports (AM) 12th - Reception Zoo Lab Visit 13th - Mufti - Kids Tombola Toys & Books 13th – Year 6 Late Registration (10am) 13th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome) 16th – 17th – Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court 17th – New Entrants Stay & Play 1:45pm – 2:45pm 18th – New Entrants Stay & Play 1:45pm – 2:45pm 19th - Year 3/4 District Sports (PM) 20th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 26th - WASPs Rounders Tournament (After School) 27th - Mufti - Cakes! 28th – FOPS Summer Fair 30th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children</p>
July 2025	<p>1st – Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 1st - Year 2 Visit to Little Hampton 2nd - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 4th - Year 6 Performance PM (Y6 parents invited PM) 4th - Cake Sale (Year 2 to Lead) 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) 21st - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 22nd – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>		

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

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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

Class Assemblies 2024/2025

Friday 9 th May 2025 at 10am	RGD
Friday 16 th May 2025 at 10am	1HE
Friday 23 rd May 2025 at 10am	RJL
Friday 6 th June 2025 at 10am	3ND
Friday 13 th June 2025 at 10am	2BT
Friday 4 th July 2025 in the AFTERNOON (Time TBC)	Year 6

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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
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