



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to everyone who joined us today for the Family Lunch. I'm sorry that we couldn't put blazing sunshine on for you, but this didn't seem to dampen the fun that was being had in the hall, on the playground and even on the field! Thanks also to the staff for making it run so smoothly and a massive thank you to our wonderful chefs, Robert, Nikki, Vicki, Sharon and Olivia for producing such delicious food!

This time next week will not only be the last (half) day of the term, but we are also inviting the children and staff to come in dressed in yellow to celebrate Dandelion Day. Children will need to wear their uniform like usual but if they can add in yellow sock, a badge, ribbon, hairband/tie, sweatband, buff, hat or anything else that is yellow to mark the occasion then they would be most welcome! The official flower of the military child is the dandelion because its seeds are blown far and wide by the wind but it will always plant roots and blossom wherever it lands. Click the link below to find out more.

<https://www.littletroopers.net/month-of-the-military-child/>

There has unfortunately been an increased amount of diarrhoea and vomiting in school over the past fortnight, with up to 60 children off at any one time last week. Our school policy is that children who either vomit or experience diarrhoea must be absent from school for 48 hours from it last happening. We fully appreciate how inconvenient this is but only do this to help prevent it spreading through the rest of the children and staff.

I am ready and raring to go for my first experience of Chocolate Bingo this evening. Was gutted to hear that the head teacher doesn't get a 10% commission on all winnings though!!

Have a lovely weekend!
Kind regards
Pete
Pete Wright
Headteacher

Random question... Is there a chiropractor out there who would be able to give some free advice? Please contact the school office and they forward your detail onto me. Many thanks! Pete

Coming Up – April

2nd - Year 3 Pop-Up Museum

3rd - Football Matches v Hermitage and Bisley @ Home

4th - 'Little Troopers' Dandelion Day - Wear a Yellow Accessory

4th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!)

4th – Term finishes at 1:30pm

4th - Cake Sale (Year 5 to Lead)

24th - Year 2 Visit to Pirbright Parish Church

25th - 8.30am – 9.00am

KS2 Learning Look

25th - 8.45am – 9.15am

Reception & KS1

Learning Look

28th February-
30th March

Ramadan

Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar, is a time for fasting, prayer, and spiritual reflection. Ramadan is expected to begin on the evening of Friday 28th February and end on the evening of Sunday, 30 March, though these dates may change depending on the moon sighting. During this month, Muslims fast from dawn to sunset, refraining from food, drink, and other physical needs to develop self-discipline and empathy for the less fortunate. Ramadan is a time to grow closer to Allah, seek forgiveness, and give to charity. The month ends with Eid al-Fitr, a celebration of gratitude, community and joy.

At Pirbright, we learn about the six major religions as part of our study, in line with the Surrey Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (2023-2028). For more details, you can refer to the Surrey Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education (2023-2028) here:

<https://www.cofeguildford.org.uk/surrey-agreed-syllabus/>



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

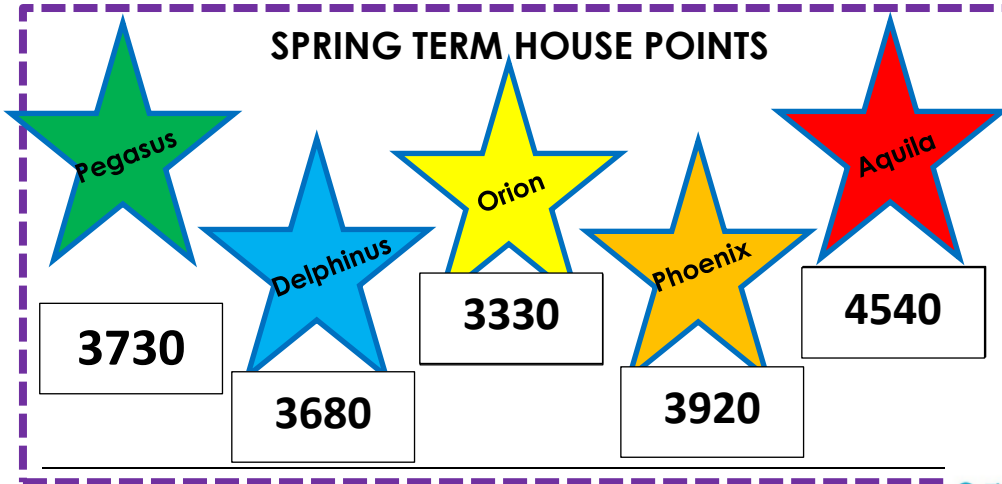


SCHOOL WEBSITE PHOTOS!

Science Talks
4LB Class
Assembly
Family Lunch



SPRING TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2HJ / 1JR – 98%	3ND – 98%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.3%	

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.



Daily Mile

Huge congratulations to Tom P (Y1) who completed his marathon this week and to Savannah (Y3) who completed her half-marathon!

Cleverchefs – New Menu!

Cleverchefs have updated their menu for the summer term so please have a look with your children and get choosing for after the Easter holidays. The first day back is always a little chaotic when parents might have momentarily forgotten to do lunch orders so have a look early if you can and then we know what we are cooking on the first day back! Thank you!

Menus can be found on IPAY or on the website link below...

[MENU](#)

[CLICK HERE](#)



The Easter Egg Raffle!

Why?

Year 6 run this raffle to help raise funds towards the residential trip in June.

When?

Tickets on sale from Monday 24th March for two weeks. The draw will be on the last day of term: Friday 4th April.

How much?

20p per ticket or a strip of 5 tickets for £1.

How do we get the tickets?

Year 6 children will be visiting Reception and KS1 classrooms each day to sell tickets to the younger children and will sell to KS2 children at breaktime each day.



**DON'T FORGET –
TERM FINISHES
AT 1:30PM NEXT
FRIDAY!**

**CLICK
HERE TO
ORDER!**

Valentino Schoolwear

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

The KS2 Short Story Competition entered its third year for 2025 and managed a whopping 43 entries! Organised by three local authors, Elspeth Leadbetter (Pirbright parent and all-round school hero!), Louise Fein and Jacqueline Sutherland. They came into school for a launch afternoon, ran workshops to inspire the children, sifted through all of the entries, gave specific feedback to every person who got involved, argued over the winners, probably drank a lot of tea during the process and then came back with an actual basket full of prizes (and a converted cup!) for the children. All out of the goodness of their hearts! A thank you doesn't seem quite enough!

They were most impressed to see that the children had actioned the planning tips they had shared in the workshops and were so excited to see some of the children's individual writing progress from the start of the competition back in 2023. The overall winner was Year 6's Lucy S who wrote a wonderful and moving story that we have included below for your enjoyment. Congratulations to all of the children who took part but in particular to our year group winners and highly commended children. Well done everyone!

Overall Winner

Lucy – 6DS

Year Group Winners	Highly Commended
Year 3 – Leo Year 4 - Arlo Year 5 - Ruby Year 6 - Thomas	Nansi, Jace, Amy-Beth, Dougie, Mukki, Alexander, Olive, Annie



[CLICK HERE FOR PHOTOS](#)

The Homecoming

What felt like forever ago, my owner was comforting me, brushing my downy hair and everything was ok ... But then he left, where to and why I don't know. But I vividly remember him wearing peculiar brown clothes and a strange scent of both excitement and fear. Now I have no home apart from the place the humans call "the underground." It's where I met all my dog friends who've gone through the same situation.

I rarely interact with humans anymore, apart from when the ground vibrates, bangs flood my ears and the humans flock to the underground. I think it's exciting as sparks light up the sky like bonfire night. But the humans, especially the children, aren't having fun and seem frightened, especially by the strange, loud, repetitive sirens that go on long into the night. But on these nights, I play with the children, get lots of cuddles and feel loved once more, even if it's not by my owner.

Life's pretty boring without walks with my owner and sitting by a roaring fire, gnawing my bone. Although yesterday, my dog friends and I found a perfect new sleeping spot: it was on a piece of cardboard. I won't lie, it wasn't overly comfortable, but slightly better than the bare, concrete underground floor. I slept, which is how I spend most of my days now, other than exploring the constantly changing area. My walks always include a stroll past my owner's house, as I eagerly hope for a window to be open or a light to be on, but there never is. I've done the same walk so often that I know my surroundings like the back of my paw, which is extremely dirty from all the dust. My stomach rumbles constantly. My memory's faded, but I'm pretty sure my last meal was half a piece of mouldy bread that a generous person threw at me. Once, I mischievously stole two sausages from the butcher's shop. I think I got the last two, as it wasn't well stocked.

My eyelids fluttered open. Another day. I adjusted my eyes to the world around me and took a deep breath as the light led me out of the dark underground tunnel. There was a chance today would be different as I walked to my owners house ... but everything was the same. The closed house, the unkept garden. I sighed. Will he ever come back?

Creak ... My stomach filled with a thousand butterflies at the familiar sound of the door. Overjoyed I saw my owner and ran as fast as my legs could carry me to him. I couldn't believe it! After forever he's actually back! I felt his soft hands brush my fur and knew by the smile on his face he was equally relieved to be re-united with me. But I sensed a sadness in his eyes, that the true owner I once had, may never return. But for the time being he was home, and that's all that mattered.

**The official flower of the
Military child is the Dandelion.**

WHY?

Dandelions put down roots almost anywhere and it's almost impossible to destroy. It's an unpretentious plant, yet good looking. It's a survivor in a broad range of climates.

Military children bloom everywhere the winds carry them. They are hardy and upright. Their roots are strong, cultivated deeply in the culture of the military... planted swiftly and surely. They're ready to fly in the breezes that take them to new adventures, new lands, and new friends.

Military children are well-rounded, culturally aware, tolerant, and extremely resilient, they have learned from an early age that home is where their hearts are, that a good friend can be found in every corner of the world.

They learn that to survive means to adapt, that the door that closes one chapter of their life opens up to a new and exciting adventure full of new friends and new experiences.



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Clubs HQ

Clubs have now finished for the spring term – thank you to everyone who has been involved this term. The children and adults have all had a lovely time together! Clubs start back in the summer term (including the free taster ones for Year 2) and all details will be sent with the newsletter this week so you can get booking over the Easter holidays.

Greetings from Team FOPS!

A huge thank you to everyone who is coming this evening to Chocolate Bingo and to Steph Fox and Emma Cameron for their organising. They have pulled together a brilliant team to support them and we are looking forward to the joys of Dave Broomfield, the new bingo caller. Fun times ahead!

A massive thank you to Ali Daly for once again organising the Mother's Day daffodils which hopefully will make it home this weekend in one piece (please check book bags for daffodil remnants if you don't have any handed to you on Friday evening!). We can only assume Ali is super excited to come back next year and organise the daffodils when she has no children here at Pirbright as they have both moved on to secondary school... hmmm...should we be cancelling Mother's Day 2026? What will we do without her? THANK YOU ALI!

PARENTING SMART

Whilst the school holidays can be a time for rest and recuperation, they can also bring certain challenges.

Parenting Smart is an advice page run by the charity, Place2Be. They have many useful articles and videos which offer practical tips on children's wellbeing and behaviour.

Click the link below to find out more:

[PLACE2BE: PARENTING SMART](#)





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!

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Year 3+



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CONCESSIONS

We may offer (subject to availability) a discount per term towards individual or group lessons, free instrument hire and free ensemble membership to families who are in receipt of:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit or if their annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue exceeds £16,190 in the current tax year)
- Working Tax Credit run on – paid for 4 weeks after Working Tax credit entitlement finishes
- Universal Credit – if applied for on or after 1 April 2018 household income must be less than £7,400 (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Registered Surrey Young Carers
- Looked After Children can receive a discount of £153 per term towards individual or group lessons, free instrument hire and free ensemble membership.

When we are arranging lessons let us know that you would like to claim a concession, and we will ask you to send proof of your entitlement to any of these benefits.



PIRBRIGHT CHARITY FUN RUN & WALK



Get ready to lace up your shoes for an exhilarating 3km or 5km run/walk, open to both adults and children!

Every penny raised will go directly to an amazing cause: Dementia UK.

We can't wait to have you with us. Let's make a difference together!

When:
Sunday 23rd
March 2025
at 9:30am

Location:
Pirbright
Community
Sports Pavilion

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Bonus 15 mins stretch with
Claire after your run/walk.



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ParentPlan

Hi Everyone,

As fellow parents at Pirbright Village Primary, we are thrilled to share Parent Plan with you! We created this app because we know how overwhelming it can be to stay on top of school events and activities, and we wanted to help make life just a little easier for busy families like ours.

Parent Plan is designed to simplify communication, ensuring you never miss key dates or opportunities to engage with the school. We're excited to have you join our pilot programme and appreciate your help in shaping the future of this app.

What to Expect During the Pilot:

- **Early Trial Phase:** As a pilot version, the app may have occasional bugs. We value your patience and feedback to help us improve it.
- **Email Compatibility:** Parent Plan currently works only with **Gmail** and **Outlook/Hotmail** accounts.

Getting Started:

Everything you need to know about setting up Parent Plan, including downloading the app and linking your email, is available on our website:

[Visit the Parent Plan Setup Guide](#)

We need your feedback!

Your feedback is crucial to helping us refine Parent Plan. Please share any issues, suggestions, or general thoughts with us at team@parentplan.ai or via the app.

Thank you for being part of this exciting journey. Together, we believe we can make communication clearer and more effective for parents, carers and schools in today's busy world.

Rav & Abbi

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

March 2025	28 th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo	April 2025	2 nd - Year 3 Pop-Up Museum 3 rd - Football Matches v Hermitage and Bisley @ Home 4 th - 'Little Troopers' Dandelion Day - Wear a Yellow Accessory 4 th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!) 4 th – Term finishes at 1:30pm 4 th - Cake Sale (Year 5 to Lead) 24 th - Year 2 Visit to Pirbright Parish Church 25 th - 8.30am – 9.00am KS2 Learning Look 25 th - 8.45am – 9.15am Reception & KS1 Learning Look
May 2025	6 th - Woking FC Tournament: Girls – 12:00 – 4:00pm 7 th - Tempest Class Photos 12 th – 16 th – KS2 SATS Week 13 th - YR Visit to Wellington Country Park 14 th - Woking FC Tournament: Boys -3:30pm-6:00pm 16 th - Cake Sale (Year 3 to Lead) 19 th – Pirbright Has Talent Auditions (Y1 – Y6) 20 th - Reception Health Check 21 st - Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White's House 22 nd - Year 5 Dynamo Cricket 1pm-5pm @ Old Woking CC 26 th –30 th May HALF TERM	June 2025	4 th - Year 1 Visit to the British Wildlife Centre 5 th – Pirbright Has Talent (no parents, sorry!) AM 5 th – KS2 "Joseph" Trip to New Victoria Theatre PM 6 th - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look 9 th – 12 th - Year 6 Residential Visit to Somerset 12 th - Reception Zoo Lab Visit 13 th – Year 6 Late Registration (10am) 13 th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome) 16 th – 17 th – Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court 20 th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 30 th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children
July 2025	1 st – Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 2 nd - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 4 th - Year 6 Performance PM (Y6 parents invited PM) 4 th - Cake Sale (Year 2 to Lead) 10 th –Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome) 11 th – 10am Late Registration 14 th – New Entrants Morning Session (10:30-11:30) 14 th – 3.15pm-4.30pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome) 16 th – Leavers' Party (Eve) 5:30pm 17 th – Year 6 Fun Day 18 th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Parents Welcome) 18 th – 1.30pm – End of Term 18 th - Cake Sale (Year 1 to Lead) 21 st - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 22 nd – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)		

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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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 2024/2025

Friday 28 th March 2025 at 10am	4LB
Friday 2 nd May 2025 at 10am	1JR
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