



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had such a successful week of selling books and stationery to you all at our daily book fair - thank you all for your support! Who knew that furry lockable diaries were such a hit?! There is still time to purchase books until Monday afternoon. Thank you to Miss Todd for organising it all, to Mrs Steel and Mrs People for assisting her and to all the parents that have volunteered their time to support.

Chocolate Bingo is only 2 weeks away and there are still tickets to be purchased. For those of you who have never been to the event (me included!) I am told it is bingo, played by families in the school hall, where you win chocolate. Sounds amazing! See more details below for the chance to win on some delicious treats.

This morning's class assembly from our youngest children so far was a delight to watch; 2HJ put on a great show with fun facts and beautiful singing throughout. Well done! I'm already looking forward to 5SF's assembly next Friday.

There are details on the upcoming Family Lunch further down the newsletter but the menu is included here for your perusal so do get both yourselves and your children signed up and start praying for sunshine!

Stay warm!
Kind regards,

Pete
Pete Wright
Headteacher

Pirbright Village Primary School
Family Lunch – Thursday 27th March 2025

Chicken Korma, with Rice and Naan Bread
Vegetable Biryani, with naan Bread

Mango Chutney
Cucumber Raita
Salad Selection

Jackets and Baguettes Available for Children

All served with
Assortment of Desserts
Fresh Fruit

PIRBRIGHT SCHOOL

INDEPENDENT INNOVATIVE Caterers

Ordering Family Lunch is different for children and adults. You order for your child using the Cleverchef's iPay system as usual. The menu has been tweaked though so you can choose between meat or veggie options. For your children, you are welcome to select the usual jacket potatoes or baguettes from iPay as they will be available. If you are ordering for non-Pirbright children (i.e. younger/older siblings, parents, grandparents, anyone else) you need to make an order via SCOPAY and meals are priced at £3.00 per person. The choice is between meat and veggie and there will be a selection of vegetables and puddings to choose from on the day. Please see the menu for full details of what is on offer.

Coming Up – March

- 17th - School Nurse Talk in Reception - Healthy Teeth
- 18th - WASPS Cross Country – Year 3/4
- 19th - WASPs Touch Rugby Tournament
- 20th - Yr6 Boys' Football Match @ Knaphill
- 20th - Cricket Taster Session
- 21st - Girls' Football Match @ Brookwood
- 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

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



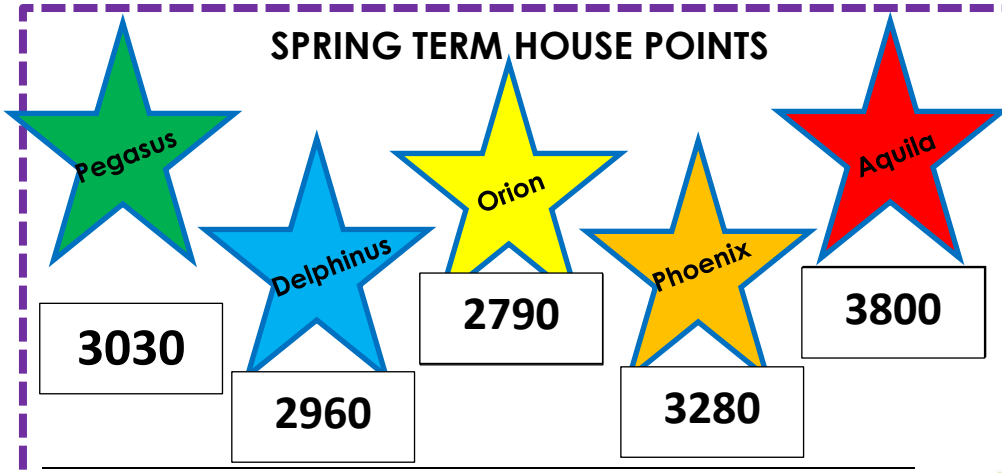
SCHOOL WEBSITE PHOTOS!
The BIG Read
2HJ Class Assembly

Valentino Schoolwear

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SPRING TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2HJ – 96%	4SG/5SF – 96%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.3%	

The Daily Mile!

Congratulations to Amabel (3DG) who has completed her half-marathon. Well done!



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.



A Sad Departure

We're not quite sure how we will cope but we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Shelley Fox at the end of this term and not to be dramatic, we are all devastated!

Shelley has been at the heart of the office for nearly 14 years and was a parent long before that with her children Thomas & Katie both attending Pirbright themselves. She started as a parent volunteer and then when Katie left, began her career in the office rather than say goodbye to us all!

Shelley is off to live a fabulous life of lunching, volunteering and doing all the things she thinks about doing when she is at work! We will miss her so very much. Lovely Shelley, go forth and be happy!



Music announcement!!

On Weds 19th March we have a trumpet teacher coming into school. If you are considering learning this wonderful instrument (and are in KS2) and would like to trial holding and playing a trumpet then please come to the Music Suite from 12.30pm (lunch) on Weds! See you there!

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

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 aunts, 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.

With National Young Carers Day just around the corner (Thursday 20th March) the timing couldn't be more perfect for Pirbright School to have achieved its "Young Carers in Schools" award from The Children's Society and Carers Trust. The award is part of a programme which provides primary and secondary schools across England with guidance to gain the practical tools they need to help young carers. Our school won the award by demonstrating how it supports young carers, including running PEDALS sessions which allow children to celebrate the importance of their role and to seek support from adults and peers when needed. In addition, they recognised the value that we place on monitoring and supporting these children in ways that work for the individual child as well as ensuring the whole family is able to receive the help they need.

Vicky Morgan, Carers Trust's Head of Young Carers at Young Adult Carers, said:



"We're delighted to present the Young Carers in Schools award to Pirbright Village Primary School. Figures show there are two young carers in every classroom but balancing learning with looking after family members can be tough without help. By identifying young carers and putting support in place, schools and teachers can make a huge difference to their wellbeing and education. That's why the brilliant work done by staff at Pirbright is so vital and why this award is so richly deserved."



Although we are very proud of the work we do, we know that there may be more children who take on this vital role at points during their lives. If you feel that your child could be recognised as a Young Carer or you would like any further information about how we can support your family in this way, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Gifford (Designated Teacher) or Mrs Hinzman (PEDALS team.)

Hello, hello dearest friends and dog people,

I will keep this snappy and give you the FOPS Highlights – the headlines, the breaking news! I already fear this won't be that snappy. Strap in, guys.

So first up, and I don't want to cause alarm or mass hysteria, but chocolate bingo tickets are selling fast! If you haven't got your act together and are too busy dealing with your car MOT, headlice, the flu, or the in-laws but WOULD LIKE some light at the end of the tunnel and want to come then you best move fast. I'd recommend booking a hot dog too. Tickets available here: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

We'd also like to shout out to any local business owners or philanthropic individuals who may wish to sponsor a game or two of bingo? Contact us, the office, Mrs Dow, Class reps and let us know! The cake sale raised £156 last week for FOPS so huge thanks to everyone who donated cakes and to anyone who selflessly purchased said cakes and gobbled them down in the name of school fundraising. Not all heroes wear capes. We're proud of you!

SUMMER FAIR – we have some superstars taking the lead and there will be a meeting (involving wine and possibly chips) at the WHITE HART in Pirbright on March 20th at 7.30pm so if you'd like to help out then do drop by!

Lastly, little teaser.... There might be some exciting news to follow about Chair People to run Friends of Pirbright School! I don't want to give anything away just yet.... But do follow along for more information coming soon! I think it incredibly noble that people do actually come forward and volunteer for such an undertaking; because it's valuable work and it does take up precious spare time. It continually amazes me how selflessly people will give this valuable commodity to help FOPS – and that's for everyone involved in the fundraising efforts – as the impact that this has for our school is mega and not to be, even for a moment, underestimated.

I really look forward to welcoming new chairs when the time comes, and I know they'll be absolutely brilliant. We've been SO lucky to have had some incredible people leading the charge over the years, and we are eternally grateful for your contribution to all that we have achieved.

Right, I'm getting emosh. Catch you next week!

A promotional poster for a 'Chocolate Bingo' event. The background is a light beige color with several large, stylized chocolate eggs scattered around. The eggs have various patterns: some are solid brown, some have white stripes, some have white hearts, and some have white stars. The text is centered and reads: 'CHOCOLATE BINGO' in large, bold, black letters. Below this, it says 'FOPS are holding a family bingo night at Pirbright School! Friday 28th March 2025 Tickets on sale'. There is a QR code and the website 'www.pta-events.co.uk/fops'. At the bottom, it lists 'Limited Tickets on sale Book Now!', 'Entry per person including bingo card £6', 'Pre Ordered Hot Dog £3.50', and 'Doors open 5pm Event runs 5.30 to 7.30pm (Bar open on the night)'. At the very bottom, there is a small illustration of a group of children standing under a tree.

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

March 2025	17th - School Nurse Talk in Reception - Healthy Teeth 18th - WASPS Cross Country – Year 3/4 19th - WASPs Touch Rugby Tournament 20th - Yr6 Boys' Football Match @ Knaphill 20th - Cricket Taster Session 21st - Girls' Football Match @ Brookwood 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 2025	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
May 2025	6th - Woking FC Tournament: Girls – 12:00 – 4:00pm 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) 20th - Reception Health Check 21st - Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White's House 22nd - Year 5 Dynamo Cricket 1pm-5pm @ Old Woking CC 26th –30th May HALF TERM	June 2025	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 - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look 9th – 12th - Year 6 Residential Visit to Somerset 12th - Reception Zoo Lab Visit 13th – Year 6 Late Registration (10am) 13th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome) 16th – 17th – Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court 20th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 30th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children
July 2025	1st – Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 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)		

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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Class Assemblies 2024/2025

Friday 21 st March 2025 at 10am	5SF
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



Potential Kids

EASTER Camp!

Mon 7th - Thu 17th April

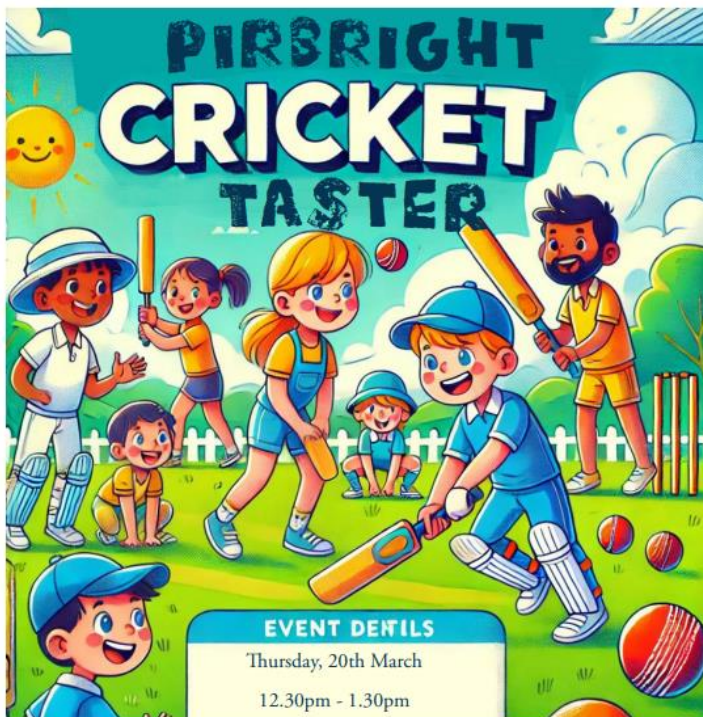
£28 Per Day!

At Pirbright Village Primary School

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4-11 Years

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PIRBRIGHT CRICKET TASTER

EVENT DETAILS
Thursday, 20th March
12.30pm - 1.30pm

Training Taster Meet The Team

Join us at Pirbright School for a special session during lunchtime on Thursday, 20th March.
For more information, please contact Steph & Becky.
pymembership@yahoo.com



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.

CLAIRE SEAGER PILATES



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