

Purleigh Post



Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 7th November 2025

Hello,

The first week back after half term has been as busy as ever. The Year 6 children deserve particular credit for their hosting skills as they led our first EYFS Open Afternoon yesterday. The children spoke with great maturity and confidence about their school, and it was lovely to hear the positive feedback from our visitors on their experiences. Next week will see the whole school mark Remembrance on Tuesday as well as Children in Need next Friday. Both of these events are an important part of the school calendar and remind pupils once again to think about the wider world around them.

Mr Stotter

This Week in Assembly

This week in assembly we have looked at-

COMPASSION

Showing compassion is a vital part of life- it helps us connect with others and understand what is happening outside of our own world. How have you connected with someone this week?



Frederick C
Chester C
Elowen W
Juliette W

We hope you have a fantastic day!

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance
Thursday 13 th November	EYFS Open Afternoon (1-2.45)
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need (Non-uniform)
Monday 17 th November	Enterprise Week
Wednesday 19 th November	PTA Christmas Fayre
Thursday 20 th November	EYFS Open Afternoon (1-2.45) & Parent Drop Ins (3.15-4)
Thursday 27 th November	Stay & Play (EYFS 2026- 2.30-3.30pm)
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Art Day & PTA Disco
Wed 3 rd & Thurs 4 th December	Panto @ Civic Theatre
Monday 8 th December	Nativity Week
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Wednesday 17 th December	Rocksteady Performance
Thursday 18 th December	Class Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term- Non-Uniform Day
Monday 5 th January	Pupils return for Spring Term
Tuesday 13 th January	Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics
Wednesday 4 th February	Year 4 Superstars
Friday 6 th February	PTA Disco
Mon 16 th - Fri 20 th February	Spring Half Term
Tuesday 24 th February	Year 6 trip to Chelmsford Museum
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 12 th March	Year 1 trip to Hollytrees
Tuesday 17 th March	KS2 Gymnastics Competition
Monday 23 rd March	Parents Evening Week

2025/26 Dates

Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term 2025/26
Monday 22 nd December - Friday 2 nd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th January 2026	First Day of Spring Term 2025/26
Monday 16 th February - Friday 20 th February 2026	SPRING HALF TERM
Friday 27 th March 2026	Last Day of Spring Term 2025/26
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Inset Day
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	SUMMER HALF TERM
Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of Summer Term 2025/26

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 2

This week Year 2 have had a jam-packed week of writing. It started on Monday when we ended our focus on the Great Fire of London by writing a newspaper article recounting the events of September 1666. After that, we swiftly moved onto the Gunpowder Plot, and the actions of Robert Catesby and Guy Fawkes as they led the plans against King James I. We made little booklets reflecting the events of November 1605 and the need to Remember, Remember, the fifth of November." Our week concluded by once looking at another important event at this time of year- Remembrance. We wrote acrostic poems which reflected our thoughts and feelings about the brave people involved in War, and the sadness connected to these events.

CLASS 1

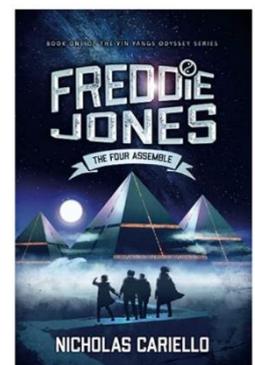
The children have had an exciting and busy week full of learning, creativity, and new experiences! To start the week, they learnt all about Guy Fawkes and his plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Together, the class explored the story of the Gunpowder Plot and sequenced the key events to help them remember what happened and why it is such an important part of British history. The children enjoyed discussing how we celebrate the men being caught by the King's guards and the traditions we still follow today, such as fireworks, bonfires, and sparklers. In art, the children used chalk to create their own colourful firework displays, experimenting with different techniques to blend and layer the colours. They showed great creativity and imagination. Later in the week, the children took part in an activity where they designed and made their own fruit salads. This gave them the opportunity to learn about healthy eating, explore a range of fruits, and practise key skills such as cutting, peeling, and slicing safely. The children were very proud of their creations and enjoyed tasting their delicious and refreshing fruit salads.



Freddie Jones

Thank you to Mr Cariello who has kindly donated the School several copies of his first book entitled, "Freddie Jones: The Four Assemble.

Congratulations to Mr Cariello on this achievement, and we all hope it is the first of many!



CLASS R

We are thrilled to share the exciting learning endeavours taking place in Class R! The children have settled back quickly into their routines and have eagerly jumped into our next topic, 'Let's Celebrate'. This week, we have been exploring the historical significance of Guy Fawkes and his infamous plot to blow up the King and the Houses of Parliament. Though he did not succeed, his failed attempt has led us to the joyous celebration of fireworks night on the 5th of November. In keeping with the theme, Class R have been industriously creating their own fireworks displays using a variety of materials, with a particular favourite being paint, which they delighted in applying to the windows. Classes R,1 and 4 also participated in an exhilarating fireworks experiment. Using old picture film cases, coke, Mentos, and berocca tablets, the children witnessed the 'fireworks' pop as pressure built up, resulting in a spectacular 'bang'. All three classes truly had a blast!



Purleigh Library Cards

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up to give their child permission to borrow books from our lending library. Please sign up EACH of your children separately. We have started to have classes take part in their first library lessons and lots of children have enjoyed choosing a wide variety of predominantly non-fiction books to take home. Years R, 2 and 6 have already had this opportunity with the other classes booked in over the next couple of weeks. If you would like your child to borrow a school book and you have not done so already, please ensure you use the form sent out via Arbor to give your permission.

Thank you for your continued support and happy reading!



Purleigh Community
Primary School

CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

DONATIONS NEEDED

PURLEIGH CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR THE
FOLLOWING DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

HAMPER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Sweets/Chocolate
- Tea, Coffee & Hot Chocolate
- Shower Gel & Bubble Bath
- Jam or Chutney's
- Savoury Nibbles
- Wine, Beer & Prosecco
- Biscuits & Crackers
- Children's Arts & Crafts
- New Toys/Games

**WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR
PRIZES TO BE DONATED TO
OUR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

**IF YOU RUN A LOCAL BUSINESS AND ARE ABLE TO OFFER A
GIFT OR VOUCHERS, WE'D BE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL FOR
ANY RAFFLE DONATIONS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR EVENT**

PLEASE CAN ALL DONATIONS BE PLACED INSIDE THE DESIGNATED BOXES OUTSIDE
THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER - THANK YOU!

DON'T FORGET PURLEIGH CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR IS ON 19TH NOVEMBER 4.30PM - 7.30PM

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

ENGLAND ROCKS



18TH TO 20TH NOVEMBER
7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY



PLAY IN ANY
GAME TYPE!

1HR TIME LIMIT
PER PERSON!



WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!



**TIMES TABLES
ROCK STARS**





Purleigh Community Primary School

September Intake 2026

- ✓ Full reception class for September 2025
- ✓ Calm and purposeful learning environment
- ✓ "Outstanding behaviour and attitudes" - Ofsted May 2024
- ✓ Fantastic Early Years facilities and resources
- ✓ Dedicated outstanding 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 2026! Please call the school to book your visit for either the 6th, 13th or 20th November.

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'.