



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued support you give to our school and, most importantly, to your children.

This term has been filled with learning, growth and memorable moments and none of this would be possible without the strong partnership we share with you. Your encouragement at home, engagement with school activities and open communication with our staff have played a vital role in helping our children thrive both academically and personally.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cleverchefs Team who work tirelessly throughout the academic year to feed the children. Like many, Christmas is their busiest time of year and the hard work and efforts put into Wednesday's Christmas lunch was legendary. Thank you, Cleverchefs! Thank you, FOPS for another stellar term of fundraising – the amount raised at the Christmas Fair (see below) is simply amazing!! And last, but definitely not least, a huge thank you to the staff here at Pirbright, who pulled together this term like never before to support one another and keep the school a safe and enriching environment for the children. You all deserve the very best of Christmas breaks – thank you!

If you're reading this before collecting your wonderful child/ren, please remember that it is an early finish of 1.30pm today. On behalf of everyone at the school, I wish you and your families a very happy, peaceful and restful Christmas break.

Pete
Pete Wright
Head Teacher

Coming Up January

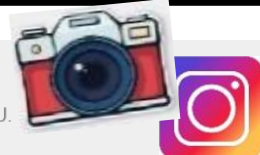
5th – Start of the spring term
W/B 19th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 1
16th - Year 4 Netball Festival
19th - Year 6 SATs Meeting (2:45pm)
20th - Year 6 Sportshall Athletics
23rd - Year 4 Cake Sale
W/B 26th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 2
28th – INSET DAY
School will be closed to children

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

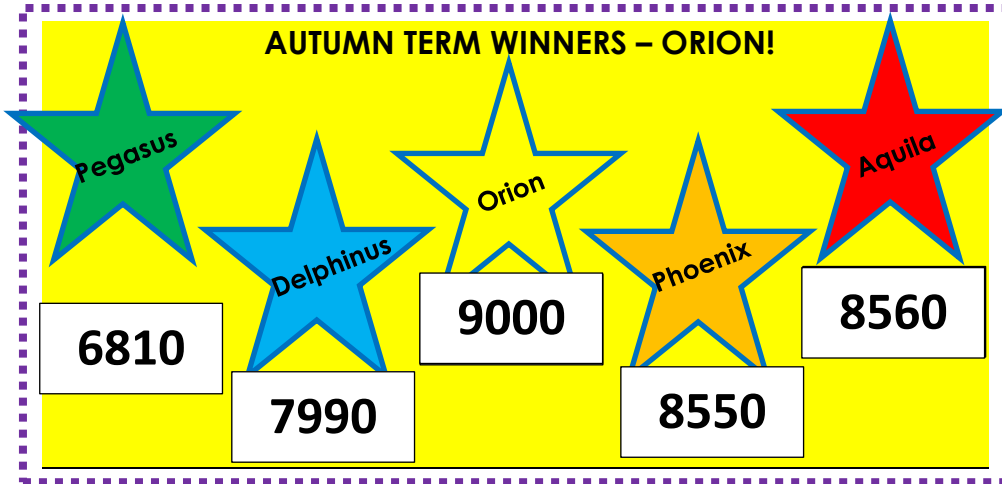


Booking is now open for the rest of the school year – full details of dates at the very end of the newsletter!

SCHOOL PHOTOS!
Christmas Quiz & Lunch
CREST Masterclass



AUTUMN TERM WINNERS – ORION!



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1RG – 99.2%	6DC 96.1%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.8%	

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Keeping Children Safe Online

Top Tips for Setting Boundaries Around Gaming
 Behind video-sharing platforms (like YouTube) and streaming TV shows and movies, gaming is the third most popular online activity for children in the UK. In fact, according to recent data from Ofcom, an overwhelming 89% of children aged 3 to 17 play video games. Of those, more than one in five (22%) talk to other players online who they don't know outside the game. This online safety guide from looks at the benefits of setting boundaries around video gaming to help young people learn healthy online habits.

The Daily Mile! Role of Honour...
 Congratulations to our Half-Marathoner – Henry (Y3)

CLICK HERE

Don't forget, we finish at 1:30pm TODAY as it is the end of term.

SCHOOL TOURS

COME AND SEE WHAT WE DO...

BOOK ON A TOUR TODAY
 CALL: 01483 473884
 OR EMAIL [INFO@PIRBRIGHT.SURREY.SCH.UK](mailto:info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk)

Reception & Junior School Applications – September 2026

Parents are reminded that the closing date for **Reception school applications for September 2026 is 15 January 2026**. This includes parents of siblings at Pirbright who must still apply for a place.

Applications should be made online at www.eadmissions.org.uk. Late applications may reduce the chance of being offered a preferred school. Further information and support are available at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions or by calling **0300 200 1004**.

PEDALS POINTERS



The importance of breathing to support emotional regulation.

Calm, slow breathing helps us to feel safe and settled by letting the body know it's okay to relax. It also lowers the heart rate and relaxes muscles. When children practise breathing exercises, they learn simple ways to pause, calm their minds, and manage big feelings when they happen. Trying these exercises together is especially helpful; children learn best by watching and doing. It's also a lovely, simple way to connect with one another.

Take a moment of calm this Christmas and try some of these together:

- 1) 5-finger breathing:** Trace each finger whilst slowly breathing in and out. Breathe in as you go up your finger and out as you go down. Repeat for all the fingers on one hand. Remember not to rush.
- 2) Hot chocolate breathing:** Encourage the child to imagine they are smelling some delicious hot chocolate. Take a deep breath in. It's a bit hot still, so gently blow to cool it. Repeat 5 times, slowly.
- 3) Candy cane breathing:** Breathe in as they trace up one side of an imaginary candy cane and breathe out as they trace down the other.

These shared moments support children in building confidence and self-regulation skills over time. Wishing you all a calm and safe Christmas.



PEDALS
Mrs Hinzman & Mrs Nuttall
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GASKIN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHES 2025

FREE LUNCH

24th December

PLEASE RESERVE YOUR MEAL
WWW.FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM
INFO@FREECHRISTMASLUNCH.COM
MARTA 07855846597

FREE DELIVERY TO YOUR HOME
DELIVERY WITHIN 10 MILES OF GUILDFORD
DELIVERY BETWEEN 12PM - 3 PM

WE NEED VOLUNTEER DRIVERS TO DELIVER

FREE EVENT - LONELY, STUDENTS, HOMELESS, VULNERABLE, OPEN TO EVERYONE IN NEED



SEND & Pastoral Support Padlet - UPDATED!

The SEND Team have added lots of SEND Christmas events and activities in Surrey onto the Padlet so please head over and check it out. If you have other ideas of things you would like on there, please let us know.

CLICK HERE



Five Ways to Wellbeing at Christmas



Connect

Reach out and share the season with others

- Spend time with people who lift you up
- Share a festive meal with loved ones
- Make a call or write a handwritten Christmas card or message
- Reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while



Learn

Keep the season inspiring by trying something new this Christmas

- Try a new festive recipe or craft
- Explore a festive tradition from another culture
- Pick up a small skill you've been curious about



Be Active

Stay energised with simple winter activities to boost your mood

- Take a winter walk and enjoy the crisp air
- Put on some festive music and dance at home
- Enjoy a gentle stretch after busy days



Notice

Be present and enjoy the festive moments

- Pause to appreciate twinkling lights and winter colours
- Notice moments of calm and things you're grateful for
- Enjoy the scents, sounds and simple joys of the season



Give

Brighten the season for someone else- helping others lifts your own happiness too

- Offer help with errands or holiday tasks
- Donate money, items or time to a local charity
- Share small acts of kindness throughout the day. Even small gestures make a big difference





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

SPRING TERM CLUBS – PIRBRIGHT RUN & EXTERNAL

The spring term clubs list is below and is currently being loaded onto the school system. As we are moving them from Scopay to MCAS (BromCom), this is a much more convoluted process for this first time and they won't be open for booking until the **first week back in January** (we will email you to confirm on the day). Please have a look over the list with your children and the associated Clubs' Descriptions (click on the Clubs List below to be taken there) and ensure you have chosen ready for booking **and check you can log onto MCAS so you are ready!**

Spring Term 2026 Clubs List

Day	Club	Lunch	Club Time	Year Groups	Location	Teacher
Tuesday	Drawing Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 – 6	3SC	Miss Currie
	Action Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	4 – 6	Mrs Dow's Office	Mrs Dow
	Chess Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 – 6	5SF	Mr Fuller
	Computer Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 & 4	4BC	Miss Bartholomew
	Football Club	Late	12:15 – 1:00	5 & 6	Field	Mr Smith
	School Reporters	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 – 6	1DG	Mrs Gifford
	Dance Club	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 – 6	1RG	Miss Grant
Day	Club	Lunch	Club Time	Year Groups	Location	Teacher
Wednesday	Yarn Craft Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 – 6	4LB	Mrs Bean
	Karaoke	Late	12:15 – 1:30	3 – 6	2BT	Miss Todd
	Arts & Crafts Club	Late	12:15 – 1:00	5 & 6	RJL	Miss Leppard
	Pokemon Club	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 & 4	1CD	Miss Cass
	Girls' Football	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 – 6	Field	Mr Fuller & Mr Smith
Day	Club	Lunch	Club Time	Year Groups	Location	Teacher
Thursday	Harry Potter Board Games	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	3ND	Mrs Davies
	Sewing Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 – 6	6DC	Miss Casey
	TTRS	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 – 6	4BC	Miss Collins
	Chill Out Club	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 – 6	RRE	Mrs Everard
	Animation Club	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 – 6	2CD	Mrs Docis
	Cross Country Running	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 – 6	Field	Miss Jessett
	Netball	Late	12:15 – 1:00	4 – 6	KS2 Playground	Ms Jackson

Ho, ho, ho and MERRY CHRISTMAS!

There's just a few sleeps until Father Christmas makes his epic overnight journey to our houses, and there's basically no such thing as over-indulgence at this stage - with all treats and vices chalked up to one magical phrase 'It's Christmas'... time to crack open the sherry, dose up on Pepto Bismol and let the good times roll!

Depending on what stage of the day we are at when this hits your inbox, at 1.30pm there will be a little sale outside school with sweet treats and tiny treasures retailing for about 50p each - so bring some change to pick up or a tap of your Apple Pay (2025 - what a time to be alive!)

We can also now reveal the most exciting piece of FOPS news - **that the Christmas Fair raised an epic £4000 for our school!** If you consider just how torrential the rain was on that day; it's a true Christmas miracle that our Pirbright parents turned out in their droves to support the school fundraising team! We thank you for your unwavering support! It has certainly given us a boost heading into 2026 and another year of school fundraising - and we will be making plans for the summer fair very soon, as well as the usual events; chocolate bingo, quiz and curry, school uniform sales, coffee mornings, clothing donations, and many more.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year - and wish you a calm, peaceful, magical, merry Christmas with those you hold dear.



Christmas Fund Raiser NAME THE CHICKENS



Thank you so much for the huge amount of support shown to this competition!

We had around 400 entries and even had to restock with more lucky-dip gifts! Even then, we still ran out before all the older pupils could take part on Thursday - sorry to those who didn't get a chance to buy a ticket that day, but over the three days, all the classes had a chance to participate.

The winners have now been drawn and here are the names of our new chickens:

Shadow (chosen by Freya)
Hayhay (chosen by Phoebe)
Fluffy (chosen by Ede)

The three winners will spend time with the newly-named chickens (and the rest of the animals) when we return in January! They can decide which one is which!

Thanks again!

WE ARE HOSTING

The Nurturing Programme

How to get the best out of family life

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.

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Reception - Year 6

ACT 2
Year 7 - Year 13

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RYTA parent, 2022

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- ⚽ Fun, active sessions to improve skills & confidence
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- ⚽ Flexible payment options through Klarna
- ⚽ Awards for performance and achievements

Monday, 3.15pm - 4.30pm
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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Website: ultimate-coaching.co.uk Phone: 01483 488212

Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

January 2026	<p>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</p>	February 2026	<p>2nd - 3.30pm – 7.00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening 4th - 3:30 – 6:00pm Parents' Consultation Evening 11th - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics 13th – Whole School Cross Country 16th – 20th - HALF TERM 23rd – World Thinking Day 27th - My First Steps Leadership Course – Year 2 27th - Year 3 Cake Sale</p>
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 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) 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

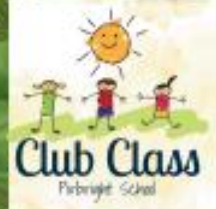
Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2024	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 27 th October 2025	Fri 31 st October 2025
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 22nd December 2025	Friday 2nd January 2026
SPRING 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 16 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 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	20th July - 14th August	16 th July

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