



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful day we have had in school celebrating World Book Day! The excitement has been palpable from the moment the gates opened this morning. The children (and staff!) have certainly put a smile on everyone's faces with their fantastic costumes and character choices. It has been a joy to see such enthusiasm for books and reading across the school. Throughout the day, the children have been taking part in a variety of book-based activities, exploring favourite stories, sharing books together and enjoying creative character-themed tasks in their classrooms. Moments like these really remind us how powerful stories can be in bringing our school community together and inspiring a love of reading.

Earlier in the week, our Year 5 and 6 cross country runners represented the school brilliantly at Monday's meet. The girls finished an impressive 4th overall, while the boys achieved an excellent 2nd place. We are now looking ahead to the Year 3 and 4 event on Tuesday 17th March, when their points will be added to those from the Year 5 and 6 races to determine the overall winning schools for both the girls' and boys' competitions. Well done to everyone who took part and ran with such determination. A big well done to our football teams, who played at home against Knaphill School on Tuesday. It was a fantastic afternoon of sport with wins for both teams – a great achievement and a credit to the hard work and teamwork the children and staff show in training. We would also like to say well done and thank you to our Year 4 pupils, who represented the school beautifully at Wednesday's Sports Hall Athletics event. Their effort, sportsmanship and encouragement of one another made us very proud.

Looking ahead, we are excited to welcome the travelling Book Fair, which will be with us in the main school hall from Wednesday 11th to Tuesday 17th March. This is always a popular event and a great opportunity for children to discover new books and further nurture their love of reading. Please see the information below for further details.

In addition, next week we will be marking British Science Week across the school. The children will be exploring a range of experiments and investigations, using important scientific skills such as observation, questioning and enquiry. We look forward to seeing their curiosity and creativity in action as they discover more about the world around them.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been another busy and exciting week in school, and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning and school life.

Kind regards

Pete

Pete Wright

Head Teacher

Coming Up February

9th - Piano Performances at Cunningham House
10th – 17th - The Travelling Book Fair
12th - Girls' Football Match V Brookwood – Home
13th – Science Day
17th Cross Country Years 3 & 4
18th - Year 6 Wildfire Education Sessions
19th - Rock & Pop Performance Morning (No Parents)
19th - WASPS Rugby Tournament - Pirbright Hosting
19th – Writing Competition Prize Giving
20th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo ...

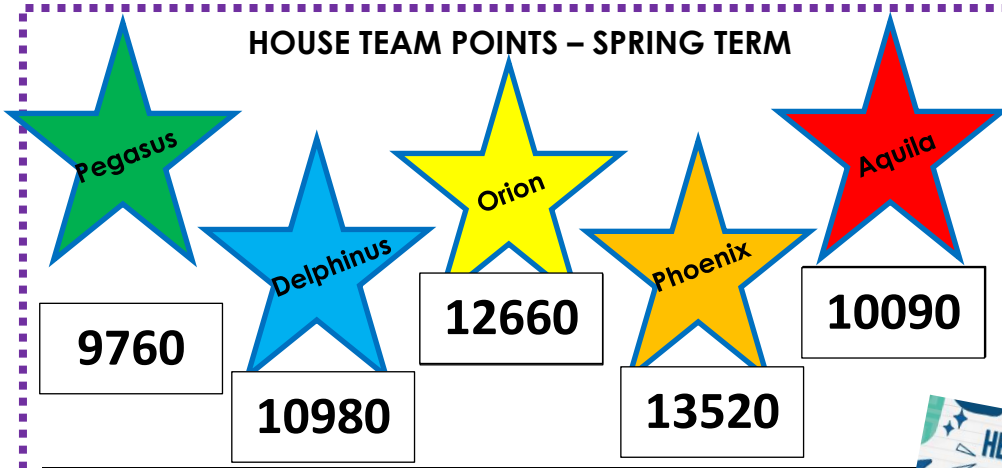
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**SCHOOL PHOTOS!
CHECK LATER FOR
WORLD BOOK DAY**



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SPRING TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
6DC 99.6%	RRE 99%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.6%	

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HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



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The Daily Mile!
 Congratulations to Oliver (Y4), Kit (Y1) and Alex (Y5) on their alf marathons and to Lucas and Henry (both Y3) on their marathons. Excellent running!



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.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Do you know what your child does online and how safe they are? We have teamed up with Daniel Sykes from the Cyber Protect Team at Surrey & Sussex Police and will be hosting an online session about how to protect children from online harm. The session is designed to give parents easy to implement advice so that they can help their children to grow up in the digital age with confidence and security.

Key Topics Include:

- Online Risk:** The art of spotting a scam and keeping children safe from harm and criminal activity online.
- Social Media and Chatroom Safety:** The risks of social media, social engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and account compromises.
- Gaming:** Understand what the risks are to young people when they are gaming, and discover how to monitor and restrict their use.
- Cyber Security For Parents:** learn how to secure devices and keep children safe.
- Q&A:** Ask us anything!

Wednesday 6th May (8pm-9pm)

To join the webinar, use this link and login details: www.tinyurl.com/s2bavxx4
 Meeting ID: 323 966 853 230 51
 Passcode: ot2Va9hB





Upsetting Content:

In today's digital world, upsetting news stories, images and videos can reach children instantly — even when they may not fully understand the places or issues involved. This constant exposure can leave many young people feeling anxious or overwhelmed. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide offers practical advice to help parents and carers support children who encounter distressing content online. Whether they're worried about global conflicts, environmental issues, or other troubling events, these tips can help trusted adults reassure young people and guide them through any difficult emotions they may be experiencing.



Next week, here at Pirbright, we will be marking **British Science Week** with a variety of fun science activities in each of the year groups!

Curiosity is the key to this year's theme and it fits perfectly with one of our Super 6 Skills!

Here are some of the key enquiry questions we will be endeavouring to answer through investigations, experiments and collaborative activities...

Year R: Does toast always land butter-side down? The children will explore this idea. Is it really true that toast lands butter-side down or is that a misconception? They'll practise their counting and find a creative way to show their results!

Year 1: How does a seed travel away from a tree? The children will create their own sycamore seeds with paper spinners to see which ones travel further when dropped. Do bigger 'wings' help? Will heavier or lighter spinners travel furthest?

Year 2: How do boats float? With just paper and tin foil the children will design and make rafts. How many marbles will it hold before it eventually sinks?

Year 3: What is soil? The children will head out across the school grounds to take soil samples ready for analysing. They will use water to create mixtures and then see how the layers develop as they settle.

Year 4: What is an ecosystem? Taking on the roles of living things in an ecosystem and given some string, can the children make connections to each other and create food webs? What happens if one part of the ecosystem is changed or taken away? Which links are lost?

Year 5: How do birds build their nests? The children will take part in a competition to build the most effective bird's nest. Will it survive wind and rain? Will the eggs be safe?

Year 6: How do different exercises affect our pulse rate? The children will use pulse rate readers to explore the effects of a variety of exercises. They may also analyse recovery times: how long it takes for the heart to return to a resting rate.

Zones of Regulation

This term we are using *Zones of Regulation* in PSHE to help children understand and manage their emotions. We will share weekly updates in the newsletter, along with ideas to support learning at home. A parent guide and more information are available on the website. [HERE!](#)

**PARENTS'
GUIDE VIDEO
CLICK HERE**

Concept 8 – Building My Zones Toolbox



WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

We are continuing to learn about regulation tools as each of us starts building our own *Zones Toolbox*. We learned the importance of **reflecting** on, or thinking carefully about, the effects of a tool on our body signals, and how we feel after using it. This helps us decide if it will help us to regulate one or more of our Zones.

We introduced a Tool of the Week to explore new tools we might add to our toolbox. As we introduce new tools, we will share them with you so that you can discuss and practice them with your learner.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Regulating our Zones in the moment can be challenging. Having our custom toolbox to remind us of our go-to regulation tools that we find helpful can make using them easier. We encourage you to build, reflect on, and share tools from your own *Zones Toolbox*. This provides a healthy example, and shows that everyone works on regulation.



ASK AND SHARE To help with learning, discuss these questions together.

- How do you know if a regulation tool is helpful or not?
- What is a helpful tool from each Zone in your toolbox?



BRIDGE ACTIVITY: REFLECTING ON NEW REGULATION TOOLS

- 1 Pick a tool that is less familiar to everyone. It could be the Tool of the Week or one from the *Group/Family Toolbox* that you all made together for the Concept 7 Bridge.
- 2 Pause to check-in, paying special attention to your body signals.
- 3 Practice the chosen tool together several times over the week.
- 4 Reflect on if it makes a good regulation tool by thinking about if:
 - It's easy for you to find or use.
 - It works well.
 - It works quickly.
 - You like how it makes you feel after using it.
 - It helps you feel comfortable.
 - It helps regulate one or more of your Zones.



OPTIONAL: Each person can create their own *Zones Toolbox*, listing the tools that help them regulate. Post the toolboxes in a central location.



Zones of Regulation

I wonder how you are feeling?



Some feelings in the BLUE ZONE



Recharge...



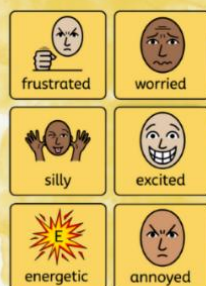
Some feelings in the GREEN ZONE



Ready to Learn...



Some feelings in the YELLOW ZONE



Relax...



Some feelings in the RED ZONE



Take Control...



Dress-Up Days

Every year we celebrate World Book Day and every other year we celebrate Comic Relief – this year it is the double whammy!

Comic Relief – Friday 20th March – Anything funny for money. As wild or sedate as you would like.

Pirbright X-Country – Friday 13th March – Parents Welcome

2026's Sporting Calendar kicks off in a few weeks with the school's inter-house X-Country events. All children run and all children score points for their house teams. The captains will be on hand to support the littlest legs running around the field – we are always amazed at the bar Reception set in perseverance and resilience! **All children can come to school in their PE kit, including their all-important house t-shirt ready for the event.** Reception children (and all children new to the school) will receive their t-shirt nearer the day so please don't worry, we have that covered. Parents are welcome to come and spectate; entrance is at the KS2 gate and KS2 children run first from 1:40pm with Reception & KS1 to follow at 2:20pm. Please note, as we have done for the past few years, parents will be asked to stand in an allocated viewing area for the safety of the children!



Attention all Musical Theatre Lovers!

Mrs Peers and Mrs Davies are running their annual theatre trip on Wednesday 20th May, 2026.

This year, we are going to see 'Barnum, The Circus Musical' at Woking's New Victoria Theatre (matinee performance)

We are so excited about this trip and invite any interested children (Key Stage 2 only) to express their interest by emailing;

cpeers@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

Names will be randomly selected just before February half term. 30 spaces available

*****Please include your child's FULL NAME and class*****



Action Day

Friday 27th March

8.45am – 10.15am and/or 10.45am – 12.15pm

Can you give up an hour or two of your time to volunteer around the school grounds and help us with a variety of jobs?

Painting the PE sheds, clearing the perimeter of the playgrounds, cutting back some of the rough areas, cleaning the bike shelter, spreading wood chippings around the hobbit house, refilling the sand pits, helping load the skip...

These are all jobs which take a team effort and make a real difference to our lovely site ready for the summer! Here are some additional motivators: You will be doing your bit for the school community and tea and biscuits will be provided! It's in the great outdoors – so good for your mental wellbeing. There will be no need to interact with children; they'll be tucked away – out of sight, out of mind!

To sign up, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/zdggmdeDYnQMbYg39>

Or click on the QR code:



MCAS - My Child At School

You should be receiving double emails this half term. We will move fully to MCAS from the summer term so please ensure you are receiving the newsletter through MCAS/BromCom this half term (either via email or the app) and head into the office or email info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk if you need some support.

Happy Friday, Pirbright!

I just want to kick off this week by thanking you for your exceptional generosity last Friday, donating all those delicious Easter Eggs for our chocolate bingo event! We had hundreds of donations, and our chocolate bingo event is set to be fantastic! I think if you haven't bought your tickets by now, it might be too late... last I heard, there were five tickets left. If you didn't manage to get Oasis tickets, you might still be able to get a Chocolate Bingo ticket... but you best be quick! And ruthless...

Speaking of awesome events... you know what's great? The Summer Fair... Isn't it great? The people that volunteer to head up the event... chef's kiss. Last year's event was led by a superb team – they really pulled together, they divvied up tasks and they pulled off a mega Wonka-themed fair! This year, I feel we've hit a bit of a wall – we've not had anyone come forward (yet) to organise the fair, and it's starting to feel uncomfortably like we might not have one.... In fact, that's true. If we don't have any volunteers come forward to take the lead, then it simply won't happen. I am not above begging... you guys know my tactics... I coax, I tease, we keep it all light and breezy but there comes a point when I feel like I need to start an emotional and impassioned speech, followed by some scare mongering that slowly descends into actual begging... I'm not quite there yet - begging is scheduled for next week – but please, please can we have one person just get in touch and volunteer to help get things off the ground? You can CHOOSE the theme, it can run exactly the way you want it to – or you can copy paste last year's games and activities (if it ain't broke) – you'll have ample support from FOPS, you won't be alone – you can do this. I believe in you. Contact your class reps, contact Thorsten, myself, Emma, Steph... You can even walk straight up to Mrs Dow and Mr Wright and sing loudly 'It's me, I'm the one you want – IT'S MEEEEEEEEEE!' (ideally with a green painted face, a broomstick... Wicked fans will get it)

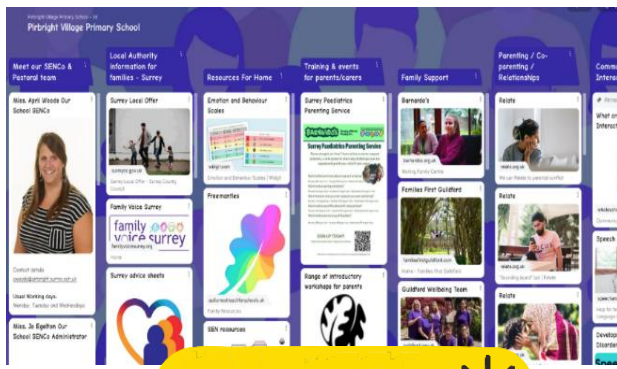
Oh Em Gee, a Wicked themed summer fair. PLEASE CAN SOMEONE ORGANISE THIS? Imagine the kids' faces.

Right, off to dance through life. See ya next week!

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.





SEND & Pastoral Support Padlet

Just a reminder that Miss Woods and Miss Egelton have been very busy putting together a Padlet which is jam packed full of information and resources which you might need as a parent. Whilst they primarily have SEND parents in mind, the wealth of pastoral, learning and parenting based resources is absolutely incredible and will certainly benefit all of our families so please take a look. They will continue to add to it so please let them know if there is anything in particular you wish them to cover.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Supporting Neurodiversity At Home and Introduction to ND Padlet Coffee Morning



Wednesday 25th March 2026 -

9am

All parents and carers are welcome!

This session is a chance to hear about the ND Padlet for Parents and Carers and chat with a SEND Support or Neurodiversity Advisor from Surrey County Council's Team Around the School Support Hub

The informal presentation will include:

- An introduction to the ND Padlet – a free online hub for printable resources for home use
- Helpful strategies to for managing daily routines and transitions between home and school
- Planning for school holidays in the way that supports your child's needs
- Signposting to local and nationwide support services for families



Please RSVP to register your interest to attend, so we can gauge numbers: awoods@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

<p style="text-align: center;">March 2026</p> <p>9th - Piano Performances at Cunningham House 10th – 17th - The Travelling Book Fair 12th - Girls' Football Match V Brookwood - Home 13th – Science Day 17th Cross Country Years 3 & 4 18th - Year 6 Wildfire Education Sessions 19th - Rock & Pop Performance Morning (No Parents) 19th - WASPS Rugby Tournament - Pirbright Hosting 19th – Writing Competition Prize Giving 20th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo 20th - Learning Looks – PM 20th - Year 2 Cake Sale 23rd - Healthy Teeth Talk - School Nurse (YR) 23rd - Year 2 Visit to Nower Wood 23rd – Cross Country Relays 25th - Y3 Pop-Up Museum (2:45pm – 3:10pm) 25th - Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum 25th - Year 4 Visit to Marwell Zoo 26th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 27th – Action Morning Session 1 - Parent Help Needed (0845-1015) Action Morning Session 2 - Parent Help Needed (1045 – 1215) 27th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!) 27th - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">April 2026</p> <p>13th - 5th – Start of the summer term 17th - 'Little Troopers' Dandelion Day - Wear a Yellow Accessory (in lieu of official date in the holidays) 20th - Tempest Class Photos 23rd - WASPS Football Leagues Finals Day - at Pirbright 30th – Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White House 30th - Year 5 Visit to The Church</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">May 2026</p> <p>11th – 14th – KS2 SATS Week 15th - Year 1 Cake Sale 18th - Pirbright Has Talent Auditions – All Day 19th - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park 20th - KS2 Theatre Trip - Barnum - New Victoria Theatre 25th–29th May HALF TERM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">June 2026</p> <p>2nd - Year 1 Visit to British Wildlife Centre 3rd - Year 4 Trip - Fishbourne Roman Palace 5th - Learning Looks – PM 11th - Year R Zoolab workshop (at school) 18th - Pirbright Has Talent Show PM (No Parents – sorry!) 19th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 26th - Y5 trip to Woking Mosque (Shah Jahan Mosque) 26th - Reception Cake Sale 27th - Armed Forces: Picnic on the Green 29th – INSET DAY – School will be closed to children 30th - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">July 2026</p> <p>1st - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 4th – The FOPS Summer Fair 9th –Summer Concert EVE (Parents Welcome) 10th – 10am Late Registration 13th – 3.15pm - 4.00pm Celebration Afternoon (Parents Welcome) 15th – Year 6 Leavers' Party (Eve) 5:30pm 16th – Year 6 Fun Day 17th – 10.00am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (Parents Welcome) 17th – 1.30pm – End of Term 20th - INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils) 21st – INSET Day (School will be closed to pupils)</p>	

Term Dates 2025/2026

Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2025	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 27 th October 2025	Fri 31 st October 2025
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 22 nd December 2025	Friday 2 nd January 2026
SPRING 2026	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 16 th February 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026
SUMMER 2026	Monday 13 th April 2026	Tuesday 21 st July 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 25 th May 2026	Friday 29 th May 2026

INSET DAYS 2025/2026

Tuesday 2nd September 2025
 Wednesday 3rd September 2025
 Friday 24th October 2025
 Wednesday 28th January 2026
Monday 29th June 2026
 Monday 20th July 2026
 Tuesday 21st July 2026

Class Assemblies 2025/2026

Friday 13 th March 2026 at 10am	1RG
Friday 24 th April 2026 at 10am	4LB
Friday 1 st May 2026 at 10am	4BC
Friday 8 th May 2026 at 10am	RRE
Friday 15 th May 2026 at 10am	RJL
Friday 22 nd May 2026 at 10am	5GJ
Friday 3 rd July 2026 in the AFTERNOON (Time TBC)	Year 6

Term Dates 2026/2027

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AUTUMN 2026	01 September 2026	16 October 2026
<i>Half term</i>	19 October 2026	30 October 2026
	02 November 2026	18 December 2026
<i>Christmas</i>	21 December 2026	01 January 2027
SPRING 2027	04 January 2027	12 February 2027
<i>Half term</i>	15 February 2027	19 February 2027
	22 February 2027	25 March 2027
<i>Easter</i>	26 March 2027	09 April 2027
SUMMER 2027	12 April 2027	22 May 2027
<i>Half term</i>	28 May 2027	04 June 2027
	07 June 2027	23 July 2027

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CLUB CLASS HOLIDAY CLUB

£30 PER DAY
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Holiday	Dates	Booking Closes
Autumn Half-Term	27 th - 31 st October	23 rd October
Christmas Shows Late Collection Service KS2	10 th & 11 th December 6-7pm	N/A
Spring Half-Term	16 th - 20 th February	12 th February
Easter Holiday	30 th March - 2 nd April	26 th March
Summer Half-Term	25 th - 29 th May	21 st May
Summer Holiday	20 th July - 14 th August	16 th July

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