



Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 14th November 2025

Hello,

This week has been a poignant one. On Tuesday we marked Remembrance with a visit for Year 2 to All Saints Church to lay a wreath and reflect upon the sacrifices made by so many brave men and women. The two minute silence was impeccably held by all the children and staff at 11am, a mark of the understanding the pupils already have about these important issues. Have a lovely weekend, and do not forget the Times Tables Competition 'England Rocks!' starts this week, along with Enterprise week!

Mr Stotter

This Week in Assembly

This week in assembly we have looked at-

COURAGE

We all need to be courageous at times to help us take on challenges that might be tough or challenge us.

How have you been courageous this week?



Hugo H

Ryker F Ronnie P

George C

We hope you have a fantastic day!

Dates for the Diary

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

2025/26 Dates

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

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 6

Year 6 have had another busy week. We have started getting in the festive season early, learning lines for our nativity and are putting together our wonderful performance. We have also taken time to remember those fallen during conflict and those still protecting our nations. The children wrote some very poignant poems, reflecting on war and the act of remembrance. We also decorated some beautiful poppies to mark the occasion. We also continue our jam packed curriculum - studying Midsummer Night's Dream, fractions, Carl Linnaeus in science and vocabulary relating to houses and homes in Spanish.



CLASS 5

Year Five are starting to think about their Enterprise week project. This will involve planning, designing, making, marketing, advertising, reviewing and improving. *What could it be that we are going to sell???* Next week, we will have fewer lessons to do with Ancient Egypt and more lessons about business and the bottom line. Discussions have started about branding, costing, profit margins and building anticipation ahead of the release of the BIG REVEAL!

We are also planning to make our Egyptian masks out of papier-mâché. This will be a group activity which will involve gluing, cutting, modelling and painting. Lots of working together to make decisions which everyone can live with!

CLASS 4

Class 4 have enjoyed lots of practical science experiments, including melting different types of chocolate, as part of our states of matter Science topic. The children used a range of scientific equipment to investigate how temperature is related to a solid state changing to a liquid state.

In English, the children are beginning to plan their own buddy stories, following the structure they have studied in the text 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne. The children have also been busy wowing Mr Stotter with their poppy field and soldier silhouette artwork for Armistice Day.

CLASS 3

Last Thursday, Class 3 enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to Colchester Castle to launch our new History topic on the Romans. From the moment we arrived, the children were fascinated by the castle's towering stone walls and rich history. Our day began with a tour of the Roman vaults, the thousand-year old foundations of the former temple of Emperor Claudius. Once inside, our guide shared engaging stories about life in Roman Britain and the fierce battles between the Celts and Romans. The children were captivated by the displays of Roman armour and weaponry, and many enjoyed imagining themselves as Roman soldiers, dressing up with Roman shields and helmets later on in the day when exploring the museums galleries! As we explored the Roman exhibits further, the children were amazed by the intricate mosaics and other ancient Roman artefacts **on display** such as coins, tools, statues, jewellery and pottery. They also particularly enjoyed learning about Boudicca, the brave warrior queen who fought against the Romans. In the afternoon, the children took part in hands-on activities, including building a model Roman villa and re-creating life in an Iron Age roundhouse. These activities encouraged teamwork and creativity, and the children worked brilliantly together to complete their challenges.

It was a fantastic day of fun and learning, and the children returned to school full of enthusiasm for our new topic. We can't wait to learn more about Roman Britain this half term!



MOVE WITH US

The Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service are offering FREE "MOVE with US" sessions. A FREE weekly activity session for Primary aged children and their family. To help 5-11 year olds discover what motivates them to move and find out about services, groups, and activities in their local community that they might enjoy. The school nurse will be available at these sessions. The sessions are 3.30-4.30pm - On a Wednesday at Dengie Family Hub Delivery Site, Ormiston Rivers Academy, Southminster Road, CM0 8QB and on a Thursday at Chetwood Family Hub Delivery Site, Shirebourn Vale, SWF, CM3 5ZX. More information can be found on the link below or please see Mrs Priest with any questions.



REMEMBRANCE



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'.