



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school for the start of the spring term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break and were able to spend some special time together. The weather has certainly kept us guessing this week! We've seen a bit of everything, but it has unfortunately ending the week on being simply wet and cold. Despite this, it has been wonderful to see the children return so positively, wrapped up warmly and ready to learn.

The children have settled back into the school routine extremely well and it has been a real pleasure to see classrooms buzzing with learning once again and the playgrounds full of laughter and energy. The school feels very much alive again after the holiday break.

I would like to let you know that I have just one more parent tour for Reception children of September 2026 remaining this academic year. This will take place on Tuesday 13th January at 1.45pm. If you know a family who may be interested in joining our school community, please do encourage them to book on. A successful referral could win you a free pen (subject to availability, condition of pens may vary, Ts&Cs apply).

Sadly, we did not have our resident coffee barista, Debbie, here on Wednesday. Unfortunately, her coffee machine is in need of repair, but she is hoping to join us next Wednesday. Looking ahead, I am really excited that class assemblies will be starting up again this term. These are always a highlight and a lovely opportunity to celebrate the children's learning. 3SC will be kicking off the new year with their class assembly next Friday 16th January, and I know they are very much looking forward to sharing their work.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a warm and restful weekend.

Kind regards

Pete

Pete Wright

Head Teacher

Parents' Consultation Evenings are coming up and further information about booking will come to you very soon. Please pop the dates in your diaries (2nd and 4th February) and if you know you will be unable to make these times, pop in and see your class teachers for an alternative, sooner rather than later.



Coming Up January

5th – Start of the spring term

W/B 19th → Year 6

Bikeability Week 1

16th - Year 4 Netball Festival

19th - Year 6 SATs Meeting (2:45pm)

20th - Year 6

Sportshall Athletics

23rd - Year 4 Cake Sale

W/B 26th → Year 6

Bikeability Week 2

28th – INSET DAY
School will be closed to children

30th - Girls' Football Match v Hermitage @ PVPS

February

2nd & 4th - 3.30pm – 7.00pm – Parents' Consultation Evenings

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



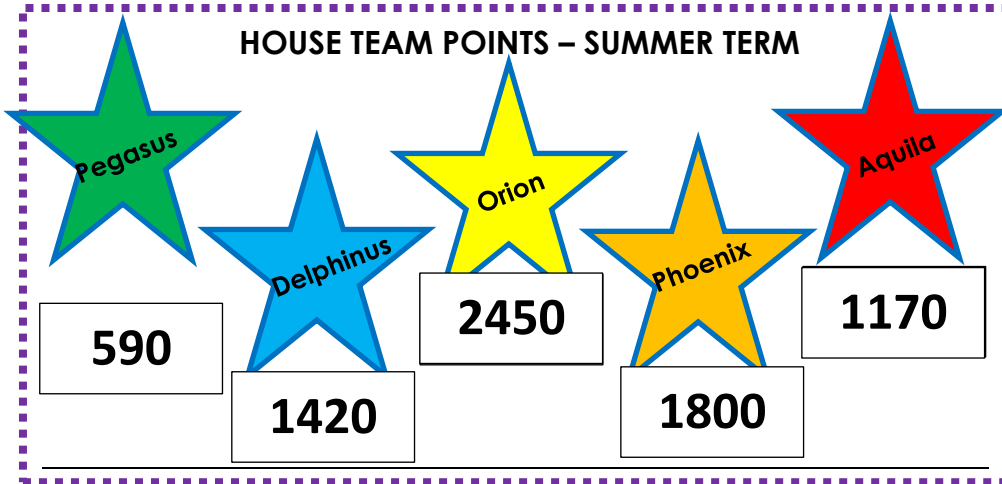
SCHOOL PHOTOS!



LUNCH TIME CLUBS START ON MONDAY!



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



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



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.



The Daily Mile!
 What a week of varied weather we have had! Hopefully things look brighter (and safer!) next week but we're not so sure...
 Polite reminder, the Year 6 children are in charge. Please don't try to negotiate with them about your children being fast enough to run when they have called time at 08:30. We don't want to make it an earlier cut off, but we will if we have to – please get here in good time so there are no issues!

Keeping Children Safe Online

CLICK HERE

Essential Online Safety
 This #WakeUpWednesday edition offers clear, supportive guidance to help parents feel more confident in navigating the online world with children and young people. It looks at how everyday conversations, simple boundaries, and a bit of digital awareness can make a real difference to young people's online experiences. This guide also explores how parents and educators can create an environment where children feel comfortable asking for help when something online unsettles them. By highlighting the importance of safe and healthy internet usage, these tips provide a grounded starting point for anyone supporting young people's digital lives.



What's Going on This Term?

As we look towards Parents' Evenings (information will be published on booking next week) it is a good time to remind you of all the things we do at Pirbright to support your children. You will have a separate email in your inbox with a year group letter and a Topic Web which tells you all about the learning the children will be doing this term. We follow the National Curriculum and each year group has a set of End of Year Expectations (also included in the email) which we measure the children against through their time in a year group. We assess the children every day, continually – it is an ongoing process. Sometimes we use an assessment tool such as a test or a quiz but it is much more likely to be “under the radar”, catching children at their best in their lessons and considering work in their books. This is a much more “low stakes” & reliable method of assessing children that builds up a picture over time and hopefully they don't even realise it is happening! Towards the end of each term, they will take some more formal assessments which we use to inform our planning for subsequent learning. If you have any questions about this, feel free to speak to class teachers about it at Parents' Evening (or before!) and they can further explain.

Safeguarding

Lovely Mrs Nuttall has joined the safeguarding team! She works closely with families alongside Mrs Hinzman in the PEDALS Pod and is a wellbeing and mental health warrior. We are very grateful of her support within the team. It will take a little while to update all of the displays with her lovely picture but she is on the team from now. If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child you are welcome to go to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mr Fuller directly (DSL@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk), any of the Deputy DSLs, directly to your child's class teacher or in fact any member of the team. Every member of staff at Pirbright is trained and has the responsibility to safeguard children so never be shy to chat to us. If you are a Club Classer, Mrs Allen is your first port of call as she is also a Deputy DSL.



Mrs Nuttall - PEDALS Team

Class Assemblies!

Next week, Miss Currie kicks off the class assembly calendar for 2026 (there was a sneaky early entry for Mr Fuller in the autumn term so well done to 5SF for getting yours done!). 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!



Smart Watches at School

We kindly ask that children do not bring smart watches to school. They can be distracting during lessons, may raise privacy concerns, and are easily lost or damaged. Keeping them at home helps us maintain a focused, safe, and fair environment for everyone. 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!

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 which will be published next week 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 1 - What is Regulation?



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

In this concept we learned what **regulation** is and how it helps us. Regulation means being able to adjust or control something so it works well.

- We discussed different things we can regulate, such as the speed of a fan or the temperature of water.
- We explored how we can also regulate our body in a variety of ways:

Eating a snack
to regulate
hunger

Drinking water
to regulate
thirst

Taking a nap
to regulate
being tired

Putting on
a jacket to
regulate
temperature

Using deep
breathing to
regulate feelings
and behaviors

Some things in our body are easier to regulate, like temperature or hunger, while others take more time to learn, such as being able to regulate our feelings. In fact, adults continue to develop these skills as we work to manage the stressors in life.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Regulation is an important skill that helps us manage life's ups and downs. It supports our ability to work, to interact with others, and to feel more comfortable throughout our day. To put it another way, regulation supports our well-being.



ASK AND SHARE

To help with learning, discuss these questions together.

- *What are some things we can regulate, adjust, or manage?*
- *What is a way you can regulate your body? How does that affect how you feel?*



BRIDGE ACTIVITY: REGULATION CHARADES

Take turns pretending to regulate different things around your space or within your body, then guess what action is being acted out. Make your guess using the sentence below:

I think you are regulating _____ by _____.

(Example: I think you are regulating the lights by using the dimmer switch.)

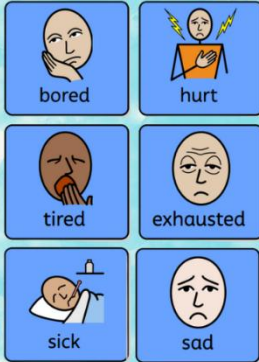


Zones of Regulation

I wonder how you are feeling?



Some feelings in the BLUE ZONE



Recharge...



Some feelings in the GREEN ZONE



Ready to Learn...



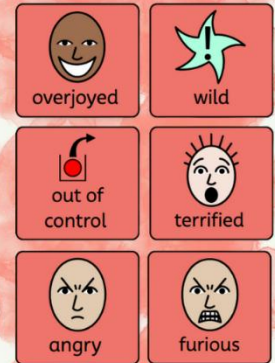
Some feelings in the YELLOW ZONE



Relax...



Some feelings in the RED ZONE



Take Control...



Dearest Gentle Readers,

It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a NEW YEAR for us. And we're feeling good. 2026 – new year, fresh energy - I personally love a new calendar year. I love sitting and writing all the key dates in my diary, I liken it to the feeling of sharpening all your pencils and refilling your pencil case for going back to school. We have lots of exciting plans for FOPS this year and so I bring you a few little snippets to ease you back in...

It's January, so perhaps you're on a health kick – no better way to beat the January blues than eating all the chocolates leftover from Christmas to make room for New Year chocolate (70% cocoa solids as a minimum, with a Matcha chaser) – If you are thinking that now would be a good time to start moving your body more, then there's nothing better than committing to a goal. FOPS are thinking about getting a team together to run the Surrey Half Marathon (as well as a team to run the 5K and Junior Race). We would like to know if anyone here would be willing to run any of these races and commit to raising money for FOPS? If you would like to, then we'd cover the cost of your entry into the race and in return, you'd commit to raising a small amount for Friends of Pirbright School! The race date is the 22nd March so if you'd like to take part, let us know!! You can contact your class rep, Emma Cameron, Stephanie Fox, or hit up our FOPS inbox: pirbrightfops@yahoo.co.uk

Secondly, there will soon be another HAPPY SCHOOL BAG collection so if you have clothing or textiles which you've been looking to donate to charity, hang fire and await my updates when we have a date confirmed for collection.

That's pretty much it! Have a cracking weekend, enjoy your freedom, and we'll be back next week with more FOPS news hot to go.

WE ARE HOSTING

The Nurturing Programme

How to get the best out of family life


AT PVPS


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.

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

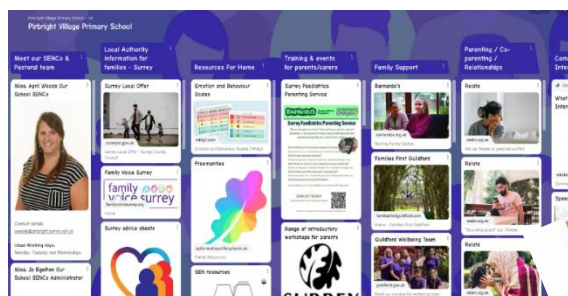


The Nurturing Programme

From January we are very excited to be hosting The Nurturing Programme, on site, at school. 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 will be in The Science Lab each week sharing their wealth of experience, helping parents to network and share their own journeys and will be on hand with all the tips and knowledge to help you navigate the wonderful world of parenting.

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.



CLICK HERE



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Partners, c/o Guildford County School, Farm Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU10 2EJ. Tel: 01483 8303773



Supporting Neurodiversity At Home and Introduction to ND Padlet Coffee Morning



Wednesday 25th 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

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Years 1-4

Monday, 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Girls Only, Years 2-6

Friday, 3.15pm - 4.30pm
Years 5&6

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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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<https://pirbrightplayers.spanglefish.org>



Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

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March 2026	<p>W/B 22nd → Year 6 Bikeability Week 3 4th - Year 4 Sportshall Athletics 6th – World Book Day – DRESS UP W/B 9th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 4 10th – 17th - The Travelling Book Fair 18th - Year 6 Wildfire Education Sessions 20th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo 20th - Learning Looks – PM 20th - Year 2 Cake Sale 23rd - Healthy Teeth Talk - School Nurse (YR) 25th - Y3 Pop-Up Museum (2:45pm – 3:10pm) 25th - Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum 25th - Year 4 Visit to Marwell Zoo 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) 20th - Tempest Class Photos 30th – Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White House</p>
May 2026	<p>11th – 14th – KS2 SATS Week 15th - Year 1 Cake Sale 19th - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park 20th - KS2 Theatre Trip - Barnum - New Victoria Theatre 25th – 29th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2026	<p>3rd - Year 4 Trip - Fishbourne Roman Palace 5th - Learning Looks – PM 11th - Year R Zoolab workshop (at school) 19th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 26th - Reception Cake Sale 27th - Armed Forces: Picnic on the Green 29th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children 30th - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p>
July 2026	<p>1st - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 4th – The FOPS Summer Fair 9th – Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome) 10th – 10am Late Registration 13th – 3.15pm - 4.00pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome) 15th – Year 6 Leavers' Party (Eve) 5:30pm 16th – Year 6 Fun Day 17th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Parents Welcome) 17th – 1.30pm – End of Term 20th - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 21st – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>		

Term Dates 2025/2026

Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2025	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 2026	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 16th February 2026	Friday 20th February 2026
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026
SUMMER 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026	Tuesday 21 st July 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 29 th May 2026

INSET DAYS 2025/2026

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

Class Assemblies 2025/2026

Friday 14 th November 2025 at 10am	5SF
Friday 16 th January 2025 at 10am	3SC
Friday 23 rd January 2026 at 10am	1DG
Friday 30 th January 2026 at 10am	2CD
Friday 6 th February 2026	3ND
Friday 13 th February 2025 at 10am	2BT
Friday 13 th March 2026 at 10am	1RG
Friday 24 th April 2026 at 10am	4LB
Friday 1 st May 2026 at 10am	4BC
Friday 8 th May 2026 at 10am	RRE
Friday 15 th May 2026 at 10am	RJL
Friday 22 nd May 2026 at 10am	5GJ
Friday 3 rd July 2026 in the AFTERNOON (Time TBC)	Year 6



CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB

£30 PER DAY
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

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