



Dear Parents & Carers,

I don't know if it's me, but I feel like this week has gone by even faster than the one before?! Next thing we know, it'll be Christmas! I've particularly enjoyed spending time in the Reception classes this week and have been so impressed by how well the children are taking to the routines and activities that are new to them. Today has seen all of RGD and RJL in for the whole day!

On Tuesday, I was very proud to hold the first School Council meeting with our new team. The councillors have been charged with the task to create and decorate their class's School Council box. These will then take pride of place in their classrooms, allowing the children to write down suggestions for school improvements. The councillors will then bring these suggestions to future meetings for us to discuss.

Yesterday, the children gathered to vote for the future House Captains. The children did their very best to try to convince their team that they were the right person for the job, and I am looking forward to finding out who the successful candidates are early next week! I had the pleasure of hosting another Headteacher's Award Assembly this week and even tried my luck with additional technology - a microphone in one hand and an iPad in the other to cast the camera's view to the projector, allowing the children to see the amazing work that we were celebrating. I was very impressed by the handwriting of so many of the children!

Parents' evenings are not far away now - Tuesday 1st October and Thursday 3rd October. From 10am on Monday 23rd September, you will be able to book your child/ren's parents' evening meetings using the link and by entering the information required in the screenshot below and navigating to your child/ren's classes. If you experience any problems, please contact the school office for support. Bookings will stop at 12pm on Friday 27th September. <https://pirbrightvillage.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend (currently with thunderstorms forecast!)

Pete

Pete Wright
Headteacher

CLUBS! - PLEASE BOOK THIS WEEKEND - LAST CHANCE!

Pirbright lunchtime clubs are **NOW LIVE!** Please look over the attached timetable and clubs' descriptions with your child over the weekend and get them booked in. Clubs booking will close on **Monday 23rd September and start on Tuesday 24th.**

Upcoming Dates – September

23rd -27th – THEME WEEK – Paralympics
23rd – Y3 Swimming
27th - 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports
2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports
30th - Y3 Swimming

October

1st – 4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening
3rd – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – Parents' Consultation Evening
7th - Y3 Swimming
9th – AM – Year 6 Sports Crew Training at Guildford Spectrum
10th – Tempest School Photos (Portraits)
14th – Y3 Swimming
14th - Year 4 Residential Meeting

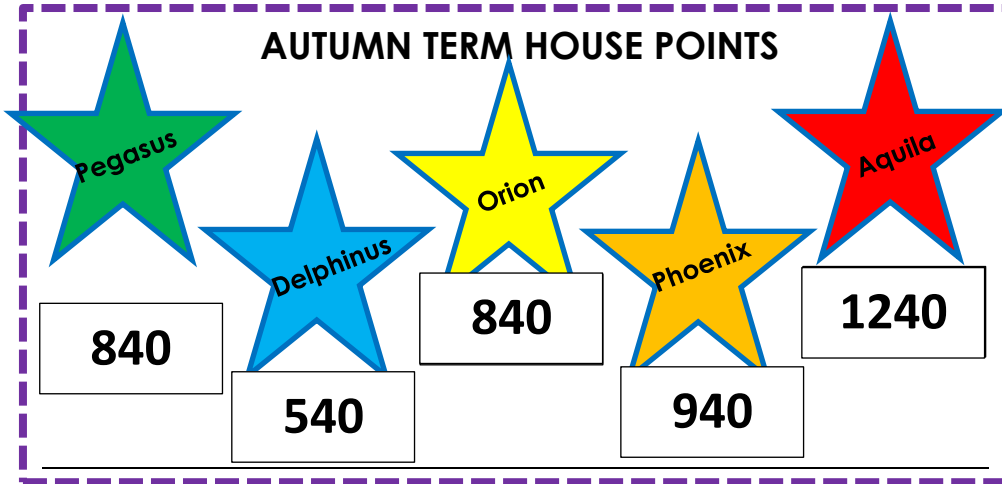
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Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!
Head [here](#) and click on the +Google link at the bottom of the calendar.



SCHOOL PHOTOS!

AUTUMN TERM HOUSE POINTS



Weekly Attendance Update

Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
RGD 98.5%	3DG – 98.1%
Whole School Year to Date	
97.1%	



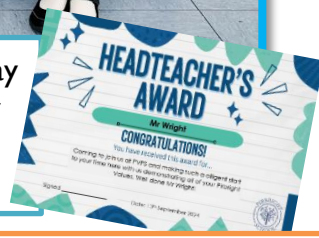
The Daily Mile!

We had a soft launch on Thursday & Friday for KS2 and now KS1 are welcome to join us on Monday to get registered and running. We will be fully open for EVERYONE from Tuesday. 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!

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.



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

Pirbright's sporting calendar kicks off with Potted Sports on Friday 27th September 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! *****

The Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Service



[Click for Details](#)

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Home Learning Guides

Home Learning is up and running as of today 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.

Dear Parents

A couple of people have asked me about the Parent Governor role, so I thought it might be helpful to share with everyone. Governors act a bit like critical friends to the school, it's not for us to tell the professionals how to do their job, but we scrutinise the decisions and activity of the school leaders and hold them to account. Our aim is to support the school to provide the best possible education for all our children. The full Governing Body meets once each half term and, rather than subcommittees, each Governor has specific areas of responsibility which might range from safeguarding to special educational needs, from premises to finance or an aspect of teaching and learning. Between full governor meetings, individual Governors will visit the school once a term to liaise with a specific member of staff who leads on that Governor's area of responsibility, and report back to the full Governing Body.

Being a governor is very rewarding, and a great way to learn more about how the school ticks, why and how decisions are made, and the day to day challenges (and highs!) that school leaders and staff face. Most of all, it is a wonderful way of helping to ensure that our children are happy, engaged and successful at school, and that our school is somewhere they really want to be.

It does demand commitment, including some training, but it is not onerous and there are always people to help and advise.

We want our Governing Body to be a true representation of our school community so if you would like to be considered, please do get in touch. All I need is your name, contact details and the names and year group of your children, and a brief description of yourself (around 100 words) to help other parents decide where to cast their vote. I need to hear from you by Monday 9:00am on 23rd September, at the email address chair@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

And even if you are not voted in this time, you might have just what we are looking for the next time a community vacancy arises.

Kind regards

Julia

Julia Douetil

Chair of Governors

Pirbright Village Primary School



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>



So, I failed to get Oasis tickets. And I didn't manage to get Taylor Swift tickets either. I've never successfully secured Glastonbury tickets. And to be honest, at this point I'm losing faith in the Wimbledon ballot. But you know what, 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 sale on the 27th September – next Friday – on this website: 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.

And a quickie – NEXT UNIFORM SALE 27TH SEPTEMBER from 8.10am on the KS1 playground. A fabulous chance to get your paws on replacements for all the jumpers and cardigans your child has already lost. Everything on sale has been preloved, but is in lovely condition. Come grab a bargain!

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!](#) One of the most important documents, for new (and old!) parents, is the School Glossary. Not many people are attached to a school that needs its own glossary, but in order to sort your Jam Jars from your Christmas Jumper Day (not forgetting all the FOPS events and all the school events) this jargon-buster is just what you need to get you through the year! Enjoy!

[FOPS School Glossary!](#)



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](#)

Parents' Evenings & Pirbucks

Parents' Evenings are happening on 1st and 3rd October and you will be able to book your appointment from Monday – 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.

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!

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Download and opt-in with Asda Rewards and we will donate ££s to schools.

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your primary school
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & George, and scan your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
- 5 We'll do the rest! We donate ££s to your chosen school every time you shop, so they can spend it on exactly what they need.

With Parentkind

Selected stores. Minimum spend £20. Excludes Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools must register with Parentkind charity 1072855. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/parentkind](https://www.asda.com/parentkind). Rewards 18CA at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://www.asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30/11/24

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Mixed Ability: 1030

SUNDAYS:
MINIS: Preschool to Year 6: 0930
JUNIORS Year 7 to 13: 1130

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS:
SENIOR MENS & WOMENS TRAINING: 1930

WEDNESDAYS: TOUCH 1930

For more information on our many options for rugby, head on over to our website: [chobhamrugby.co.uk](https://www.chobhamrugby.co.uk)

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- Our **Pre-School lessons** are perfect for children beginning their swimming journey.
- We follow Swim England's **Learn to Swim** framework that works on developing children's confidence through fun and enjoyment, designed for children aged 4 to 11.
- **Aquatic skills** is for children who have completed the Learn to Swim programme and are looking to progress their swimming skills further.

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For parents in Surrey

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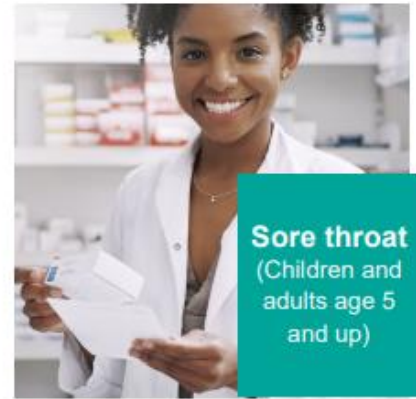
Surrey Heartlands



Earache
(Children aged 1 to 17 years)

Pharmacies can now offer appointment, with medication available if required, for **four conditions** that affect school-age children:

- Ear ache (children aged 1-17)
- Sore throat (over 5s)
- Infected insect bites (over 1s)
- Impetigo (over 1s)



Sore throat
(Children and adults age 5 and up)

GP practices are busy and an appointment is not always necessary. When your child is ill with any of the above conditions, by going straight to a local pharmacy, you can have a consultation with a trained clinical professional and receive advice and even medication if it is needed, meaning they could be on the road to recovery as soon as possible.



Infected Insect Bite or Impetigo
(Children and adults age 1 and over)

The majority of Surrey community pharmacies offer the Pharmacy First service. Remember – if your child has an ear ache, sore throat, impetigo symptoms or suspected infected insect bite, think **Pharmacy First**.

For more info visit:
nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies

Potential Kids

HALLOWEEN CAMP

28th Oct - 1st Nov

Sport
Arts & Crafts
Halloween Games

Get your costumes ready
Halloween Disco on Thursday 31st!

BOOK NOW - Potentialkids.co.uk

Dates for the Diary 2024/2025

September 2024	23 rd -27 th – THEME WEEK – Paralympics 23 rd – Y3 Swimming 27 th - 1:15pm – KS2 Potted Sports 2:15pm – KS1 Potted Sports 30 th - Y3 Swimming	October 2024	1 st – 4:30pm – 7:00pm – Parents’ Consultation Evening 3 rd – 4:00pm – 6:00pm – Parents’ Consultation Evening 7 th - Y3 Swimming 9 th – AM – Year 6 Sports Crew Training at Guildford Spectrum 9 th – Year 6 Residential Meeting 2:45pm 10 th – Tempest School Photos (Portraits) 14 th – Y3 Swimming 14 th - Year 4 Residential Meeting 17 th – Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 18 th – Year 4 Present - Harvest Festival (No parents) 21 st - School Nurse Year 6 Height & Weight 21 st – Y4 Swimming 22 nd - Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre 25 th – INSET DAY 28 th - 1 st – HALF TERM
November 2024	4 th – Start of second half term 4 th – Y4 Swimming 5 th - Flu Immunisations 8 th – Remembrance Service – Whole School (10am - TBC) 10 th - Remembrance Service at Brookwood Cemetery 11 th – Y4 Swimming 11 th – 15 th Anti-Bullying Week 18 th – Y4 Swimming 20 th – Year 3 Visit to Butser Farm 25 th – Year 4 Swimming 28 th – Clubs finish for autumn term	December 2024	2 nd – Year 4 Swimming 9 th – 13 th SHOWS WEEK 13 th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 17 th – Christmas Quiz 18 th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 20 th – 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright’s Hall (Parents Welcome) 20 th - 1:30pm – End of Term

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