



Dear Parents & Carers,

Our Paralympic themed week this week has been a huge success, and it has been great to see the children embracing different sports on offer, from bocce ball to goalball to para-badminton. I was equally impressed by the children's classroom-based learning from the week and have read some excellent Paralympian biographies, and fact sheets about some incredibly inspirational sportspeople.

It was a shame to have to make the call yesterday to postpone Potted Sports to next Friday, but with the ongoing downpours, we felt that the children would be more successful when the field was drier. I hope that many of you can still make it on the afternoon of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – timings remain the same.

Reception have now completed their first full week at school and we have been very proud of how well they have got on. You may find that your Reception child sleeps a little better than usual this weekend - we can only hope...! With that in mind, we gave our first tour of the school this week to prospective parents, ready for September 2025! These tours will continue into the term, but please do "tell a friend" about us in case they've missed the publicity. If they want to book onto a tour, just contact the school office for details.

Family Lunch is on the horizon and there is an attached poster for the menu. Children can be booked online using the normal IPAY system, but any adult lunches (including grandparents and younger/older siblings) will need to be booked on SCOPAY as an additional meal. All details, including timings, can be found here [Family Lunch](#).

Parent Governor Election: We requested nominees for the role of Parent Governor on our Local Governing Body last week and after the nominations closed, I am delighted to say that we had four candidates step forward to work with and help the school to achieve its goals. With four nominees, and only one place, this does mean that the process moves to an election. This will open today, Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm and will remain open until 9.00am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Today, all parents will receive an email with a unique voter number and a URL to our electronic voting system. Please follow the link and complete the form, choosing your preferred candidate, and include your voter number. Each parent at school has one vote to cast. If you ballot, then you will need to request one at the school office. I wish our nominees good luck!



Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Pete

Pete Wright  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Dates – September

30<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Swimming

## October

1<sup>st</sup> – 4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening

3<sup>rd</sup> – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening

4<sup>th</sup> - 1:15pm – KS2

Potted Sports

2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports

7<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Swimming

9<sup>th</sup> – AM – Year 6

Sports Crew Training at Guildford Spectrum

10<sup>th</sup> – Tempest School Photos (Portraits)

14<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Swimming

14<sup>th</sup> - Year 4

Residential Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> - Hockey Festival @ Charterhouse School

16<sup>th</sup> - Rock and Pop Assembly

17<sup>th</sup> – Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards)

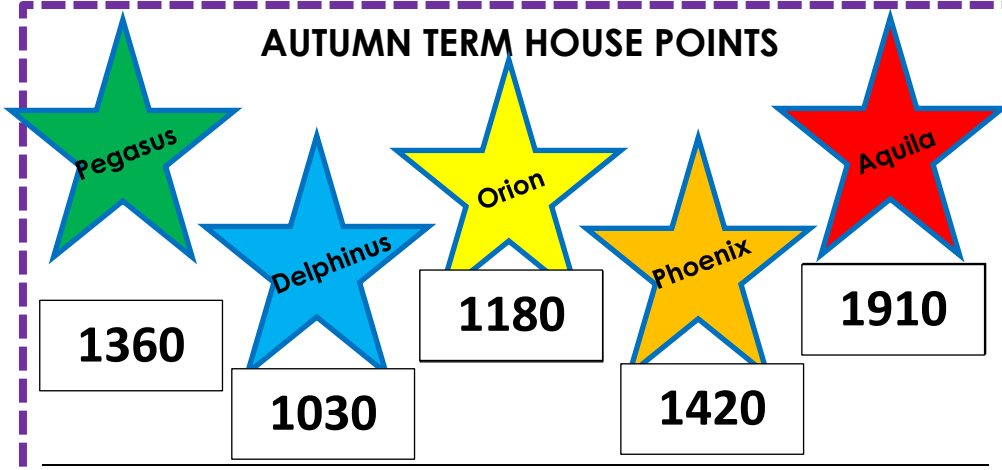
Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

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



## SCHOOL PHOTOS!

## AUTUMN TERM HOUSE POINTS



## Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
RJL 99.6%	3DG + 6DS – 99.5%
Whole School Year to Date	
97.1%	



## 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.



### The Daily Mile!

Whilst we have had a soggy start, everyone has had their registration day so we are now fully up and running. You can join anytime so don't worry if you haven't already registered – it was just to ease some congestion! All details for The Daily Mile can be found [here](#) but essentially, KS1 children need a supervising adult, children need to be independent at the table, they must wear a bib, must be running by 8:30am and it's on every day it isn't raining. Let's go Pirbright!

### Potted Sports - Years 1-6 (not Reception!)

Pirbright's sporting calendar kicks off with Potted Sports on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October** where the children have the chance to work in their House Teams and complete a number of small sports activities to earn team points. It is great fun and the first chance for the new Year 6 House Captains to get going with their leadership roles. This year, in honour of our Paralympics Theme Week next week, some of the activities will be adapted by Year 6 to meet the needs of some specific athletes so feel free to ask questions when you are there and they will explain what is going on. If you would like to come and watch, you would be welcome at 1:15pm for Key Stage 2 and 2:15pm for Key Stage 1. Please note, we will be locking the gates in between these times so we really appreciate you being prompt - the school office is very busy!

**\*\*\* PE KITS AND HOUSE T-SHIRTS ALL DAY PLEASE! \*\*\***

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# CLUB CLASS NEWSLETTER



September 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a start to the year we have had! It has been wonderful to welcome back all of the children and we extend this welcome to the newest members of the Club Class team. We have Mrs Khan joining us on a full time basis and Mrs Rocknean and Miss Philbrick joining us from the school's LSA team. Welcome!

With more staff comes more places which is great news; however, this does not guarantee a space at Club Class. Midweek is particularly busy and whilst we have increased our cap to 80 children, these spaces will fill up so please get booked in as quickly as possible. We will always do our best to accommodate children at short notice but sadly we can't guarantee we will have the space.

In exciting news, Club Class is going to have a dedicated outdoor area which can be used at all points in the school year. It will be nice and secure and in the area in between the main building and the Art Suite building (behind the blue Values gate).

We will be moving on from our 3 Sunflower planter tyres and we're hoping by next spring we will be seeing even more beautiful flowers and maybe some yummy veg which we have grown from seed, which we can all taste. It will just be fantastic to have a permanent dedicated area.

We will of course be fundraising and looking for donations so if you can help we would be very appreciative!

Thank you, as always, for all of your support and kind words on the door. We love looking after your children and working together to make Club Class such a success!

Jodie Allen & The Pirbright Club Class Team!

## GRAND PLANS

### NEW OUTDOOR SPACE!

The Plan...

- More outdoor space
- Growing & Planting
- Chill Out Area
- Outdoor Resources

Fundraising...

- Cooking Week will culminate in a Bake Sale
- Generous Parental Donations :)

Donations Needed...

- Suitable outside toys
- Outdoor furniture
- Outdoor paint
- Tubs, planters, crates, hanging baskets
- Soil and gardening bits

If you think you have anything suitable, please pop in and see us for a chat!

Fundraising Bake Sale!  
10th October 2024



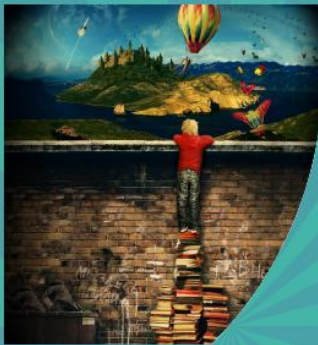
**WE WOULD LOVE YOUR DONATIONS!**

## TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have taken the decision to book Tempest for school photos this year as they have been able to demonstrate improved pricing on the previous offer so we welcome all feedback once the photos are out and you can see the costings yourself. They are significantly cheaper than the price rise being proposed by our old company.

Individual school portraits will be taken on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October so if your child needs a trip to the hairdressers for the all-important photo that gets handed out at Christmas, now is a good time to go! All children will have an in-school individual portrait and a sibling portrait without you needing to do anything unless you don't want this to happen – please let the class teacher know if this is the case. If you have pre-school siblings, these photos can happen (if you choose) from 8:30am in the Music Suite so please join the queue if you would like a family photo.

# The BIG Read



Parents are invited to come along to school and join their child(ren) in a whole school BIG Read!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2:45pm  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2:45pm

Hopefully we will be outside on the school field but if the weather is poor, we will be in the classrooms – come and join the fun!

Entry via the KS2 Gate

**YOU WANNA PIZZA ME?**  
*Taster Day Menu*

Thursday  
3rd October

*Fresh Margherita Pizza*  
or  
*Creamy Ham & Mushroom Pasta*

all served with  
Crispy salad & garlic bread  
Plus lots more as usual!!

Please order a meal in advance in the usual way to avoid missing out! These days are so important to us and we really hope you can support the school by choosing to eat with us on Thursday 3rd October.

We will order a meal for every child in Reception & Key Stage 1 and they can have a taste of the school dinners if they would like to! If you want to choose between meat or veggie then please log onto iPay – there will be lots of choice on the day for everyone though so don't panic!

If you know your child would rather a packed lunch then feel free to send them in with one as usual!

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SLEEPING BEAUTY is coming to Woking this year at the New Victoria Theatre, and as someone who goes every single year and takes out an additional mortgage for the privilege, I am absolutely delighted to tell you that FOPS have managed to secure 100 tickets for two dates in December, and the tickets are HALF PRICE at just £25 a ticket – for premium seats! You'll be sitting there, watching the action, from about five rows back. We've got an evening performance on the 7th and a matinee performance 14th of December – and we are putting these tickets on today – on this website: [www.pta-events.co.uk/fops](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fops) - and there's no code, no waiting list, no pending investigations concerning Ticketmaster and you won't be sat with hundreds of ageing Liam Gallagher lookalikes in parker jackets. Or you might be – you never can tell in Woking. But remember, we only have 100 tickets and it's going to sell at a similar pace to Taylor Swift.... Oh no it isn't.... OH YES IT IS! No seriously.

**SLEEPING BEAUTY TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY 27TH AT 7PM**



## Parents' Evenings & Pirbucks

Parents' Evenings are happening on 1st and 3rd October and you should have booked your appointment already – please keep an eye on your email. All bookings need to be made through School Cloud, but please touch base with class teachers if you can't make those dates and would like to arrange something different. Likewise, they might head your way and suggest a different appointment time if they need to see you in a different capacity so please work with them on this. As they have proved less and less popular in the years since COVID, and we really value a face to face appointment with you, there will be no online video appointments this year. All children need to be supervised and whilst Pirbucks is happening in the hall; it is not for childcare so please make arrangements to ensure someone is watching your children whilst you are in with class teachers.

Pirbucks is much like Starbucks only run by children and better for the world! Year 6 host and ensure tea & coffee alongside cakes and sweet treats are on hand for parents (and children if parents choose to share). All money goes towards their residential at the end of the year. Pirbucks is available for all but it sometimes misses out on KS1 and Reception parents if they don't quite make it over to the hall. The Year 6 children will have baked and bought goodies to go with hot drinks so head on over to celebrate your child's achievements, donate to the good people of Year 6 and generally have a merry old time! Please note, you may have bagged yourself an earlier appointment with a class teacher but this does not mean Pirbucks will be open – they have very strict opening hours to match the official Parents' Evening timings. All purchases are a donation, so if you don't bring change, the children will happily relieve you of notes – please plan ahead as they are hard to resist!

Reception and KS1 parents head to the classrooms and KS2 parents head to the school hall to be collected by the class teachers; please don't use the outer doors as the teachers will be in meetings and you don't want to interrupt. There will be opportunities to see any learning that has happened in the first few weeks.

**IN CASE  
YOU  
MISSED IT**

### Music Lessons

Pirbright hosts both Surrey Arts (piano) and Rock & Pop (drums and guitar) on a weekly basis for peripatetic lessons. Links are below if you are interested...

[Surrey Arts Piano](#)

[Rock & Pop Foundation](#)

All the details you need for FOPS (and to see what they have been up to for the past year) are on this page on the school website. [FOPS!](#)

[FOPS School Glossary!](#)

### Home Learning Guides

Home Learning is now up and running in all year groups and the class teachers have created handy guides for you to have a read through with some tips and tricks for how to support your children. They are all stored electronically on the website and you can get to them using the link below. Click on the big pencil!

<https://pirbrightvillageprimaryschool.secure-primariesite.net/home-learning/>

### \*\*\*Reception Intake SIBLINGS\*\*\*

**It is essential that you apply for a school place for your children coming into Reception in 2025 – even if you already have children at Pirbright; you must still apply! Please apply! Someone gets caught out every year – don't let it be you!**

### Kiss & Drop Bay

The Kiss & Drop Bay (marked with a sign) is a no parking zone until AFTER 8:35pm. It is for kissing and dropping children; there should be no parking in the bay. After 8:35am, you are welcome to park there. This just gives the older children a chance to jump out of the car which is far more likely to help the traffic keep moving down School Lane.

### POSITION VACANT

**Hours:** 100 per year, with flexibility for additional paid hours by negotiation if required

**Salary:** SPA 6, full time equivalent £28-£30K per annum according to experience (£1,739 - £1,874 - total 100 hours over 38-week period).

Are you an excellent administrator, well organised, pro-active and with an eye for detail? Could you organise meetings, draft agendas and produce detailed, accurate minutes? Given training and support, could you be pro-active in helping the Chair of Governors to ensure that the annual cycle of governance is carried out efficiently and effectively, and advise the Governing Body on procedural and constitutional matters? If you think this is you, we would love to hear from you to join our thriving and successful school team!

<https://www.eteach.com/job/clerk-to-the-board-of-governors-1439470>

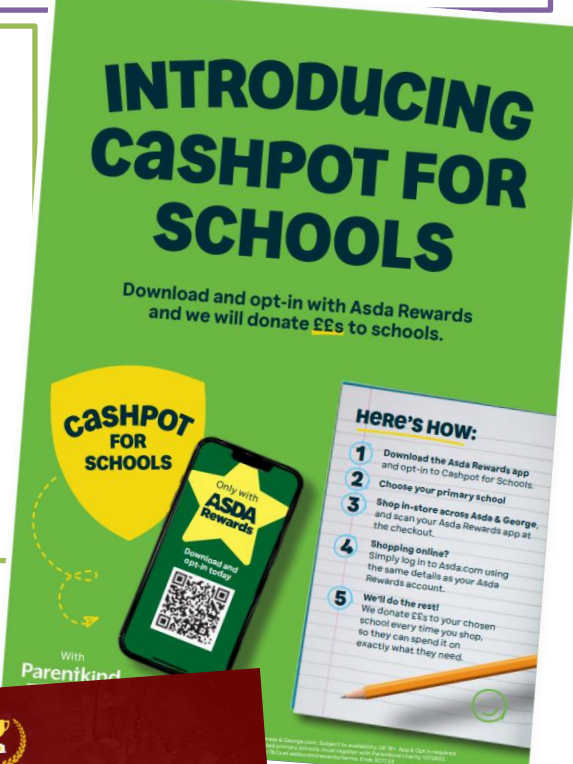


## Let's Celebrate Pirbright

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](mailto: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 **2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

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# Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

<b>September 2024</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> – 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports — 2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports 30 <sup>th</sup> - Y3 Swimming	<b>October 2024</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening 4 <sup>th</sup> - 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports 2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports 7 <sup>th</sup> - Y3 Swimming 9 <sup>th</sup> – AM – Year 6 Sports Crew Training at Guildford Spectrum 9 <sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Residential Meeting 2:45pm 10 <sup>th</sup> – Tempest School Photos (Portraits) 14 <sup>th</sup> – Y3 Swimming 14 <sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Residential Meeting 14 <sup>th</sup> - Hockey Festival @ Charterhouse School 16 <sup>th</sup> - <b>Rock and Pop Assembly</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> – Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 18 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Present - Harvest Festival (No parents) 21 <sup>st</sup> - School Nurse Year 6 Height & Weight 21 <sup>st</sup> – Y4 Swimming 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre 24 <sup>th</sup> - <b>WASPS Football Tournament</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY 28 <sup>th</sup> - 1 <sup>st</sup> – HALF TERM
<b>November 2024</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> – Start of second half term 4 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Swimming 5 <sup>th</sup> - Flu Immunisations 8 <sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC) 10 <sup>th</sup> - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery 11 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Swimming 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week 13 <sup>th</sup> - <b>Year 6 WWII Day</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> - <b>The Big Read (Parents Welcome)</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> – Y4 Swimming 20 <sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm 25 <sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Swimming 28 <sup>th</sup> – Clubs finish for autumn term	<b>December 2024</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> – Year 4 Swimming 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> SHOWS WEEK 13 <sup>th</sup> - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 17 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Quiz 18 <sup>th</sup> - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 20 <sup>th</sup> - 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright's Hall (Parents Welcome) 20 <sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm – End of Term

## Term Dates 2024/2025

Term	Start	End
<b>AUTUMN 2024</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<i>Half term</i>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024</b>	<b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024</b>
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025
<b>SPRING 2025</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
<b>SUMMER 2025</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> 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**