



Dear Parents & Carers,

Well wasn't that an eventful half term? I do hope your child/ren enjoyed it as much as I did! Over the past 8 weeks, I have loved getting to know the children staff and parents better and look forward to continuing to build relationships across the school community.

I also hope that you are able to take some time out to enjoy some of the school holiday with your family next week. Hopefully you'll find some of the events and activities later in the newsletter helpful. I also want to let you know about some of the latest online safety tips and tricks available to parents and carers to ensure that their children enjoy the best that the internet and gaming has to offer. Although it can be very easy for parents of young children, such as myself, to assume that, "They're too young to be doing anything unsafe online." the anecdotal evidence from the previous 4 schools that I have worked in only shows how real a problem it can be for children aged 4-11.

ONLINE CONTENT
10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

- MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**
Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**
Understand what's being shared or what seems to be trending at the moment.
- CHECK AGE-RATINGS**
Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.
- CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**
Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- SPEND TIME ON THE APP**
Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**
Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**
Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**
If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.
- SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**
If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

NOS National Online Safety #WakeUpWednesday

Upcoming Dates –

- 4th – Start of second half term
- 4th – Y4 Swimming Misprint! Sorry!
- 5th - Flu Immunisations
- 6th - Year 1 Pirbright Village Walks
- 8th – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC)
- 10th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery
- 11th – Y4 Swimming
- 11th – 15th Anti-Bullying Week
- 13th – Year 6 WWII Day
- 15th - The Big Read (Parents Welcome)
- 18th – Y4 Swimming
- 20th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm
- 21st - Year 2 Brazil Day

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

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



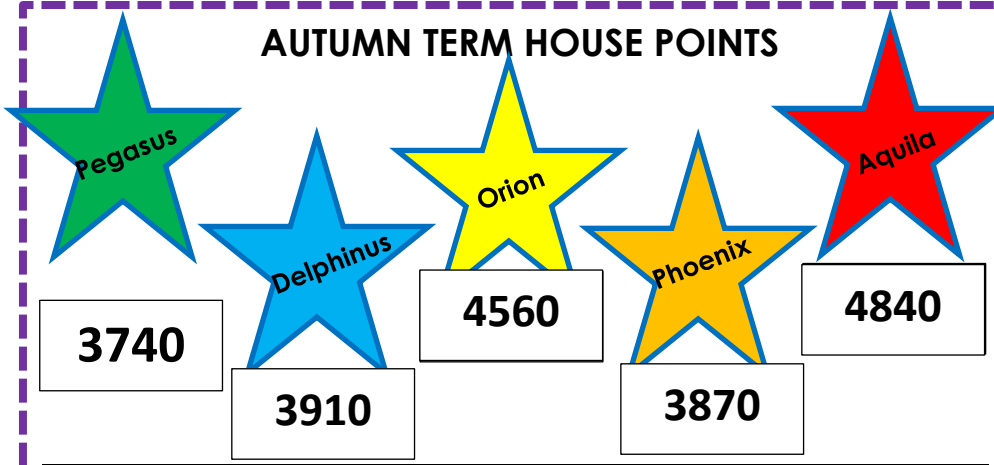
I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at the remembrance ceremony on Friday 8th November. This will of course be my first one, but I have seen photos of previous ones and heard how special an occasion it is and how the children and adults really connect with the sentiment of the event.

Have a wonderful half-term!

Pete

SCHOOL PHOTOS!
Winchester Science Centre – Year 5

AUTUMN TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
2HJ 100%	4SG 98.9%
Whole School Year to Date	
97%	



The Daily Mile!
 Congratulations to Hunter Holt who achieved his half-marathon this week! He will get his certificate after half term in assembly, 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 immunisations are booked on Tuesday 5th November but it is an opt in service. There is a letter attached so please don't forget to give consent if you would like your child to have the nasal spray at school.

PLEASE ORDER LUNCHES FOR AFTER HALF TERM!

Remembrance

As a school, we will all head down to Brookwood on the morning of Friday 8th November, which you are very welcome to join if you can, to have a short Remembrance ceremony. It is always a very special occasion and a lovely opportunity for the whole school to make the journey together. If you would like to come along, please meet at the KS1 gate for 10:15am where we will all gather together and then walk over to the ceremony. The gate will remain locked until we are all ready to depart and the children will file out through the gate and you will be able to join the class as they walk past. Reception and Year 6 will go first, then Years 1- 5 in order. There is no need to sign in at the school office, but it would be good to let class teachers know if you are coming so they can keep an eye out for you.

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!



Oct 31st 2024

Diwali

Diwali falls between October and November each year, though the exact date changes as it follows the lunar calendar. It is a five-day festival celebrated by some of our families here at PVPS. The word "Diwali" means "rows of lighted lamps," and it is often called the "festival of lights." During this time, you may notice homes, shops, and public spaces beautifully decorated with lights or small oil lamps known as "diyas."

At Pirbright, Diwali is 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/>



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.

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Sunday 3rd November 2024. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).
By ordering online, you'll enjoy:

- Exclusive promotions and limited-time offers
- Unique prints & gifts available only online
- Convenient shopping from any device at anytime

Furthermore, all orders placed within 7 days will have optional free delivery to school!

****** As a special offer to Pirbright Village School, there is also a £10 colour value pack available to order. The pack contains 2 medium, 4 desk and 8 wallet sized prints! ******

This product is not available to order online, but can be purchased by calling Tempest directly on 01736 751526 and quoting 400150. The free delivery offer still applies to all orders placed within 7 days. If you need assistance or have any questions regarding placing an order, please call the friendly Tempest team on 01736 751555 (option 3) or use the website chatbot.



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: If your child brought home a bag today then this is your cue to empty it. Don't delay – no one wants to be the one who finds an uneaten snack pot containing something which used to be strawberries festering in the bottom of the bag after ten days off school. Don't be that person. Whilst you're at it, you will also find raffle tickets for the **CHRISTMAS FAIR** and the prizes are amazing – TVs, laptops, Ninja air fryers – honestly some incredible prizes! Please share out the tickets with friends and family over the holidays and you can send the stubs and money back in with your child after half term! Thank you. **CHRISTMAS FAIR TICKETS** are on sale on the website now: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops - and you can buy **EARLY BIRD TOKENS** which saves you some cash – this ends after half term so if you want to save some money then the time is now!

We will be sending out a link in due course for volunteers to help run the stalls – 'old hands' at the school know the drill: half an hour and your work is done. It works well, so long as enough people sign up. Something like, lots of hands make light work. Or something. I don't know, I'm tired. Roll on half term.

Christmas Treeasy poster attached – it's a goodie this one. I know it sounds a bit odd but think mail order tree. You place your order, and they deliver a Christmas tree to you on a date of your choosing. The best part? It's a really nice tree. So much good feedback. Competitively priced. And FOPS get a kickback. But genuinely, great trees. So easy.

Lastly, don't be throwing out old clothes yet. We love donating to Happy School Bag – a company who take all textiles and clothing and pay us per kilo. We ask parents to collect up any items which they can't be bothered to list on Vinted (why are we like this?!) and give them to us instead to raise money for the school. How altruistic we are... in our laziness. Anyway, we'll be giving you're a new collection date very soon so if you were planning to have a clear out, delay it for a week or two and raise money for Pirbright. Wooooo.

And that's a wrap. Have a brilliant half term, friends.



£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!
Festive food!

Christmas Stalls!
Festive music!

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INSPIRE KITCHENS
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Pirbright
Village Primary School's
Christmas Fair
Raffle!

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

1st Prize
50" Samsung Smart TV

2nd Prize
Acer 128GB Chromebook

3rd Prize
Ninja Air Fryer

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OCTOBER 2024

THINGS TO DO IN WOKING



THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA

www.woking-rocks.co.uk

FIND HALF TERM FUN AT THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON



FIND HALF TERM FUN

This half term includes so many fun Halloween events AND Fireworks events too, there is a lot to choose from. The Woking Rocks website has everything under handy buttons to make it easy to find.

- Local half term events
- Halloween fun
- Firework events

HOLIDAY CLUBS

Looking for a holiday club this half term? Take a look at our Holiday Club guide to see what's on offer around Woking.

[Holiday Club Guide](#)



www.woking-rocks.co.uk

YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHURCH ON THE GREEN

FOLLOWED BY

LIGHT PARTY

Sunday **27** OCT 3.00PM

LORD PIRBRIGHT'S HALL

SUPERHERO DRESS UP
BOUNCY CASTLE
SWEETS
GAMES
DISCO

GUILDFORD LIONS CLUB PRESENTS A

FIREWORK FIESTA 2024

LIVE MUSIC & FIREWORK EXTRAVAGANZA

SAT NOV 2ND
Stoke Park GU1 1ER

Gates open 5pm – Live Music 6pm to 8.30pm
Fireworks 8.30pm

Music by The Hired Guns
Playing The Killers, George Ezra, Kings of Leon, Taylor Swift and much more!
The band is a supergroup of world-class session musicians who have played with top class performers all over the world.

A variety of fully licensed bars
Multiple Hot Food & Drink outlets including vegetarian & vegan options

Children's Entertainment by Enchanted Performers
Come and meet Captain America, Elsa and Kristoff and also walk about LED performers

M.C. For the evening the ever popular **Peter Gordon**
ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY!

TICKETS £12.50
KIDS UNDER 16 FREE
WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT
(All tickets subject to a £1 booking fee)
www.seetickets.com

All proceeds to the Guildford Lions Community Fund and our Charity of choice the Oakleaf Mental Health Charity

oakleaf
MIND & WORK PROJECTS

OUR SUPPORTERS

St Edward, Martin Great Homes, CHARLES STANLEY, Guildford Lions Club

www.guilfordlions.com
Registered charity number 112962

Garden Explorers

A nature based holiday club

Half Term Holiday Club

(6 – 11 year olds)

Monday 28th October
Friday 1st November

- Explore and discover some of nature's wonders
- Create and grow using the garden's gifts
- Play and take part in fun outdoor activities with new friends

Fun nature based activities for your children to enjoy including:

- Den-building
- Taking part in a conker tournament
- Making a leaf crown and a pine cone bird feeder
- Bug-hunting
- And much more....

Details:

- Takes place in the safe and secure setting of **The Therapy Garden, Normandy, near Guildford**
- Run by a qualified, DBS checked, dedicated team
- www.therapygarden.org for more information
- 9.00am to 3.15pm
- £40 per child, per day

Book your place now

- Scan: QR code
- Online: www.therapygarden.org
- Call: The Therapy Garden: 01483 813846
- Email: admin@therapygarden.org

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 blue sticks we could buy!



Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

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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 28th October 2024	Fri 1st November 2024
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 23 rd December 2024	Friday 3 rd 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