



Purleigh Post

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Friday 18th September 2026

Hello Everyone,

This week we are breaking with the traditional first part message from Mr Stotter...instead, we wanted to congratulate him on a significant landmark.

Last week marked the 25th anniversary of Mr Stotter joining Purleigh School- an enormous milestone which demonstrates his outstanding commitment and longevity in his role. As staff we feel very fortunate to have a Head Teacher who is so kind and supportive, and therefore, we all wanted to take this chance to say congratulations and thank you. Unsurprisingly, Mr Stotter did not want a fuss or any sort of special presentations to mark this achievement- however, we think he is more than deserving of this type of recognition!

Congratulations Mr Stotter!

From the staff of Purleigh School

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.



Elsie B Tommy M
Madison S Ayla S
Noa E Bryony M
Wilfie L

We hope you all have a super day!

School Uniform

We have noticed some children coming into school wearing nail varnish, temporary tattoos and a variety of coloured trainers. These are not in accordance with our uniform policy, and therefore we would kindly ask if adults can ensure that nail varnish and tattoos are removed before the children come into school. While PE kit can be worn on specific sports days, these items of kit should not be worn on other days of the week. If your children has a special reason as to why they cannot adhere to uniform policy, then please speak to your class teacher or the office for further guidance.

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- Abel M

Class 1- Trixie K

Class 2- Wyatt J

Class 3- Kiril C

Class 4- William M

Class 5- Nelly I

Class 6- Mia-Rose J

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated by their classmates to be their school council representatives this year.

Class R- Noa E & Wilfie L

Class 4- Joe B & Matilda S-E

Class 1- Florence S & Freddie C

Class 5- Freddie D & Amelia C

Class 2- Jack H & Edie C

Class 6- Albie W & Mia H

Class 3- Freya P & Parker P

The following people have also been appointed to these senior roles:

Chair- Grace F

Secretary- Ivy O'B

Treasurer- Erin B

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 6

Year 6 have had a great start to the year. As always, we hit the ground running and have already thrown ourselves into our new topic of Shakespeare and the Tudors - learning a bit about Henry the 7th and 8th and all the wives and children that were involved in their lives. The children have also completed their first full set of SATS papers, in preparation to build on existing knowledge and understanding and then develop skills to show progression. I am so proud of how well the class have undertaken these, as all the children have shown maturity, resilience and dedication to their learning. Here is to this wonderful start continuing throughout the coming term.

CLASS 5

Year Five have made a very good transition and are really getting their teeth in to topic work about Ancient Egypt and Place Value questions with seven digit numbers. We are reading a special book called *Wonder* by R J Palacio about a unique boy called Auggie. Related to his story is that of Oliver Bromley who is a modern-day example of someone who bravely faces the world with similar challenges. Where possible, we are always interested in finding links between different areas of the curriculum. Could any children in year find an overlap between our topic and English lessons?

CLASS 4

Class 4 have settled brilliantly into the routines of the new school year and are already demonstrating a wonderful enthusiasm for learning. The children are thoroughly enjoying their first history topic: the Maya civilisation. They have already researched a wealth of information, using various historical resources, to answer their many questions about this fascinating ancient world. The children are very much looking forward to their Maya workshop which takes place this half term.

CLASS 3

Class 3 have made a fantastic start to the school year! They have been busy settling into the expectations of Key Stage 2 and have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience towards their learning. One of our particular highlights so far has been visiting our school allotment, where the children had the exciting opportunity to pick and explore some of the produce that has been growing. They collected potatoes, onions, beans, blackberries and tomatoes, and enjoyed discovering which fruits and vegetables are currently in season. This has been a brilliant introduction to our upcoming Design and Technology pizza project, as we begin to research seasonal ingredients and think about the foods we might use in our own creations. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing new challenges, showing resilience when things are tricky and developing their independence as learners. Well done, Class 3 – you have made a brilliant start!

Dates for the Diary

Friday 25 th September	Harvest Festival Assemblies
Tuesday 29 th September	EYFS Coffee Morning (9-10am)
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 3 rd November	Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle
Thursday 5 th November	EYFS Open Afternoon
Tuesday 10 th November	Flu Immunisations
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 12 th November	EYFS Open Afternoon
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
Monday 16 th November	Multi-Cultural Week

2026/27 Future Dates

Thursday 3 rd September	First Day of Autumn Term
Friday 23 rd October	Inset Day
Monday 26 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

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