



Dear Parents & Carers,

As I'm sure you're aware, Nerys Davies and Kate Valentine are stepping down from heading up FOPS and we are very happy and excited to formally announce that the two new head honchoes are Emma Cameron and Steph Fox. We're very much looking forward to working with Emma and Steph and know that the fun and fundraising is in good hands! Thank you so much, Nerys and Kate for the energy and commitment they have brought to the role. Over their two years of service, they have helped to raise tens of thousands of pounds for the school, resulting in such luxuries as additional iPads for the children, a gardener to maintain the outside areas, the PlayPod and Scrap Store and a sizable donation to make the science lab a thing of beauty. Thank you!

Thank you so much to parents for completing the online safety questionnaire during our February parent consultations. It was good to see that people feel confident that they know how to help their children to stay safe online. Many parents felt that they would still like to take the opportunity to access an online workshop on the topic. This NSPCC workshop gives some very good advice, and practical tips to help parents to support their children in the online world. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/free-online-safety-group-workshops/>

We are excited to announce that Pirbright Village Primary is participating in a pilot programme for Parent Plan, an innovative app designed to simplify communication and help families stay organised with school events and activities. Parent Plan has been developed by fellow parents at Pirbright Village Primary who understand just how busy life can be. They share a vision to make life easier for both parents and schools, with clear and accessible communication as the foundation for staying connected in today's hectic world.

Although the school encourages parents to read the weekly newsletters from start to finish, it acknowledges that Parent Plan could aid even more engagement from even more parents. While the school is pleased to support this pilot programme, we would like to clarify that Parent Plan is independently managed by the Parent Plan team and is not operated or controlled by the school. We encourage you to take part in the pilot and share your feedback directly with the Parent Plan team to help them refine the app for all families. Please see below for further details from Rav & Abbi about how to get started. <https://www.parentplan.ai/#instructions>

I have received an email from Surrey County Council stating that they estimate there are over 2,000 families in Surrey that if checked, would likely be found eligible for free school meals, but who aren't currently accessing this entitlement. I would like to encourage you to check your eligibility for Free School Meals by 31st March, 2025. If found eligible, you could remain so until the end of your child's current phase of education, even if your circumstances change. An application form can be downloaded [here](#).

Hoping that yesterday wasn't the extent of summer...!

Kind regards

Pete

Pete Wright

Headteacher

Coming Up – March

24th - WASPS Cross

Country – Relays

24th - Year 5/6 Hockey @

Charterhouse School

25th - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood

27th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards)

27th - Hermitage Football Matches @ Home (TBC)

28th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo

– April

2nd - Year 3 Pop-Up Museum

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

4th – Term finishes at 1:30pm

4th - Cake Sale (Year 5 to

Lead)

25th - 8.30am – 9.00am KS2

Learning Look

25th - 8.45am – 9.15am

Reception & KS1 Learning

Look

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

Head [here](#) and click on he

+Google link at the bottom of the calendar.

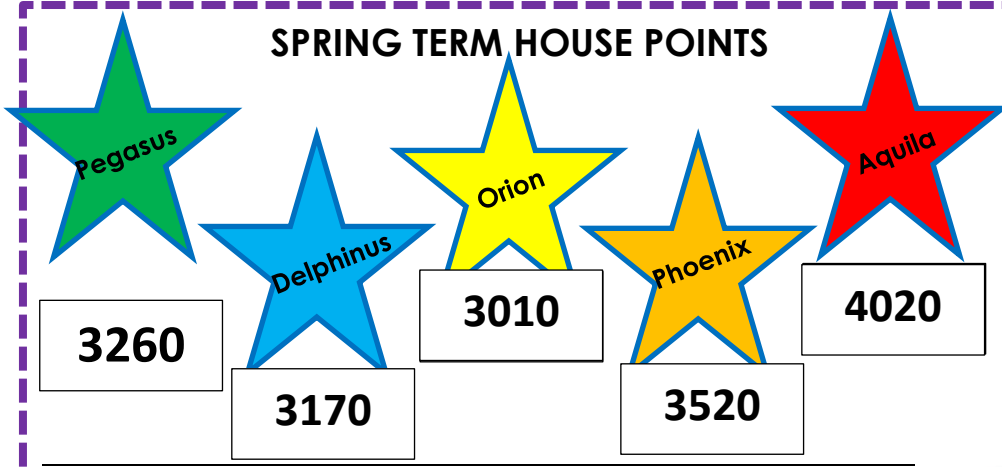


SCHOOL WEBSITE PHOTOS!

Y5 Visit to Cunningham House 5SF Class Assembly



SPRING TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1JR – 98%	3DG – 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.



The Book Fair!

What a Book Fair Week it has been this year! We cannot thank parents enough for all of The Book Fair love that we have felt – it's been a record and we took £3330 in total! Scholastic give an incredibly generous commission to the school based on this and we can then buy more books which will support teaching across the curriculum and top up the library. Thank you so much! A special thanks must go to Miss Todd for organising it all with her glamorous assistants Mrs People, Mrs Gifford, Mr Wright and Mrs Steel alongside a merry band of parent helpers including Bethany Rosindell, Jo Rodgers, Jen Collins, Yoda Maltby, Sarah Kuhanen, Lisa Worden, Claire Brouner and Maria Cristi.

We couldn't have done it without you – thank you!

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/>



Family Lunch



CLICK HERE TO ORDER!

This a wonderful tradition at Pirbright where we invite parents into school to have lunch with their children. We do this three times a year and we hope that the weather is good!

If you are new to PVPS, you will be delighted to know that on this day you can come and have lunch with your child at school. All you need to do is order an extra lunch for yourself (details to follow!) and any other children or adults that might be joining you. We often have aunties, uncles, grandparents and siblings come along for Family Lunch!

Timings are below in order for us to operate a stagger. If the weather is kind, packed lunches will be eaten outside so please feel free to bring a picnic.

Reception @ 11.30am

Yr1 @ 12 noon

Yr2 @ 12.15pm

Yr3 @ 12.30pm

Yrs4&5 @ 12.45pm*

Yr6 @ 1pm*

*If you are **all** having a packed lunch and eating outside, you are welcome to arrive from 12:30pm*

If you have more than one child attending the school, then please arrive at the time set out for your youngest child and we shall arrange for siblings to be collected to join you.

VERY IMPORTANT – If you are unable to attend and have a pupil in Reception or KS1 then please let the class teacher know in the morning so that we can arrange for a member of staff to sit with small groups during the lunch time.

Surrey Arts Trumpet Lessons

On Wednesday the Surrey Arts trumpet teacher, Mr Nash, came into school during lunchtime to show the KS2 children what a trumpet looks like and teach them how to make a sound. It was exciting to hear how amazing the trumpet sounds and it was fun to provide an opportunity to hold and play it for themselves!

If your child (KS2 only) is interested in signing up for lessons with Mr Nash, these will be commencing next term and the information is provided in the flyer (scroll down the newsletter).

Any questions to Mrs Peers , cpeers@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

If finance could be a barrier for music lessons, please check out this charity who might be able to help...

<https://www.cherylkingtrust.org.uk/>



Pirbright Cricket Taster

Well done to all the children who took part in the Pirbright Cricket Taster on Thursday lunchtime – you were a credit to the school! Steph, Becky and Tim (from the cricket club) all saw amazing potential in the children. Well done team!

Cunningham House

Mr Wright and Mrs Dow took a small group of Year 5 children over to Cunningham House for a visit this week. It was amazing to see the children interacting so confidently and sharing their learning so enthusiastically with the residents. In such a short time we all gained so much from the experience. Hopefully it is the start of lots more visits and a great relationship.

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.



Empathy is Your Superpower

In our staff meeting on Monday (which was all about inclusion) we watched a short video about Empathy which really demonstrated what we are trying to build in our children. At the governors' meeting on Monday evening, we had a very similar discussion! We thought it might be nice to share – it is only 3m long and worth a watch either on your own or with your children. It is so important to sit with our feelings and acknowledge the hard parts of life; this film clip demonstrates that brilliantly! Click on the image below to watch...



CLICK HERE



CHOCOLATE BINGO

FOPS are holding a family bingo night at
Pirbright School!
Friday 28th March 2025
Tickets on sale
www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

QR Code

Limited Tickets on sale Book Now!
Entry per person including bingo card £6
Pre Ordered Hot Dog £3.50
Doors open 5pm Event runs 5.30 to 7.30pm
(Bar open on the night)

Oh hello,

Well, wasn't that some exciting news?! Thank you to Mr Wright, my glamorous assistant, for announcing our two new FOPS chairWOMEN! We are so excited that these courageous, intelligent, wonderful women will be taking the wheel and driving fundraising forward in April 2025! A huge round of applause for Steph and Emma!!! I cannot tell you how thrilled we all are that you have volunteered for this role, and I look forward to updating all friends and folks on all things FOPS as you get stuck in... You may already recognise Steph and Emma, after years of organising our favourite chocolate bingo event! If you fancy having a nosey at the new power-duo then you can book your tickets to the event happening NEXT FRIDAY here: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops and this year there will even be a BAR!!! I meaaaaaan, chocolate and prosecco? It's a heady combination of extraordinary delights. I'm in.

Summer fair prep is well underway; you cannot believe just how much work and effort goes into this event and that's just my make-up. I jest.... although my concealer is working overtime these days. But honesttttly, the school summer fair - it's months in the making and there's so much to be done from artwork, catering, sponsorship, guest performances, sourcing supplies, creating fun activities, and doing a periodic prayer to the weather gods for a dry day. If you think you could help in any small way or are in contact with anyone who could lend a hand or sponsor elements of the event, then do let us know. You can contact the class reps, or if you have the absolute pleasure of knowing Claire Brouner or Jasmine Lomanto personally then reach out to them and offer your support. If we all chip in, it becomes light work. No such thing as too many chefs when it comes to small events. This broth needs us all.

And with that, I'm outta here for another week but I'll be back with the BREAKING NEWS on all things FOPS next week. It's going to be wild. Maybe.

SURREY

ARTS



NEW

GROUP TRUMPET LESSONS AT PIRBRIGHT SCHOOL

Year 3+



Contact Surrey Arts for more information:

T: 01483 519303

E: surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk



Apply online at:

surreycc.gov.uk/music



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

REGISTER NOW

www.mounterfitness.com

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	21 st - Girls' Football Match @ Brookwood 24 th - WASPS Cross Country – Relays 24 th - Year 5/6 Hockey @ Charterhouse School 25 th - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood 27 th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 27 th - Hermitage Football Matches @ Home (TBC) 28 th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo	April 2025	2 nd - Year 3 Pop-Up Museum 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

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 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