



Dear Parents & Carers,

Wow, what a week that was! I had heard about the legend of Shows' Week and it certainly lived up to its reputation of fun, chaos, hard work and excitement in equal measures. Today is a quieter day (so far) with us all wearing pyjamas and using hunting for a variety of props (from tea towels to Wonka bars) around the school. A huge thank you to all of the staff who rehearsed, danced, painted, and supported the children throughout the process to make them all so successful under the big lights.

Next week, Club Class have their Christmas party, the staff have a Christmas Quiz to perform(?) to the children (I'm still mostly in the dark about this Pirbright tradition...) Wednesday brings us Christmas jumpers and Christmas lunch and on Friday we are heading down to the Lord Pirbright Hall for a festive carol sing-song before the school day ends and we send the children off with Christmas cheer at 1.30pm (NO CLUB CLASS on the afternoon of Friday 20th December!)

As we near the end of the term, I'd like to remind you of the policy that we follow regarding illness. To keep things consistent and transparent, we adhere to the NHS guidelines. Please consider this when the staff are explaining how much time we require your child to be absent from school until symptoms subside - thank you.

With 2 weeks off school coming soon, I often like to remind parents (of which I too am one) of the potential increased use of the internet and tech for our children. I have included the URL links to some websites that have fun and safe games to enjoy. I must, however, add a disclaimer here, stating that I have not tested every game, and that of course adult supervision is always best practice when children are gaming, searching or watching online.

<https://pbskids.org/games>

<https://www.safekidgames.com/>

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_us/interland

Here's to a wonderful last week of the term. Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards

Pete

Upcoming Dates –

16th – Club Class Christmas Party

17th – Christmas Quiz

18th – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

20th – 10am – Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright's Hall (Parents Welcome)

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

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

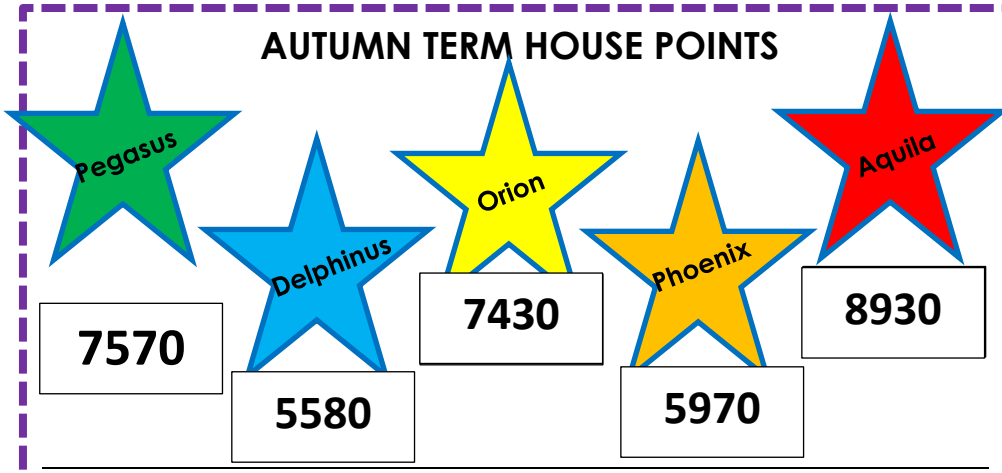
Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!

- ✓ A Little Bird Told Me
- ✓ Lights, Camel, Action! The Sequin!
- ✓ Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- ✓ Group Shots YR → Y6

AUTUMN TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1HE 97.4%	3DG/5LB – 99%

Whole School Year to Date

96.3%



The Daily Mile!

Congratulations to Callum McConville and Nico Dhirani-Arcos who achieved their half-marathons this week.

Reminder

The Tennis Club Car Park will be closed for another week.

There will be absolutely no vehicle entry for parents for drop off or pick up. The footpath coming through the car park will also be closed and there will be no pedestrian access through the car park either. Parents walking their children to school should use the footpath through Dawney Road or along Dawney Hill.

The parish council have worked hard to obtain grants to completely resurface the car park with tarmac. It will be lovely when we get back – thank you to everyone for their hard work!

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 below...

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
	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
	Drama	Early	12:45 – 1:30	3 & 4	Science Lab	Mr Wright
	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

KS2 Clubs Survey

As we fast approach the Spring Term it would be helpful to gain your views on our lunchtime club provision. We value your opinions and they will enable us to ensure we continue to provide a wide and varied choice of clubs that suit all of our KS2 children. Please follow the link below and answer the quick survey to give us your feedback. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DAEumPqoeuINRX4xJzn67ftU5xjJzN9qC63jGYQE8S4/edit>

Many thanks, Ms Jackson



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, Diwali 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/>



Festive Carols at Lord Pirbright's Hall

We have evolved the old Church Christingle into the Festive Carols at LPH over the past few years and it has been a lovely way to end the year. Parents are invited – but there is very little room! Standing room at the back for those who can fit in; peering through the windows and listening to the songs ring out if we are too busy which is likely. There is **no room** for buggies/prams/pushchairs/car seats so please don't try and squeeze in and if you have pre-school aged children who will be unable to wait quietly with you at the back, this might not be the event for you. It also isn't an event that needs to be watched through a phone screen so we won't be taking photos and we ask you to refrain from that too; we will just have a good time without the photos. It really is about our children and staff having a lovely end to the term so if you can come along and enjoy that with us then we would love to see you but please don't feel worried if you can't make it or have other commitments!

We will leave school at 10am to walk down so you are welcome to join the procession leaving from the KS1 gate or meet us there. We will seat the children first so ask you to remain outside until they are all in.

Year 3 Enterprise – NEXT WEEK

You may be dreaming of the Christmas holidays but in Year 3 we are already thinking about the new term in January! As part of our Enterprise project we would like to offer children the chance to buy some stationery to top up their pencil cases. Lord Alan Sugar's apprentices will be on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds at lunchtime on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday next week (stock permitting!)

Year 3 Enterprise Project
On the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds
Lunchtime
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

- 3 for 50p (3 Christmas trees)
- 50p (10 pens)
- £1 (10 markers)
- 50p (10 pencils)
- 2 for 50p (2 pencils)

Please feel free to send your children in with some pennies to support our enterprise at the Stationery Tuck Shop.

The Pirbright Guide to all Things Festive!

The usual Pirbright Christmas Extravaganza is HUGE and we thought you might like to know all of the details in a handy table. We've even popped in a table for what you might need to think about as parents; Newsletter HQ is very kind this week!

Date	Event	Details	Parental Requirements...
Mon 2nd December	Christmas Cards	This Pirbright Christmas post-box officially opens! It will be outside the library and the Year 5 postal elves are responsible for delivery – let's hope there is no strike action! Any cards need to be clearly labelled with names and classes.	Christmas cards if you would like to.
Tues 10th – Thurs 12th	SHOWS "WEEK"!		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Book Tickets. ✓ Costumes. ✓ Bring KS2 back for the evenings. ✓ Enjoy the shows!
Fri 13th	PJ & Christmas Movie Afternoon	Children can come into school in their pyjamas (outdoor shoes on feet, slippers in a bag if they would like). In the afternoon, classes will choose a Christmas movie to watch. Each year group will have two film choices for children to choose between and the teachers will communicate these to you before the event. If you would rather your child watched one over the other (i.e. you choose not them!) please email the class teacher and we will steer them in the right direction!	PJs and slippers on for school please!
Tues 17th Dec	The Pirbright Christmas Quiz	All of the children come together to watch the staff in a Christmas Quiz. There are teams and rounds and it is all VERY silly. Sometimes there are photos; sometimes we take staff bribes to NEVER share the photos – we'll just have to wait and see!	Nothing Required
Wed 18th	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumpers	Cleverchefs will be cooking up a storm as we all eat Christmas lunch together in the hall. KS1 & Reception eat whilst served by KS2 teachers and then we swap. Much merriment will be had at sharing a lunch together – menu has been published so get signed up.	<p>Order online with IPAY by Monday 9th December.</p> <p>School Uniform & Christmas Jumpers</p>
Fri 20th	Festive Carols at Lord Pirbright's Hall	The whole school will head down to Lord Pirbright's Hall for a Festive Carol Service. Parents are all invited – but there is very little room! Standing room at the back for those who can fit in; peering through the windows and listening to the songs ring out if we are too busy. Totally worth coming just for the lovely walk down!	<p>Meet at the Reception class gate at 10am if you would like to join us.</p> <p>Christmas Jumpers</p>
Fri 20th	Early Finish	Early Finish	1:30pm collection time!

Don't forget, we finish at 1:30pm on Friday 20th December 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.

One more week to go,

One more week until it's camembert and pigs in blankets around the clock. It's nearly time to drink prosecco at breakfast and be well into the Quality Street by 10am. And that's just the kids finishing school. Imagine the scenes come Christmas Day! I've been making very brandy-heavy mince pies to see me through the weeks, so we have some serious lifestyle choices to revise come January. But that's then and this is NOW – and we have some FOPS updates for you!

First up, our many thanks and a huge round of applause for Andrew Gates and David Rushton who sought out some fabulous raffle prizes for the Christmas Fair. A super-duper job. We would also like to thank Yioda Christou for wrapping the lucky dip prizes – that is a relentlessly long task and we thank you for your commitment to the cause. Get that girl a gin! Nikki Jewell, we thank you for the same and for sorting lots of chocolate prizes for Spin the Wheel and Santa's Grotto. Lauren Carley, thank you for sourcing the ingredients for the candyfloss machine and tonnes of Percy Pigs for the lucky dip. Kerry Brent, thank you for sorting the candyfloss machine and helping run it. A huge thank you to Mrs Sands and her husband for a wonderful Santa's grotto. It really did bring so much joy to the kids.

And finally, we are so pleased to announce that the Christmas Fair raised well over £5000!!! AMAZING.

You will recall that during the busiest time of the year, when you already had so much to remember, we asked you to bring your clothing donations to school for the Happy School Bag donation, but you know what guys, you came through big time, and we couldn't be more grateful because we raised a whopping £206.40. Bravo! Thank you so much.

I believe there's still tea towels for sale, but I'll say no more about it as you know my thoughts on this topic: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops - kids' faces. That's all I'm saying. They'd make great gifts. Great in a hamper. Lovely memento for Granny. If you pre-ordered and are yet to collect, please contact Nerys on 07568169766.

I'm off to the Panto in Woking this weekend so I may see you there – if you went last week then I hope you enjoyed it. No spoilers please! Well done to Nerys for organising this for us!



✿ Family Learning Courses are FREE, online courses ✿

☞ Parents can enrol with a click of a button [HERE](#). Book before Christmas to avoid disappointment!

Understanding Neurodivergence/ADHD, Autism and others

- First Steps to Understanding My Neurodivergent Child (ADHD, Autism, and others)
- First Steps to Understanding Masking Workshop
- Develop Skills for Your Child's Sensory Needs (ASD, ADHD, and others)
- Supporting Your LGBTQ+ Child

Mental Health and Emotional Well-being

- Building Your Child's/Teenager's Resilience Workshop
- Help Your Child/Teen Manage Anxiety
- Developing Your Child's Self-Esteem Workshop
- First Steps to Understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance

Reducing Conflict at Home

- Who's in Charge? First Steps to Understanding Child to Parent Violence
- Exploring Behaviour Strategies Course
- Use a Positive Approach to Build Your Child's Resilience Course

Social Skills and Relationships

- Helping Your Child to Develop Positive Friendships Workshop
- Supporting Your Teenager
- The Language of Relationship Education in Primary School

Early Childhood Development

- Learn, Play & Thrive - The Toddler Years
- Using Play, Songs, and Stories to Support Your Child's Early Communication Skills

Promoting Education

- What's Happening in School - Grammar, Spelling, and Punctuation (Years 1-6)
- Maths - How to Support Your Child's Learning
- Understanding Phonics Workshop

ESOL-Specific Courses

- Understanding What is Taught in Your Child's Primary/Secondary School (including ESOL Parents)
- Your Child's Primary/Secondary School Workshop for ESOL Parents
- Read with Your Child for ESOL Parents Workshop
- Raising Your Bilingual Child Workshop
- How to Talk About Your Neurodivergent Child for ESOL Parents

Life Skills and Routines

- Helping Your Child to Develop Positive Bedtime Routines Workshop
- Successful Cooking in a Neurodivergent Family (Getting Started, Cooking is Fun, Knife Skills)

Nutrition and Healthy Eating

- Healthy Family Meals Under £5.00
- Healthy Lunchbox for School
- Help I Have a Fussy Eater Workshop
- Simple Spring Meals on a Budget

Literacy and Communication

- Boost Your Child's Literacy Skills
- Bring Stories to Life and Share with Your Child
- Building Your Child's Concentration Workshop

Special Courses for Hongkongers BN(O)

- KS2 English Grammar and Maths (Families) for Hongkongers BN(O)
- KS3/KS4 Secondary Education in England (Families) for Hongkongers BN(O)
- Education in England (Families) for Hongkongers BN(O)

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Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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New Sensory Courses/Workshop
Enhance Your Skills to Support Your Child's Sensory Needs

Join our courses/workshops to learn strategies for behavior and learning support, tailored for children with ASD, ADHD, and other needs. Improve your family's wellbeing and learning with our expert guidance.



New Maths Courses/Workshop
Boost Your Math Skills to Support Your Child

Develop your understanding of math, its language, and school terminology to help with your child's schoolwork. Enhance your family's knowledge with our expert guidance.



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PIRBRIGHT YOUTH CRICKET

Winter Indoor Training @ Winston Churchill School Sports Hall

- From January 11th January 2025
- 10 sessions (none on 15th Feb & 22nd Feb)
- £8 per session (you must sign up)
- Non-members welcome
- To sign-up plz email: pycleadcoach@yahoo.com



Girls & Boys Softball

Sch Yr 2 & 3
Sat 11-12noon

Newer to Hardball

Girls & Boys
Sch Yr5-8
Sat 12-1pm

Boys Softball

Sch Yr 4
Sat 1-2pm

Girls Softball

Sch Yr 4-10
Sat 2-3pm

Boys Hardball

Sch Yr 7 & 8
Sat 3-4pm

Girls & Boys Hardball

Sch Yr 9-11
Sat 4-5pm



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Primary School



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<https://ultimate-coaching.classforkids.io/term/539>



After School Football

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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Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

November 2024		December 2024	<p>16th – Club Class Christmas Party</p> <p>17th – Christmas Quiz</p> <p>18th – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day</p> <p>20th - 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright’s Hall (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>20th - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>
January 2025	<p>6th – Start of the spring term</p> <p>13th – 17th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 1</p> <p>15th – Year 6 SATs Meeting</p> <p>20th – 24th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 2</p> <p>29th – INSET DAY School will be closed to children</p> <p>3rd – 7th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 3</p> <p>24th – 28th – Bikeability Year 6 Week 1</p>	February 2025	<p>3rd - 4.30pm – 7.00pm Parents’ Evening</p> <p>5th - 4:00 – 6:00pm Parents’ Evening</p> <p>6th – Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum</p> <p>12th - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (PM)</p> <p>14th - 1.30pm Pirbright Cross-Country Events (parents welcome)</p> <p>17th – 21st HALF TERM</p> <p>24th – World Thinking Day</p> <p>28th - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look</p>
March 2025	<p>4th - Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM)</p> <p>5th - Year 2 Sportshall Athletics @ Guildford Spectrum (AM)</p> <p>7th – World Book Day – DRESS UP</p> <p>7th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>12th Year 2 My First Steps Leadership Training</p> <p>14th - Science Day (Celebrating Science Week)</p> <p>25th - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood</p> <p>27th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards)</p> <p>28th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo</p>	April 2025	<p>2nd - Year 3 Pop-Up Museum</p> <p>4th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!)</p> <p>4th – Term finishes at 1:30pm</p> <p>25th - 8.30am – 9.00am KS2 Learning Look</p> <p>25th - 8.45am – 9.15am Reception & KS1 Learning Look</p>
May 2025	<p>5th - WASPS Football League Finals</p> <p>12th – 16th – KS2 SATS Week</p> <p>19th – Pirbright Has Talent Auditions (Y1 – Y6)</p> <p>21st - Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White’s House</p> <p>26th –30th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2025	<p>4th - Year 1 Visit to the British Wildlife Centre</p> <p>5th – Pirbright Has Talent Show! (No Parents, sorry!)</p> <p>6th - 2.45pm – 3.10pm Whole School Learning Look</p> <p>9th – 12th - Year 6 Residential Visit to Somerset</p> <p>13th – Year 6 Late Registration (10am)</p> <p>13th – The BIG Read 2:45pm (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>16th – 17th – Year 4 Residential to Ufton Court</p> <p>20th - Sports Day & Family Lunch</p> <p>30th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children</p>
July 2025	<p>1st – Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p> <p>2nd - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p> <p>4th - Year 6 Performance PM (Y6 parents invited PM)</p> <p>10th –Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>11th – 10am Late Registration</p> <p>14th – New Entrants Morning Session (10:30-11:30)</p> <p>14th – 3.15pm-4.30pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>16th – Leavers’ Party (Eve) TBC</p> <p>17th – Year 6 Fun Day</p> <p>18th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers’ Assembly (Parents Welcome)</p> <p>18th – 1.30pm – End of Term</p> <p>21st - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p> <p>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 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

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