



Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 17th October 2025

Hello,

We are asking you that after school at pick up times, you ensure that your children including younger siblings, stay in your supervision. We are currently seeing a lot of very young children running around the field. This creates a risk in that the children could get out through the bottom of the field and through the gate to the outside of the school. The field will also be very wet and slippery soon and so there is greater risk of a slip, trip and accident.

We also are seeing a lot of children using the Key Stage One adventure trail. We do not want to restrict your child from having fun, but we do need to watch out for the risk of accidental injury, especially as the apparatus becomes more slippery in the damper conditions. It is for these reasons that we would prefer the children did not use the apparatus. If your child does go on the apparatus please ensure that you are responsible and in very close supervision of them. Ideally, once you have collected your child or children you should make your way off of the site.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr Stotter

This Week in Assembly

This week in assembly we have looked at-

ENRICHMENT

It is important for us all to try to enrich and improve the world around us through kind deeds and words- what have you done this week?



Carter C

**We hope you
have a
fantastic day!**

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school next week for Parents Evening. It will be a great chance to celebrate all the children and their hard work so far this year. Please contact the school if you have any issues- we are always more than happy to help.

Dare To Be Different Day

We have been so pleased to see so many children supporting Dare to be Different Day today. The children have looked fantastic with their colourful clothes and hairstyles! We will share how much we raised with you in the next newsletter.



Dates for the Diary

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
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of Term

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

AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 2

Year 2 have been busy writing in the last two weeks. We have read the story 'Dear Teacher' in which a little boy makes up bizarre excuses why he cannot be at school, such as the government needing him to climb Mount Everest to rescue an explorer. We created our own reasons for missing school such as an elephant sitting on your car. After this we planned and wrote our own letters explaining why we would be missing several days of school. This has also given us the opportunity to work on our handwriting, making sure that we can carefully shape and form our letters. It certainly has been an exciting half term! This will only be added to next week when we have our Great Fire of London experience on Wednesday. It should be a great morning as we discover even more about what happened during those dramatic days!

CLASS 1

Year 1 have had a fantastic and busy few weeks of learning! As part of their topic on people who help us, the children had a very special visit from guide dogs. They learned all about the important role the guide dogs play in supporting people who are blind or visually impaired, helping them navigate the world safely and independently. This visit linked beautifully to their learning about a significant historical figure, Louis Braille. The children discovered that Louis Braille was a French man who invented the Braille writing system to help blind people read through touch. They had the chance to feel real Braille, which sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. They also wore specially designed glasses that simulate different visual impairments, helping them to understand some of the challenges others face in their daily lives. The children also attempted to write their name in braille as well. Of course, one of the most exciting parts of the visit was getting to spend time with the friendly guide dogs, which brought lots of smiles. In Maths, Year 1 have been working incredibly hard. After completing their unit on place value, they have now moved on to learning about addition and subtraction. The children have been exploring part-whole models to help them visualise how numbers can be broken apart and put back together. They've also been introduced to fact families, using their part-whole models to create different number sentences. This has really helped them to deepen their understanding of how numbers relate to each other. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they apply these new skills. Keep up the great work, Year 1!



CLASS R

Class R have been busy bees over the last couple of weeks! Our exploration of pets led us to discuss how to keep them happy and healthy. The children enthusiastically created their own museum, outlining various items necessary for pet care, and they adored showcasing their pet pictures that were sent in via Class Dojo.

In addition, we celebrated Black History Month through dance, with Rihanna's captivating song 'Umbrella' being a particular favourite. During this time, we engaged in meaningful discussions about the importance of equality in our world, fostering a greater understanding of diverse cultures among the students.

Class R also had a fantastic time with Half-Pints nursery, who came along to play and participate in an Autumnal crafts morning. To round off our exciting few weeks, we shifted our focus to houses. We investigated the different types of houses and the various rooms typically found within them. Class R has had a fantastic time using various materials to build their own houses, demonstrating both creativity and teamwork. It has truly been a rewarding period of learning!



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

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Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day

2025



26th and 28th Of October

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



Book Now 
Free Entry



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