



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who dropped off Happy Bags to FOPS at the school gate this morning. Your support for such an important cause is greatly appreciated and makes a real difference. Thank you also to the FOPS team for organising and coordinating the collection.

It was a delight to watch RRE's assembly this morning. The children spoke and performed so confidently, and there were certainly many beaming faces from the adults at the back of the hall. Opportunities like these remind us just how much our children grow in confidence throughout the year, and we are very proud of them all.

Next week, our Year 6 children will be undertaking their SATs papers. They have worked incredibly hard throughout this year, and indeed throughout their primary school journey, and I would like to wish them all the very best. We know they will approach the week with resilience, determination and positivity and we are immensely proud of everything they have achieved already.

Unfortunately, only three families were able to join Wednesday's online safety webinar, which was delivered by Surrey and Sussex Police. Online safety remains an incredibly important topic and we are keen to continue offering workshops and events that support our families. The governors and I are currently discussing how best to provide these opportunities whilst ensuring we achieve proportionate engagement, either in person or online.

Kind regards
Pete
Pete Wright
Head Teacher

Fruit & Veg Snacks at Breaktime

A gentle reminder to families that breaktime snacks should be fresh fruit or vegetables only. Recently, we have noticed an increase in children bringing cereal bars and other packaged or processed snacks into school. Although some of these products are marketed as healthy options, they can often contain hidden sugars, additives and high levels of processing.

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles, we follow government guidance which encourages children to eat simple, nutritious snacks such as fresh fruit and vegetables during the school day. These foods help children maintain steady energy levels, support concentration in class and encourage healthy eating habits from an early age.

Please ensure that children bring only fruit or vegetables for breaktime snacks and keep packaged snacks, cereal bars and similar items for lunchboxes only. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain healthy choices for all pupils.

Coming Up

MAY

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2nd - Year 1 Visit to British Wildlife Centre

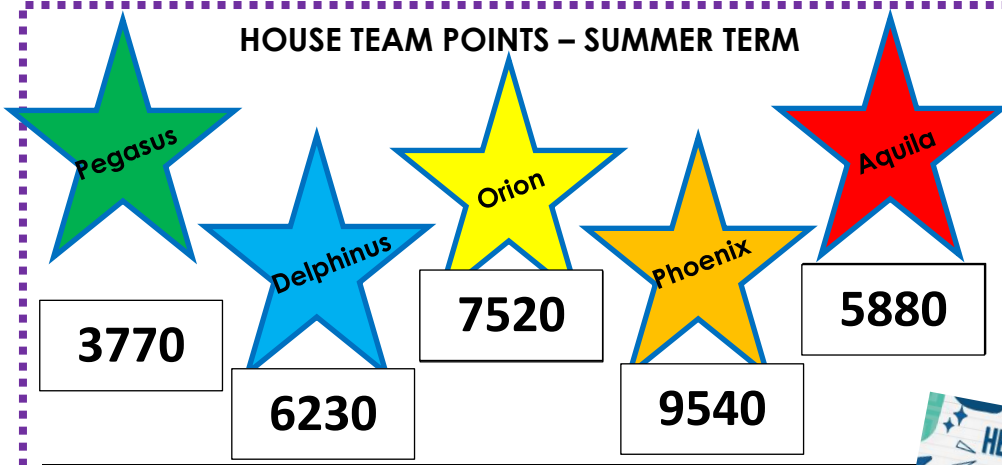
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SCHOOL PHOTOS!
RRE CLASS ASSEMBLY



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
RJL- 97.5%	6DS – 100%
Whole School Year to Date	
95.6%	

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HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



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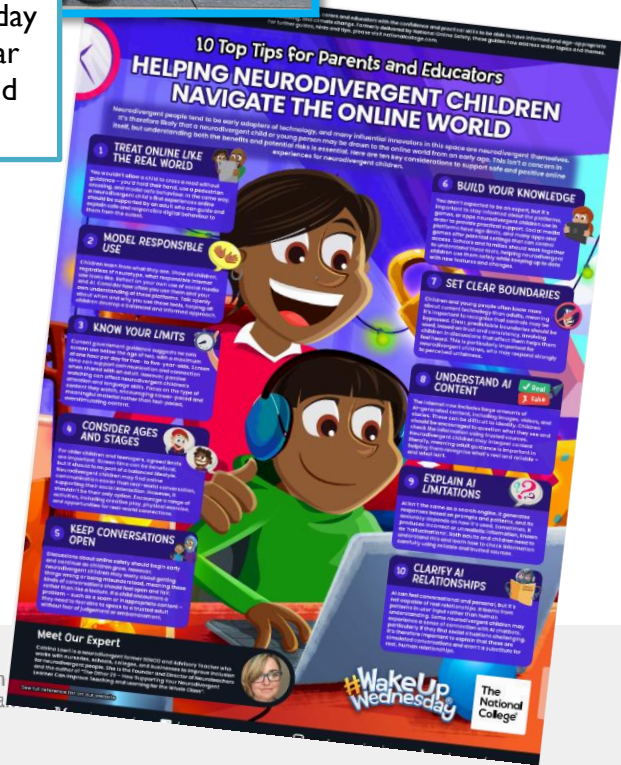


HEAD TEACHER AWARDS are given out on a Thursday during assembly where we have the opportunity to hear about the children's successes of the previous week and celebrate how they embodied the Pirbright Values.

Keeping Children Safe Online

Helping Neurodivergent Children Navigate the Online World: Neurodivergent children are often drawn to technology, so early, supported experiences online are key. This guide from #WakeUpWednesday explores how adults can model positive digital behaviour, set age-appropriate limits and create open, judgement-free conversations about online safety. It also highlights the importance of balancing screen use with offline activities to support wellbeing and development.

[CLICK HERE](#)





Auditions: Monday 18th May 2026

Children will be called to the Music Suite throughout the day so need to be ready!

Years 2 – 6 are welcome to audition

Children will be notified if they have been successful ready for the final performances...

Thursday 18th June 2026 (PM)

Singing, dancing, joke telling, magic, gymnastics, musical instrument and all manner of talents considered!

Pirbright Has Talent Ts&Cs

- ✓ Children will be called by year group throughout the day.
- ✓ There is no need to “register” or book an audition. Just bring your resources (if needed) and get involved on the day.
- ✓ If parents want to send any music directly to Mrs Dow beforehand, please do so – cdow@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk
- ✓ Children can bring in music on a memory stick or just ask for it on the day and we will find it on Spotify or YouTube – they must know what they are asking for!
- ✓ They will perform their audition in front of their year group friends who are also auditioning.
- ✓ Auditions will be a short “snippet” of the performance and may be cut shorter than children would like; last year Mrs Dow auditioned over 100 children, so this is to make everything achievable!
- ✓ Children will find out who are performing to the whole school as soon as possible; this is likely to be the following day.
- ✓ Children DON'T need costumes or make-up etc for the auditions.
- ✓ Children can only be in one act.



Girl's ONLY Cricket



Come and join us at Pirbright Cricket Club

'Providing opportunities to play cricket, have fun, make friends, learn new skills and build confidence'

- Girl's only cricket for Yr2, Yr3 & Yr4
- Training Friday evenings 5.30-6.30
- Qualified female ECB coaches supporting every player



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- Fun, engaging sessions for all abilities
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Class Mix-Ups For those new to PVPS, we reorganise classes in Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 each year and this process will begin in the coming weeks. When children first join the school, classes are carefully balanced using a range of factors including friendships, age, gender, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and English as an Additional Language (EAL). As children move through the school, classes can naturally become less balanced over time due to factors such as pupil mobility within our military community, the development of SEND needs, and differing rates of academic and social progress. We also believe that class reorganisation plays an important role in children's personal development, helping them to build resilience, develop new friendships and experience change within a safe and supportive environment.

Why do we reorganise classes?

- To create balanced classrooms where all children can thrive and achieve their full potential
- To refresh learning environments and social groupings
- To support transition to secondary school by broadening friendship groups
- To address imbalances caused by pupil mobility over time
- To provide opportunities for children to develop new friendships
- To balance academic ability across classes
- To support SEND and behavioural needs effectively
- To achieve a positive gender balance across year groups

How do we do it?

1. Children are introduced to the process

We explain the process carefully to the children, including why it happens and how it supports their learning and wellbeing. Many children will already be familiar with this process from previous years.

2. Children select friendship choices

During the week beginning Tuesday 5th May, children will be asked to name four friends they would like to be with in the following academic year. We guarantee that every child will be placed with at least one of these friends. There is no ranking order, and we aim to create the best possible combinations for all pupils. You may wish to discuss these choices with your child beforehand, encouraging them to think carefully about friendships that support both their happiness and their learning. Children are encouraged to consider friendships across the whole year group.

3. Teachers create draft classes

Teachers use this information alongside a wide range of professional considerations to form two new classes. While friendships are important, our main priority is creating balanced, successful learning environments. Factors considered include academic ability, behaviour, personality, SEND needs, gender balance and overall class dynamics.

4. Staff consultation

Draft class lists are shared with staff, who provide feedback based on their knowledge and experience of how pupils interact socially and within lessons.

5. Final review

Class lists are carefully reviewed and refined following staff feedback to ensure the best possible balance across the year group.

6. Children meet their new classes

Pupils will be informed of their new classes during the designated "Move-Up Mornings", which are included on the school calendar.

We recognise that class reorganisation can make some children feel apprehensive, and we kindly ask parents to support the process positively at home. This is a well-established part of school life at PVPS and all pupils experience it during their time with us. Please remember that staff spend a significant amount of time with the children in school and have a strong understanding of how they learn, interact and flourish within the classroom environment. Our shared goal is always to ensure that every child is placed in a class where they can thrive both academically and socially.

To ensure the process remains fair, balanced and consistent for all children, we will not be holding individual meetings or considering parental requests regarding class placements. Staff know the children extremely well within their learning environment and carefully consider the needs, dynamics and wellbeing of the whole cohort when making decisions.



May Half - Term Holiday Club

Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th May
Bookings close: Thursday 21st May

£30 per day

Get ready as we dive deep into the ocean for a week full of underwater-themed fun, including cooking, crafts, outdoor adventures and plenty of sun and fun.

We'll also be checking in on and caring for our new veg garden, which we created in Easter Club and our Bee Bistro as part of the week's activities.

For any newcomers, please take a look at the newsletter/website for pictures from previous clubs to see what to expect.

Please bring a nut-free packed lunch each day.

We can't wait to see you there!



Hello dearest friends,

Do you know what I did last night? I'll set the scene. I was at home, and I watched the news... and I just felt so defeated. There doesn't feel like there's much good news at the moment (and at the time of writing this, I am yet to learn of the local council election results, but I think I know what's coming...) So, to cheer myself up, I decided to type 'Mrs Dow' into the search bar of my sent items on my Gmail and I read through a random selection of newsletters I've sent over to her each week for... Well, it's been years now. I just dove in and out of different emails and read my own words back. I know, I need to get a life. But you know what? I cheered myself right up – because what we do at FOPS is just so joyous, and the support we get from our school community – every week, there's a win for FOPS. We're always putting on a great event, announcing a little cash victory from a cake sale or lolly sale, or announcing something exciting coming up. We get great volunteers – honestly, if you're the sort of person who will give up a small amount (or even a huge amount) of your precious time to help us, then you're a really good egg. We have this amazing relationship with the school and get oodles of support to make all the good stuff happen, and I like that changing heads of fundraising every couple of years brings fresh ideas and adds their own bit of magic to the team. We are just so lucky, and in a world that feels so uncertain, our little local community bubble in Pirbright is just perfection. I'm gonna stick some snazzy bullet points for the diary below, little reminders if you need 'em – there's a lot coming up so I'll give you an overview and leave you be to drink your Friday evening margaritas in peace:

Legoland TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST – still some left I believe! HALF PRICE. Go get a bargain! www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

Happy Circus – school field – 4th July! Tickets via the link above! Unmissable.

FUN RUN – Miles for Smiles – a few teething issues with online sales have been straightened out – go grab your tickets now, and we ask that you book in advance so we can guarantee every runner gets a medal!

Tea towels – that link again – your kid's face... On a tea towel... 90's school vibes all the way. Bring back the disposable camera. Bring back Groovy Chick. BRING BACK BLUE EYESHADOW. Actually, forget I said blue eyeshadow. I didn't suit it then; I don't suit it now. Bring back stretchy choker necklaces. Inflatable chairs. POGS.

Cake sale – 15th May – EVERYONE BRING CAKES IN THE MORNING IF YOU CAN, PLEASE AND THANK YOU. Will be selling 'em back to you at pickup.

Pre-loved uniform sale 15th May after drop off in the morning – get those September jumpers sorted in the next size up because your kids will grow like weeds this summer and you'll be needing longer sleeves. It'll be all the ice lollies and picky dinners in the garden that'll do it.

Lastly, huge thanks to everyone who donated old uniforms to FOPS ahead of the next sale – there's absolutely loads to choose from. Nice stuff too, good kit.

Have a great week, whatever the news says. The world still has loads of good in it, especially in Pirbright.





MILES FOR SMILES

1.5 mile run and a 3 mile run
SATURDAY 27TH JUNE 2026

Raising money for Friends of Pirbright School
in association with Armed Forces Day

Join us for a family jog or run at your
pace on a scenic route through Brookwood
Military Cemetery.

START TIME: Registration from 8.45 at
Pirbright Cricket Pavilion, for a 9.45 start

Parking will be limited, if you need to
bring your car please park considerately.

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Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

May 2026	<p>11th – 14th – KS2 SATS Week 15th May (morning) = uniform sale outside the Music suite 15th - Year 1 Cake Sale 18th - Pirbright Has Talent Auditions – All Day 19th - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park 20th – 10:30 – 3:00 - Year 5 Open Cricket 20th - KS2 Theatre Trip - Barnum - New Victoria Theatre 21st - Year 4/5 Football Tournaments Boys AM/Girls PM @Woking Leisure Centre 25th –29th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2026	<p>2nd - Year 1 Visit to British Wildlife Centre 2nd - Year 2 Victorian Day 3rd - Year 4 Trip - Fishbourne Roman Palace 5th - Learning Looks – PM 8th Year 5/6 District Sports @ Woking Sportsbox 10th - Year 5 Girls' & Year 6 Girls' Cricket 10:30 – 3:00 11th - Year R Zoolab workshop (at school) 16th - Year 6 Open Cricket 10:30 – 3:00 18th - Pirbright Has Talent Show PM (No Parents – sorry!) 19th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 25th - Y5 trip to Woking Mosque (Shah Jahan Mosque) 26th - Littlehampton Beach Trip - Year 2 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>
July 2026	<p>1st - Year 6 into 7 Induction Day (Surrey Schools) 2nd - 1st - (morning) uniform collection outside the FOPS shed 2nd - WASPS Rounders Tournament at Pirbright 4th – The FOPS Summer Fair – The Circus 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 25th May 2026	Friday 29th 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 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

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AUTUMN 2026	01 September 2026	16 October 2026
<i>Half term</i>	<i>19 October 2026</i>	<i>30 October 2026</i>
	02 November 2026	18 December 2026
<i>Christmas</i>	<i>21 December 2026</i>	<i>01 January 2027</i>
SPRING 2024	04 January 2027	12 February 2027
<i>Half term</i>	<i>15 February 2027</i>	<i>19 February 2027</i>
	22 February 2027	25 March 2027
<i>Easter</i>	<i>26 March 2027</i>	<i>09 April 2027</i>
SUMMER 2024	12 April 2027	22 May 2026
<i>Half term</i>	<i>28 May 2027</i>	<i>04 June 2027</i>
	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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