



Dear Parents & Carers,

I write this dressed in my book character attire trying to make people take me seriously, but who am I kidding?! It was lovely to be out on the school gate this morning to see so many of the children dressed up and excited for the day. I hope that many of you will be able to join us back here at 2.45pm for the Big Read; we might even make it out onto the field! Feel free to stick around afterwards to buy some lovely cakes from the Year 4 parents in aid of FOPS funds. Any late donations still welcome!

With half of the year over and another exciting half still to come, we would love to know what jobs and careers you, the parents and carers out there, have. This is not to be nosy, but to gain a better understanding of how you could share your expertise with a class or year group to support their learning. In other schools, I've had a parent scientist talking to Year 5 children about turning waste water back into drinking water; a parent refuse collector talking with Reception children about recycling and landfill sites and a parent airline pilot talking with Year 1 about how planes fly! There are of course no guarantees that you will be contacted, but if you're happy to share your job, or even hobbies, with your class teacher via your child's class email address, please do.

In recent talks with teachers, it has become apparent that many parents are concerned about the amount of screen time the school is asking children to take up for spelling and maths practice when at home. Although, I certainly sympathise here and understand that too much screen time can have an adverse effect on behaviour, we only ask that children spend 20 minutes at a time on these apps where appropriate in order to complete their essential home learning activities. We are also mindful of the amount of time children spend on screens in school and try to ensure that this time is used wisely and for learning activities. Hopefully we can work together to find a good balance.

I hope you've been enjoying the sun; here's to an even sunnier weekend!

Kind regards,

Pete
Pete Wright
Headteacher

Coming Up –

7th – The BIG Read
2:45pm (Parents Welcome)

7th - Cake Sale (Year 4 to Lead)

11th – 18th – The Travelling Book Fair

12th Year 2 My First Steps Leadership Training

14th - Science Day (Celebrating Science Week)

18th - WASPS Cross Country – Year 3/4

19th - WASPs Touch Rugby Tournament

24th - WASPS Cross Country – Relays

25th - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood

27th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards)

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

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



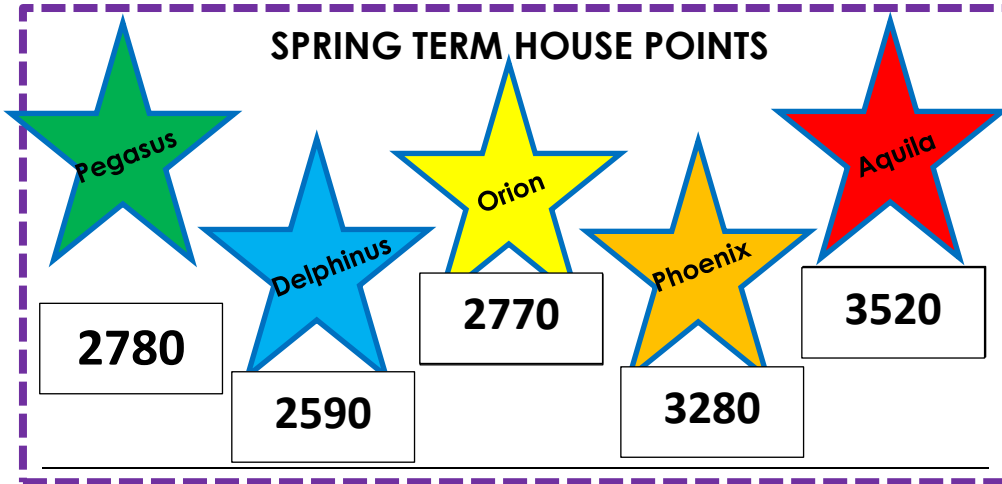
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SCHOOL WEBSITE PHOTOS!
World Book Day

SPRING TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
RJL – 98%	4LB – 92%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.5%	

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.

Attendance

We've had a challenging week for attendance with lots of children and staff feeling under the weather with various illnesses. Just a reminder that we need to be able to contact you during the day, so please ensure we have the correct phone number for you and you are checking for messages on Studybugs through the app.

If we ask you to come and collect your child, this needs to be as prompt as possible so they can get home and feel better but also to reduce the exposure for everyone else. It's not nice for children to be left at school when they are feeling unwell so please have a plan in place in case you need them collected.

It's also a great time for you to remind children about the importance of handwashing regularly, and particularly after they have been to the toilet!

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/>





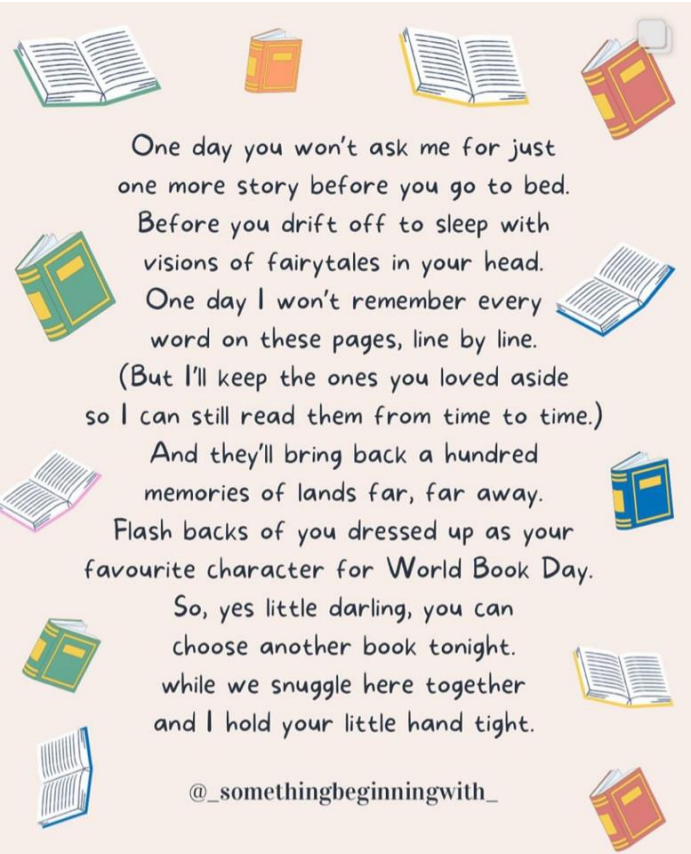
The Travelling Book Fair!

We are now also looking forward to the exciting arrival of our annual Travelling Book Fair! The book fair doors (located in the music suite) will officially open at 3:15 PM on **Tuesday, 11th March**. The fair will then be open every morning from 8:15 AM to 9:00 AM and every afternoon from 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM, with the final session on **Tuesday morning on the 18th March**. We understand that time and money are precious, but we encourage you to visit the fair and discover new and exciting reading materials for your child.

We will accept cash at the fair, but for those who prefer more modern payment methods, we will also have a card machine available. Additionally, you can scan a barcode with your phone to make payments or purchase vouchers online, which you can print at home and use as cash at the fair. This option helps avoid the need for children to bring loose change to school.

Each pound spent at the book fair generates a generous commission for the school, which we will use to purchase more books for the classrooms. With our budgets being tighter, this is a great help and we are very grateful for it.

In previous years, some kind families have chosen to purchase books for their child's classroom. If you would like to do the same, simply mention that the book is a donation when making your purchase, and it will be placed in the classroom with a beautiful plaque inside, recognising your contribution. Thank you for your support, and happy reading!



Digital Tokens

This year for World Book Day, along with the traditional book day tokens, we wanted to inform you about the digital tokens! These can be accessed online by visiting [World Book Day Digital Tokens](#) and clicking on the £1 token link. Once downloaded, it says on the tokens that they can be scanned directly from a phone or print them out. Happy reading!

Let's Celebrate Pirbright

If your child "achieves" or takes part in something special outside of school (local football team, village show, scouts award, sporting event and the like) then please send a photo and a short description to Mrs Dow either at her email address or at celebrate@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk and she will pop it up on the display board in the hall for all to admire.

Greetings! Inspired by Sabrina Carpenter, we are keeping things Short n' Sweet this week. Hopefully there will be no OFCOM complaints!

CHOCOLATE BINGO is ON! Where else could you possibly be on the penultimate Friday of the term than in the hall, gorging on the good stuff and lassoing your way to a BINGO full house? Tickets are on sale via our PTA website: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

Any spare cash? Any spare business cash? We can help relieve you of this and you can become a sponsor of Chocolate Bingo! It's tax deductible, good for the world and all for the love of chocolate. Win, win, win!

Speaking of volunteering opportunities (were we? Or did we just shoe-horn that one in?). Great Leaders required – you know the job. We will all worship and support you. We can get thrones? Maybe a car parking space? Posh school lanyard like the staff wear? Anyone out there...?

Don't forget the Cake Sale today after The BIG Read; after a morning of dressing children in WBD costumes, at least look forward to something sweet at the end of the day. Treat yo'selves!

Enormous love for delightful weekends.



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

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)

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Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

March 2025	<p>7th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome) 7th - Cake Sale (Year 4 to Lead) 11th – 18th – The Travelling Book Fair 12th Year 2 My First Steps Leadership Training 14th - Science Day (Celebrating Science Week) 18th - WASPS Cross Country – Year 3/4 19th - WASPs Touch Rugby Tournament 20th - Cricket Taster Session 24th - WASPS Cross Country – Relays 25th - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood 27th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 28th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo</p>	April 2025	<p>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</p>
May 2025	<p>7th - Tempest Class Photos 12th - 16th – KS2 SATS Week 13th - YR Visit to Wellington Country Park 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</p>	June 2025	<p>4th - Year 1 Visit to the British Wildlife Centre 5th – Pirbright Has Talent Show! (No Parents, sorry!) 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</p>
July 2025	<p>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)</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 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

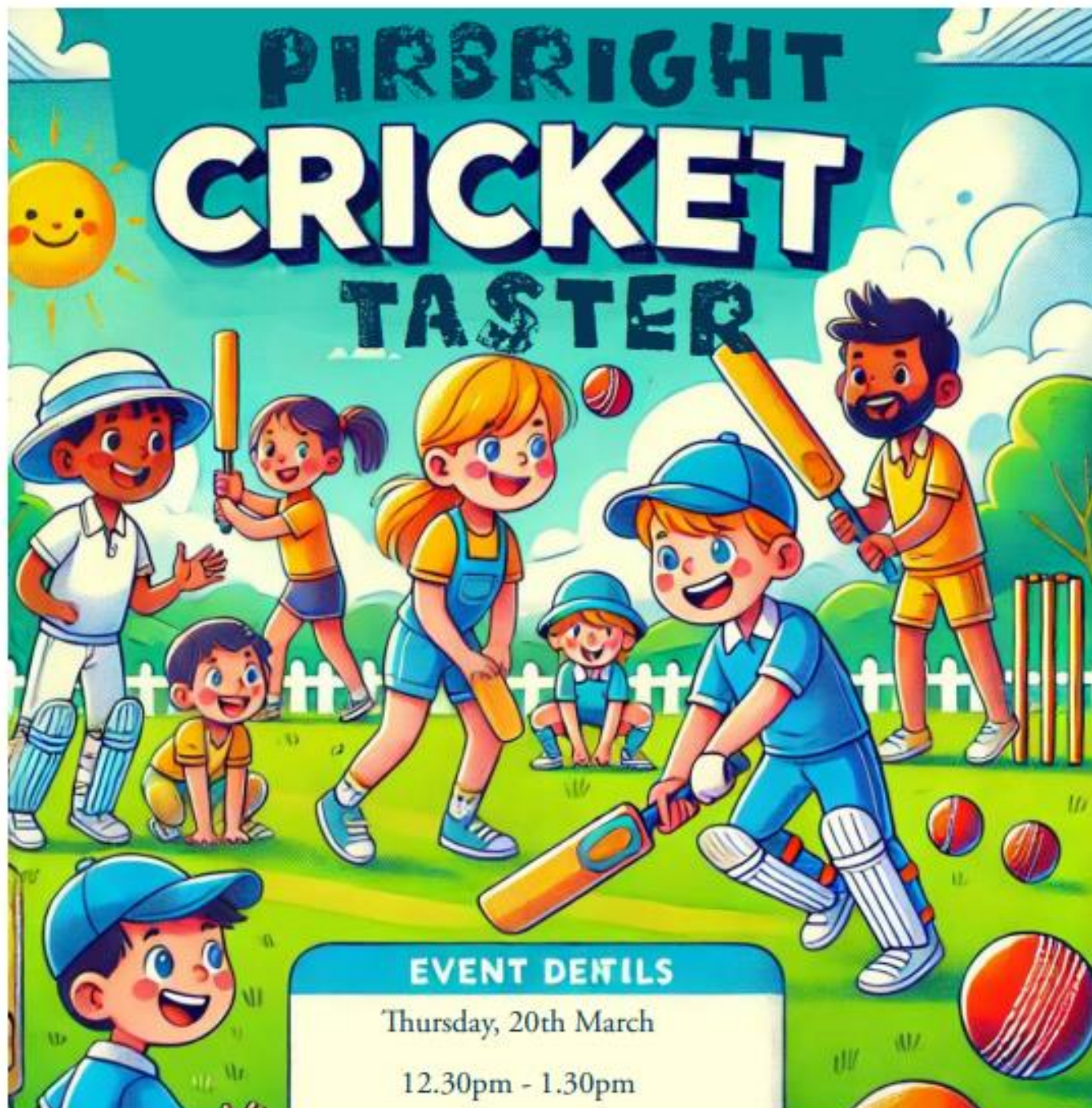
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AUTUMN 2024	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 27 th October 2025	Fri 31 st October 2025
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026
SPRING 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 27 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
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
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 Monday 29th June 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026
 Tuesday 21st July 2026

Class Assemblies 2024/2025

Friday 14 th March 2025 at 10am	2HJ
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



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.

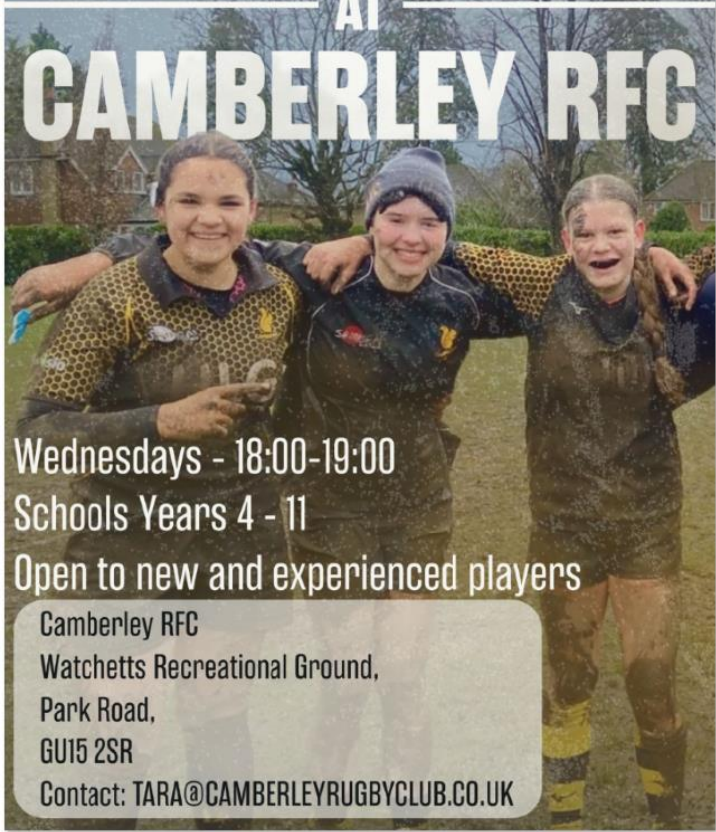
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