



Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe that I'm already sending you the last newsletter of the term... Or can I? It has been a pretty long term!

It has been great to be fully immersed in Christmas this week, with The Club Class Christmas Party on Monday (a very calm and organised place to be!); the staff Christmas Quiz on Tuesday (making the children gasp and laugh in equal measure); Christmas Jumpers and Christmas Lunch on Wednesday (special thanks for Cleverchefs for the delicious meal!), all before our Festive Carol Service today!

I spent some time this week, asking children across the school what they particularly enjoyed about their Christmas productions from last week. Here is what they said:

Reception: "I really liked the song, A Little Bird Told Me.", "I liked it when the sheep danced.", "It was really fun when I (a robin) pretended to fly!"

Key Stage 1: "I liked Mary and Joseph" (a child who was neither Mary nor Joseph), "My costume sparkled in the lights - it was pretty.", "I liked the dancing and the singing and the songs.", "I enjoyed being one of the judges.", "I loved to make the audience laugh. It was fun and just perfect!"

Key Stage 2: "It was such a fun experience being one of the main cast members which is a once in a school-time opportunity.", "The tweaks from the original film made it very fun to act out.", "The jokes! Saying jokes and people laughing." "All of the effort that we all put into it paid off. We had a real sense of achievement!"

Thank you to everyone on and off of the stage for making it such an amazing week!

I hope that you all have a relaxing and rejuvenating break, and I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 6th January 2025.

Best wishes
Pete

Upcoming Dates –

20th - 1:30pm – End of Term

JANUARY

6th – Start of the spring term

13th – 17th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 1

15th - Year 6 SATs Meeting

20th – 24th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 2

29th – INSET DAY

3rd – 7th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 3

24th – 28th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 4

28th - Deaf Awareness Assemblies

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

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

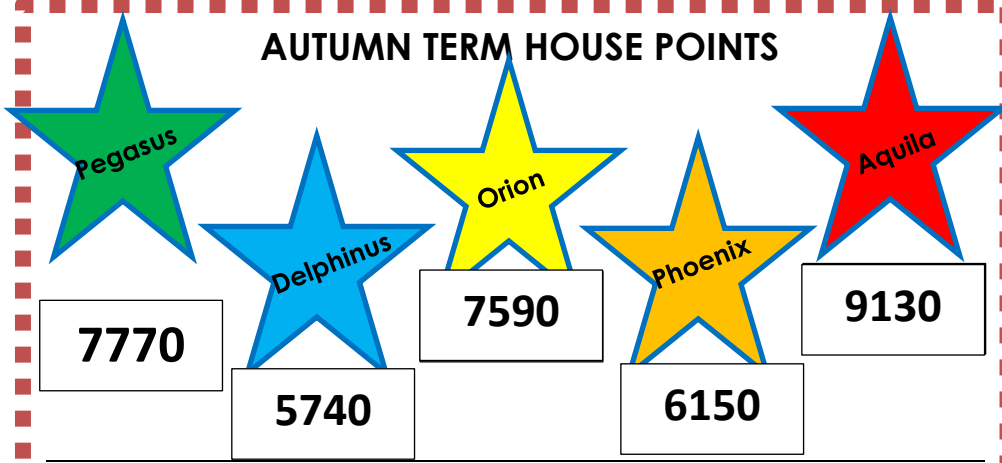


SCHOOL PHOTOS!

Staff Christmas Quiz

Christmas Lunch

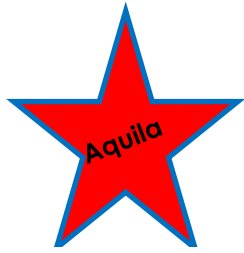
AUTUMN TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
RGD 98.2%	5LB 95.8%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.1%	



CONGRATULATIONS TO AQUILA – AUTUMN Term HOUSE WINNERS!



Spring Term 2025 Clubs List

Day	Club	Lunch	Club Time	Year Groups	Location	Teacher
Tuesday	Drawing Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	3DG	Mrs Gifford
	Debate Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	Art Suite	Mrs Dow
	Chess	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	5SF	Mr Fuller
	Dance	Early	12:45 – 1:30	5 & 6	Music Suite	Miss Durdle
	Computer Club	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 & 4	5LB	Miss Bartholomew
	Netball	Late	12:15 – 1:00	4 - 6	Netball Courts	Miss Jackson
	Myths & Legends	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 - 6	1HE	Mrs Hemsworth
Maths Games	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 - 5	2BT	Miss Todd	
Day	Club	Lunch	Club Time	Year Groups	Location	Teacher
Wednesday	Yarn Crafts	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	4LB	Mrs Bean
	BSL	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	4SC	Miss Currie
	Pirbright Glee	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	6DC	Miss Casey
	Drama	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 & 4	Science Lab	Mr Wright
	Arts & Crafts	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 & 4	Art Suite	Miss Leppard
	Girls' Football	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 - 6	Field	Mr Smith & Mr Fuller
Day	Club	Lunch	Club Time	Year Groups	Location	Teacher
Thursday	Lego	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	Art Suite	Miss Russell
	Animation / Comic	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	3DG	Mrs Docis
	Harry Potter Games	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 - 6	3ND	Mrs Davies
	Lacrosse	Late	12:15 – 1:00	4 - 6	KS2 Playground	Ms Jackson
	Chill Out Club	Late	12:15 – 1:00	3 - 6	1HE	Mrs Everard
	Football	Late	12:15 – 1:00	5 & 6	Field	Mr Smith

SPRING TERM CLUBS – PIRBRIGHT RUN & EXTERNAL

These are all bookable on Scopay from now. Thanks to Ms Jackson for pulling them all together, to Mrs Tucker for all the admin and to the teachers for volunteering their lunchtimes to work with the children. All details can be found on the website or on the lists and descriptions attached; alternatively, click on the picture ←



Dec 25th 2024

Hanukkah

Hanukkah (or Chanukah, as there are various spellings) is a Jewish festival also known as the Festival of Lights. It typically falls between late November and December, with its dates change each year based on the Hebrew calendar. This eight-day celebration is observed by some of our families here at PVPS and commemorates the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem and the miracle of the oil that lasted eight days. During Hanukkah, families light the menorah, adding one candle each night, and enjoy traditional foods like latkes and sufganiyot.

At Pirbright, Hanukkah is also one of the festivals we learn about as part of our study of the six major religions, 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/>



Online Safety Reminder

Did you know?

It's so easy to become immersed in an online world! While it's amazing to be able to check in with friends and family that you can't be with over the Christmas period, we should try not to let gadgets dominate our break. Have a look at these ideas to help us put down our devices and spend time together with our families and friends.

Keeping Children Safe Online

12 Top Tips for Children and Young People to Enjoy a TECH-FREE CHRISTMAS

The Christmas holidays are tailor made for families to enjoy relaxed quality time in each other's company – but with distractions like pinging phone notifications, the lure of games consoles and online Boxing Day sales, that can be more difficult than it sounds. Staying off our phones, laptops and tablets, however, can really help us to appreciate the things that genuinely matter at this special time of year. Follow our 12 top tips for a tech-free festive season ... Yule be glad you did! Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CRAFTING

Get out the paper, glue and scissors and have a go at hand-making cards or gift tags. You could also create your own decorations to add a uniquely personal touch to the Christmas tree.

NATURE QUEST

Try a scavenger hunt in the garden or your local park. Challenge yourself and your family to find natural treasures that are symbolic of this time of year – like holly or pinecones, say.

CAROL KARAOKE

Sing your hearts out with a Christmas carol karaoke night. Pick out your favourite tunes and enjoy a musical celebration with family and friends.

WANDER DOWN MEMORY LANE

How about making a scrapbook filled with your favourite memories from Christmases gone by? Unleash your creativity while you enjoy reliving those magical holiday moments.

TRY REFLECTIVE JOURNALLING

Jot down your thoughts, feelings and reflections on the holiday in a notebook or diary – you could also list some of your main goals for the new year.

WRAP IT UP

Take time to get inventive with some luxurious gift wrapping. Break out the wrapping paper, ribbons and bows to make parcelling up those presents into a creative adventure.

WALK IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Delight in the great outdoors with some gentle walks over the holiday. The family can all wrap up warm as you add to your step count and savour the crisp winter air together.

BE A SEASONAL CHEF

Get the whole family working together in the kitchen for some Christmas cooking. Choose a recipe and whip up a festive feast that all of you can enjoy.

ENJOY A CHRISTMAS STORY

Christmas is a perfect time for sparkling stories. Get cosy and lose yourself in a brilliant book, from Dickens to Dr Seuss or a more modern favourite by Chris van Allsburg or Tom Fletcher.

SNOWY SCULPTURES

If we're fortunate enough to get a white Christmas this year, make the most of the opportunity by having a family snowman-building competition!

GAMES NIGHT GALA

Dive into some old-school fun with a tech-free games night. Classic board games and card games have stood the test of time for a reason!

GOODWILL TO ALL

You and your family could spend a day volunteering – perhaps at a food bank or helping a local charity. After all, kindness and thinking of others are part of what Christmas is all about.



CREST Superstar Award Congratulations to our children who have been working to achieve their CREST Superstar Award, which is a national award allowing children to gain some hands-on science experience whilst exploring the world around them. The children develop their investigative and teamwork skills whilst carrying out a number of investigations. Well done team!

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

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.

The Learning Partners Trust autumn newsletter has been published. Please click on the image below to be redirected to the full edition.

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Autumn 2024

Learning Partners
academy trust

Learning Partners Parent/Carer Newsletter

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- Welcome from Jack, our CEO
- My reflection on school and system leadership by Amanda Pedder, Executive Headteacher, Loseley Fields Primary School and Farncombe Infants
- Quick fire Q&As with Co-Headteachers of Boxgrove Primary School
- Christmas Cooking with Mrs Hancock, Food Technology teacher at George Abbot School
- Celebrating Creativity
- Our values

Leading schools where children thrive

The end of term is upon us. The traditions of a school Christmas abound and remind us of the important things in our institutions. Our recent Headteachers meeting at George Abbot saw many of our number wearing Christmas jumpers, and even more colleagues looking forward to their school Christmas dinner. Others were talking of preparations for carol services, nativities (in many traditional and modern forms) and even planning the Christmas school quiz and the end of term assemblies. It is easy to regard these as add-ons to school life, or even worse irrelevant distractions. This is wrong. In the development of a child and a community these are the cornerstones of much of our work.

Much of the national conversation about schools is turning on the theme of belonging. Our children and staff need a sense of belonging. Belonging to a community and an ideal. Here at Learning Partners, we recognise that a sense of connection to our community our place of work and the children we serve is vital for effective and transformative education. The carol concerts, lunches and quizzes are methods through which we can build belonging.

Schools are more than just a knowledge transfer activity, which are assessed by foreboding national assessment frameworks. They are places of connection, belonging and purpose. It is through these annual events that we can foster in children a sense of themselves and their place in their community.

Thank you to all our staff, parents and children for their contributions to building this sense of belonging through community activities. Activities seen so readily at this time of year. It is when we turn our attention to others, give gifts of time, attention and consideration (otherwise known as gold, frankincense and myrrh) that we support others to thrive. Education changes lives. It also provides a sense of belonging and security which allows us all to grow, find ourselves and give at Christmas time.

Have a great Christmas one and all.

Jack Mayhew, CEO

Watch Jack's end of term message to all colleagues across the trust.

WATCH VIDEO

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Day: Monday's
Age: Years 1 -4
Time: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Day: Wednesday's
Age: Girls Football
Time: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Day: Friday's
Age: Years 5 - 6
Time: 3.15pm - 4.15pm

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**WOKING
FAMILY CENTRE**

**4 sessions from
21st January - 11th February
2025
6.45pm - 8:00pm**

Online Parenting Puzzle

This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges supporting a calmer family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to positive discipline
- Co-operation and self discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves

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Surrey, GU21 3AX**

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

January 2025	<p>6th – Start of the spring term 13th – 17th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 1 15th - Year 6 SATs Meeting 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 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>		

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 23rd December 2024	Friday 3rd January 2025
SPRING 2025	Monday 6th 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

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