



Dear Parents and Carers

It is always lovely to start a newsletter with exciting news, and this one is no different. I am very happy to announce that Mrs Alderton, Reception and Year 1 LSA, is pregnant and expecting a baby in May!

In other news, I met with a senior member of Pirbright's military personnel this week in a further attempt to address the ongoing parking issues on the roads around school during drop off and pick up times. I am hoping to increase the police presence at these times, something that the military are also looking to implement in order to ensure residents and parents are all being patient, kind and considerate.

You may be used by now to seeing "Mark, the coffee man" in the playground on Wednesday mornings. If you would like a hot drink or a snack for yourself (and not your child/ren, please!) then do seek him out by the PEDALS Pod.

This coming Monday has been rather gloomily coined as 'Blue Monday' across the nation. Although this is somewhat a glib nickname, it is as good a time as any to remind the school community that the school is here to help. If you feel that we could assist you or your child with mental health support, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. They will be able to talk to you about some strategies for your child in school and at home or perhaps sign post you to some other organisations or a member of the SLT or the pastoral team.

In the latter part of last term, many of you kindly asked how I was getting on, when on gate duty or around the school. Coming back from the Christmas holidays, was one of the easiest returns to work I've ever had. This has to be, in part, down to the welcome that I received from you, the staff and the children when I first arrived.

Thank you!

Kind regards

Pete

Upcoming Dates –

20th – 24th – Bikeability
Year 6 Week 2

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

11th - Safer Internet
Day

12th - Year 1 Sportshall
Athletics @ Guildford

Add our calendar
to your electronic
calendar!

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



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!

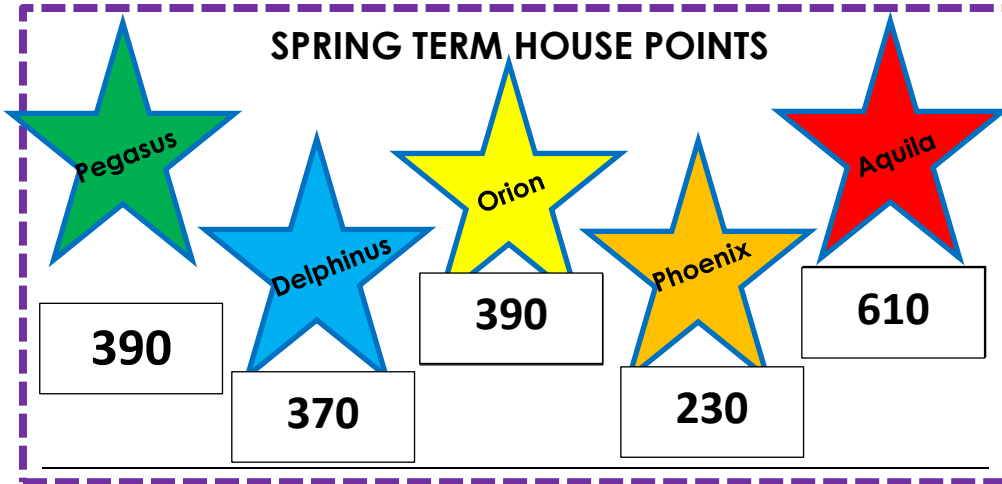
Parents' Consultation Evenings

are coming up and further information about booking will come to you very soon. Please pop the dates in your diaries (3rd and 5th February) and if you know you will be unable to make these times, pop in and see your class teachers for an alternative, sooner rather than later.

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SPRING TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2HJ – 99.6%	5LB – 99.2%

Whole School Year to Date

95.9%

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.

Congratulations to our first group of Year 6 children who completed their Bikeability training this week. We have another three groups out and about over this term so please be mindful when you are parking on School Lane towards the end of the day.

Class Assemblies!

Next week, Mrs Gifford kicks off the class assembly calendar for 2025 (there was a sneaky early entry for Miss Bartholomew in the autumn term so well done to 5LB for getting yours done!). If you are new to Pirbright, every class (and Year 6 as a whole team) put together a class assembly for the rest of the school at some point over the year. The dates are published at the start of the year and can be found on the dates list at the bottom of the newsletter. Doors open for parents around 9:50/9:55 (depending on numbers) and we like to get you seated before the rest of the school come in. You can take your own photos and videos for your own personal use (please don't post them to social media). Afterwards, there is a moment to see your children and have a cup of tea if you have the time. All in all, we're usually wrapped up by 11am at the very latest (including tea!) and you can be on your merry way!

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.

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 The SUPER 6 and this week we turn our attention to expectations for the end of the year. We follow the National Curriculum and each year group has a set of End of Year Expectations which we measure the children against through their time in a year group. We assess the children every day, continually – it is an ongoing process. Sometimes we use an assessment tool such as a test or a quiz but it is much more likely to be “under the radar”, catching children at their best in their lessons and considering work in their books. This is a much more “low stakes” & reliable method of assessing children that build up a picture over time and hopefully they don't even realise it is happening! If you would like to find out your child's End of Year Expectations, please head to the website and select their year group.

<https://www.pirbrightvillageprimaryschool.com/end-of-year-expectations-rwm-by-year-group/>

CLICK HERE 

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.

Harley's First Dance World Cup 2025

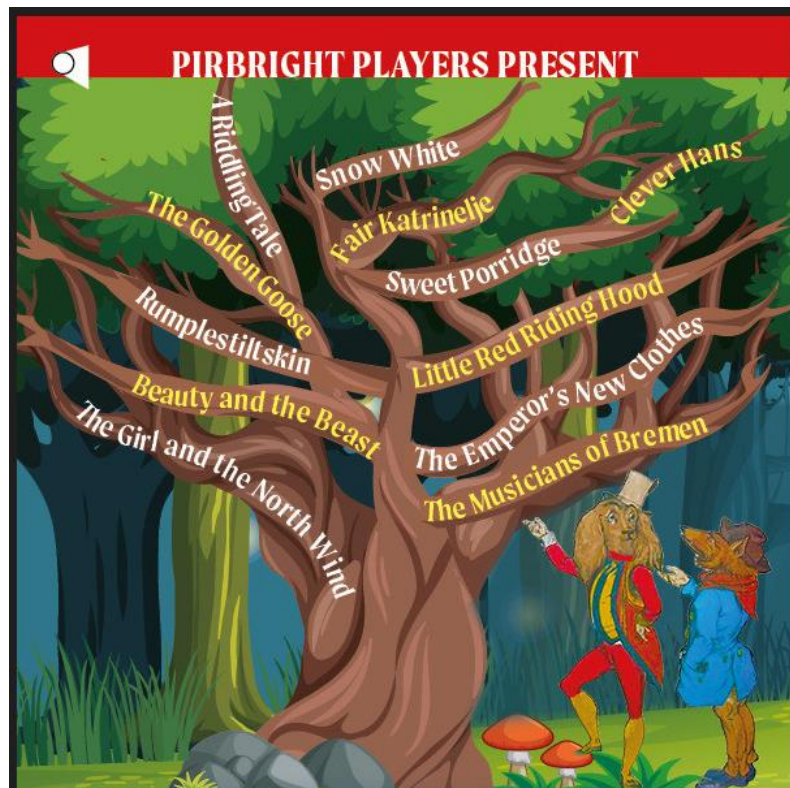


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Harley's First Dance World Cup

At just 4 years old, Harley from Reception will be representing Team England at the Dance World Cup with her dance school Classical Ballet Centre Surrey in 4 group dances! Harley is fundraising to support her big trip to Spain and has a GoFundMe page which is attached here. Harley and her family are grateful for any support you might be able to offer them.

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



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.

WE ARE *hiring*

CHEF MANAGER

LOCATION

**PIRBRIGHT
GU24 0JN**

HOURS

**8AM - 5PM (40 HRS P/W)
MONDAY - FRIDAY**

RATE

**£14.00
PER HOUR**

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- Demonstrate high standards of appearance & dress at all times.

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**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>20th – 24th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 2 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 11th - Safer Internet Day 12th - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (PM) 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>5th - WASPS Football League Finals 12th – 16th – KS2 SATS Week 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 24 th January 2025 at 10am	3DG
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 17th February 2025	Friday 21st 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