



Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 6th February 2026

Hello Everyone,

The last week at Purleigh Primary School has seen our young athletes taking to the sporting field in a range of activities. Last Wednesday our Archery team did a wonderful job at the QMAT Archery Competition- results are to come. Year 4 also had a great time this week at Superstars, working well together as a class to complete a range of challenging activities.

The Year 6 football team had a superb friendly victory away at Maylandsea on Monday. After being 2-0 down early on, the boys fought back well, showing great resilience to earn a hard-fought 3-2 victory. This included a dramatic late penalty save which tipped the game in our favour. Congratulations to all of our performers- it won't be long until the rest of the school, including our Year 6 girls' football team will take to the pitch.

Finally, please take the chance to have a look at our fabulous new decking later in the newsletter.

Mr Stotter



Happy
Birthday!

Rajvir B Ernie W
Evelyn H Bronte H

We hope you all have a
great day!

Dates for the Diary

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
Wednesday 1 st July	Rocksteady Concert
Thursday 2 nd July	Wimbledon Visit
Friday 3 rd July	Maldon CC Kwik Cricket
Wednesday 8 th July	Year 4 @ West Stow

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- Isaac B

Class 1- The whole class for their excellent behaviour on the winter walk.

Class 2- Parker P

Class 3- Lottie H

Class 4- Yasha P-F

Class 5- Mia R

Class 6 Emily L

Well
Done

AROUND THE CLASSES



CLASS 2

Class 2 have continued to focus on our topic of, "Saints and Dragons" by looking at China. We have marked this by looking at China in a variety of ways- we have looked at the History and Geography of China, understanding the history of famous landmarks such as The Great Wall of China and The Forbidden City. Our topic books are now full of facts, figures and key information about China, which we have compared with the features of London and the United Kingdom. We created our own Great Wall of China's in art, while in dance we have used our knowledge of different ways of moving to replicate the animals of the Chinese zodiac.

CLASS 1

Year 1 have had a very exciting and busy week full of hands-on learning and discovery. In DT, the children have been getting creative by learning about different mechanisms. They designed and made their own sliders inspired by *Dogger*, exploring how Dogger can slide backwards and forwards, and also created levers linked to our toys topic. The children showed great enthusiasm while building and testing their designs. The children also enjoyed a fabulous winter walk through Purleigh village, where they explored seasonal changes and took part in a winter scavenger hunt, searching for things that reminded them of winter. When we returned to school, the children wrote a recount of their winter walk, sharing their observations and experiences in their own words. In Science, the children have loved being scientists, exploring and investigating different materials. They tested items to see whether they were absorbent or non-absorbent and learned about transparent and opaque objects. The children were able to explain the differences clearly and give a range of examples of transparent items. It has been a wonderful week of learning, creativity, and curiosity in Year 1!



CLASS R



This week has been a delightful celebration of National Storytelling Week, and Class R have truly embraced their love of reading and sharing stories! The children have been buzzing with excitement as they discuss their favourite tales and the joy of storytelling. In addition to our literary adventures, Class R have continued their exploration of people who help us, with a special focus on vets. The children are always eager to share how they care for their pets at home, and they are now confidently discussing the vital role vets play in keeping our furry friends healthy. In maths, we have been busy creating repeating patterns using an array of resources. Our recent winter walk to Purleigh Church provided a fantastic opportunity to spot different patterns in nature and make our own! The children also enjoyed a winter scavenger hunt, comparing their findings to our previous autumn walk. What a wonderful week of learning and discovery!

ABSENCE FORMS

Please can we remind you that leave of absence forms should be sent in to school in advance of any planned time off school. This includes one day and half day absences for trips or events.

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 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 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.

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Option A	Crispy Pizza Whirl	Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls	Roast Chicken	Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Cheesy Pizza Whirl	Sweet & Sour Vegetables	Quorn Fillet	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Margarita Pizza
On the Side	½ jacket potato, baked beans, salad bar	Spring Rolls, Noodles, Sweetcorn	Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Carrots Broccoli, Gravy	Spaghetti, Homemade Bread, Sweetcorn	Chips, Sweetcorn, Baked Beans
Dessert	Orange Cookie	Pancake with Toppings	Fruit Wedge	Pear and Chocolate Sponge with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread

PANCAKE & CHINESE NEW YEAR MEAL ON TUESDAY!

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.



NEW DECKING

The new decking has been completed this week in double quick time. We are very excited to see it already being used by our pupils, and we are looking forward to it being a feature of our playground for years to come. Once again we want to extend an enormous thank you to the PTA for their support of this project.

Sadly the weather this week has been slightly grey, so through the power of ai we have dreamt up what it will look like in the summer months...





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

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