

# Purleigh Post

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Friday 20th March 2026

Hello Everyone,

This week has seen two outstanding events take place in our school calendar. On Tuesday morning, our gymnastics team came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Chelmsford Schools Gymnastics Finals- huge congratulations to all of the team, and thanks especially for Mrs Lombard for the time and effort she put into the training sessions beforehand. It is great to hear that so many other schools commented on how well our team performed.

On Wednesday, our Rock Steady musicians hosted their termly gig in the school hall. We are so proud of the progress they have made this term, and we are looking forward to seeing their talents develop in the future.

Next week we are delighted to host Parent's Evening, either through phone calls or in person. Please check your timings, and do not hesitate to contact us if you need to make any adjustments. We cannot wait to share all of the children's successes with you.

*Mr Stotter*

## ORDERING LUNCHES

We are still having a large number of children whose lunches are not being ordered. This means that they often are unsure about what they are meant to be doing for their lunch. Please can you ensure that lunch orders are made on time to avoid confusion.

Reminders are sent every Sunday- please can you check your booking every week, and then make your child aware of what they are having.



Zachary J      Caleb C  
Felix S-E

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>
<b>Option A</b>	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Burger	Roast Chicken	Chicken Curry	Fish Fillet
<b>Vegetarian Option</b>	Tomato Pasta Bake	Southern Quorn Fried Burger	Quorn Fillet	Sweet Potato Curry	Cheese & Tomato Pizza
<b>On the Side</b>	Baguette, Coleslaw & Salad	Sweet Potato Fries & Salad	Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding & Veg	Wholegrain & White Rice & Green Beans	Chips, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
<b>Dessert</b>	Fruit Wedge	Chocolate Fudge Cake	Easter Chocolate Baskets	Viennese Biscuits	Frozen Chocolate & Vanilla Swirled Mousse

**ORDER NOW!**

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	<b>Parents Evening Week</b>
<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>PTA Easter Egg Decorating Competition</b>
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Maldon Rugby Tournament</b>
<b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Mar- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 1 Dental Survey</b>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 5 Life Roadshow</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 6 Life Roadshow</b>
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 5 @ Little Braxted Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 2 @ Hyde Hall</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year R @ Jimmy's Farm</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 2 @ Stow Maries</b>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 3 @ Colchester Zoo</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year R Sports Event @ Meadgate</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 @ Sealife Centre</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>PTA Father's Day Craft &amp; Presents</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 5 @ Writtle Farming Day</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>QMAT Sports @ Chelmsford Sports &amp; Athletics Centre</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 6 Isle Of Wight Residential begins</b>
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Rocksteady Concert</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Wimbledon Visit</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Maldon CC Kwik Cricket</b>

## AROUND THE CLASSES

### CLASS 2

This week Year 2 have worked incredibly hard on their writing skills. We have been looking at the famous story of 'Hansel & Gretel', understating the roles of the wicked stepmother and the mean witch in the story. After this, we have used our memories to try to retell the story in as exciting and dramatic way as we can. We have used our thesaurus to help select more adventurous words- we have added words like immoral, cursed and atrocious to our vocabularies- I am sure you will agree that these words are far more daring than words like mean or nasty! The children have written at length, which has made them really proud of themselves as they have built their writing stamina. Well done Year 2- I am sure your grown-ups will be excited to see your writing next week at Parent's Evening.

### CLASS 1

Year 1 have been working incredibly hard this term and have thoroughly enjoyed their learning. As part of their "Toys" topic, they have been busy making puppets and creating their own jack-in-the-boxes, showing great creativity and enthusiasm. In English, the children have been developing their writing skills by creating their own sets of instructions, focusing on using imperative verbs to make their writing clear and effective. In Art, they used their observational skills to produce some beautiful sketches, carefully drawing an old teddy bear using different skills with charcoal. The children have shown fantastic effort across all areas and have had a truly splendid time learning and creating together.

### CLASS R

Class R were superstars when visiting Maldon Library last week! We went inside to meet our librarian, who talked about what a library is, how to access it and all the resources available. We looked at library cards and found out how to find and order a book. As we have been learning about different authors including Julia Donaldson, we read the story 'Gozzle'. After story time, we explored the library, sang some nursery rhymes and completed a book scavenger hunt where we were given clues and had to find a book that included that clue. After our fun-filled library session, we had a quick stop at the park for some lunch and a run-around then headed off to our next stop a shop. In maths, we have been learning about money. Within groups, we went into M&S with £2 made up of different denominations to buy some fruit for our fruit salads tomorrow. Class R were superstars within the shop. Our last destination for the day was the Prom. To get there we had to look at different signs and symbols in nature to make sure we were going in the right direction (the river Blackwater was a huge giveaway). Once we reached the Prom, we had a quick game of 'Stuck in the Mud' and 'Fish, Chips and Peas' before singing our goodbye song and going home.

## 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- Maddie S

Class 1- Frankie L

Class 2- Ayla S

Class 3- William M

Class 4- Brayden P

Class 5- Jacob H

Class 6- Evie T



## REPORTING ABSENCE

When reporting your child's absence please can you explain the symptoms they are presenting with to ensure that our records are correct. Informing the office that pupils are unwell does not fully clarify what ailment they are suffering from.

The school should be contacted on each day of an unplanned absence, unless in special circumstances where the office has informed you that this is not required.

Thank you for your continued support.

### **The holidays are fast-approaching**

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford



Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:  
<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

Family Support Worker: Joelle Mortimer, Purleigh Primary School, Wednesday, 01621 828282



# 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](http://www.essexwt.org.uk/pickers)

Scan the QR code to sign up

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# EASTER PARTY

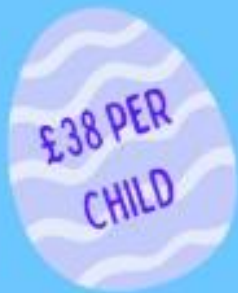


MEADGATE, ST LEONARD'S, ELMWOOD

1ST WEEK: MONDAY - THURSDAY

2ND WEEK: TUESDAY - FRIDAY

30.03.26 - 09.04.26



CHANCELLOR PARK TUES 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH

PURLEIGH THURS 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

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