Perrymount Primary School

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Headteachers Newsletter

Dear All,

Today is the last day of this half term. I don't know if it is just me, but it seems to have passed very quickly. I am looking forward to next half term with excitement, as it is my favourite, but also with some sadness, as I will, of course, be retiring at the end of it.

Cake Sale

Thank you for supporting yesterday's cake sale. It was a great success, with so many beautiful cakes on offer. A big thank you to Kate for organising it.

The Friends of Perrymount Need Your Help!

The Winter Fair is one of those events that children and adults alike love. It raises a great deal of money for the school, and the children talk about it for a long time afterwards.

Many of the current team who organise the fair will sadly be leaving the school community in the next year or so. We therefore need new volunteers to learn the ropes and take over—which is where you hopefully come in!

If you're interested in meeting other parents and carers while helping the school and making great memories for the children, please come along to the school at 9 am on Friday 6 November. If you can't make it, please drop us a line at friendsofperrymount@gmail.com. The team would love to meet you.

The Perrymount Winter Fair 3.20pm – 5pm, 4th December 2026

The Friends of Perrymount PTA will hold this year's Winter Fair on 4th December at 3.20-5pm. As always it will be an exciting afternoon of games, stalls, music and refreshments - the kids absolutely love it and so do a lot of the parents too. We hope you can come!

In the meantime, we would like to ask you to have a rummage around at home for the following donations towards this event, all profits go to the school to help buy books, equipment and playground upgrades (to name a few):

Christmas Fair donations

BOTTLE TOMBOLA DAY!

*We will be holding a Bottle Tombola Day again this year, on **Friday 27th November** - children can wear their own clothes as long as they bring in a bottle donation please:*

- Bottles of all kinds - no still or fizzy water please!

- cans of drinks are accepted

- alcoholic drink donations are encouraged!

- Gift bags (in good used, or new, condition) - for our mystery bottles

Adult raffle:
- Do you have any connections to a business/restaurant/shop? We are looking for more raffle prizes from businesses eg vouchers for a meal; free exercise class; breakfast and coffee voucher etc.. Please get in touch or email friendsofperrymount@gmail.com if you think you have something to offer.
- Brand new unwanted raffle gifts for adults are also welcome donations

Soft toys/teddy bears/small prizes in new, or nearly new condition
- We are collecting unwanted teddies/soft toys again this year for our popular Knock Down Santa game - please make sure they are clean and presentable.

- We also need prizes for other stalls - small, new or nearly new condition, kids toys/items; any and all unwanted Lego is great!

Money tree:
- Please donate any loose change (no matter how small!) you have lying around at home, or down the back of the sofa, for our Money Tree game which is also a very popular.

Kids' Winter raffle:
- Please donate any brand new kids toys/games/prizes for the kids' raffle

Elfridges:
- Every year the children choose presents at school to wrap up and gift to their parents in celebration of this festive season - if you have any brand new unwanted adult gifts (no matter how small) please donate them.

Please drop off any donations to the school office, where there will be PTA collection boxes put out.
Thank you.

Charity News

We have found two new trustees for the Friends of Perrymount charity. Simon Ware and Beth Atkinson will be co-opted onto the board of trustees until the next AGM, when their appointments will be put to a formal vote. Simon will become the new treasurer, and Beth will be a fourth named trustee. This is great news and will allow the Friends of Perrymount to raise even more money for the school community.

Sparkling Disco – Thursday 5 November

Don't forget to sign your child up, as I know it will be a really exciting evening.

Peartree Wraparound Care – New Sessions & Updated Booking Forms

We are pleased to announce that, from Monday 2nd November 2026, Peartree Wraparound Care will be introducing new, more flexible sessions to better support the needs of our families. These include Peartree Lite (3:20pm–4:30pm), Peartree Twilight (4:30pm–6:00pm) and our full Peartree session (3:20pm–6:00pm).

Alongside these changes, we have updated our application and booking form and Terms & Conditions. All families currently using Peartree must complete a new application and booking form and read and sign the updated Terms & Conditions, even if their existing arrangements are staying the same. Forms are available to collect from the Main School Office. We kindly ask parents/carers to return their completed and signed forms as soon as possible to ensure their childcare arrangements can continue smoothly.

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After-School Clubs – Collection Arrangements for Years 5 and 6

From Monday 2 November, children in Years 5 and 6 who normally walk home alone after club's finish at 4.30 pm will need to be collected. This is to keep children safe as the evenings get darker earlier.

Parent–Teacher Meetings – Reception to Year 6

These meetings will take place next half term. I will send out a letter during the first week explaining how to book an appointment. Our late evening will be Thursday 19 November.

School Reopens

School will be closed for one week and will reopen on Monday 2 November.

Best wishes,

Christine Keen

Headteacher

★★★ Stars of the Week ★★★

23/10/2026

★ ***Gruffalo Wood:*** *Oliver* ★ ***Arendelle:*** *Kit* ★ ***Wonderland:*** *Ziya* ★ ***Land of Oz:*** *Brody* ★
★ ***Neverland:*** *Daniella* ★ ***Atlantis:*** *Bobbi* ★ ***Narnia:*** *Nia* ★ ***Hogwarts:*** *Jose* ★