



Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you all managed to find some time to spend with your family over the half term break - what already feels like weeks ago now! I know that many of the children have been to firework displays, with the chance for more this weekend as well.

Today the children and staff walked down to the Brookwood Military Cemetery for our annual remembrance service. This was of course my first ever one, and it was such a momentous occasion with all of the children showing a good understanding of the importance of what we were doing. Year 6 children shared some of their own poetry as well as what they are thankful for in their lives. The weather was kind and the rain stayed off, which helped!

Earlier this week, I announced that this year's Key Stage 2 Christmas production will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. It was a real honour to audition Year 6 children before the half term break, and I am really looking forward to the rehearsals to come.

Speaking of Christmas, look out for the next 3 Fridays of Mufti days! Your offerings on these days will really help to support FOPs with the Christmas Fair later in the term - thank you in advance!

Wishing you all lovely weekends.
Kind regards
Pete

Upcoming Dates –

10th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery – 10:15am
11th – Y4 Swimming
11th – 15th Anti-Bullying Week
12th - Odd Socks Day
13th – Year 6 WWII Day
15th – Mufti Day!
Plastic toys, puzzles, board games...
15th - The Big Read (Parents Welcome)
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

Keeping Children Safe Online

Internet Matters is a small, not-for-profit organisation, who are devoted to keeping children safe online. Their website provides a fantastic one-stop shop, with lots of easy to understand advice about how to manage the potential risks and help keep children safe online. It includes information about the latest research, digital safety trends, how to set up parental controls and advice about how to discuss these things with children of different ages. www.internetmatters.org

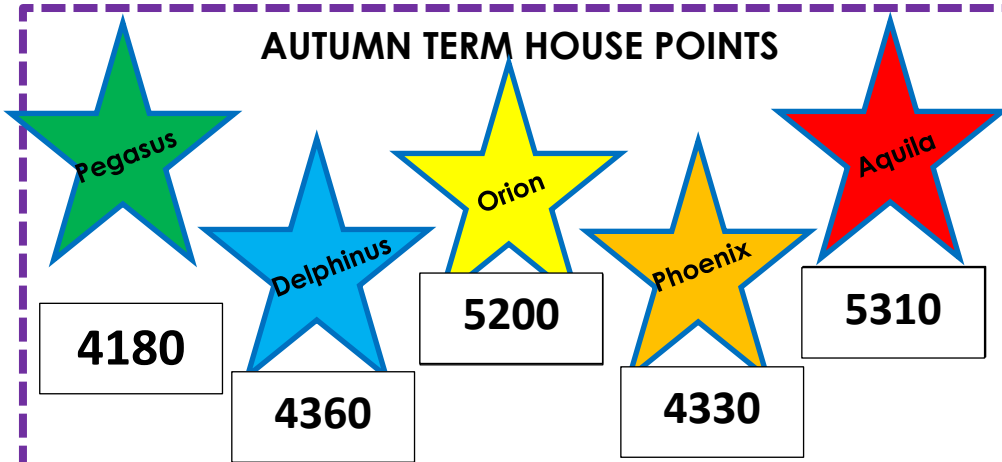
Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!
Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!

Remembrance

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 Isabella Maltby & Axel Holt who achieved their half-marathons this week alongside Mukki Aravinthan. Well done!

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.

Flu Vaccination Catch-Up

If anyone missed out on signing the form and ensuring your child had their winter flu vaccine, the health team will be returning for a catch-up session. Letter is attached to the email, please sign up if you would like to be involved.

Remembrance

We always represent the school at Brookwood Military Cemetery for their Sunday service (10th November) and will be at the cemetery to meet children at **10:15am**. We will wait up on the grassy corner and the end of the road through the first part of the cemetery. Keep walking until you see us! If you would like to leave your children with us to represent the school then you are more than welcome, but you need to remain on site and nearby in case there is an emergency. At the end of the ceremony, please head our way to collect your children – we will keep them with us for the service and hand them back to you. If you would like to come but would also like to spend the time with your children yourselves then that is absolutely fine too: they don't have to join us. Feel free to come and stand with us or near us. We know there will be lots of other children there with Beavers, Cubs and other groups which is always lovely to see so we have no worries about our representation at the event!

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.



Next week is Anti-Bullying week and we will be spending time in our classes understanding more about this important topic. We will be focusing on 'choosing respect', which is the theme for this year. As usual, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day in school, to show how unique and special we are, as well as setting some fun and creative activities to get involved in at home.



CHRISTMAS SHOWS 2024

We are very excited to be thinking about the absolute highlight of the Pirbright entertainment calendar – the shows! Drum roll please... the shows will be...

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

Tickets go "live" when The Box Office officially opens on Friday 15th November - you will receive the all-important Google Form links to book your tickets in the school newsletter. You will have a week to have a think about the tickets you need to book and sort out any childcare – these tickets will be allocated the following Thursday (21st November) as Phase 1 tickets. The biggest piece of advice we can give you is to PLEASE engage with the forms and book your tickets as once they are gone, they are gone! Hopefully there will be some left for the following week for anyone who has missed out and this gives everyone the chance to have a fair go at getting tickets.

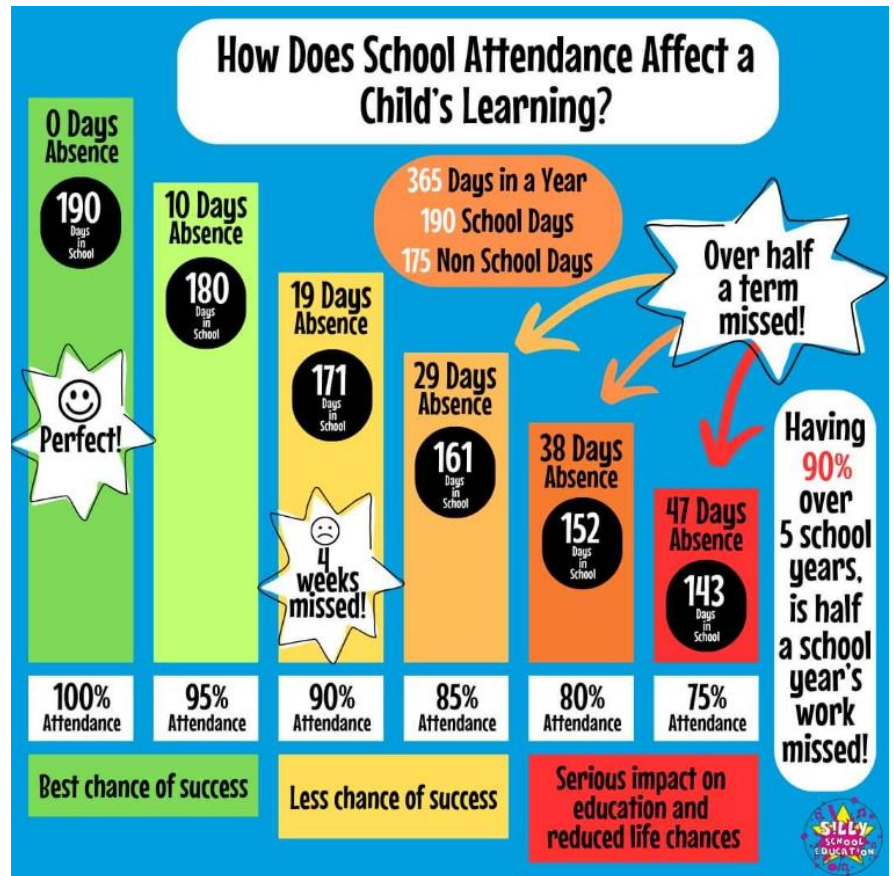
All dates are in the dates' list and on the school's calendar so please have a look ready to book your tickets next week. **Reception parents** don't need to book any tickets for their show – we like to ease you in gently! Anyone with children in KS1 or KS2 will need a ticket so please keep your eyes peeled...

Attendance Matters!

We had a great start to the first half term of this year and finished with an overall attendance of **96.9%**. Congratulations to the classes with the best attendance each week who have all won an afternoon treat which they can negotiate with their teacher.

1HE 2HJ 3DG

We will continue to communicate any attendance concerns to you via letter or in person throughout the year as per our policy.



The BIG Read – Friday 15th November at 2:30pm

We're very much looking forward to the first of our termly BIG Reads which will take place next Friday. The objective is to come and read with your child (or children) and have a lovely time! All being well, we will be outside on the bank of the field; however, if we have poor weather then we will relocate to the classrooms and you are welcome to join us there. Start time is 2:45pm; we will head the children back into class at 3:00pm (or politely ask you to leave the classroom!) ready for a 3:15pm pick up as usual.

Please, please do not bring any food for the children for the event – the treat is the reading itself! The expectation is that if you are coming, you find your child and sit with them and maybe a few of their friends and enjoy some reading time. You can read to them; they can read to you. We would appreciate you staying within reach of their class teachers and not heading off down the field for any reason.

We will call the children in at 3pm when they will all need to head to the KS1 or KS2 playground to find their class teachers – it is essential you encourage your children that way, but you stay behind on the field for a moment to ensure all children can head back to class safely without having to navigate a path through parents and pushchairs.

PVPS are RECYCLING BATTERIES!!!

We know that in the run up to Christmas (yes, we said it!) parents get 'ready' for the festivities by purchasing lots of batteries for the gifts the children will be receiving from Santa. We also know that this prompts a 'battery winter clear out' of all the old ones that don't work anymore.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

The school now have a battery recycling box at the front office for you to deliver your old and unwanted batteries to. This will continue to run for the rest of the school year so when those toys finally run out and those batteries from Christmas need replacing, send them in with your child and we shall get rid of them sustainably for you.

Battery Collection Point

Bring your used batteries here

We can accept AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt and button batteries

Household batteries only

Find out more: www.jointhepod.org/batteries



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 & Intolerance's

At Cleverchefs we take food allergens 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

Led by Guildford Nursery School



Supporting families in our community

Nov 2024

Welcome to Families First Guildford's monthly newsletter

[Go to this Sway](#)

FROM LONELINESS TO CONNECTION

MON 25 NOVEMBER 12.00 - 1.30PM ONLINE

What are the different types of loneliness and isolation faced by children and young people?

What are the social, emotional and structural barriers to connection?

How can we enable children and families to build the connections they need?

Join us for this session as we explore these questions and hear from organisations who have helped build connections for children and young people.

Delivered in collaboration with [Surrey County Council](#), [Eikon](#), [Home-Start](#)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

COFFEE & CHAT



£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

Raffle!

- 1st Prize 50" Samsung Smart TV
- 2nd Prize Acer 128GB Chromebook
- 3rd Prize Ninja Air Fryer
- 4th Prize EVO Eclipse Scooter

Bar!

**Father Christmas!
Games & fun!**

**Christmas Stalls!
Festive music!**

Festive food!



Pirbright Village Primary School's

£1 tickets

Christmas Fair Raffle!

Tickets available on the night or preorder at www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

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

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Plus many more prizes to be won!



Throughout the year, The Lighthouse supports thousands of local individuals and families through a wide range of services, including emergency food, clothing, wellbeing workshops, cooking classes and more.

Our Jigsaw project provides clothing, toys and other essential items for families who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford these basic necessities.

This Christmas The Lighthouse will be supporting hundreds of local children, families and individuals who are in need. This includes refugees, those fleeing domestic violence, families who are homeless, and more.

Funds raised through our Christmas Kindness appeal will enable us to help these families and individuals by providing food hampers, toys, gifts, warm clothing and parties as we aim to bring joy for those facing hardship in our community.

Can you help to spread kindness this Christmas?

Give help financially - Giving directly to our campaign by scanning the QR code or visiting the-lighthouse.info/give-help/christmas-kindness



Give help through physical gifts - Donate Christmas gifts such as warm clothing, toys and toiletries which we can then give to those in need. We can provide a list of the most needed items.

To find out more contact hello@the-lighthouse.info

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.

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!



Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Service

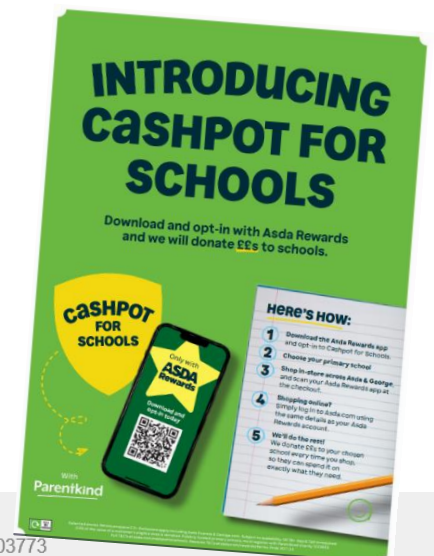


Have you thought your little one might have ADHD or Autism?

The Paediatrics Parenting Support Service is offering support to parents and carers living in Surrey who are exploring the possibility that their child, aged 5 or younger, may be neurodivergent, exhibiting challenging or avoidant behaviours, or seeking help to improve their child's social and emotional skills.

We provide a 6-week support group, either online or face-to-face in the community, to empower families with strategies and resources for their child's development and well-being.

You can find out more information and how to refer into the service at by scanning the below QR code or email: surreysupportu5@barnardos.org.uk



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Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

November 2024	<p>10th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery 11th - Y4 Swimming 11th - 15th Anti-Bullying Week 12th - Odd Socks Day 13th - Year 6 WWII Day 15th - Mufti Day! - Plastic toys, puzzles, board games... 15th - The Big Read (Parents Welcome) 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 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 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 15 th November 2024 at 10am	5LB
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