

Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 13th March 2026

Hello Everyone,

I wanted to start by thanking the PTA for their fabulous Mother's Day Crafts event. The children have made so many wonderful gifts that will be enjoyed and appreciated by you all at home. Don't forget to Spring Pickers competition this weekend send your class teacher a photo of you collecting some rubbish so that we can celebrate everyone who tries to keep our world tidy. Next week we are excited to welcome parents into school for our Spring Term Rock Steady performance. The children have been working so hard in their sessions, and it has been great to see the progress the pupils have made with their musical skills in that time. I am sure that those lucky parents who attend Wednesday's 'gig' will have a great time. Later next week, on Friday, we celebrate Red Nose Day. For a £2 cash donation (please note we cannot give change) children are able to come to school wearing an item of red clothing along with their school uniform or PE kit. We kindly ask that children do not wear face paint or hair dye.

Mr Stotter

AIR TAGS

We are aware of some children coming into school, or attending trips with air tags on their person or in a bag. These are not permitted in accordance with our mobile phone policy, as it has been found that these items can reveal the exact location of a group of children who may include pupils with court orders or who are in care or fostered. If they are found on a trip, they will be confiscated- the parents can collect them from the main office on the return of the group.



Arthur H
Emilia R Joseph 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	Margarita Pizza	Chicken Goujons	Baked Sausages	Pasta Bolognese	Fish Fingers
Vegetarian Option	Rainbow Pizza	Meat Free Fajitas	Quorn Sausages	Tomato Pasta Bake	Cheese and Tomato Pizza
On the Side	Pasta & Salad Bar	Rice & Broccoli	Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Gravy	Garlic Bread & Salad Bar	Chips, Sweetcorn & Peas
Dessert	Fruit Wedge	Flapjack	Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard	Chocolate Crispy Cake	Ice Cream Pot

ORDER NOW!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 17 th March	KS2 Gymnastics Competition
Wednesday 18 th March	Rockysteady Concert
Wednesday 18 th March	Year R & 3 Dental Visit
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day
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

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 6

This week in Year 6 we have challenged ourselves with another full set of SATS papers. The children have done brilliantly and shown clear progress - with attainment increasing as well as fantastic confidence and determination. Lots of children have achieved their highest scores so far - which has been lovely to see. I look forward to sharing all this positive data with you at parents evening. We have also explored the wider world within our topic work; looking at the physical and human geography of North and South America, as well as how Europeans colonised various areas back on the 1700s.

CLASS 5

Last week our Year 5 pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit to the Imperial War Museum Duxford. The trip brought the classroom alive as children explored hangars full of historic aircraft, examined wartime artefacts and took part in a special “I was there” Q&A session with museum staff. The day started with an “I was there” Q&A where pupils asked questions and heard first-hand accounts from two museum educators. We especially enjoyed visiting the main hangars to view iconic aircraft such as the Spitfire and Lancaster. While there we explored interactive exhibits about life on the Home Front and the Battle of Britain. “I loved seeing the Spitfire up close — it was smaller than I expected.” — a Year 5 pupil. “I asked about the pilots’ uniforms and learned how heavy their clothing could be.” — a Year 5 pupil. “The guide explained how radar helped during the Battle of Britain — it made the history feel real.” — a Year 5 pupil. Pupils impressed the museum team with thoughtful questions about everyday life during wartime, how aircraft were maintained, and the role of women on the Home Front. The visit was an excellent opportunity to bring the curriculum to life. Pupils were engaged throughout, making clear connections between what they had learned in class and the artefacts and stories at Duxford. The “I was there” Q&A in particular deepened pupils’ historical empathy and improved their confidence in public speaking. Thank you to the museum staff for their warm welcome and to the helpers who accompanied us.

CLASS 4

Class 4 has been busy planning and writing their own story extracts inspired by the style of the renowned author Jeremy Strong. The children have explored several of Jeremy’s books, examining his writing style, his choice of character names, and the humour he employs to engage the reader. They based their own extracts on the book *The One Hundred Mile An Hour Dog*, introducing their own unique and captivating pet. In science, the children are progressing well in their study of sound. They have investigated how sound travels through solids, liquids, and gases. The children found out how sound waves travel easier through liquids and solids, compared to gases, due to their particles being closer together. Who would’ve thought!

CLASS 3

Class 3 have had a fantastic week exploring the theme of courage. They started by reading a range of poems about bravery and discussing the different ways people can show courage. The children then acted out some of the poems, which helped them think about the feelings and actions behind brave moments. After this, they wrote their own pieces about what courage means to them. They produced beautiful, heart-felt poems and showed such enthusiasm when doing so, especially when they were given the opportunity to write in pen! Alongside this, the class have also been learning about ancient Greek pottery. They looked at different shapes and patterns and talked about how pottery was used in Ancient Greece. The children were very interested in the pictures and stories shown on the pots. They are now very excited to begin working with clay themselves in the coming weeks and to create their own pottery pieces. It has been a week full of creativity, discussion and enthusiasm for learning.

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- Everyone for their excellent behaviour on the trip to Maldon Library.

Class 1- Marnie B

Class 4- Jack B

Class 2- Freya P

Class 5- Matthew A

Class 3- Oliver E

Class 6- Emilia R





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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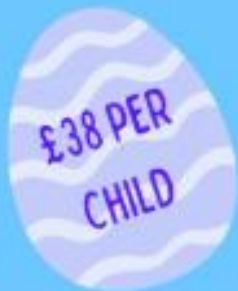


MEADGATE, ST LEONARD'S, ELMWOOD

1ST WEEK: MONDAY - THURSDAY

2ND WEEK: TUESDAY - FRIDAY

30.03.26 - 09.04.26



CHANCELLOR PARK TUES 31ST MARCH

PURLEIGH THURS 2ND APRIL

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