



Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 30th January 2026

Hello Everyone,

The school term continues to be as action packed as ever. This week a group of children represented the school at the QMAT Archery Competition- they all did an incredible job. Results will follow in the days ahead.

Our Learning Walk has now been moved to Thursday 5th March- it will still be between 2 and 3pm- hopefully many of you will still be able to attend.

We understand that getting into school can often be challenging with parking around school being difficult. Despite many requests, we still have parents parking on the yellow lines or in places that could cause a serious accident. We appreciate people are often busy, however we do not want there to be an accident. This has led to people who hold blue badges being unable to park safely. Please can drivers be considerate and remember that the wellbeing of every person in the school community must be respected.

Mr Stotter

CLASS TRIPS

We wanted to extend a huge thank you to the PTA for supporting the cost of school trips for each class. Their contributions often allow the children significantly reduce coach costs and allow pupils to attend additional workshops and sessions without any further costs for families. The cost of bus transport has increased again in recent times.



Samuel B
Edie C
Ivy S

We hope you all
have a great day!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 2 nd February	Year 6 Football @ Maylandsea
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 4 Superstars
Wednesday 4 th February	Year R & 1 Winter Walk
Friday 6 th February	PTA Disco
Tuesday 10 th February	Chinese New Year & Pancake Day Meal
Tuesday 10 th February	SEND Coffee Morning (9.30 start)
Wednesday 11 th February	Year R & 5 Road Safety
Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th February	Spring Half Term
Tuesday 24 th February	Year 6 @ Chelmsford Museum
Tuesday 24 th February	Year 5 Swimming Begins
Thursday 26 th February	Year 1 @ Hollytrees
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 5 @ RAF Duxford
Thursday 5 th March	Learning Walk (2pm-3pm)
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 th March	Year R @ Maldon Library
Friday 13 th March	PTA Mother's Day Craft & Presents
Tuesday 17 th March	KS2 Gymnastics Competition
Wednesday 18 th March	Rocksteady Concert
Wednesday 18 th March	Year R & 3 Dental Visit
Monday 23 rd March	Parents Evening Week
Thursday 26 th March	PTA Easter Egg Decorating Competition
Friday 27 th March	Maldon Rugby Tournament
Mon 30 th Mar- Fri 10 th Apr	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 14 th April	Year 1 Dental Survey
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
Tuesday 2 nd June	Year 3 @ Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 3 rd June	Class Photos
Wednesday 10 th June	Year R Sports Event @ 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

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- Ted M

Class 4- Freddie D

Class 1- Ryu P

Class 5- Grace P

Class 2- Lila R

Class 6- Zachary J

Class 3- Archie W

Well
Done

ORDERING LUNCHES

Please remember that our school menus are on a 3 weekly cycle. To avoid confusion, only one menu at a time will be published meaning you will only be able to book every 3 weeks. We send each menu out by email as a reminder so please keep an eye out for these. If no lunches are booked packed lunches will need to be provided. We notice that we have growing numbers of children who are bringing packed lunches when they have a school meal booked. This causes unnecessary food waste so please can you check your bookings each week and cancel any that are not required. Thank you for your co-operation.

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 6

Year 6 have had another busy couple of weeks, furthering their local geographical and historical knowledge while studying Chelmsford. They have explored the history of the market - well that is how it got the name - and started to make comparisons with other locations. The children have also enjoyed delving into the class text "The London Eye Mystery". They have all made lots of predictions and increased their inference skills, in the hope they will be able to use the clues to work out where Salim is. Although currently still none the wiser, the children are thoroughly enjoying reading each chapter to find out what comes next.

CLASS 5

Year Five have enjoyed thinking about this week's theme to do with problem-solving. It is interesting to think that, in the future, the type of thinkers needed will be problem-solvers. Two whole school assemblies this week developed these ideas. We considered that the world is full of problems and life is rarely problem-free but some of the ways we approach this is by solving problems together, sometimes by getting an expert alongside, sometimes by choosing our response to the problem. Well done to the children of any age at school who get on without complaining, find creative ways round obstacles, and think outside of the box. Some of us even know people who go out of their way to solve problems be they jigsaws, crosswords, Sudoku puzzles, riddles and even maths problems. What kind of a world would it be without maths problems?!!

CLASS 4

In English, Year 4 have been busy planning and writing their own portal stories. The children followed a specific story pattern to write their own versions, using ideas from texts they have studied. The children worked hard to include a variety of fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, and used their best handwriting to produce work to feel proud of. In art, the children have been learning about the famous British artist, David Hockney. The children did some research about the painter and will be sharing their views on his artwork over the coming weeks, before creating some 'Hockney inspired' artwork themselves.



CLASS 3

Year 3 have had an absolutely amazing week exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Greece, diving into its legendary myths and heroic tales. At the start of the week, the children unleashed their creativity in English by designing and describing their very own mythical beasts. From fearsome claws to magical powers, their imaginations ran wild as they brought these incredible creatures to life through detailed descriptions and exciting vocabulary. On Thursday, we were thrilled to welcome history expert Mr Nunn for an unforgettable Greek workshop day. The children were captivated as they listened to – and dramatically acted out – stories of the Spartans bravely battling the Persians. Before long, Year 3 had transformed into fierce, highly trained warriors, marching into the hall with shields and spears, following Mr Nunn's booming drumbeats and powerful commands! The excitement continued as we brought to life a range of famous myths and legends, including Pandora's Box, Theseus and the Minotaur, and Daedalus and Icarus.

Mr Nunn's passion for this remarkable period in history truly shone through. The children found him incredibly informative, entertaining and inspiring, and Year 3 impressed us all with their excellent listening, confident participation and huge enthusiasm, as they fully immersed themselves in the wonderful world of Ancient Greece.

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 & DROP OFF

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. Please may we also remind you to not leave children unattended by the school gates before the start of the day. This is for their safety and wellbeing.

2026- The Year of Reading

We would like to share the exciting initiative we will be taking part in for months. The National Literacy Trust have made 2026 the Year of Reading 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 Thursday 5th 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.



Mrs Beckwith Netball Club

Mrs Beckwith is planning to lead a new Netball club after school on a Tuesday. If you are interested in attending, then keep your eyes peeled for more information.



WHAT'S FOR LUNCH NEXT WEEK?

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Option A	Creamy Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Burger in a Bun	Roast Gammon	Homemade Chicken Curry	Fish Fillet
Option B	Tomato Pasta Bake (V)	Southern Fried Quorn Burger (V)	Quorn Fillet (V)	Sweet Potato Curry (V)	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)
On the Side	Baguette slice, Coleslaw, Salad Bar	Sweet Potato Fries, Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Broccoli, Carrots , Gravy	Wholegrain and White Rice, Green Beans	Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans
Dessert	Fruit Wedge	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Fruit Wedge	Viennese Biscuits	Frozen Choc and Vanilla Swirled Mousse
ORDER NOW FOR NEXT 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.





Essex Child and Family
Wellbeing Service



Mobile Community Wardrobe 2026

Pre-loved clothing for **0-16 year olds** available for local families free of charge. Pop up sessions in the Maldon District.

No booking needed - just pop along!

Upcoming sessions for 2026

Plantation Hall, Colchester Rd,
Heybridge, Maldon CM9 4AL

Friday 30th January

Friday 10th July

1.00pm-3.00pm

United Reform Church, 53
Station Road, Burnham-on-
Crouch, CM0 8HF

Thursday 19th March

Thursday 17th September

2pm-4pm

Tollesbury Masonic Hall,
38 East Street, Tollesbury,
CM9 8QE

Wednesday 13th May

Wednesday 11th November

2pm-4pm

t: 0300 247 0014

w: www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

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