



Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 27th February 2026

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely half term break, and have enjoyed settling back into school routines this week. This half term has already seen plenty of high quality work happening, with lots of excitement in class about the rest of the term. Next week we are looking forward to several events- on Thursday we are excited to warmly welcome you all in to see our classrooms in action. The learning walks will begin at 2pm, and finish at 3pm, giving you all time to return to the playground for collection time. Each class will be sharing some of their finest reading work with you, so be prepared to be wowed by what your children are up to. Thursday will also see our book sale taking place after school- the children will already have had a chance to visit it during the school day. The theme of reading will continue on Friday with our World Book Day celebration. The children can come dressed as a book character, or bring a prop or clue which links to any character of their choice. A lifelong passion for reading is a key part of what we want to foster at Purleigh, and we can't wait to share that with you all next week.



Mr Stotter

Happy
Birthday!

William M Wyatt B

Harry T Willow B

We hope you all have a great day!

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	Roast Gammon	Homemade Chicken Curry	Fish Fillet
Vegetarian Option	Tomato Pasta Bake	Southern Fried Quorn Burger	Quorn Fillet	Sweet Potato Curry	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
On the Side	Baguette Slice, Coleslaw, Salad Bar	Sweet Potato Fries, Salad Bar	Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Veg	Whole grain & White Rice with Green Beans	Chips, sweetcorn & beans
Dessert	Fruit Wedge	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Fruit Wedge	Viennese Biscuits	Frozen choc & vanilla mousse

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 4th March	Year 5 @ RAF Duxford
Thursday 5th March	Learning Walk (2pm-3pm)
Friday 6th March	World Book Day
Thursday 12th March	Year R @ Maldon Library
Friday 13th March	PTA Mother's Day Craft & Presents
Tuesday 17th March	KS2 Gymnastics Competition
Wednesday 18th March	Rocksteady Concert
Wednesday 18th March	Year R & 3 Dental Visit
Monday 23rd March	Parents Evening Week
Thursday 26th March	PTA Easter Egg Decorating Competition
Friday 27th March	Maldon Rugby Tournament
Mon 30th Mar- Fri 10th Apr	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 14th April	Year 1 Dental Survey
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
Thursday 21st May	Year 2 @ Stow Maries
Tuesday 2nd June	Year 3 @ Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 3rd June	Class Photos
Wednesday 10th June	Year R Sports Event @ Meadgate
Thursday 18th June	Year 1 @ Sealife Centre

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- Annie W

Class 4- William M

Class 1- Olivia S

Class 5- Ivy O'B

Class 2- Beatrice C

Class 6- Rachel Y

Class 3- Wilder W

Well
Done

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.



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.

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 6

We had a fantastic trip to Chelmsford Museum on Tuesday, where all the children made me incredibly proud. They behaved beautifully, used and applied their existing knowledge brilliantly and learnt a huge amount more about Marconi and his various inventions. As well as all this brilliant topic work, we continue to progress through our London Eye Mystery. Although the conundrum has not yet been solved, Ted and Kat definitely think they are onto something intriguing. We are looking forward to delving deeper into the text with you on Thursday during our learning walk reading lesson.

CLASS 5

Year Five are sharpening their multiplication and division skills. After working on the standard written method for so long, don't forget to line up the columns, add a zero to mark the tens, and put in the multiply and addition signs for each stage. Division is improving. But sometimes having a remainder changes the answer. Maybe the question is, 'How many full boxes can be made?' If this is the case, we count the answer and ignore the remainder. If, on the other hand, the question is, how many tables will be needed for all the guests, we count the answer but add an extra whole to include the remainder. Can your child explain why this is the case? What other

CLASS 4

Before half term, Class 4 enjoyed a great afternoon at the Chelmsford school's consortium games, Superstars, in Melbourne. The children took part in seven multi skill events, including ball skills, throwing skills, jumping and even scootering. The children showed great sportsmanship and came 4th in their competition. Well done, Class 4! The children have also worked hard in class, exploring features of persuasive writing, to write their own tourist leaflets, promoting the towns and villages where they live. The children used rhetorical questions, alliteration, exaggeration, and emotive language to produce their leaflets.



CLASS 3

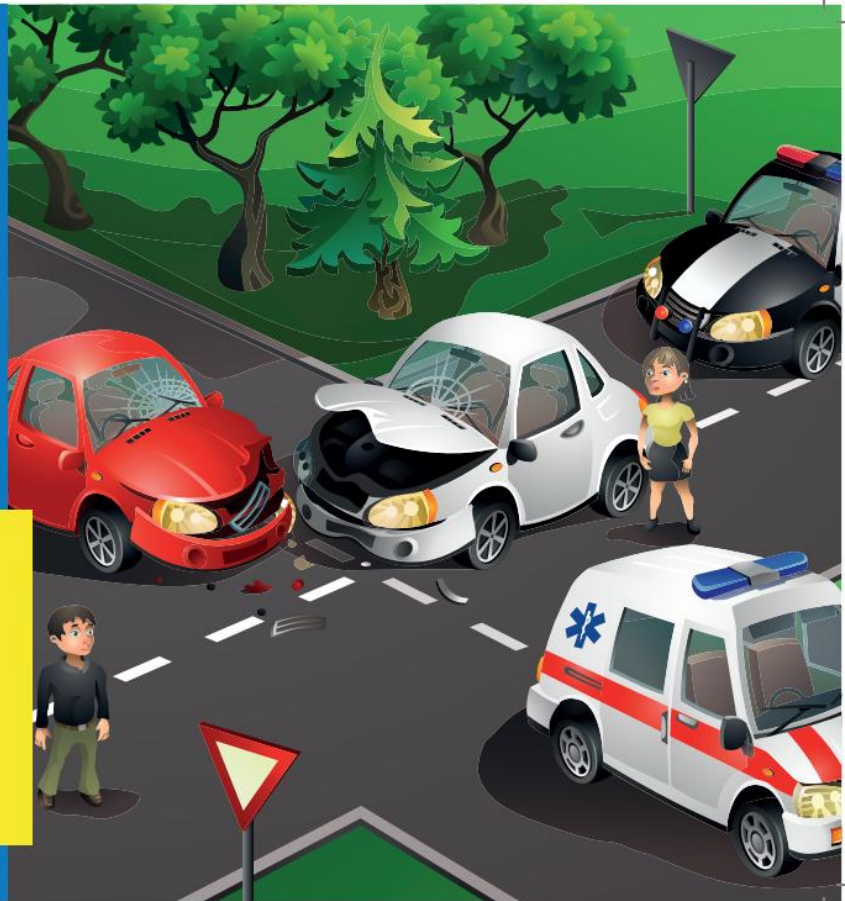
It has been another busy week in Year 3, filled with hands-on learning. In Science, we investigated magnetic and non-magnetic materials, testing different objects and recording our results. In PSHE, we measured our pulses before and after exercise to see how activity affects our bodies. We then learned about the respiratory system and recreated the process to understand how the heart and lungs work together. In Maths, we took our learning outside, writing and recording our related equations in chalk on the playground, which made practising our number facts active and fun. We have also been learning about volcanoes and how they are formed. To help us understand, we made our own volcanoes on the field and observed what happens during an eruption!



VISION ZERO

NO ROAD DEATHS

HOW MANY DEATHS ON ESSEX ROADS DO YOU THINK ARE ACCEPTABLE?



WE BELIEVE THE ANSWER IS ZERO

The Safer Essex Roads Partnership (SERP) has adopted 'Vision Zero': an aspiration for there to be no deaths or serious injuries on Essex roads by 2040.

Everyone starts their journey expecting to reach their destination, but all too often, death on the road is accepted as a price we pay for having the freedom of public roads. Humans will make mistakes but should not die as a result. We need to work together to create a safe system to ensure that mistakes do not result in death or serious injury.

SERP has identified known causes of collisions and pledged to work with everyone that has an influence over these 5 elements of road safety to achieve 'Vision Zero':

- »» Safe speeds
- »» Safe vehicles
- »» Post collision response
- »» Safe road use
- »» Safe roads and roadsides

These form an approach to road safety: the 'Safe System'.

For more information and to see how you can support Vision Zero, please visit the SERP website at:

<https://saferessexroads.org/vision-zero-no-more-deaths-on-essex-roads/>



Become a **10 - 19 March** spring picker

The students at Oakfield Primary School in Wickford said the campaign was

“A fun way to help wildlife.”

Take action

Pick up **5 pieces of litter every day for 10 days**, to help clean up the county before spring.



www.essexwt.org.uk/pickers

Scan the QR code to sign up

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Essex
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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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