



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you all looked after yourselves and each other this week with Monday being supposedly "Blue". The days are already getting noticeably longer and the sun will be shining on Sports Day before we know it!

It was lovely to see our second class assembly of the school year this morning. 3DG did such a great job of taking us through the life (and death) of the Ancient Egyptians! If you were lucky enough to watch it, I hope you weren't put off your lunch by the details of the funeral arrangements of old...!

I was very proud of the school when showing my former headteachers from Boxgrove School around this week. They were so complimentary of the children, displays and learning environment.

This week, I was made aware of a parent attempting to cross the zebra crossing outside the school, only to be nearly hit by a car driving too quickly and without due care and attention. Let's ensure that we are all driving safely - but failing that, please be aware of unsafe driving when crossing.

With safety in mind, congratulations to those who have completed their Bikeability training and earned their certificates to prove how well they can navigate roads safely when cycling. Well done to the first two groups and good luck to the two to go!

Kind regards
Pete

Pete Wright

Position Vacant

FOPS are looking for a new chair/s. If you are interested in leading the PTA, please have a chat with either Kate, Nerys, Mrs Dow or Mr Wright. No question is too daft (apparently!) so come and chat!

Parents' Consultation Evenings - Booking Reminder

Hopefully you saw the email sent out yesterday about the upcoming Spring Term parents' evenings but as a reminder, this term they are taking place on **Monday 3rd February** and **Wednesday 5th February**. Please head to <https://pirbrightvillage.schoolcloud.co.uk> to make an appointment as the booking system is now live! If you experience any problems, please contact the school office for support. **Please note, that bookings will close at 12pm on Friday 31st January.** We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible but if you are unable to make either appointment, please let the class teacher know so they can make an alternative arrangement.

Upcoming Dates –

29th – INSET DAY
School will be closed to children
3rd – 7th – Bikeability
Year 6 Week 3
24th – 28th – Bikeability
Year 6 Week 4
28th - Deaf Awareness
Assemblies
3rd - 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Parents' Evening
5th - 4:00 – 6:00pm
Parents' Evening
6th – Year 1 Visit to
Brooklands Museum
7th – FOPS Uniform
Collection – KS1 Gate -
AM
11th - Safer Internet
Day
12th - Year 1 Sportshall
Athletics @ Guildford
Spectrum (PM)
**CHECK THE END OF
THE NEWSLETTER
FOR ALL 2025/2026
DATES & INSETS.**

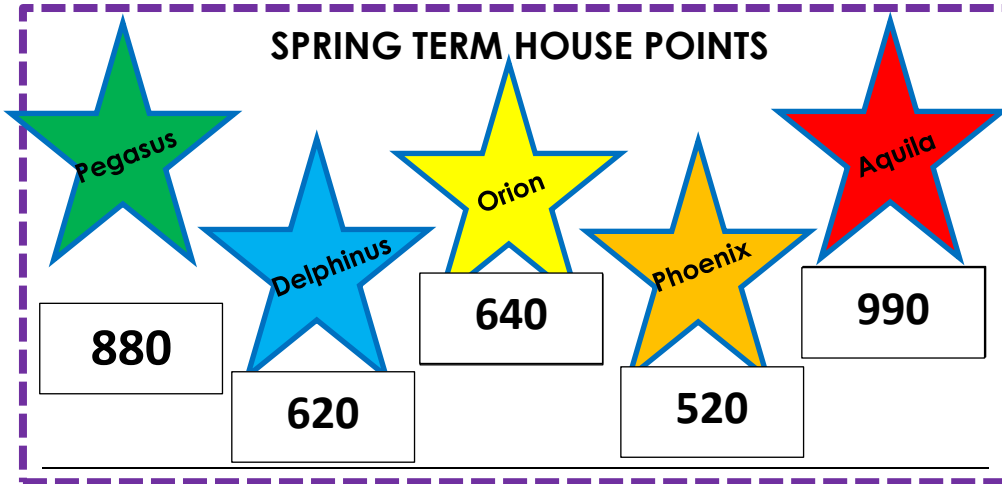
Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!
Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



SCHOOL WEBSITE PHOTOS!

3DG Class
Assembly

SPRING TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2HJ – 99.6%	4LB – 100%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.9%	



The Daily Mile!

Congratulations to Aaron Nicholson who completed his Half-Marathon this week. 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.



It's been in the newsletter for almost a year now but we just want to draw your attention to the unusual **WEDNESDAY INSET DAY on 29th January** so no one gets caught out. This is an INSET date chosen by The Learning Partners Trust.



Pupil Premium

All of the details for applying for the Pupil Premium, including what it is, can be found [here](#). We totally understand if you want to do a quick check before filling out the whole form; you can do this by sending your full name, date of birth and National Insurance Number to office@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk where we can do a check. There is lots of support the school can offer for Pupil Premium children (who are in receipt of Free School Meals) including a discount at Pirbright Club Class if this would help you work a few more hours.

Our annual Cross-Country Competition is fast approaching – see calendar for times on 14th February. Please note, this is for all children, including Reception, and parents are invited to come along and watch.

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January 2025

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End of Year Expectations

As we look towards Parents' Evenings, it is a good time to remind you of all the things we do at Pirbright to support your children. Last week we looked at End of Year Expectations (with The SUPER 6 the week before) and this week we turn our attention to The Pirbright Pyramid.

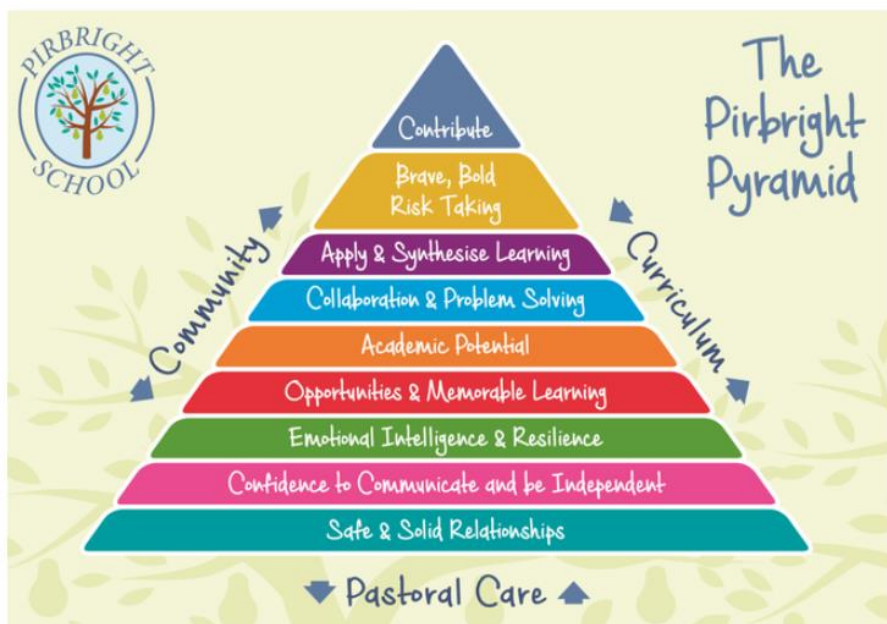
We are passionate about providing all children with opportunities for them to excel and have the highest aspirations for success. Key to this is children having strong building blocks to ensure that they reach (and exceed!) their academic potential. In order for the children to even contemplate true learning (and we mean embedded & deep learning which they can begin to apply to other settings – not just rote regurgitation), they need to start from the bottom of The Pirbright Pyramid and work up.

Your class teacher might refer to the Pirbright Pyramid at Parents' Evenings and every child is at a different stage. Some will go up (and maybe down!) as they progress across the school and meet various obstacles and challenges and that is ok – in fact, that is life!

Click on the image for more details about the pyramid and the curriculum.

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.



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PIRBRIGHT PLAYERS PRESENT

Tales from the Woods

25th-26th January 2025

Saturday 1:30 and 7pm, Sunday 7pm

Lord Pirbright's Hall, Pirbright GU24 0JE

Tickets: pirbrightplayers.spanglefish.org

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The poster features a large tree with various fairy tale titles written on its branches: A Riddling Tale, Snow White, Fair Katrinelje, Clever Hans, The Golden Tale, Sweet Porridge, Rumpelstiltskin, Little Red Riding Hood, Beauty and the Beast, The Emperor's New Clothes, The Girl and the North Wind, and The Musicians of Bremen. Two characters, a man in a red and yellow outfit and a woman in a blue dress, are standing at the base of the tree.

I know (believe me I KNOW) it's too early, far too early, to be discussing romantic Valentine's plans for 14th February. I know this. But when you're an old romantic, like me, you'll be thinking already about the romantic activities one might plan for such a day. And then my lovely friend Kate Valentine messaged me and asked me to write this week's newsletter (as I always do) and I knew immediately it was a sign. Not only because her name is Kate VALENTINE but also because she told me of her plans for the most romantic day of the year and do you know what those romantic plans were? (her partner, Luke, is delighted to be reading this) ... UNIFORM SALE. PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE. Indeed. We are hosting our first FOPS PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE of 2025 on **February 14th**. I cannot fathom that a more romantic way to start the day exists. My fellow volunteers and I will be flogging uniform bargains in the KS1 playground from 8.10am and speaking the universal love language of 'everyone enjoys grabbing themselves a good deal'.

Of course, in order to facilitate such a romantic day for our gorgeous parents and carers, we require uniform donations which we will be accepting on the **7th February** – dropped off by the entrance to KS1 playground, next to the love shack (or the shed, if you prefer.)

Kate and Nerys, our lovely, stunning, beautiful chairwomen (who run the world? Girls.) are stepping down from their positions after two years of fundraising fabulousness! From April, the vacancies are open for a new chairperson or two to take the reins. We require no previous experience; just someone with a YES I CAN DO THIS attitude (yes, you can!) You won't be steering the ship alone; you'll have me, and a host of other lovely volunteers to help you run the show. And honestly, it's a wonderful feeling to know that you have played a huge part in helping the school raise many, many thousands of pounds to fund the parts of the school that set Pirbright apart from the rest; the interactive classroom screens, the science lab, all the additional resources that our fundraising covers. We just need one or two key people to tie it all together and drive us forward.

Lastly, any takers to organise the SUMMER FAIR? We have had some absolutely BLINDING summer fairs in years gone by and the colour run last year is still something I think of regularly (mostly when I put on my waterproof that got covered in paint powder, had to go in the washing machine and is now no longer waterproof. Rainy days are now a total nightmare but it was totally worth it for the fun I experienced on that day. I regret nothing.)

Right, that's enough out of me. Over to you, Mrs Dow, to try and fit this passage from my memoirs into the small box we are allocated each week in the newsletter for fundraising updates. I'll be back next week to tell you about my early years, from the ages of 4 – 5 and a half.

Editor's Note: *Mrs Dow was unable to take anything out as Lauren is too fabulous to be edited. Luckily Newsletter HQ was pretty light on content this week so it all worked out well!*



'Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' at Woking's New Victoria Theatre



**LAST CHANCE
TO REGISTER
INTEREST!**

Mrs Peers & Mrs Davies would like to offer children from Key Stage 2 the exciting opportunity to take a trip to Woking's New Victoria Theatre during the Summer term to see the stage show of 'Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' starring Joe McElderry. This is a lovely opportunity to watch a professional performance of a West End stage show, incorporating singing, dancing, costumes and more!

We are able to offer 30 tickets to Key Stage 2 children at a reduced educational price, so along with the train tickets from Brookwood to Woking Station the overall cost will be no more than £30.00 per child.



If you would like your child to attend, please register your interest no later than Friday 31st January 2025:

3ND@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

We have a limited number of tickets, so if a significant number of children are interested, we will draw names from a hat. The trip will be a matinee performance in Woking at 2.30pm on Thursday 5th June 2025. Once we have finalised number, costs and further details will be shared with those attending the trip.



**ULTIMATE
COACHING**
**Sports
Camp**



**INSET
DAY
CAMP**

Wednesday 29th January

Age: 5 - 11 years

Time: 9.30pm - 3.00pm

Book now via Class4Kids or
by contacting the Admin Team

17th - 21st Feb 2025



Potential
Kids



**Feb Half
Term Camp**

At Pirbright Village
School

9am - 4pm

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Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

January 2025	<p>29th – INSET DAY School will be closed to children 3rd – 7th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 3 24th – 28th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 4 28th - Deaf Awareness Assemblies</p>	February 2025	<p>3rd - 4.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening 5th - 4:00 – 6:00pm Parents' Evening 6th – Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum 7th – FOPS Uniform Collection – KS1 Gate – AM 7th - Visitor - Year 1 to Talk on Judaism 11th - Safer Internet Day 11th - Short Story Competition Launch - KS2 12th - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (PM) 14th - FOPS Pre-Loved Uniform Sale – KS1 Playground AM 14th - 1.30pm Pirbright Cross-Country Events (parents welcome) 17th – 21st HALF TERM 24th – World Thinking Day 26th - Year 4 Greek Day 28th - Fire Brigade Visit - Reception 28th - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look</p>
March 2025	<p>4th - Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM) 5th - Year 2 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM) 7th – World Book Day – DRESS UP 7th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome) 12th Year 2 My First Steps Leadership Training 14th - Science Day (Celebrating Science Week) 19th - WASPs Touch Rugby Tournament 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 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 19th – Pirbright Has Talent Auditions (Y1 – Y6) 21st - Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White's House 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) 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) TBC 17th – Year 6 Fun Day 18th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Parents Welcome) 18th – 1.30pm – End of Term 21st - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 22nd – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>		

Class Assemblies 2024/2025

Friday 14 th February 2025 at 10am	4SC
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

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

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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
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