



Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and full of festive cheer!

A big thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas Fair on Friday such a fantastic success! It was an incredibly busy and fun afternoon. The children had a wonderful time enjoying the festive activities, and it was heart-warming to see so many of you there, supporting our school. We of course couldn't have done it without the amazing support from our wonderful FOPS team and all the volunteers – your efforts are truly appreciated. All funds will go towards supporting the many projects and resources we provide for our children.

As we approach the final stretch before Christmas, the children have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming productions. The Reception, and the Key Stage 1 nativities are coming along beautifully, and the children are working hard to learn their lines, songs, and dance moves. We can't wait to share their festive magic with you during next week's performances!

Key Stage 2 have been rehearsing their Christmas Show, and it promises to be a spectacular event! The children have been putting in a lot of effort, and their excitement is growing as the big day approaches. We are so proud of all of them for their dedication and enthusiasm. We hope you are looking forward to these performances as much as we are.

Here's to the spirit of the festive season flowing through us all, particularly when parking becomes even more difficult over the next two weeks in preparation for a new and shiny tennis court car park...

Kind regards,
Pete

Upcoming Dates –

2nd – Year 4 Swimming

5th – Happy Bag Drop-Off

6th – Happy Bag Drop-Off

6th – Girls' Football Match Home v Hermitage

9th – 13th **SHOWS WEEK**

13th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon

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

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

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



Virtual 360 Tour

Whilst we're not quite live on the school website yet, you can have a sneak peak of the virtual tour we now have. Doesn't the school look fab?!

<https://www.36thosting.co.uk/pirbrightvillageprimary/app-files/>

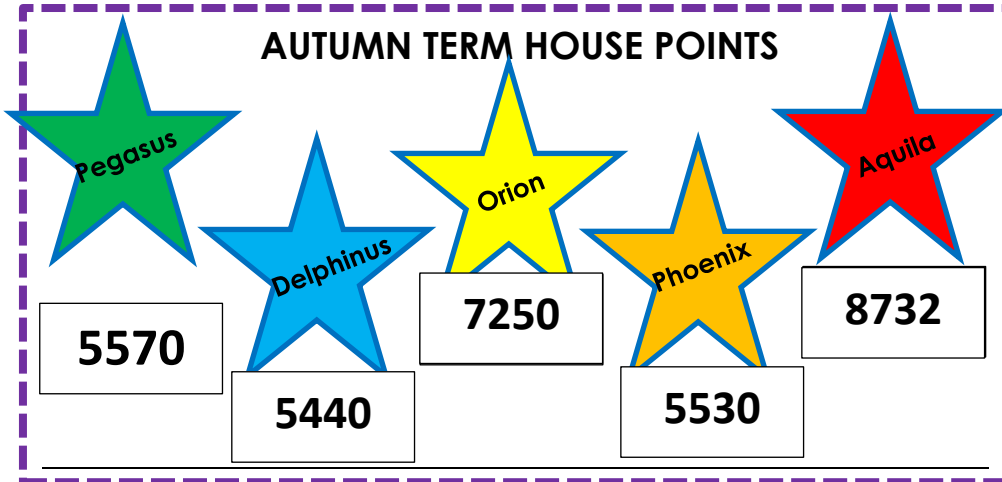
Cleverchefs Winter Menu

The new Cleverchefs Menu is ready to go from January so please have a look with your child and get booking. The menu can be viewed [here](#) and you will be able to get ordering from 16th December 2024.

SCHOOL PHOTOS!

Year 3 Fire Making Christmas Fair

AUTUMN TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
RJL 97.4%	6DG 99%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.4%	



The Daily Mile!

Congratulations to Ella Nicolson who achieved her half-marathon this week.

"CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY" (KS2) "LIGHTS, CAMEL, ACTION 2! THE SEQUIN" (KS1) THE RECEPTION NATIVITY: "A LITTLE BIRD TOLD ME"

Any final ticket requests to cdow@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk ASAP please. Both evening shows for "Charlie" are now sold out but there are tickets left for all other performances.

TIMINGS

Show	Day/Date	Doors Open	Start Time
"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (KS2)	*Tuesday 10th	1:15pm	1:30pm
"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (KS2)	Wednesday 11th	6:45pm	7:00pm
"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" (KS2)	Thursday 12th	6:45pm	7:00pm
"Lights, Camel, Action 2! The Sequin" (KS1)	*Wednesday 11th	1:30pm	1:45pm
"Lights, Camel, Action 2! The Sequin" (KS1)	Thursday 12th	1:30pm	1:45pm
The Reception Nativity: "A Little Bird Told Me"	*Thursday 12th	10:00am	10:15am

We're expecting Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to finish at 8:45pm where you can collect the children from the classrooms. We have yet to run the full show though so please bear with us if we run over! Pushchairs! *Pre-School sibling shows are Tuesday 10th for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Wednesday 11th for Lights, Camel, Action 2! and of course, the Reception show on Thursday. **Pre-school siblings will not be allowed at the other shows.** Pushchairs will need to be left outside, under the KS2 bike shelter where the gate will be relocked. There is no room for pushchairs in the building so please be prepared to leave them outside.

If "Charlie" runs late on Tuesday afternoon, please rest assured we will keep hold of siblings in the classrooms ready for you to collect at the end of the show.

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/1DAEumPgoeuINRX4xJzn67ftU5xjJzN9gC63jGYQE8S4/edit>

Many thanks, Ms Jackson

Reminder

The Tennis Club Car Park will be closed for 2 weeks from **Monday 9th December 2024**.

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 resurfacing the car park with tarmac. It will be lovely when we get back – thank you to everyone for their hard work!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT LAST WEEK...

A Guide to the Christmas Productions for New Parents (& Old Parents Who Need a Reminder...)

At this time of year across the school, staff are busy preparing pupils for our Christmas shows, if you have not been to one at Pirbright before, you are in for a treat!

Reception: Reception will perform their own nativity show in a separate performance. All parents are welcome to four seats in the hall and do not need to book online. It's on Thursday 12th December at 10am. Children will be busy singing and learning their lines; teachers might be smiling nicely at you for costumes...

Key Stage 1: Year 1 and 2 take to the stage for their performance. Class teachers will be providing pupils with scripts and lines to be learnt, where appropriate, and you may find teachers trying to catch you on the door to discuss any costume options! Two performances take place in the afternoon of Plays Week. They usually start at 1.30 with the shows expected to be finished before the end of the school day, giving just enough time for pupils to get changed and be ready for collection at the usual time. The shows are on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December. Pre-school aged children can come on Wednesday (but are expected to be able to sit quietly – it is not a panto!) but Thursday is adults and older children only! We're very strict on this so please choose your performance wisely.

Key Stage 2 Production: This is run by Mr. Wright. Main parts are taken by the Year 6 pupils, with every year group having a song and dance number as part of the show. It's great to do something that involves everyone. As well as this, there are opportunities to join Miss Durdle's dance troupe for Year 6 and Mrs Davies is at the helm of the singing which add a little sparkle to proceedings. Year groups will come home with song words to learn; perhaps some other lines for their scenes as well as requests to help them with costumes. If you need any help then speak to the class teacher who can guide you in the right direction.

We have one performance during school time (Tuesday 10th – 1:30pm start) but the other performances are in the evening of the Plays Week (Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December). Pre-school aged children can come on Tuesday (but are expected to be able to sit quietly – it is not a panto!); Wednesday & Thursday is adults and older children only! **Pupils need to be back at school for 6:30pm. It is really important for pupils to be back at school and to be part of the production, as this is a big part of belonging to the Pirbright family. If there is an exceptional reason for a child not to be back for a performance (such as illness) then please let the class teacher know as soon as possible.** On returning to school, children should have had their dinner at home. If you need to send them in with a healthy snack, please do so but it needs to follow normal school rules and not be chocolate or contain nuts.

We will give you an indication of end timings as soon as we know, usually around 8:30pm. Children can be collected from classroom doors whether you have seen the show or are just doing the pick-up. The front doors will only be for exiting after the show, so please don't use them to enter at the end of the evening to collect children. We will confirm timings when we have actually had a practise on the stage!

ALL CHILDREN IN KS2 ARE INVOLVED IN THE SHOWS SO WE'RE EXPECTING THEM

Parental Expectations for the Shows

We will endeavour to put on some great shows for you in Shows Week but need your help! In order for everyone to enjoy the show, we would like to draw your attention to the following...

- Photos can be taken, but please don't put any images of other children on social media. Please also be mindful of phones blocking others' views. **Photos pasted on social media can compromise the safety of some children – please be careful with any images you take.**
- You must remain in your seat throughout the show. We need to keep exits clear for many reasons so please be seated and enjoy!
- Pre-schoolers are welcome on Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons. Neither show is interactive and neither is a panto so please ensure your tiny human is not spoiling the show for anyone else. If they can't sit quietly for the duration then please think about alternative child care.
- We will ask you to leave buggies and pushchairs (on Tuesday and Wednesday) outside so please prepare for this.
- You need a ticket for entry. If you don't have one or you have the wrong colour, you may have to wait until the end to be seated.

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 2 nd 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 10 th – Thurs 12 th	SHOWS "WEEK"!		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Book Tickets. ✓ Costumes. ✓ Bring KS2 back for the evenings. ✓ Enjoy the shows!
Fri 13 th	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 17 th 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 18 th	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 20 th	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 20 th	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.

STAR WRITERS

The learning never stops at Pirbright and we have collated a selection of excellent writing for your perusal based on this term. Congratulations to the following children who have been named Star Writers in their year group – head to

<https://pirbrightvillageprimaryschool.secureprimarysite.net/star-writers/>
to see their hard work!

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.



CHRISTMAS
Menu

MAIN EVENT
Roast turkey, pig in blanket, skin on roasties, roast parsnips, stuffing, carrots, peas, gravy.

VEGETARIAN
Nutless Roast, Vegan Sausage, skin on roasties, roast parsnips, stuffing, carrots, peas, gravy.

DESSERT
Snowy Chocolate Brownie

ALLERGENS & Intolerances
At Cleverchefs we take food allergies and intolerances very seriously. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances you need to make us aware prior to ordering any food with us. We have a full breakdown of the 14 allergens on our primary school menu link on our website www.cleverchefs.co.uk or scan the QR code on this page.

SCAN ME



**SIGN UP FOR
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
ON IPAY NOW!
WEDNESDAY 18TH
DECEMBER**

Hello folks,

Brace yourself – we have a lot of thank you messages to our extraordinary team of volunteers who all contributed to the success of the Christmas Fair on Friday! We need to begin by thanking the one and only KATE VALENTINE! Massive congrats, well done and thanks to you for organising a super Christmas Fair and raising a small fortune for our lovely school – the total is to be confirmed but we'll be sure to let you know as soon as we do. What a feat – Kate, we thank you from the bottom of our book bags for your brilliant work.

We would also like to thank Jo Valentine, Lauren Carley, Nikki Jewell, Jo Rodgers, Rosie Godeseth, Jen Hall, Lauren Schulz-Gerhardt, Claire Brouner, Louise Shutt, Claire Knight and Nat Pride, Jen's lovely mum Steph, Alison Butcher, the teachers who helped on the stalls, Neil Manser, Luke Brinicombe, Mr Wright, Mrs Dow and Nerys Davies. We would also like to thank sponsors INSPIRE KITCHENS and SEYMOURS for making the event possible.


We would also like to thank all the volunteers. You are all so wonderful, and so attractive. Great hair.

Everybody should have had their Sleeping Beauty tickets now, so if you are going on Saturday to the evening performance then have the very best time! Tea towels are still for sale over at our website www.pta-events.co.uk/fops - I've been coming up with creative ideas for selling these for weeks on end and I've had enough. If you would like to make a purchase, then IT HAS YOUR KID'S FACE ON IT. WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT?

Lastly, Nerys and Kate are stepping down from leading FOPS! They have been amazing co-chairs and raised an incredible amount of money for our school! There must be someone out there who'd like to have a go at running FOPS – vacancy starting April 2025. Whilst you'd be responsible for FOPS overall, you'd not be doing it alone as we have some amazing parents and grandparents at this school who get stuck in and do a huge amount to pull it all together. Ideally one or two people would do this role, and you'd have a team of helpers such as me (unless I am unceremoniously sacked when new leadership takes over – you know how it goes... in the dark world of primary school fundraising.) and others who run various events throughout the year. If you think you'd like to lead the mafia then do let us know via your class reps.


Until next time, folks. Keep dancing.




 **NEURODIVERSITY
ADVISOR PADLET**
FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We understand that navigating life with a Neurodivergent child can be overwhelming. We have brought together key resources and information in a easy to use format.

Please scan the QR code to access our Padlet for Families.

 NDAvisors@surreycc.gov.uk





The
GASKIN'S

FREE CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2024

TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

DELIVERY WITHIN A 10 MILE RADIUS OF GUILDFORD ON
CHRISTMAS EVE

Last year we cooked an amazing 567 meals for people from all walks of life. We would like to thank all the helpers and sponsors because this would not happen if it was not for you.



Learn to swim at Guildford Spectrum

JOIN FOR £10

& pay nothing more until January*

**T&Cs apply. Offer ends on 15.12.24*

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

November 2024		December 2024	<p>9th – 13th SHOWS WEEK</p> <p>10th - KS2 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – Pre-School Siblings Welcome</p> <p>11th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – Pre-School Siblings Welcome</p> <p>11th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</p> <p>12th - 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance - Pre-School Siblings Welcome</p> <p>12th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm - Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</p> <p>12th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm - Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</p> <p>13th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon</p> <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>

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 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