



Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past couple of weeks, I have met with teachers from every year group to discuss each class' progress and to set clear, ambitious targets for the remainder of the academic year. It's always a privilege to hear about the wonderful learning taking place across the school and to reflect together on how we can continue to help every child flourish.

As a parent myself, I know just how tricky it can be to carve out time for reading at home - life is busy! However, I can't stress enough that reading with your child remains the single most powerful way to support their learning, no matter their age. Even in Year 6, reading together strengthens vocabulary, comprehension, and even logical thinking - it can genuinely make children better problem solvers in maths, too!

This week, I had the great pleasure of joining Year 6 for a quick Charleston on Wednesday as part of their World War II experience day. It was such fun to be swept up in the energy of the dance and to see the pupils so thoroughly immersed in history - what a brilliant way to bring the past to life!

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated toys for our upcoming Christmas Fair. The toy stall is always one of the most popular (and for very good reason!) so your contributions (and your children's generosity in parting with their once-loved items) are greatly appreciated.

We had a visit on Thursday from a Community Police Officer who was out on School Lane observing the parking. I also wanted to share part of an email I received from a local resident who continues to advocate tirelessly for considerate parking around our school:

"It is daily, highly frustrating, and due to our jobs, entirely out of our control as we don't have the option to just move, nor should we have to. Ultimately however, we aren't in the wrong. Can I please request proactive enforcement at these times along Dawneys Road for those that continue to ignore the requests. The road is very well signposted to tell drivers not to drive down Dawneys Road who shouldn't be, and yet, it is ignored so frequently that we are having to use up police time on this matter simply to get in-and-out of our own homes."

I continue to be sent photos of inconsiderate parking. I am resisting publishing these, but sometimes wonder whether this might help to better explain the situation. Thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding, both for our school and for our wider community.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful weekend.

Pete Wright
Head Teacher

Coming Up October November

14th – FOPS Adults-Only Wreath Making Evening

20th – Year 5 Potions Day

21st - Year 2 Brazil Day

22nd – The FOPS Christmas Fair (2:00pm– 5:00pm)

28th - Learning Looks – AM

28th - Year 5 Cake Sale

8th – 11th SHOWS WEEK

12th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon

15th - KS2 Singing at Cunningham House – 2pm

16th – Christmas Quiz

17th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Add our calendar to your electronic calendar!

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



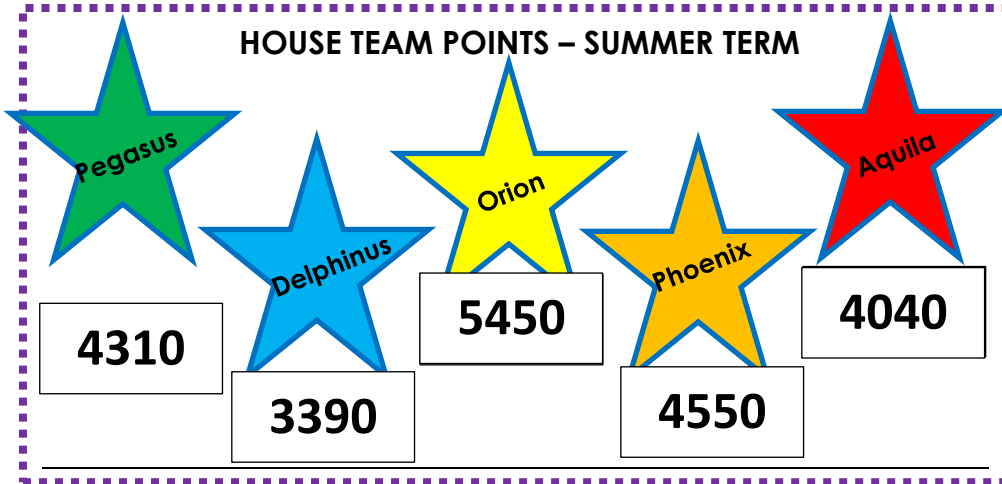
SCHOOL PHOTOS!



Remembrance
Butser Farm
5SF Assembly



HOUSE TEAM POINTS – SUMMER TERM



Weekly Attendance Update	
Reception & KS1 Winners	KS2 Winners
1RG 100%	3ND – 99.6%
Whole School Year to Date	
96.3%	



HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



[Click here to order!](#)



The Daily Mile! Role of Honour...
 Congratulations to our Half Marathoners – Aaron (Year 3), Ella (Year 1) & Wilder (Year 1). Well done!

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.



SCHOOL TOURS

COME AND SEE WHAT WE DO...
 BOOK ON A TOUR TODAY
 CALL: 01483 473884
 OR EMAIL [INFO@PIRBRIGHT.SURREY.SCH.UK](mailto:info@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk)

Keeping Children Safe Online

This online safety guide explores Fortnite's newest updates, outlining potential concerns, including spending pressure, screen time increases, and unfiltered voice chat with other players. It also unpacks some of the key online safety risks associated with Fortnite. With in-game purchases, cross-platform communication and regular seasonal updates creating an 'always on' experience, it's vital that trusted adults understand how to help children and young people enjoy the game without being exposed to unnecessary risks.

CLICK HERE

Remembrance 2025 - Seven Oak Trees

We completed the planting of seven young oak trees this week thanks to our Class School Council Reps and our school gardener, Mr. Rumble. These have been transplanted from the Forest School area to the top of the grass bank.



Though we won't see the benefit of them in our time at the school, it is hoped that future generations of pupils and staff will sit happily in their shade!



Remembrance:

On Friday 7th November, we put on our sensible and respectful hats and walked to the KS1 playground with our class. Year 6 partnered up with a Reception child and the rest of the school partnered up with someone in their class. Year R and Year 6 led the way and then Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and last but not least Year 5. The whole school walked very sensibly. Before we knew it, we arrived at Brookwood Military Cemetery. We carefully lined up in the Memorial to the Missing Soldiers. We heard various, wonderful and self-written poems from Year 6. Then we heard The Last Post, signalling the start of the two-minute silence. We also heard poems, prayers and speeches from Mr Wright, Mrs Douetil and Reverend Day. Then we carefully walked back to school. The whole school were very sensible and showed our school value of respect.

We also asked some of the staff some questions about the day:

How did you feel?

"Really reflective."

"Emotional."

"Calm, sad and happy."

What was your favourite bit?

"Seeing the whole school together."

"The children's poems and the oldest and youngest laying the wreath."

"Seeing the whole school together and the oldest and youngest laying the wreath."

What did you think of the speeches?

"Respectful."

"Respectful and meaningful."

"Moving, beautiful, impressive."



A Huge Thank You from Ms Jackson and Active Surrey's Bike Donation Team!

What a fantastic start to Active Surrey's Bike Donation Project on Wednesday! A big thank you to everyone who donated - we've already received some brilliant bikes, with even more promised in the coming weeks and in January (following some special deliveries from Santa himself this Christmas!



If you still have an unwanted bike - any size, any condition - we'd love to give it a new home. Simply contact Ms. Jackson via the Office at officestaff@pirbright.surrey.sch.uk

Your kindness and generosity are helping to give local children the joy of owning a bike, something truly special to look forward to! ❤️

Thank you again for your wonderful support and community spirit!

CHRISTMAS SHOWS 2025
"ELF" (KS2)
"BETHLEHEM BAKE OFF" (KS1)
THE RECEPTION NATIVITY

The eagerly anticipated Christmas productions are in full swing; the school is already abuzz with excitement. The box office for both productions is now officially open for Phase 1 of ticketing which will be done online. The Box Office will process nearly 600 tickets next Thursday so if everyone works together – it makes it a lot easier! Please note, **Reception parents do not need to apply for tickets online.**

RECEPTION – The Reception Nativity
– Thursday 11th December at 10am

As they have one performance, every family can have four seats. There are no online forms or paper tickets for you to worry about! Younger siblings are of course welcome (but count as a seat) – please consider this your invitation!

Key Stage 1 – “Bethlehem Bake Off”- Wednesday 10th December at 1:30pm and Thursday 11th December at 1:30pm

Every **family** will have the opportunity to secure a **maximum of two tickets** for **each performance**. You can have two for Wednesday and two for Thursday in Phase 1 if you will use them. Please apply online. Please note that Wednesday's afternoon performance is an opportunity to bring pre-school aged siblings if you would like. They need a ticket and count as one of your two allocated spaces! There is no room in the hall so if you have a pushchair you will be asked to leave it outside – babies can be in arms and don't need a ticket!

Key Stage 2 - “Elf!” – Tuesday 9th December at 1:30pm, Wednesday 10th December at 7:00pm and Thursday 11th December at 7:00pm

Every **family** can have a **maximum of two tickets** for **the evening performances** in Phase 1 – this gives everyone a fair chance to secure tickets to see their children. Additional to this, you may have **up to four more tickets for Tuesday afternoon** if you would like them. Please note that Tuesday's afternoon performance is an opportunity to bring pre-school aged siblings if you would like, they count as one of your four allocated. **Pre-school aged children cannot attend any evening performances.**

These tickets are all based on **families** and can of course be split for different performances. If you request more tickets, these will not be allocated and you will lose your choice of date as we will choose for you. This includes tickets for pre-school siblings who will need their own seat – you are of course welcome to have them on your lap but they still need their own ticket. There is little room in the hall, so if you have a push chair you will be asked to leave it outside – babies can be in arms and don't need a ticket!

Tickets are available online from now until **Thursday 20th November at 8am** when the box office will close and all of the ticket requests will be allocated on that day. **On Friday 21st November, the box office will reopen for Phase 2** of ticketing when you will be able to apply for additional tickets; look out in next week's newsletter for further details – this depends on the Phase 1 allocations.

Please note, in KS2 the Google form will allow you to order more than two tickets because it is not as intelligent as we would like; you will only be allocated **two tickets** for an evening performance, so choose wisely! The web-links are below; alternatively, there is a whole area for Christmas Play Tickets on the school website so head over and have a look.

[Key Stage 1 Tickets](#)

OR paste the link below into a browser

<https://forms.gle/HfxYkPBevfYbSLSt5>

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[Key Stage 2 Tickets](#)

OR paste the link below into a browser

<https://forms.gle/spPerWuAyK6XxEkc7>

WE ARE HOSTING

The Nurturing Programme

How to get the best out of family life


AT PVPS

The Nurturing Programme is a 10-week group course to help parents and carers deal with the challenges of family life and create a calmer, happier environment.

It is a tried and tested support programme to help us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.

You should plan to attend each of the 10 sessions:

Tuesday 13th January 2026	Tuesday 10th February	Tuesday 10th March
Tuesday 20th January	Tuesday 24th February	Tuesday 17th March
Tuesday 27th January	Tuesday 3rd March	Tuesday 24th March
Tuesday 3rd February		

 9:30-11:30am

 Pirbright School, School Lane, Pirbright GU24 0JN

 Book at: www.familiesfirstguildford.com/events



The Nurturing Programme

From January we are very excited to be hosting The Nurturing Programme, on site, at school. The Family Support Team from Guildford Family Centre are a lovely bunch who we regularly work with to support families and they are coming here to run their 10-session course which is a great opportunity for parents to drop off their children and then come into school. They will be in The Science Lab each week sharing their wealth of experience, helping parents to network and share their own journeys and will be on hand with all the tips and knowledge to help you navigate the wonderful world of parenting.

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.



CLICK HERE



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

LEARNING LOOK!

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 28th November** at **8.30am for KS2** and **8.45am for KS1 & EYFS**. 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.

Hello!

What a month November is shaping up to be! There's quite a lot to get through in this little section and I'm overly chatty at the best of times so I'm going to jump straight in! The poppies for the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation raised a total of £147.55!! Thank you to everyone who got involved and please keep your eyes peeled for those poppies coming home in book bags today for you to keep and treasure.

We are very much looking forwards to our wreath making event tonight, complete with prosecco, bites and Christmas tunes! Thank you for buying tickets and we really look forward to seeing you there! Follow our FOPS insta page for pics and foliage-filled festivities!

The total profit from our last uniform sale was £309!! That's an amazing amount of money and just goes to show that a) sustainability is awesome and b) we love a BARGAIN! Keep your eyes peeled for news of our next pre-loved Uniform sale date!

Winter Fair – lots of cool updates. Before I kick off with all the awesome stuff our Christmas elves are busy organising, I just wanted to tell parents that if you are partial to a mulled wine at a Christmas event then we'll be offering discounts to any parents who bring their own travel cup!!!

As well as getting everyone seasonally merry, we have a SPINNING TEACUP RIDE, an amazing inflatable Christmas balloon dome for beautiful insta-worthy pictures, lucky dips, sweets, candy floss, stalls to make your own Christmas decorations, the Cricketers serving up bratwurst, burgers and chips, hair braiding, and a whole host of stalls including flowers, sweets, reindeer food, light up jewellery, cakes, brownies, coffee and more! We have just a few Santa slots left so book now to avoid soul-crushing disappointment: www.pta-events.co.uk/fops

And lastly but probably should have been firstly and then repeated muchly; sign up to be a volunteer for the CHRISTMAS FAIR via this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094CA5A628A0FB6-60121559-pvps> If you are new around here; just sign up via this link for a half an hour slot on one stall and then everyone's done their bit and we can all enjoy the fair!

You know it makes sense guys.





Christmas Show Tickets Blind Auction

As part of our Y6 trip fundraising, we are offering the chance for all parents to bid for 'VIP+' tickets for the 2 evening performances of the KS2 show.

What does it include?

- Skip the queue and come straight into the warm
- A welcome drink of mulled wine (or a freshly brewed cuppa)
- A delicious mince pie or Christmas themed snack
- Prime seats with cushions for extra comfort

If you would like to bid for these tickets, follow this link and enter your details!

<https://forms.gle/xiczRvALPQvFtrwB9>

Entries will close and winning bids will be confirmed by
5th December.

Please still apply for your usual tickets through Mrs Dow, in case you do not win.



A MAGICAL WINTER WONDERLAND AWAITS

SNOW WHITE ON ICE



book online:
guildfordspectrum.co.uk
box office:
01483 443322

12 - 14 DECEMBER

Performed by Spectrum Ice School

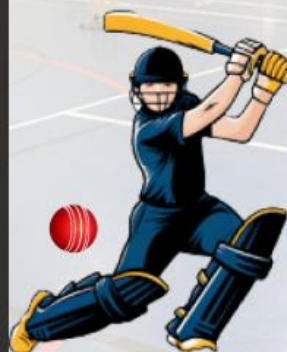
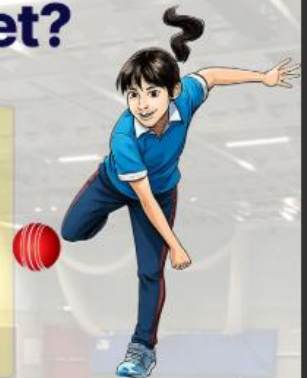


Youth Winter Coaching


Anyone for Cricket?

Our winter coaching program returns in the New Year:

- Saturday's from 10 January 2026
- Based at The Winston Churchill School, Woking, GU21 8TL
- **Non-members welcome**



- Fun and engaging sessions for all abilities
- Dedicated boys & girls sessions
- Sessions run by ECB qualified coaches
- Each 55-minute session just £8.00
- For information, or to book, please contact: pycleadcoach@yahoo.com

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Dates for the Diary 2025/2026

November 2025	<p>14th – FOPS Adults-Only Wreath Making Evening 20th – Year 5 Potions Day 21st - Year 2 Brazil Day 22nd – The FOPS Christmas Fair (2:00pm– 5:00pm) 28th - Learning Looks – AM 28th - Year 5 Cake Sale</p>	December 2025	<p>8th – 11th SHOWS WEEK 9th - KS2 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 10th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm – <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 10th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm – <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 11th - 10:00am Reception Nativity Performance - <u>Pre-School Siblings Welcome</u> 11th - KS1 Christmas Performance PM 1:30pm - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 11th - KS2 Christmas Performance EVENING 7pm - <u>Adults and School Aged Siblings Only</u> 12th - PJ Day & Movie Afternoon 15th - KS2 Singing at Cunningham House – 2pm 16th – Christmas Quiz 17th - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day 19th - 10am - Festive Carol Service – Lord Pirbright’s Hall (Parents Welcome) 19th - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>
January 2026	<p>5th – Start of the spring term W/B 19th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 1 23rd - Year 4 Cake Sale W/B 26th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 2 28th – INSET DAY School will be closed to children</p>	February 2026	<p>2nd - 3.30pm – 7.00pm – Parents’ Consultation Evening 4th - 3:30 – 6:00pm Parents’ Consultation Evening 11th - Year 1 Sportshall Athletics 16th – 20th - HALF TERM 23rd – World Thinking Day 27th - My First Steps Leadership Course – Year 2 27th - Year 3 Cake Sale</p>
March 2026	<p>W/B 22nd → Year 6 Bikeability Week 3 4th - Year 4 Sportshall Athletics 6th – World Book Day – DRESS UP W/B 9th → Year 6 Bikeability Week 4 10th – 17th - The Travelling Book Fair 20th – FOPS Chocolate Bingo 20th - Learning Looks – PM 20th - Year 2 Cake Sale 23rd - Healthy Teeth Talk - School Nurse (YR) 25th - Y3 Pop-Up Museum (2:45pm – 3:10pm) 25th - Year 1 Visit to Brooklands Museum 26th - Family Lunch (11:30 Onwards) 27th – Easter Assembly (Year 5) AM (No Parents – Sorry!) 27th - 1:30pm – End of Term</p>	April 2026	<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) 30th – Year 3 Visit to Gilbert White House</p>
May 2026	<p>11th – 14th – KS2 SATS Week 15th - Year 1 Cake Sale 19th - Year R visit to Wellington Country Park 20th - KS2 Theatre Trip - Barnum - New Victoria Theatre 25th –29th May HALF TERM</p>	June 2026	<p>5th - Learning Looks – PM 11th - Year R Zoolab workshop (at school) 19th - Sports Day & Family Lunch 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) 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

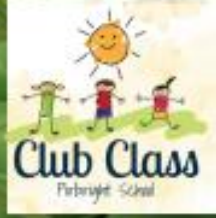
Term	Start	End
AUTUMN 2024	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 27 th October 2025	Fri 31 st October 2025
<i>Christmas</i>	Monday 22nd December 2025	Friday 2nd January 2026
SPRING 2025	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 27 th March 2026
<i>Half term</i>	Monday 16 th February 2026	Friday 20 th February 2026
<i>Easter</i>	Monday 30 th March 2026	Friday 10 th April 2026
SUMMER 2025	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 14 th November 2025 at 10am	5SF
Friday 16 th January 2025 at 10am	3SC
Friday 23 rd January 2026 at 10am	1DG
Friday 30 th January 2026 at 10am	2CD
Friday 13 th February 2025 at 10am	2BT
Friday 13 th March 2026 at 10am	1RG
Friday 20 th March 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



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 Sevice 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	20th July - 14th August	16 th July

**BOOKING
OPEN NOW!**

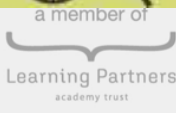
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