



# Purleigh Post

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Friday 8th May 2026

Hello Everyone,

Despite it being a four day week, we have still managed to fit plenty in to those days. On Wednesday Year 2 visit Hyde Hall to learning about their Science topic for this half term. They behaved excellently and were complimented for this by many members of the public. It is always nice to hear this happening- well done to all the children who had a great day.

It was great to see the children marking Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today- it is important that we celebrate people who make a significant impact on our world, and I know that his enthusiasm for the natural world has inspired a similar sense in our own pupils.

On Monday Year 6 begin their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of the effort and dedication that all the pupils have shown in preparing for the SATs, and we are sure they will do themselves proud. Good luck Year 6- you can do this!

*Mr Stotter*

Finley A Archie M Mason R  
Oscar F Mia-Rose J  
Brayden P



We hope you all have a super day!

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Disco
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R @ Jimmy's Farm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 @ Stow Maries
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 & 6 Class Assemblies (9am start)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Inset Day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 3 @ Colchester Zoo
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class Photos
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Sponsored Sport
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R Sports Event @ Meadgate
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 Class Assemblies (9am start)
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths Rockstars Dress Up Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (9.15am start)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Sandon Taster Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 Maths Challenge Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 @ Sealife Centre
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Father's Day Craft & Presents
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 @ Writtle Farming Day
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R, 1 & 2 Class Assemblies (9am start)
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Isle Of Wight Residential begins
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Wimbledon Visit
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Maldon CC Kwik Cricket
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 @ West Stow
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	QMAT Sports @ Great Baddow Secondary School
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Final Day of Summer Term
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First Day of the 2026/27 Academic Year
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Inset Day
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half Term

## 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- Arthur H

Class 1- Oscar F

Class 2- Madyn M

Class 3- Rocky M

Class 4- Nathan NT

Class 5- Albie W

Class 6- Carter C



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> May and will continue for two weeks.

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

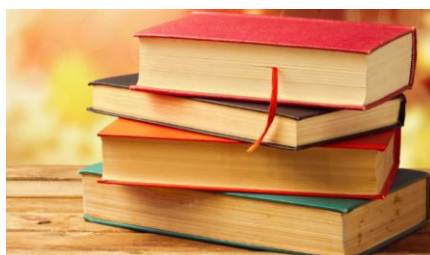
Children may bring in their ticket money from next week, to give to their class teacher. Cash only please, correct money if possible.

The raffle draw will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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!



## AROUND THE CLASSES

### CLASS 6

We have had a hardworking revision week this week and are all very much good to go for next week's SATS week. The children have worked incredibly hard all year, and no matter what happens on the day and the final scores, they should all feel very proud of themselves and the progress they have made. I too am incredibly proud of their development and successes.

I wish them all the luck in the world and want to reassure them that the motivational treats are already ordered in my shopping!

I hope the children can now enjoy a relaxing weekend, get plenty of sleep and enjoy time with friends and family, before shining at their best next week.



### CLASS 5

Last Tuesday, 28 April, Class Five visited Little Braxted Farm. After a memorable journey there (and after being met by a farmhand in his UTV at the local) we arrived and dropped our bags off. We had a wonderful tour of the farm from the back of a gunbus and saw crops of wheat, potato, sweet corn and barley. The farm also has a willow tree plantation from which world-class cricket bats are from, and stocks of cattle and sheep. For many, the highlight of the day was feeding the lambs and some even got to hold one! We had lunch by the lake and spotted a red kite in the sky. The visit to the church was also fascinating and we appreciated the preservation of a historic church with features that predated the Reformation. We were told about an escape tunnel that connected the church with the Manor House but didn't get to go underground as there was plenty of interest on the surface. Our gratitude to the farmer and his wife for taking time to show us round. It was a memorable day.

### CLASS 4

Class 4 have been busy identifying the features of playscripts in English. The children have designed posters, which they will use as checklists when they write their own playscripts next week. They have carefully included key features such as speech, stage directions, character names and layout, so that they are well prepared for their own writing. In History, the children learned what village life would have been like for an Anglo-Saxon. They carried out research using books and discussion, and then created their own village designs, including key features that would have been present in a real village at that time, such as homes, farm land, tools and other important details.

## CLASS 3

This week, Year 3 have been incredibly busy once again with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In English, the children have been writing thoughtful and persuasive letters protesting against deforestation, using powerful language to explain why rainforests and wildlife should be protected. In Geography, the children learned about the four layers of the rainforest and discovered the wide variety of plant and animal species that live within each one. Finally, to celebrate the 100th birthday of David Attenborough today, Class 3 have been learning about his life and remarkable career, and have also enjoyed making seed bombs and planting sunflowers, helping to encourage wildlife and care for the environment.

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# FRIDAY CRICKET

FOR AGES 4-11



Starts: Friday 24th April



Fridays



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