



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a great festive break and the shock to the system of returning to school and work hasn't been too difficult! The sub-zero temperatures will at least help to make us feel, right?!

With a third of the academic year already over, and the very busy term for our PTA - FOPS - done, the time has come for Kate Valentine and Nerys Davies to hand the mantle over to the next generation of leaders. If you would like to organise fairs, coordinate cake sales and help to fundraise thousands of pounds to enrich the children's learning experiences, we would love to hear from you! Please chat to any of us in person (myself, Mrs Dow, Kate or Nerys) or send us an email ([head@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk)) if you are interested. Feel free to ask lots of questions and we will get back to you. The important thing to remember is that it is not all on your shoulders; there is such strong parental support for FOPS that you will have hands to help you. Mrs Dow and I are really looking forward to working with the next FOPS Chairs; Kate & Nerys have been outstanding and are leaving FOPS in an excellent place when they hand over the reins in April.

This week, Year 6 parents and carers are invited in to a brief meeting with Mr Smith and Miss Casey to hear about the arrangements for SATs week in May this year. At Pirbright, we try our best to ensure that the children do not worry about SATs so it will have been quite light touch in the autumn term. We do want them to be ready to do their best in May and it's important that they are prepared and positive going into their first experience of formal testing – in itself a brilliant learning opportunity. Please come along to the meeting if you can to hear about how the school will be preparing them.

Topic webs and letters will be out as paper copies today and on the website from next Friday in the Year Group pages. These documents outline what the children will be learning this term as well as expectations for home learning and how best you can support them.

Although it feels like months since we were breaking up for the Christmas holiday, I would like to thank all who gave any of the staff at Pirbright a card or gift. Your generosity is so appreciated.

Stay warm!  
Kind regards  
Pete

## Upcoming Dates –

6<sup>th</sup> – Start of the spring term  
13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Year 6 Week 1  
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3<sup>rd</sup> - 4.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening  
5<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 – 6:00pm Parents' Evening

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

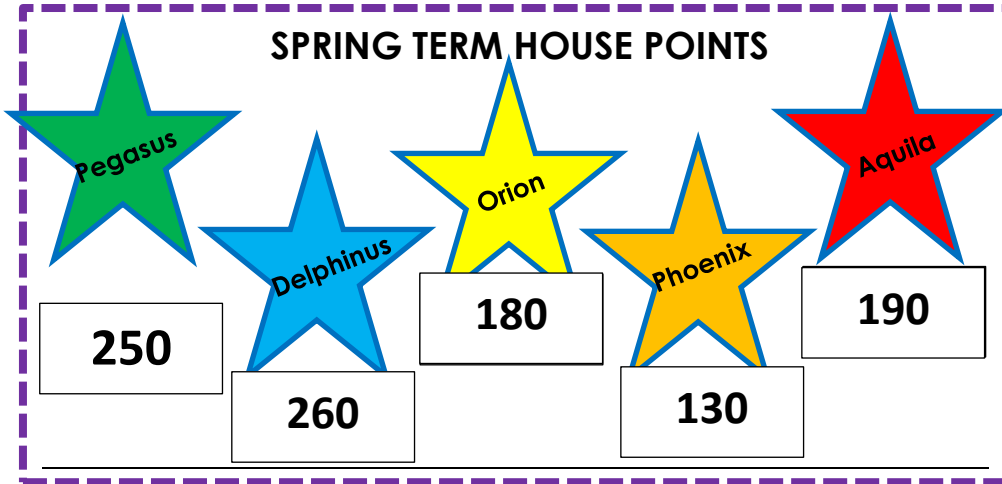
Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



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WEBSITE  
PHOTOS!**



## SPRING TERM HOUSE POINTS



## Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
RJL – 99.2%	4LB – 100%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.9%	



### The Daily Mile!

The DM was back in limited action this week due to the weather. The playgrounds can become surprisingly slippery in wet weather and combined with a bit of ice, this was deemed unsafe for much of the week. Well done to all the hardy runners who took part when we were up and running.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> January** so no one gets caught out. This is an INSET date chosen by The Learning Partners Trust.

### Email and Communications

We value our open-door policy and the relationships we build with parents so much – we certainly feel like we all work together for the good of the children! We just wanted to remind you of a few things regarding email.

The school day is incredibly busy and staff work hard around "school hours" where they are in meetings, planning, preparing resources and lessons and generally doing all the things that make Pirbright, Pirbright. Teaching is not an office job and teachers are not sat on computers all day checking email, so if something is urgent, please pop in and see us in person or call/email the school office who will get a message to teachers more promptly. Otherwise, responses to email will be within three school days.

We do have a communication policy which is based on mutual respect and led by the school values. 99% of all interactions are incredibly positive. Just a polite reminder that we are all human, we don't always know all the things that have happened with your child in the day (so sometimes what you are sharing is genuinely news to us!) and we all want the best outcomes for all of the children. That's why we became teachers! We appreciate you taking the time to be courteous and polite in your email interactions and trusting that we will do a good job to assist you in any way we can.

Just a reminder that we are a nut free school so please triple check packed lunches. We have some children with severe nut allergies and must keep them safe. We have children with other allergies as well (such as dairy) so please chat to your children and remind them not to swap items of their lunch with each other (we will reinforce this at school!) as it could have quite serious consequences. Thank you!



## SUPER 6

At Pirbright, we value the skills that children and adults need to enable them to learn successfully. Our Super 6 skills encourage the children to think creatively and analytically about their learning, selecting different methods to complete tasks and take on new challenges, reflecting on them to improve their learning further. Each class get to choose their 'theme' for their Super 6 skills for the year and you might want to ask your child which theme they have on display in their classroom. The language and experiences associated with these skills is progressive across the school and we have compiled documents on our 'Super 6' webpage to enable you to see this progression. Why not have a look and see if you can incorporate the language suited to your child's year group into your discussions with them about their home learning?

<https://pirbrightvillageprimaryschool.secure-primariesite.net/super-6-1/>

We have also set a Super 6 home learning challenge this week across the school to help the children put these skills at the forefront of their thinking when tackling new challenges in learning and life. This is a great opportunity for them to share what they know about our Super 6 and how they think they have used the skills to develop their learning further.

# Super 6

## Pirbright Lunchtime Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for clubs over the past four weeks. We hope you are as excited as we are to commence our KS2 lunchtime clubs on Wednesday 15th January (no clubs on Tuesday next week). It is not too late to get on board; if you haven't yet signed up please head to the Pirbright School website and follow the links. Bookings for Pirbright Clubs close on Tuesday at 8am. There are a wide variety and selection of clubs to choose from so we hope your child will choose to participate in the wonderful opportunities afforded to them.

S4K and Ultimate Coaching are returning to our external provision for the term and there is a clubs' list attached with the booking links ready for you to get signed up.

<https://www.pirbrightvillageprimaryschool.com/extra-curricular-clubs/>

## 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](mailto: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

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.

## Harley's First Dance World Cup 2025



CLICK HERE



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# Challengers



## EXPERT PARENT WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0 TO 13 YEARS

**FREE**

Join our free workshop and learn how to get the best outcomes for your child. The Expert Parent Program maps out the current health system specifically to the needs of children and young people with additional needs or disabilities (diagnosed or undiagnosed) with a focus on our children up to the age of 13 years.

Workshop topics include:

- Making the most of appointments
- Using language effectively
- Moving towards outcomes
- Needs, rights, levers and laws
- Looking after yourself as a carer

This workshop is written and delivered by parent trainers with lived experience.



"I found the course so invaluable and insightful, thank you for organising"

"Last Friday's session was so helpful thank you and thank you for your kindness. So much to follow up on from that day"



Scan to book your place

### Workshop Dates

- Tues 21st Jan - The Hub, Challengers, Guildford
- Mon 27th Jan - The Bandroom, Cranleigh
- Weds 19th Mar - Farnham Challengers 9.30am to 2.30pm

[www.disability-challengers.org/thehub](http://www.disability-challengers.org/thehub)

Email [thehub@disability-challengers.org](mailto:thehub@disability-challengers.org) or call 01483 961962



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Healthy PARENT CARERS

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## HEALTHY PARENT CARER PROGRAMME

**FREE**

# The Hub

Starting Friday 31st January

Running for 6 weeks

(not running Friday 21st February)

Come along from 9.45am for a 10am start. Finishes at 12.30pm

Farnham Play Centre, St James Avenue, GU9 9QF

Parent carers often put the needs of their children before their own wellbeing. The Healthy Parent Carers' programme is designed to help you focus on your own health and wellbeing. The programme promotes empowerment, confidence and resilience, and gives you some time to focus on your own needs in a realistic way!



Sessions are delivered by Maddie and Becky, who are both parent carers and have attended the workshop themselves.



Scan or visit  
<https://disability-challengers.org/thehub/>  
to book your place

If you're interested and want to know more, please get in touch.

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Email: [thehub@disability-challengers.org](mailto:thehub@disability-challengers.org) or call 01483 961962

# The Hub Family FUN DAY

Come and enjoy our soft play and outdoor playgrounds with all the family

Guildford and Farnham  
Various Sundays 10am to 2pm

**SCAN TO BOOK**

### CONTACT US

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# The Hub

## Parent Workshops

Positive Family Relationships

Mon 3rd February - Farnham

Toilet Training

Tues 28th January - Guildford  
Thurs 27th March - Farnham

Education - How to get what you need

Weds 12th March - Farnham

Sleep

Weds 12th February - Guildford

Supporting Parents of Children with Anxiety

Tues 4th March - Farnham

Healthy Parent Carer

From Friday 31st January for 6 weeks - Farnham

For more information and to book on to our sessions, head to our website or scan the QR code

[www.disability-challengers.org/thehub](http://www.disability-challengers.org/thehub)

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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](http://pirbrightplayers.spanglefish.org)**



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St Michaels Pirbright & St Mark's Wyke

## CHURCH ON THE GREEN

### This Sunday

10AM

### Lord Pirbright's Hall

### & PETTING FARM!



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# Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

January 2025	<p>6<sup>th</sup> – Start of the spring term            13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Year 6 Week 1            15<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 SATs Meeting            20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Year 6 Week 2            29<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY School will be closed to children            3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Year 6 Week 3            24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Year 6 Week 4            28<sup>th</sup> - Deaf Awareness Assemblies</p>	February 2025	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> - 4.30pm – 7.00pm Parents' Evening            5<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 – 6:00pm Parents' Evening            6<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum            11<sup>th</sup> - Safer Internet Day            12<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (PM)            14<sup>th</sup> - 1.30pm Pirbright Cross-Country Events (parents welcome)            17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> HALF TERM            24<sup>th</sup> – World Thinking Day            26<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Greek Day            28<sup>th</sup> - Fire Brigade Visit - Reception            28<sup>th</sup> - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look</p>
March 2025	<p>4<sup>th</sup> - Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM)            5<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM)            7<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day – DRESS UP            7<sup>th</sup> – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)            12<sup>th</sup> Year 2 My First Steps Leadership Training            14<sup>th</sup> - Science Day (Celebrating Science Week)            19<sup>th</sup> - WASPs Touch Rugby Tournament            25<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood            27<sup>th</sup> - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards)            28<sup>th</sup> – FOPS Chocolate Bingo</p>	April 2025	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 3 Pop-Up Museum            4<sup>th</sup> – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!)            4<sup>th</sup> – Term finishes at 1:30pm            25<sup>th</sup> - 8.30am – 9.00am KS2 Learning Look            25<sup>th</sup> - 8.45am – 9.15am Reception &amp; KS1 Learning Look</p>
May 2025	<p>5<sup>th</sup> - WASPS Football League Finals            12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATS Week            19<sup>th</sup> – Pirbright Has Talent Auditions (Y1 – Y6)            21<sup>st</sup> - Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White's House            26<sup>th</sup> –30<sup>th</sup> May HALF TERM</p>	June 2025	<p>4<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Visit to the British Wildlife Centre            5<sup>th</sup> – Pirbright Has Talent Show! (No Parents, sorry!)            6<sup>th</sup> - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look            9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Residential Visit to Somerset            12<sup>th</sup> - Reception Zoo Lab Visit            13<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Late Registration (10am)            13<sup>th</sup> – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)            16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court            20<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day &amp; Family Lunch            30<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children</p>
July 2025	<p>1<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)            2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)            4<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Performance PM (Y6 parents invited PM)            10<sup>th</sup> –Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome)            11<sup>th</sup> – 10am Late Registration            14<sup>th</sup> – New Entrants Morning Session (10:30-11:30)            14<sup>th</sup> – 3.15pm-4.30pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome)            16<sup>th</sup> – Leavers' Party (Eve) TBC            17<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Fun Day            18<sup>th</sup> – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Parents Welcome)            18<sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm – End of Term            21<sup>st</sup> - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)            22<sup>nd</sup> – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>		

# Class Assemblies 2024/2025

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 10am	3DG
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 10am	4SC
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10am	2HJ
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025 at 10am	5SF
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10am	4LB
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at 10am	1JR
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10am	RGD
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10am	1HE
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025 at 10am	RJL
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 10am	3ND
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 at 10am	2BT
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 in the <b>AFTERNOON (Time TBC)</b>	Year 6

# Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start	End
<b>AUTUMN 2024</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
<b>SPRING 2025</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<i>Half term</i>	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
<b>SUMMER 2025</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

# INSET DAYS 2024/2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025