Purleigh Post

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Friday 16th January 2026

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful fortnight celebrating Christmas and New Year with your family and friends. Thank you so much for the kind gifts, cards and well wishes over the festive period- the staff really appreciate them, and I know they all feel refreshed and prepared for another busy year. The children have enjoyed their return to school over the last two weeks, and settled nicely into the Spring term with great confidence- new terms often bring new topics, new learning and new opportunities. This week we were delighted by the efforts of our Year 6 athletes, who represented the school so well at Sports Hall Athletics. They showed great levels of team work throughout, and I want to congratulate them for their efforts. There will be plenty more sporting events in the weeks and months ahead! Watch this space!

Mr Stotter

THIS WEEK IN ASSEMBLY

CARE, COURTESY & CONSIDERATION

It is very important to our school that our pupils show these attributes regularly. How have you shown them this week?

Levi B
Edward B
Iakov P-F
Oliver E
Bridget M
Emily W
Louie L
Madyn M
Francis O'B

We hope you all have a fantastic day!

Sports Hall Athletics 2026

Dates for the Diary

Friday 23rd January	PTA Heroes Dress Up Day
Wednesday 28th January	KS2 Archery Competition @ Maylandsea
Thursday 29th January	Year 3 Greek Day
Monday 2nd February	Year 5/6 Football @ Maylandsea (tbc)
Wednesday 4th February	Year 4 Superstars
Friday 6th February	PTA Disco
Tuesday 10th February	Chinese New Year & Pancake Day Meal
Mon 16th- Fri 20th February	Spring Half Term
Tuesday 24th February	Year 6 trip to Chelmsford Museum
Thursday 26th February	Year 1 trip to Hollytrees
Wednesday 4th March	Year 5 @ RAF Duxford
Friday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 13th March	PTA Mother's Day Craft & Presents
Tuesday 17th March	KS2 Gymnastics Competition
Monday 23rd March	Parents Evening Week
Thursday 26th March	PTA Easter Egg Decorating Competition
Friday 27th March	Maldon Rugby Tournament
Thursday 16th April	Year 5 Life Roadshow
Friday 17th April	Year 6 Life Roadshow
Tuesday 28th April	Year 5 @ Little Braxted Hall
Wednesday 6th May	Year 2 @ Hyde Hall
Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 20th May	Year R @ Jimmy's Farm

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 6

In year 6 the new term has started with a bang, as the children have completed another full set of SATS papers to keep their revision going. It has been lovely to see the progress many of the children have made and how proud they feel for moving forward in their learning and understanding. We have also made a start on our new topic "Chelmsford and the Americas", beginning our local geography study of our very own County Town and City. We have started using a variety of maps to make comparisons, looking at our location in many different ways.

CLASS 5

Class five have started looking at a poem called *A Year in the City* authored by Kathy Henderson. It shows how a city changes month by month as the time of year impacts on the way of life and the events happening. Which city in the world could it be? Do you have any clues? You will have to use your general knowledge and your geography skills.

Yesterday, in our assembly time for Key Stage Two, we looked at the topic of care, courtesy and consideration. Purleigh School awards one child per year for this award. We thought about which prefixes or suffix changed the words to their opposite meanings. *(Can you remember?)* Also, we considered that two of the three only have meaning in relation to being around others, while one of them can apply to the individual as well as the group. Big shout out to all who show bucket loads of these qualities in our school.

CLASS 4

Class 4 have been busy mixing all the colours they need in our art lessons. The children have been making secondary and tertiary colours and exploring which ones are warm and which ones are cool colours. In geography, the children have been looking at different types of settlements, understanding why people may choose to live in a certain area rather than another.

In English, the children have looked at a variety of different portal stories and will continue to gain ideas ready to write their own in the coming weeks.

CLASS 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic week of learning! The children have been using the computers to explore different ways to present information, experimenting with changing fonts, colours and borders to make their work clear and eye-catching. They have also learned the importance of making instructions clear and precise. In maths, they have begun learning their 3 and 4 times tables through a range of practical activities. One particular highlight was learning the 3 times table through a song set to the *Uptown Funk* backing track, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all! As always, the children's learning attitude has been incredible and this has been clearly reflected in the resilience and determination shown in their writing throughout the week.

SEND COFFEE MORNING

Mrs Priest will be holding a SEND coffee morning on Tuesday 10th February at 9.30am. The coffee morning will be attended by educators from SPACE (Supporting Parents and Carers In Essex) who will give a talk providing information about the services they offer, followed by an informal Q&A session with parents and carers. The session should last about 90 minutes. You do not have to have a child with a diagnosis to attend.

DOGS ON SITE

We just wanted to politely remind everyone that we are a dog free site. This is to ensure the safety of everyone, especially any children who may be anxious or have specific allergies. Dogs should remain off site, even if they are being carried. Thank you for your understanding regarding this important safety issue.

WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK

23rd—25th January

It's nearly time for The Big Garden Birdwatch, organised by the RSPB.

The Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how our garden birds are faring.

The challenge is to spend one hour between Friday 23rd January and Sunday 25h January counting the birds in your garden.

It is really easy to sign up, by visiting the RSPB website.

Remember to submit your results to the RSPB and then

let your teacher know.

Everyone who takes part in this important survey will be awarded a Purleigh Stamp!

Happy Twitching!

Miss Holmes

Dress as Your HEROES!

Come to school dressed as your favourite real or fictional hero!

Date: Friday 23rd January

£2 per child, cash in envelope with NAME AND CLASS to the school on the day

Please ensure all outfits are suitable for weather conditions and active play.

Family Support Worker: Joelle Mortimer, Purleigh Primary School, Wednesday, 01621 828282