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Friday 11th September 2026

Hello Everyone,

I want to start this first newsletter by welcoming you all back at the start of the new school year. I hope you all had a lovely relaxing summer, and had the chance to spend some quality time with your family and friends. The children look refreshed, and have all been eager to get back into action. They are now settling into the new classes, having spent the last week familiarising themselves with their new surroundings and adults. I am already seeing lots of examples of great work, and hearing about children putting in lots of effort and hard work.

Next week, school clubs will begin- please check your emails carefully to see which clubs your child is attending. We will also be holding our annual Jeans for Genes Day next Friday. The children will be able to bring in cakes as part of our Bake Sale- these can start to arrive in school from Thursday. Please pay £2 donation for your clothing via Arbor, but bring coins for your cakes.

Mr Stotter



School Timings



The school gates open at 8.30, and will close promptly at 8.40 every day. If you are late, please visit the office to sign pupils in- they must be accompanied by an adult. The school day ends at 3.10 for all classes, except Reception, who end at 3.05. Please arrive and leave down the slope and not through the white gate by the office. Children should not be dropped off early and left unsupervised.



Grayson S
Oakley S

We hope you both have
a super day!

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to those pupils who completed the Summer Reading Challenge 2026. Remember Purleigh Stamps can still be awarded if you bring your certificate in. Reading is something we LOVE at Purleigh, and is a great life skill which promotes conversations, sharing, calmness and wellbeing. Well done everyone and let's all keep that reading going!



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- Noa E

Class 1- Summer A-W

Class 2- Kiki S

Class 3- Zuri N

Class 4- Kit C

Class 5- Bodhi C

Class 6- Elsie-Rose M

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 2

Year 2 have started the year in fine style! We have wasted no time in getting into our topics for the term. In our topic books, we have already been thinking about The Great Fire of London, looking at the key events of this famous events. As well as looking at the way the fire started in Thomas Farriner's bakery, we have also started to understand just how difficult it was for the firefighters to put the fire out. Their limited equipment and lack of modern systems meant that it was very tricky to extinguish the fire, with hot weather and strong winds also helping the wind to spread rapidly. We compared equipment from 1666 to the modern day, and we all agreed we would much rather be fighting the flames now. Elsewhere, we have begun our topics of Place Value in Maths, which the children have shown lots of confidence in. Next week we will continue to explore our Science topic, looking at the changes humans go through as part of their life cycle.

CLASS 1

The children have had a fantastic week back and have settled into Year 1 beautifully! They have been busy getting used to their new classroom layout, routines and expectations, and have enjoyed exploring a range of resources both inside the classroom and in our outdoor area. They have been learning to sort and count objects using the resources. The children have also shared lots of lovely ideas about what they are looking forward to this year and have written a short sentence to share their thoughts. Together, we have also created some classroom rules, helping the children to understand what is expected of them and how we can make our classroom a happy, safe and enjoyable place for everyone. It has been a wonderful start to Year 1, and I am so proud of how well the children have settled in!

CLASS R

Class R have had a smashing starting week. They have all been superstars in settling into the routines of school and have had lots of fun. The children have enjoyed making new friends and meeting their new Year 6 buddies, which has helped everyone to feel happy and confident in their new class. Class R have also been extremely busy during choosing time, exploring activities with enthusiasm and independence. In PE, the children really enjoyed taking part and showed great energy throughout the sessions. We are very proud of how well they have started their school journey.



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2026/27 Future Dates

Thursday 3 rd September	First Day of Autumn Term
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day
Monday 2 th October - Friday 30 th October	HALF TERM
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term
Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 15 th February - Friday 19 th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 25 th March	Last Day of Spring Term
Monday 29 th March - Friday 9 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 3 rd May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day
Monday 31 st May- Friday 4 th June	HALF TERM
Wednesday 21 th July 2027	Last Day of Summer Term

Dates for the Diary

Monday 14 th September	Music Lessons & Clubs Begin
Thursday 17 th September	Year 6 E-Safety Talk
Friday 18 th September	Jeans for Genes Day
Friday 25 th September	Harvest Festival Assemblies
Thursday 1 st October	Black History Month
Thursday 1 st October	Year 4 Mayan Day
Friday 2 nd October	Year 5 Egyptian Day
Monday 12 th October	Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney
Thursday 15 th October	Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
Thursday 15 th October	Year 5/6 Girls Football @ Meadgate
Monday 19 th October	Parent's Evening Week
Thursday 22 nd October	Individual School Photos
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 5/6 Boys Football @ Meadgate
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th Oct	Half Term
Tuesday 10 th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12 th November	EYFS Open Afternoon
Monday 16 th November	Multi-Cultural Week
Tuesday 15 th December	Whole School Trip @ Panto