



Dear Parents & Carers,

It was an absolute pleasure to represent the school at Brookwood on Sunday morning; the marking of Remembrance at school has really brought home how special and diverse the Pirbright community is.

Back at school, what a varied week we have had! National Anti-Bullying Week has seen the children focusing on ways in which bullying and unkind behaviour can be dealt with in schools to ensure everyone feels ready to play and learn. Many of the staff and children donned odd socks on Tuesday to promote diversity and show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.

Please can I take the time to remind you of the kindness you can show in following The Kiss & Drop Bay rules (a slightly tenuous link!). Parking in the bay before 0835 is forbidden as it is purely for dropping off children in KS2 who can walk into school on their own – this keeps the traffic flowing. As we are on reminders, just a note to say learning really does start as soon as the doors are open so we would love children to be in class at 8:30am for KS2 and 8:45am for YR & KS1 so they can hit the ground running with their morning activities.

Year 6's World War II Day on Wednesday was a hit with the children and adults alike! They came dressed for the occasion in a variety of 1940's costumes and spent the day cooking, dancing and crafting - creating the most exquisite wooden peg dolls, from toy children evacuees to nurses to soldiers. I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff but especially the volunteers who gave up their time to support the children's learning. The day culminated in a 1940's tea party where the children got to eat the scones they had made, perform their waltzes and jitterbugs as well as talking with our volunteer visitors about what life must have been like some 85 years ago.

The week has then finished off with our first of three mufti days this month that will support the Christmas fair on Friday 29th November. Thank you to all of you who have donated pre-loved toys that will now have another life making others happy. 5LB kicked-off the class assemblies this academic year with their cross-curricular learning journey around space. It's been lovely to see them rehearsing when walking around the school. Unfortunately, I have been at a Learning Partners Trust Head Teachers' Conference since Thursday all the way down in Dorset so missed out on seeing the final presentation from Miss Bartholomew's class, but word from back at school was that it was epic! Finally, we look forward to welcoming you to The BIG Read later on this afternoon which due to a soggy field will be in the classrooms. Phew! What a week!

Wishing you all lovely weekends.

Kind regards

Pete

Upcoming Dates –

- 18th – Y4 Swimming
- 20th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm
- 21st – Year 2 Brazil Day
- 21st – Year 5 Potions Day
- 22nd – 8.30am – 9.00am KS2 Learning Look
- 22nd – 8.45am – 9.15am Reception & KS1 Learning Look
- 22nd – Mufti Day! – Jam Jars!
- 25th – Year 4 Swimming
- 28th – Clubs finish for autumn term
- 29th – Mufti Day! – Bottles!
- 29th – The FOPS Christmas Fair
- 2nd – Year 4 Swimming
- 5th – Happy Bag Drop
- 6th – Happy Bag Drop
- 9th – 13th SHOWS WEEK

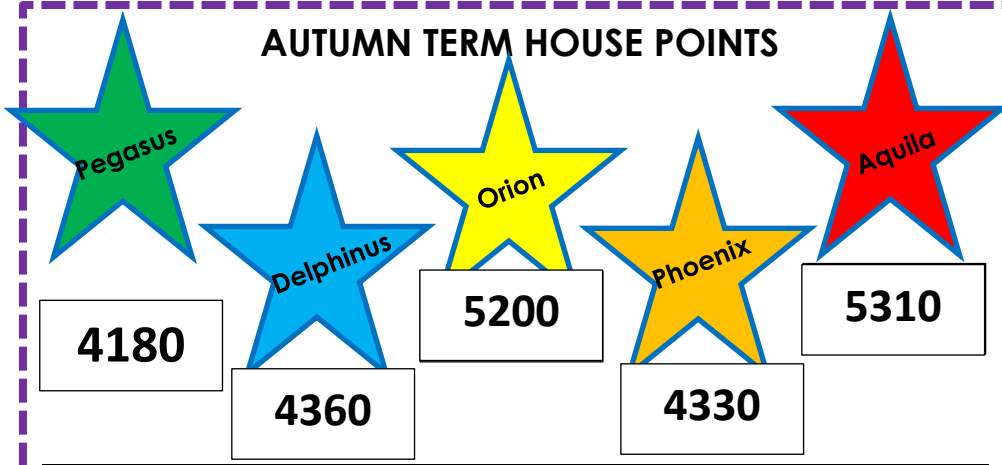
Add our calendar to your electronic calendar! Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!

5LB Class Assembly

AUTUMN TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1JR / 2HJ 99.1%	5LB 97.1%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.7%	



The Daily Mile!
 Congratulations to Ashwin Rai, Thomas Usher, Kirk Lindenberg, Frazer Lennon, Jude Webb & Rocky Holt who achieved their half-marathons this week. We have our first Marathoner – Eddie Lopez Blythe!

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.



If you have a spare seven minutes, click on the TED Talk picture above. It certainly impressed us at Newsletter HQ. Grab a cuppa and a biscuit and enjoy...!

LEARNING LOOK!

Would you like to come and have a look at the wonderful learning that has been taking place in your child's classroom over the last half term? Then we are delighted to invite you to our first **Learning Look** of this academic year on **Friday 22nd November** at **8.30am for KS2** and **8.45am for KS1**. This will give you the opportunity to look at books, displays and other pieces of work to celebrate your child's super learning with them. During the session, we would love you to chat to your child about what they are proud of and write a positive comment on a Proud Scroll about what has made you feel proud of them! Learning Looks are spread out across the school year and the dates and times for all of the sessions are on the school calendar. Please note that they are entirely optional but if you are unable to make the session it is really useful if we know in advance. Please let your child's class teacher know so they can be paired up with another family, a friend or school adult.

The BIG Read – Friday 15th November at 2:45pm – TODAY!

- ✓ Arrive at 2:45pm where you will be directed to your children's classrooms
- ✓ Come ready to LOVE reading
- ✓ Log your session on Boom Reader for bonus Mrs Gifford points
- ✓ Don't feed your children and/or any other children
- ✓ Politely excuse yourself when the teachers ask so we can get the children ready for the end of the day.
- ✓ Know you have done a good thing and we all appreciate you! Thank you!

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

The eagerly anticipated Christmas productions are in full swing; the school is already abuzz with excitement. The box office for both productions is now officially open for Phase 1 of ticketing which will be done online. The Box Office will process nearly 600 tickets next Thursday so if everyone works together – it makes it a lot easier! Please note, **Reception parents do not need to apply for tickets online.**

**RECEPTION – The Reception Nativity: "A Little Bird Told Me"
– Thursday 12th December at 10am**

As they have one performance, every family can have four seats. There are no online forms or paper tickets for you to worry about! Younger siblings are of course welcome (but count as a seat) – please consider this your invitation!

Key Stage 1 – "Lights, Camel, Action 2! The Sequin" - Wednesday 11th December at 1:30pm and Thursday 12th December at 1:30pm

Every **family** will have the opportunity to secure a **maximum of two tickets for each performance**. You can have two for Wednesday and two for Thursday in Phase 1 if you will use them. Please apply online. Please note that Wednesday's afternoon performance is an opportunity to bring pre-school aged siblings if you would like. They need a ticket and count as one of your two allocated spaces! There is no room in the hall so if you have a pushchair you will be asked to leave it outside – babies can be in arms and don't need a ticket!

Key Stage 2 – "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" – Tuesday 10th December at 1:30pm, Wednesday 11th December at 7:00pm and Thursday 12th December at 7:00pm

Every **family** can have a **maximum of two tickets for the evening performances** in Phase 1 – this gives everyone a fair chance to secure tickets to see their children. Additional to this, you may have **up to four more tickets for Tuesday afternoon** if you would like them. Please note that Tuesday's afternoon performance is an opportunity to bring pre-school aged siblings if you would like, they count as one of your four allocated. **Pre-school aged children cannot attend any evening performances.**

These tickets are all based on **families** and can of course be split for different performances. If you request more tickets, these will not be allocated and you will lose your choice of date as we will choose for you. This includes tickets for pre-school siblings who will need their own seat – you are of course welcome to have them on your lap but they still need their own ticket. There is little room in the hall, so if you have a pushchair you will be asked to leave it outside – babies can be in arms and don't need a ticket!

Tickets are available online from now until **Thursday 21st November at 8am** when the box office will close and all of the ticket requests will be allocated on that day. On Friday 24th November, the box office will reopen for Phase 2 of ticketing when you will be able to apply for additional tickets; look out in next week's newsletter for further details – this depends on the Phase 1 allocations.

Please note, in KS2 the Google form will allow you to order more than two tickets because it is not as intelligent as we would like; you will only be allocated **two tickets** for an evening performance, so choose wisely! The web-links are below; alternatively, there is a whole area for Christmas Play Tickets on the school website so head over and have a look.

[Key Stage 1 Tickets](#)

OR paste the link below into a browser

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1U-2XlnDZlh0hPvzRR5KquY4JmgV4k3-jlniDQOJZMkU/edit>

[Key Stage 2 Tickets](#)

OR paste the link below into a browser

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zo5yUqZGI3tLzdmI9eg7gdcEJ3Eip2sUCtwHHzeA_iM/edit

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 ALL TO RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR THE EVENING SHOWS

Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory – Movie Time!

In preparation, and so we all know what is going on and what the story might be, the children in Year 2 → 6 will be watching **Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory (the old school version of the story)** in the coming weeks. We have chosen to show the 1971 version which is a "U" certificate, but have included the link to the BBFC in case you wanted to have a look yourselves. If you have any concerns, you are welcome to ask class teachers to withdraw your child from the viewing – just let them know. Reception & Year 1 have decided not to watch the whole film (more because asking such young children to sit still for that long seems like a challenge!) but if you wanted to watch it at home then we are sure that would help them when they see the KS2 performance in December. They might dip into some bits of it to set the scene for the show but nothing too long.

<https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/willy-wonka-and-the-chocolate-factory-g29sbgvjdg1vbipwwc0yodm1ndu>

Welcome! A warm welcome to Evie Fleming who has joined Club Class in the last few weeks as a member of staff. Evie used to be a pupil here at Pirbright so it is a welcome return for her as she is now a grown-up!

A recent report conducted by the National Literacy Trust has shown that there has been a steady decline in the number of primary school aged children who read at home regularly as well as the number of children who choose to read for pleasure.

At Pirbright School we love reading and hearing about all the books that our children are enjoying both at home and in school. However, we are also aware that helping children to develop their own love of reading whilst ensuring that they become fluent readers who can understand the text they read, requires effective communication between home and school.

To facilitate this, throughout KS2 (and for some children in Year 2) we use the online reading record BoomReader. This is paid for by the school which means that the app to be used by parents and children is completely free of charge. When logging reading, you are encouraged to share a brief comment or give feedback just as school staff will do when they hear your child read. It also has a lovely feature which allows children to review the books they have read, giving a rating and a short summary about why they did/did not enjoy it.

Despite the obvious benefits of BoomReader, we currently have 66 children who do not have a parental account linked to their reading record. We are sure that these children are reading regularly at home but without an account we have no way of monitoring this or hearing any feedback you want to give on their reading.

As each child has a unique login, if you would like any information about setting up your account, please contact the class teacher and they will be happy to send them to you. Let's try to reduce the 66 - and don't forget you can always start by logging this afternoon's Big Read!



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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**

Oh hello there,

You look fabulous. You really do. You look fresh, you are glowing, you have got it all going ON. I am loving this for you. And you know what – I really appreciate how you donated a toy today. That was really kind of you. We definitely couldn't make these events a success without people like you; showing up, dropping your kids off and donating some awesome stuff for the FOPS Christmas fair. We think you are great, and we want to say thanks. Sincerely, thank you!

Next week, we are asking for jam jars filled with little sweets or treats which the kids can decorate during school hours – it's a Pirbright tradition! Thank you in advance for your continued support, you foxy little delight you.

Raffle tickets can still be returned to the blue post-box! Even if you don't want to buy any, do return them to us anyway so we can re-use. Thanks! You can also buy tokens, tickets and raffle tickets and **INCIDENTALLY** also tea towels with your child's **SELF-PORTRAIT** on them via this link: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops - These are honestly the best ever affordable Christmas gifts for people who you know and, ideally, like your kids. I'm buying loads – happy Crimbo, granny/nanny/Aunty Emma/Uncle Will/random neighbour...

For those of you who got bargain panto tickets for Woking panto, they are being emailed over to you this weekend! Sleeping Beauty here we come!

Lastly, Happy School Bag is returning 4th and 5th of December – perfect timing for a pre-Christmas clear out! They accept all textiles so bag up your old clothes and donate them to us! We'll be collecting out the front of KS1 on those dates!



FOPS
Mufti Days

Help us get ready for our Winter Fair with a series of mufti days.
Bring along the following & have fun!

15th November - Toys
Plastic toys, puzzles, board games
(excellent condition or new)

22nd November - Jam Jars
Jars filled with sweets, crafts, party bag favours (no glitter)

29th November - Bring a bottle
Alcoholic or non-alcoholic

Drop off your donations at the KS1 entrance on the morning of the mufti day

Illustrations of children in winter clothes and a person in a winter coat.





£1pp entry
under 3's free



Pirbright Village Primary School's Christmas Fair

Friday 29th November

Entry from 3.15pm for SEN families only
Open to all from 3.30pm til 5.30pm
www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

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**SATURDAY 30th
NOVEMBER
10am-5.30pm**

**and SUNDAY 1st
DECEMBER
11am-3.30pm**

**Lord Pirbright's
Hall, The Green,
Pirbright, Surrey
GU24 0JE**

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.

PIRBRIGHT ART CLUB
**25th Anniversary
EXHIBITION**



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& cards for sale**

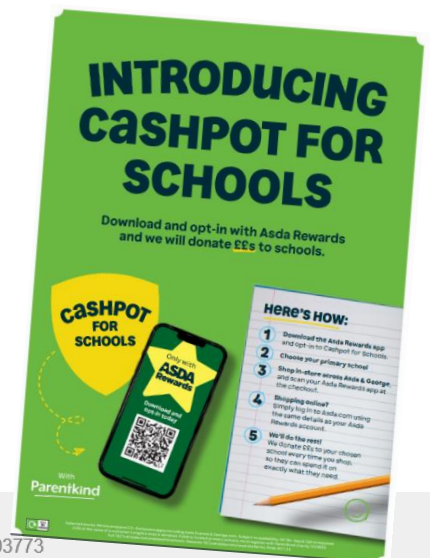
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raffle**



www.pirbrightartclub.co.uk

Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between **2nd September and 30th November 2024**.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. Asda does the rest, all money raised will be donated to Pirbright to spend on the things we need the most - think of all the glue sticks we could buy!



Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

November 2024	<p>18th – Y4 Swimming 20th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm 21st – Year 2 Brazil Day 21st – Year 5 Potions Day 22nd - 8.30am – 9.00am KS2 Learning Look 22nd - 8.45am – 9.15am Reception & KS1 Learning Look 22nd – Mufti Day! – Jam Jars! 25th – Year 4 Swimming 28th – Clubs finish for autumn term 29th - Mufti Day! – Bottles! 29th – The FOPS Christmas Fair</p>	December 2024	<p>2nd – Year 4 Swimming 5th – Happy Bag Drop-Off 6th – Happy Bag Drop-Off 9th – 13th SHOWS WEEK 10th - KS2 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Younger Siblings Welcome</u> 11th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Younger Siblings Welcome</u> 11th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – <u>Adults and Older Siblings Only</u> 12th - 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance 12th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Adults and Older Siblings Only</u> 12th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – <u>Adults and Older Siblings Only</u> 13th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 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</p>
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 1</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 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 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) 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>

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