



# Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Hello Everyone,

This week I wanted to extend thanks for two companies for their donations to our school garden. Ernest Doe have kindly donated compost and bird seed, while Naio have generously sent us activity packs and a bug hotel. The pupils love any opportunities to spend time in our garden, and I am sure you will all agree that our wonderful group of volunteer gardeners have worked incredibly hard at improving our outdoor spaces. The summer sunshine has started to really highlight this hard work, as the flowers have begun to bloom and the smell of freshly cut grass has filled the air.

Elsewhere, one of our pupils, Elliott in Year 4, is climbing Mount Snowdon in May in aid of Cancer Research UK. We would be grateful if the school community could support him by donating to <https://www.justgiving.com/page/slingyourhookupsnowden> Good luck Elliott- we look forward to hearing all about how you get on!

*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 ensure that lunch orders are made on time to avoid confusion. Reminders are sent every Sunday- please check your booking every week, and then make your child aware of what they are having.



Josh S    Alba T  
We hope you all have a  
great day!

## Dates for the Diary

<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 5 @ Little Braxted Hall</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</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>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>PTA Disco</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>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Class Assemblies (9am start)</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup>- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</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>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sponsored Sport</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 Phonics Screening Week</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year R Sports Event @ Meadgate</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Class Assemblies (9am start)</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Maths Rockstars Dress Up Day</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day (9.15am start)</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 5 Sandon Taster Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Maths Challenge Day</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>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Rock Steady Concert</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year R, 1 &amp; 2 Class Assemblies (9am start)</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>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>
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 4 @ West Stow</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Final Day of Summer Term</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Pupils return for start of 2026/27 Academic Year</b>
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup>- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Half Term</b>

## CLASS ASSEMBLY DATES

We are delighted to confirm the dates of our class assemblies for the Summer Term. Our new format will see classes share the same morning. Each assembly will begin at

9am. The dates are as follows;

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May- Class 5 & 6

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June- Class 3 & 4

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June- Class R, 1 & 2

We look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate all of the work the children have done this year.

## 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- Logan C

Class 1- Wyatt J

Class 2- Parker P

Class 3- Grace W

Class 4- Jeevan D

Class 5- Albie T-D

Class 6- Nate C

Lunch Time Manners- Indigo C



## AROUND THE CLASSES

### CLASS 6

We have started the new term well and have all our new topics underway. We have been exploring our own family trees in line with evolution and inheritance for Science. We have also started to explore where and how various types of islands are formed - creating geographical drawings to show different geological processes. We have also made predictions about our new Take One Book anthology "Between Worlds", purely by using the front cover. This helps develop reading skills other than decoding at a simple word level and helps to build a love of reading. So as you can see - as busy as ever.

## CLASS 5

Every day, year five begin their learning with a sentence. It starts with a noun or a verb from the word list. The challenge is to write a sentence with other words from the word list. The sentence has got to make sense! The teacher writes one too and gets everyone to write his one down when he dictates the sentence to the class. After the sentence, everyone stands. Depending on how many 'lives' he kindly gives, children have to sit when they lose too many points. (Without a capital or full stop, children

## CLASS 4

Class 4 have settled brilliantly into the summer term. Since returning from Easter the children have started learning about the Anglo-Saxons, identifying key dates on timelines and studying their new knowledge organisers. The children have also begun an exciting tooth decay investigation in science. Our new topic is the digestive system, so we will begin by exploring the structure and function of teeth. The children have made predictions about which type of drink can cause tooth decay and have placed hard-boiled eggs (to act like teeth) in four different drinks: cola, orange juice, milk, and water. They will observe any changes to the eggshells over the next week, noting the effects of each drink on the eggshells, which will simulate the impact on real teeth.

## CLASS 3

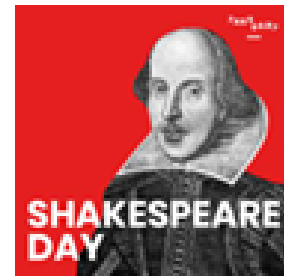
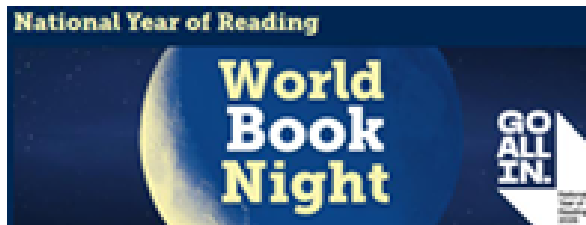
Last week, Class 3 began their exciting plant investigation. As young scientists, the children have taken on the important responsibility of caring for their plants by making sure they are watered regularly. They have also been making predictions about what they think will happen as the plants grow, using their scientific thinking skills. In English, the class has been introduced to our new story, *The Great Kapok Tree*. The children have already engaged thoughtfully with the text and have shown great empathy towards the characters, discussing their feelings and actions with maturity and understanding. Finally, they have continued to develop their fraction knowledge through a variety of activities, including drawing shape fractions on the playground. They also enjoyed using Numicon pegs to show fractions of amounts. We are looking forward to seeing how both our investigations and our story work develop over the coming weeks!

## LATE MARKS

The gates open each morning at 8.30am. They are sometimes still open past 8.40am. This means that children can see enter through the gates, but may be still marked as late if they enter their classroom after 8.40am. Please ensure you arrive each day in a timely manner to reduce the number of late marks your child may receive.

## WHOLE SCHOOL HOMEWORK

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026



To continue with our celebration of the National Year of Reading, we would like to mark the very special day of 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Not only is it Shakespeare's 462<sup>nd</sup> birthday, it is also World Book Night.

[Shakespeare Day 2026 in the United Kingdom](#)  
[World Book Night](#)

Therefore, we are setting the children a special homework challenge. Either to have a picture of them doing something Shakespeare related, or a picture taking part in a special bed time read (between 7-8pm is the official time, but any time on this evening will work). You can be as creative as you like – e.g. dress up, read in an unusual place in the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> April, read to a pet, or have a story read to you by someone different (grandparent, sibling etc).

Please send all photos to [year6@purleigh.essex.sch.uk](mailto:year6@purleigh.essex.sch.uk) or the children can bring in their picture already printed out – by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

We will share the photos in assembly and every child who takes part will receive a Purleigh Stamp.

I can't wait to see all these inspirational reading activities!  
Mrs Garrett.

**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**

**ROCK DAY**

**COMING SOON**

**ON**

**FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

**DRESS UP AS A ROCK  
STAR AND ROCK ON!**





# **Southminster Competitive Festival of Music 2026**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**



**9:00 – 14:00**

**FREE ADMISSION**

St. Leonard's Church, 1 Station Road,  
Southminster CM0 7EW.



MALDON CRICKET CLUB

# FRIDAY CRICKET

FOR AGES 4-11



Starts: Friday 24th April



Fridays



6:30pm - 7:30pm



Drapers Farm, Maldon



All Abilities Welcome



No Experience Needed

**SIGN UP NOW!**

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