

Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 10th October 2025

Hello,

This week has seen the children thinking about Mental Health to coincide with World Mental Health Day yesterday. At Purleigh we put great value on the development of the children in all areas, including their confidence in talking about how they feel. The benefits of this can have a positive lifelong impact on the children. It is important for them to know that adults will always support them and listen to them, and that it is good to know which activities help their own mental health.

Mr Stotter

Black History Month

KS2 have started Black History Month by taking part in a global online assembly. The children enjoyed engaging with a quiz that helped them learn more about key figures and moments in Black history. At the end of the session, pupils shared some thoughtful reflections about what they had learned and why it's important to celebrate and remember black history. Some of the fantastic reflections included:

'It's about how good people are, not their skin colour. Everyone should be treated the same and fairly.'

Elliott H

'If you make a comment, make sure it's a nice one, no matter what!'

Amelia S

It was a wonderful way to begin our month of learning, discussion, and celebration.



Maisie S

Grace C

Caitlin F

We hope you
have a fantastic
day!

This Week in Assembly

This week in assembly we have looked at-

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

It is important to look after our own mental health by finding the things that make us feel good. It might be being active, reading a book or spending time with family. How do you help your mental health?

Playground Equipment Before and After School

We know that the children enjoy using the play equipment in the playground. We have noticed recently a growing number of pupils playing on the play equipment at pick up and drop off. This is often unsupervised by adults. Please can we politely ask all adults and children to ensure that no children are playing on the play equipment at these times. This also includes children who do not attend our school. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.



2025/26 Dates

Friday 3rd October	Inset Day
Monday 27 th October - Friday 31 st October	AUTUMN HALF TERM
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term 2025/26
Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th January 2026	First Day of Spring Term 2025/26
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th 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 22nd 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

Dates for the Diary

Friday 17 th October	Dare to be Different Day
Tues 21 st - Thurs 23 rd October	Parents Evenings Years 1-6
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 2 Great Fire of London Experience
Thursday 23 rd October	Individual Photos & PTA Pumpkin Decorating Competition
Thursday 23 rd October	Reception Parents Taster Lunch
Monday 3 rd November	Pupils return after half term
Mon 3 rd - Wed 5 th November	Year R Parents Evening
Wednesday 5 th November	Bonfire Lunch
Thursday 6 th November	Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle
Thursday 6 th November	EYFS Open Afternoon (1-2.45)
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)
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
Thursday 18 th December	Class Christmas Party

AROUND THE CLASSES

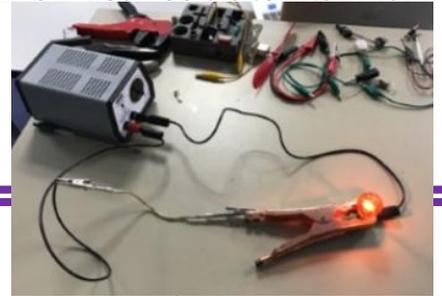
CLASS 6

Another busy week in Year 6. Lots of topic work taking place, which has resulted in some great display pieces. We also all thoroughly enjoyed our day at Layer Marney Tower. As well as exploring the house and tower (after climbing the 99 steps) we learnt a lot about every day Tudor life, how to weave and the food they ate. We also made scientific predictions when we were Tudor doctors and used cabbage water and various substances to see what chemical reactions may happen. Everyone (except for a passing pheasant that had to be evacuated) loved having a go at archery. Please enjoy looking at all the photos on the Class 6 page.



CLASS 5

Year Five have been learning about materials which are conductors or heat or electricity. We used a regulated power supply to make electrical circuits and investigate what conducted electricity and what did not. We tried changing the voltage to see the effect of a different voltage on a buzzer, a motor with a fan on it, and a bulb. We also discovered that by changing the polarity on a motor, we can make the fan blow up instead of down. It was fun adding a switch to the circuit to turn a component on and off more easily. Adding an insulator to a circuit could be thought of as a sort of 'off' switch if the contact can be moved between the insulator and conductor.



CLASS 4

In English, Class 4 have enjoyed being reading detectives, searching for clues as to which text they will be delving into very soon for our weekly Take One Book reading lessons. The children shared and explored a range of detective stories and created colourful and vibrant detective posters in small groups. The big reveal is coming soon! The children have also been busy learning more about their Maya history topic. They had a great time with our visitor Stephen, who really brought history to life! The children enjoyed songs, dancing, storytelling and lots of drama. Photos have been uploaded to our photo gallery on our class page for you to enjoy.

In Art, the children used a variety of H and B pencil tones to practise a range of techniques to show shade, tone, texture and movement in their sketches. A selection of the work is displayed outside our classroom and we hope you enjoy looking at it on your next visit.

CLASS 3

Class 3 have had lots of fun in Design and Technology this week by designing their very own pitta pizzas! Their challenge was to meet the design brief: the pizzas had to include part of their 5-a-day and be appealing to children. This really put their creativity and design skills to the test, and they can't wait to make and taste their finished products soon! The class were especially lucky to be able to pick fresh produce from the school allotment and choose their toppings based on which vegetables are in season. The next part of the process will be making their pizzas, tasting them, and completing an evaluation form, a key step in assessing how well their designs meet the brief. This will include asking other classes for their feedback on the appearance of the products! They will also be developing their persuasive writing skills by creating short, snappy sentences that could go on the packaging. Class 3 have noticed that packaging for vegetable pizzas isn't always very fun... but they're definitely up for the challenge!