Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 13th November 2026

Hello Everyone,

This week we have been marking Remembrance in the traditional way. On Sunday, representatives from the school council attended the commemorations at Purleigh Church, reading poems and laying wreaths on behalf of the school community. They did this with great maturity- well done to everyone.

On Wednesday we were delighted to be joined by Mr Snow, who helped us to mark our two minute silence by playing The Last Post and Reveille. We are proud of the empathy and care our pupils show, and the respect that they show in these important moments. Today we were delighted to see so many pupils supporting Children in Need- our families always support these events with great care and attention. Next week, we are looking forward to Multi-Cultural Week- we will be celebrating our Spanish curriculum by focussing on Spanish speaking countries around the world.

Mr Stotter



REMEMBRANCE



Dougie W Hugo H
Ronnie P Ryker F
George C George N-C
Cameron C

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

THE GOLDEN BOOK

Congratulations to the following children who are in the Golden Book this week:

Class R- Grace B **Class 1- Oscar T** **Class 2- Finley A**

Class 3- Chloe M **Class 4- Caitlin F**

Class 5- All Class **Class 6- Albie W**

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th November	Multi-Cultural Week
Thursday 19th November	EFYS Open Afternoon
Thursday 19th November	Open Class (3.10-4pm)
Tuesday 24th November	Choir Trip to Royal Albert Hall
Friday 27th November	PTA Disco (5-6.30pm)
Tuesday 1st December	Christmas Art Day
Wednesday 2nd December	School Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 7th December	Nativity Week Begins
Friday 11th December	Flu Immunisations Catch-Up
Tuesday 15th December	Cinderella Panto at The Civic Theatre
Wednesday 16th December	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 17th December	Class Parties
Friday 18th December	Non-Uniform Day (Last Day of Term)
Tuesday 5th January	Pupils Return for Spring Term
Tuesday 12th January	Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics
Mon 25th & Tues 26th Jan	Bikeability
Thursday 28th January	Year 3 Greek Day
Monday 1st February	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 9th February	Chinese New Year & Pancake Day Meal
Tuesday 9th February	Year 4 Superstars
Wednesday 10th February	Year R & 5 Road Safety
Mon 15th- Fri 19th Feb	Half Term
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Friday 5th March	World Book Day Sale
Monday 8th March	TT Rockstars Competition Week
Tuesday 16th March	KS2 Gymnastics Competition
Wednesday 17th March	Rock Steady Concert
Mon 22nd- Wed 24th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 23rd March	Year 1 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle
Thursday 25th March	Final Day of Spring Term

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 6

Year 6 have had a poetry week this week, applying their knowledge to the poignant theme of Remembrance. The children have written some beautifully emotive alphabet poems, sharing their ideas of the horrors of war. They explored some well know WW1 poems and even delved into Shakespeare's famous Henry V monologue 'Once more unto the breach dear friends, once more.' We have also started mentioning the C word – yes, Christmas has started in Year 6. Many of the children should have come home with scripts, to start learning their lines for the Nativity. We will also be composing a poem for this, so once we have worked our literary magic, more children will receive their lines.

CLASS 5

Purleigh School was privileged to be able to hear a local orchestra on the 3rd November. Most of the school heard some old favourites and were able to 'name that tune'. After a rushed break, year five were back for more when they got to hear and see some of the instruments up close. Some even got to try making a sound on a trombone or bassoon. The children loved hearing the instruments and were inspired. Some of them had a favourite and could take up one in the future, hopefully. All the children wrote letters of appreciation which were passed on to Mr Snow when he next returned. Of course, it was on the 11 November, when the Last Post and Reveille were played on the bugle.

CLASS 4

In English, the children have explored The Tunnel by Anthony Browne. Through reading and discussion, they have considered how the characters' feelings, relationships and actions change as the story develops. The children have begun planning their own buddy stories and are thinking carefully about the characters they will create, the setting in which the story will take place and the sequence of events. In science, the children have been investigating what happens to materials when they are heated and cooled. They have revisited the characteristics of solids, liquids and gases, and have considered how changes in temperature can affect the state of a material. During a practical investigation, the children observed all three states of matter and recorded their findings carefully. They discussed the changes they could see, used evidence from their observations to explain what had happened and began to recognise that some changes can be reversed when materials are cooled or heated again.

CLASS 3

It has been a lovely week in Class 3, with lots of creativity, thoughtful writing and exciting reading activities! The children have worked so hard on their Remembrance poetry, writing their own heartfelt poems entitled 'What This Poppy Means to Me'. It has been wonderful to see them share their thoughts and feelings about what the poppy represents and express these so beautifully through their writing. We have also been getting creative with oil pastels! The children have produced some beautiful poppy artwork, which you can now see proudly displayed in our classroom and along the corridor. They have really enjoyed experimenting with different oil pastel techniques, exploring how to blend colours, create textures and achieve different effects. We are so proud of their efforts! In reading, we have been practising echo reading to help develop our reading fluency. The children have been listening carefully and then repeating what they hear, focusing on using expression, changing their pace and bringing the text to life. It's been lovely to hear their confidence growing as they become more expressive readers!

REPEATED ABSENCE

When your child is absent for more than one day because of illness, please can you ensure that you contact us each day to confirm the reason remains the same. If we receive no confirmation after the first day of absence, we legally have to enter further days of absence as unauthorised absence.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November

We will be holding assemblies as well as highlighting this important week during our PSHE and E-Safety lessons. As part of the national campaign, the children are able to wear odd socks this week. Full school uniform/PE kits are required on all days. It is only odd socks that may be worn in celebration of what makes us all unique.




PURLEIGH
Purleigh Community Primary School
September Intake 2027
✔ Full reception class for September 2026
✔ Calm and purposeful learning environment
✔ "Outstanding behaviour and attitudes" - Ofsted May 2024
✔ Fantastic Early Years facilities and resources
✔ Dedicated staff, leading enthusiastic children
✔ Proven leadership, for academic outcomes that are above local and national data
✔ Must be viewed, you won't be disappointed!
✔ Part of Quantum Multi-Academy Trust
✔ Beautiful natural school grounds
✔ Local 'Outstanding' breakfast and after school provision (situated adjacent to the school)
A GOOD School
We are now welcoming visits from parents and carers for children of reception age for September 2027! Please call the school to book your visit for either the 5th, 12th or 19th November.
Visit our School site at www.purleighprimary.com
or the Academy at www.qmat.uk
Purleigh Community Primary School
Pump Lane, Purleigh, Chelmsford CM3 6PJ Tel: 01621 828282
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Purleigh EYFS

- In EYFS we aim to give our children the best possible start.
- We at Purleigh Community Primary School want our children to be happy, confident, well-rounded individuals with a love for learning.
- We connect with the idea that play is an essential characteristic of learning and that every child should have the opportunity to learn through play.
- Learning is welcoming, fun and suitably challenging for all individuals.
- We love to offer a wide range of curriculum enriching experiences that get the children excited about learning. This includes seasonal village walks and other visits where we make connections with the wider community.
- We are committed to providing the best possible start to children's school life, teaching them key skills and giving them experiences which will ensure their well-being, love for learning and ability to build strong relationships.
- With our developed but ambitious curriculum, we look at nurturing our children to be the best individuals that they can be.









Key Finding Whole School

Our OFSTED inspection in May 2024 highlighted these strengths:

- The school has high ambitions for what pupils learn and can achieve.
- In Reception, children quickly learn and demonstrate the school's values.
- Children in Reception delight in learning and take pleasure in exploring the world around them.
- In Reception, staff provide children effective opportunities to learn the curriculum through play.
- Starting in Reception, pupils learn to sustain their concentration for extended periods of time.
- During lessons, pupils support each other and celebrate each other's success.
- Pupils learn remarkably well how to care for each other.
- Pupils value being part of this welcoming school where everyone has a 'buddy'.