

# Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 15th May 2026

Hello Everyone,

This week has seen the Year 6's completing their SATs exams. They performed superbly, showing huge amounts of determination, dedication and concentration- we are incredibly proud of their achievements, and look forward to the rest of term, where we will continue to prepare them for secondary school.

Thank you to the PTA for their efforts in organising the PTA Disco. The children love these events, and we are incredibly grateful to our PTA for everything they do.

Next week we are excited to end the half term with the start of our class assemblies, as well as a class trips for Year R and Year 2. It should be an excellent end to the half term. Do not forget that school is not open on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May because of an inset- we will be back after half term on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June.

## Learning to swim with Places Leisure

We follow Swim England's Learn to Swim Framework to deliver our lessons, with added water safety awards to teach children how to stay safe no matter where they swim.

[Click here to book](#)



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## ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STAY TOGETHER



STOP AND THINK



In an emergency:

CALL 999



FLOAT



Scan the QR code or [click here to watch the video](#)

Mr Stotter

Happy Birthday!

Sidney O'B  
Teddy G  
Ivy-Rose F-S

We hope you all have a super day!

## Dates for the Diary

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)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Exhibition Evening (4pm-6.30pm)
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
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 @ Harry Potter World
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

## ENVELOPES

A gentle reminder that any monies sent into school should please be placed in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. To help us keep everything safe and organised, please avoid sending loose coins or notes into school.

If you need envelopes, small bundles are available from the school office for a small donation to the School Council. Thank you for your 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- Marnie H

Class 1- Edie C

Class 2- Caleb C

Class 3- Ella W

Class 4- Ivy S

Class 5- Elliott B

Class 6- JJ F



## AROUND THE CLASSES

### CLASS 2

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Hyde Hall. We started our trip in the education centre, learning about how important plants are in our everyday life. We learnt about how our clothes, food and items from around the house are actually made from plants, and how different crops like wheat and cotton are used in so many ways. After that, we went outside looking for different petals and leaves to help us create our own bookmarks. Following that, we went into the outdoor classroom and created bird's nests using washing pegs to pick up items, just like a bird's beak. We worked well together on this task, and loved seeing the variety of nests we all made. In the afternoon, we returned to the education centre, where we completed a carousel of art based activities, where we sketched, made rubbings and made scientific observations about the world around us. A stunning day- thank you so much to Hyde Hall and their fabulous team for a great day.



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

## CLASS 1

Year 1 children have worked incredibly hard and have shown great enthusiasm in all of their lessons. In Science, the children have been learning about animals and their diets. They explored the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and enjoyed discussing what different animals like to eat. The children were able to sort animals into the correct groups and explain their choices using scientific vocabulary. In preparation for our new Science topic on plants, the children have also started growing their own sunflowers. They have been very excited to observe the changes each day and have been carefully recording the growth of their plants. We are looking forward to watching them continue to grow over the coming weeks. In English, we have started reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. The children have really enjoyed exploring the story so far and have been making thoughtful observations about the characters and setting. They have been discussing where the story takes place and how the setting helps to create the atmosphere of the story. The children have also been retelling the story using storyboards and pictures, helping them to remember key events and sequence the story correctly. In Maths, the children have started learning about fractions. They began by identifying half of shapes and objects before moving on to finding half of numbers. The children are becoming increasingly confident when halving numbers and are making excellent links between halving and doubling. They have enjoyed using practical resources and pictures to help support their understanding and explain their reasoning.

## CLASS R

Class R have been learning about animals and habitats. They explored how animals are suited to different environments, and celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday last Friday. The children created their own habitats and sorted animals into them. Class R are also looking forward to their school trip to Jimmy's Farm next week, where they will continue their learning through exciting first-hand experiences.





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

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CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB

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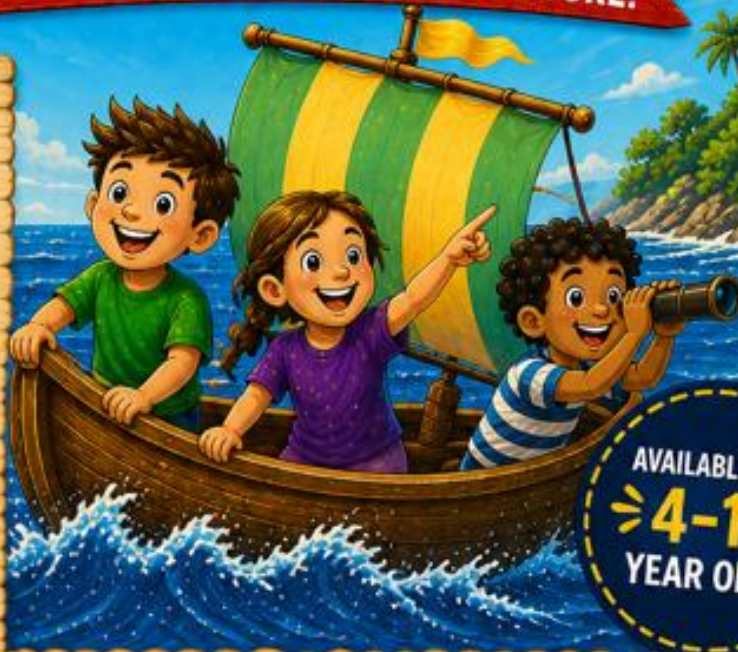
ARTS &  
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OUTDOOR  
PLAY



MAKE NEW  
FRIENDS



AVAILABLE FOR  
**4-11**  
YEAR OLDS

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY - THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY



FULL DAY  
8AM - 5PM  
£40.00

including snacks  
and drinks.

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SCHOOL**

**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**

**ROCK DAY  
COMING SOON**

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

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

