

Purleigh Post

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Friday 1st May 2026

Hello Everyone,

Last Saturday the Purleigh School Singing Club took part in the Southminster Festival of Music. Our children won the competition, singing superbly. Their recital was given an outstanding score of 92% by the adjudicator, classing their performance as, 'exceptional both technically and artistically.' The children performed with smiles and were told their performance was, 'engaging with loads of energy.' We are incredibly proud of singing club – well done to you all! We also want to congratulate Matilda F who won Musician of the Year at the festival, while Rachel Y also impressed with her superb piano skills. We would like to thank Miss Wyn Davies for her fantastic piano playing and for helping with singing club, as well as Mrs Priest for all of her help and support inspiring our young singers.

We hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend- hopefully it will be nice and sunny! We looking forward to seeing you all on Tuesday when we will try to fit five days of hard work into four days!

Mr Stotter



Happy
Birthday!

Indigo C Logan J Beatrice H
Patrick A Jacob H Beatrix K
Lucy C Mae B Isla B Sydney L
We hope you all have a super day!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May	Year 2 @ Hyde Hall
Monday 11 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 15 th May	PTA Disco
Wednesday 20 th May	Year R @ Jimmy's Farm
Thursday 21 st May	Year 2 @ Stow Maries
Thursday 21 st May	Year 5 & 6 Class Assemblies (9am start)
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day
Mon 25 th - Fri 29 th May	Half Term
Tuesday 2 nd June	Year 3 @ Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 3 rd June	Class Photos
Monday 8 th June	Sponsored Sport
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 10 th June	Year R Sports Event @ Meadgate
Thursday 11 th June	Year 3 & 4 Class Assemblies (9am start)
Friday 12 th June	Maths Rockstars Dress Up Day
Monday 15 th June	Sports Day (9.15am start)

SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

On Friday 8th May Sir David Attenborough will celebrate his 100th birthday. To commemorate this landmark, the children will mark this in class through lots of exciting activities. On this day, pupils can come into school wearing an animal-themed item of clothing alongside their normal uniform (no onesies). We look forward to marking this important milestone with you as we celebrate a national treasure.



LEAVING EARLY

We have noticed that more children are being taken out of school during term time for holidays (including half days), so we just wanted to share a quick reminder. If your child is leaving early to go on holiday, they'll need to be in school for at least half of the afternoon session in order to receive their attendance mark. If they are collected before this time, the absence will be recorded as a holiday. We really appreciate your understanding and continued support.

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- Quinn B

Class 1- Lincoln A

Class 2- Ashley C

Class 3- Rajvir B

Class 4- Peter S

Class 5- Bertie M

Class 6- Archie M



AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 2

This week Year 2 have continued to work hard on their Maths topic looking at measurement. The children have explored the school grounds, seeing whether it is best to measure different items with their classroom 30cm ruler, or if a metre stick would be more effective. We are now moving onto the topic of fractions- watch this space for lots of fractions talk at home!

In Science, we have been preparing ourselves for our trip to Hyde Hall next week. We have been learning lots about life cycles, looking at the stages of a frog's life as they progress from frogspawn to an adult frog. This followed us looking at different animals that might enjoy an oak tree as a habitat, as well as identifying items in the world around us that are alive, dead or that have never lived.

CLASS 1

Year 1 have made a brilliant start to the term, fully immersing themselves in their engaging topic “Splish, Splash, Splosh,” where they have been exploring all things related to water. The children have been sharing their ideas about where water can be found in the world, from oceans and rivers to lakes and even within our homes. They have enjoyed using atlases to locate different bodies of water around the United Kingdom, developing their geographical understanding and curiosity about the wider world. In English, the children have been focusing on letter writing, using the story “The Day the Crayons Quit” as their inspiration. They have explored the different emotions experienced by the crayons, discussing why each one decided to leave and how they might be feeling. They have also been learning about the key features of a letter, including greetings and sign-offs, and have worked hard to write their own letters using these skills. In Maths, the focus has been on multiplication, with the children practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They have been building confidence with number patterns. Overall, it has been a very positive and productive start to the term, with the children showing great enthusiasm and a real love for learning.

CLASS R

Class R are thoroughly enjoying their new topic on planting and growing. The children have become quite confident in reciting the instructions for planting a seed, and they particularly enjoyed the hands-on experience of planting a bean seed. We also linked to our learning to our focus text, *Jasper’s Beanstalk*, allowing the children to explore the life cycle of a bean. Additionally, Class R are intrigued to discover where cress grows best. We engaged in a discussion about the essential elements that plants require to thrive: water and sunlight. This led us to ponder the effects of removing one of these components. To investigate, we decided to grow six cress plants: two by the window, two in a dark cupboard, and two in the cold fridge. Each location will have one plant watered and one left alone. The children had a delightful time potting each one this morning. We look forward to observing our experiment over the coming weeks to see if our predictions hold true!

Mystery Book Raffle

Continuing to celebrate the 'Year of Reading', we are excited to announce our Mystery Book Raffle, organised by the School Council!

Children will have the chance to win a *mystery book prize*, thoughtfully recommended and generously donated by Maldon Books.

There will be one prize for each phase: Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6.

Ticket Information:

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday 5th May and will continue for two weeks.

- 50p per ticket
- £2 for a strip (of 5 tickets)

Children may bring in their ticket money from next week, to give to their class teacher. Cash only please, correct money if possible.

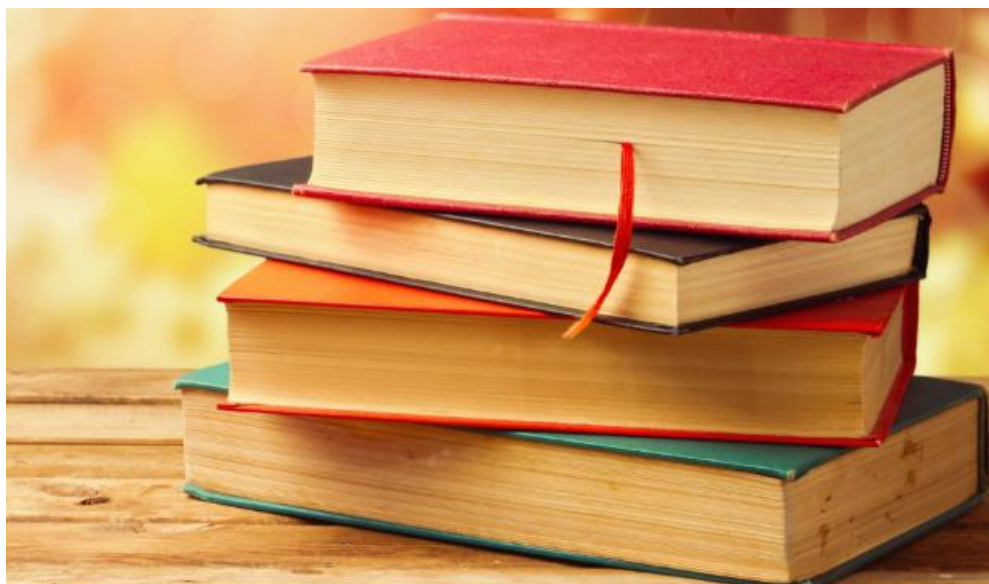
The raffle draw will take place on Thursday 21st May.

Where does the money go?

All proceeds will support our School Council fund and our two chosen charities: Guide Dogs and Essex Air Ambulance.

We are very grateful to Maldon Books for their generous donation and continued support of reading within our school community.

Thank you in advance for your support in encouraging a love of reading while supporting important causes!



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FRIDAY CRICKET

FOR AGES 4-11



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Fridays



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