Purleigh Post

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Friday 20th November 2026

Hello Everyone,

This week we have marked Multi-Cultural Week by celebrating various Spanish speaking countries from across the world. The children have all really engaged in the topic, and it has been great to see them enjoying learning so much about places they may not know much about. Elsewhere we had our final EYFS Open Afternoon yesterday afternoon. I have to pay tribute to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who hosted our visitors with great skill and confidence- the children's enthusiasm for the school and its values were evident to our guests. Well done all! Next week will be another action packed one, with our choir visiting the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday and the PTA Disco on Friday. Thank you to the PTA and the organisers of this event- your volunteering is appreciated by the children, families and staff.

Mr Stotter

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM was held last week. The school would like to thank Kat Evans and Katherine Whitehouse who are standing down from their roles as Chair and Treasurer.
The new PTA structure for the 2026/27 academic year is as follows:
Chair: Jo Meares
Vice Chair: Clare Champelovier
Treasurers: Maria Prince & Hayley Lewis
Secretary: Lisa James
Thank you to you all for your time and commitment to the school. The PTA is always eager to welcome new members, so if you are interested in joining, please speak to the school office or a committee member for more information.



Emilia C
Bonnie H
Amelia S
Lottie H

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

THE GOLDEN BOOK

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

Class R- Oscar R **Class 1- Francis O'B** **Class 2- Lily U**

Class 3- Cormac D **Class 4- Rajvir B**

Class 5- Amelia C **Class 6- Ivy O'B**

Dates for the Diary

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 2

During Multi-Cultural Week, we have been learning all about the fascinating South American country of Colombia! We explored some of Colombia's most famous landmarks and discovered what makes each one so special. We learnt about the spectacular Santuario de Las Lajas, a beautiful church built across a dramatic canyon, the historic Torre del Reloj clock tower in Cartagena, and the stunning Cocora Valley, famous for its incredibly tall wax palm trees. We also discovered El Peñón de Guatapé, a gigantic natural rock formation in Antioquia. Did you know that you can climb approximately 740 steps built into a crack in the rock to reach the top? What an adventure! From the summit, visitors can enjoy breathtaking views across the surrounding lakes and islands. To bring our learning to life, we imagined we had been on holiday to Colombia and wrote our very own postcards. We described the amazing places we had visited, shared interesting facts and imagined the wonderful sights we had seen. We have really enjoyed discovering Colombia's culture, history and beautiful landscapes. What an exciting way to explore another part of the world without even leaving the classroom!





CLASS 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic time celebrating Multicultural Week, focusing on the country of Equatorial Guinea. The children used atlases to locate the country in Africa and enjoyed researching interesting facts to create their own fact files. In English, they imagined being explorers walking through the rainforest, using their senses to write descriptive sentences about what they might see, hear, smell and feel. In Art and Design, they explored colourful African patterns and created their own necklaces using repeating patterns. One of the highlights was making fruit kebabs! The children loved choosing their favourite fruits and creating their own delicious combinations. We have had a wonderful week exploring a different country, learning about its culture and having lots of fun along the way!



CLASS R

Class R have really enjoyed learning about Remembrance and Diwali over the last couple of weeks. Through these topics, the children have developed their understanding while taking part in creative and practical activities. Class R have been super creative through cutting and sewing their own poppies and using clay to make their own Diya lamps. They have enjoyed exploring different materials and proudly sharing their completed work.

Class R have also started Nativity rehearsals and cannot wait to show all the grown-ups their hard work, alongside Year 6 of course! The children are beginning to learn their parts, practise the songs and become familiar with the performance.

Over the next few weeks, we are going to focus on the celebrations of Thanksgiving and Christmas. These themes will provide further opportunities for Class R to learn, create and talk about how different celebrations are shared with families and communities.

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.

Winter Disco



The Winter Disco is being held next Friday between 5pm and 6.30pm. Don't forget to bring your £5 payment in to school in a named envelope. We look forward to seeing you there!





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