



Purleigh Post

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Friday 23rd January 2026

Hello Everyone,

This week has ended with a superb Heroes Day, where the children have come in dressed as someone that they look up to. It is always especially heart-warming when the children come to school dressed a member of their family, or a profession that we all value, such as doctors or teachers. We hope this inspires them to continue to aspire to be like their heroes, and become a valued member of society. Thank you also once again to the PTA for arranging this event. Elsewhere, Year 5's Bikeability group have been braving the wet weather to build their skills- it has been great to see them out on the playground learning the key rules for staying safe, before putting them into action on the roads around the school.

We have noticed recently that some children are being left unsupervised before the school gates open. The children must be supervised by an adult, particularly in the wet and cold weather. This is to ensure that the children's safety is maintained.



Mr Stotter

THIS WEEK IN ASSEMBLY

BRAVERY

Bravery is an essential part of life- it helps us to challenge ourselves and overcome difficulties. How have you been brave this week?



Emilia S
Isaac B
Olivia S
Albie W

We hope you all have a fantastic day!

Dates for the Diary

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| Wednesday 28 th January | KS2 Archery Competition @ Maylandsea |
| Thursday 29 th January | Year 3 Greek Day |
| Monday 2 nd February | Year 5/6 Football @ Maylandsea |
| Wednesday 4 th February | Year 4 Superstars |
| Friday 6 th February | PTA Disco |
| Tuesday 10 th February | Chinese New Year & Pancake Day Meal |
| Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th February | Spring Half Term |
| Tuesday 24 th February | Year 6 @ Chelmsford Museum |
| Thursday 26 th February | Year 1 @ Hollytrees |
| Wednesday 4 th March | Year 5 @ RAF Duxford |
| Friday 6 th March | World Book Day |
| Friday 13 th March | PTA Mother's Day Craft & Presents |
| Tuesday 17 th March | KS2 Gymnastics Competition |
| Monday 23 rd March | Parents Evening Week |
| Thursday 26 th March | PTA Easter Egg Decorating Competition |
| Friday 27 th March | Maldon Rugby Tournament |
| Thursday 16 th April | Year 5 Life Roadshow |
| Friday 17 th April | Year 6 Life Roadshow |
| Tuesday 28 th April | Year 5 @ Little Braxted Hall |
| Wednesday 6 th May | Year 2 @ Hyde Hall |
| Monday 11 th May | Year 6 SATs Week |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Year R @ Jimmy's Farm |
| Thursday 21 st May | Year 2 @ Stow Maries |
| Wednesday 3 rd June | Class Photos |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Year R Sports @ Meadgate |
| Thursday 18 th June | Year 1 @ Sealife Centre |
| Friday 19 th June | PTA Father's Day Craft & Presents |
| Tuesday 23 rd June | Year 5 @ Writtle Farming Day |
| Thursday 25 th June | QMAT Sports @ Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre |
| Monday 29 th June | Year 6 Isle Of Wight Residential begins |

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.



THE GOLDEN BOOK

Every Friday we celebrate one child in each class who has had a superb week, often focusing on our assembly theme as the reason for their selection. Congratulations to the following children who are in the Golden Book this week:

Class R- Winnie S

Class 1- Francis S

Class 2- Ivy S

Class 3- Lily B

Class 4- Olivia B

Class 5- Sam B

Class 6- Millie S

Well
Done

AROUND THE CLASSES



CLASS 2

Year 2 have been getting into their topic of Saints and Dragons by looking at descriptive writing. The children have firstly created their own dragon notebooks, bursting with exciting vocabulary. Phrases such as, 'ominous eyes', 'scaly skin as green as an emerald' and 'putrid, horrifying head,' are just a few examples of the wonderful language we used. We then read the story, 'The Magic Paintbrush', where a little girl called Shen uses her magical paintbrush to paint items that then come to life. She uses this for good to help poor and needy people, despite the efforts of the greedy Emperor. This again inspired us with more language, which has then helped us to pen our own description of our own dragon. This dramatic writing has been fun to produce, and challenged us to avoid simple language- our thesauruses have really helped us to do this. We can't wait to share this writing with you at some stage in the near future!

CLASS 1

Year 1 have had a wonderful couple of weeks back after the Christmas break and have settled back into school routines beautifully. They have dived into their new topic, Toys, and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to bring in their favourite toys from home, speaking confidently about what they are, how they work, and why they are so special to them. The children then wrote some lovely sentences about their toys, focusing on using capital letters, full stops and adding descriptive words to make their writing more interesting. In relation to our topic, the children have also started their new English text, Dogger. The story follows a boy called Dave who loses his favourite toy, Dogger, and explores his growing worry and anxiety as bedtime approaches. The children have been busy retelling the story in the correct sequence, discussing the characters' feelings, and making predictions about what might happen next. They also created bright, informative posters to help Dave find Dogger, carefully thinking about clear pictures, key words and helpful details. What a great start back year 1. Well done.

CLASS R

This half-term, Class R have jumped right into their exciting new topic, 'How Can We Help?' The children are exploring who can assist us in our community and what actions to take during different emergencies. They have been enthusiastically chanting the emergency number and have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming various visitors into our classroom.

Recently, we had a fantastic visit from the police service, where the officers shared how they help in emergencies and showcased their equipment. The children were particularly fascinated by the different animals used within the service!

Additionally, we were thrilled to host the fire service, who brought their fire engine into the car park. Class R listened attentively about fire safety and had an absolute blast exploring the fire engine. The highlight for many was spraying the fire hose and trying to hit a cone! A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Mehen and Mr Hart for organising these wonderful visits!



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We would kindly like to remind parents to provide school with proof of medical appointments in advance of them taking place. Screenshots or appointments letters should be sent to admin@purleigh.essex.sch.uk at least a day beforehand.

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.

2026- The Year of Reading

We would like to share the exciting initiative we will be taking part in for the next 12 months. The National Literacy Trust have made 2026 the Year of Reading and we are going all in. Throughout the coming year, we will be holding special presentations, lessons, assemblies and homeworks and we would like everyone to join in the fun. Reading at Purleigh is something we have always promoted and hope our children foster a love of it as well as recognising its value. In addition to launching the event with the children, we will be starting with a celebration of stories during 2nd-8th Feb which is National Story Telling Week. As well as the continued support of regular reading at home we are inviting our parents to get involved and come and join a Learning Walk with their child on Tuesday 3rd March 2-3pm. This will be a reading lesson as well as a time to share some books for pleasure with your child. Also look out for our World Book Day events at the beginning of March. We hope our families all enjoy embracing books and the adventures they can unlock. Thank you for the continued support of this imperative skill and wonderful means of learning and escapism.



WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK CHALLENGE

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

