



Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 24th October 2025

Hello,

We have reached the end of the half term and it certainly has been full of action! This week we were delighted to share all of the children's successes with you at Parents Evening- they have settled well into their new classes and made a superb start to the year. Thank you too for all of your superb entries for the Pumpkin Competition- you can see some of the impressive designs below and winners are revealed later in this newsletter. We hope you have a fabulous half term and we look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 3rd November.



Mr Stotter

This Week in Assembly

This week in assembly we have looked at-

MANNERS

It is important to be polite and use good manners to say please and thank you. Do you always use your manners to show kindness to others?



Tallulah F Cassidy S
Tristan B Amelia B Albie T-D
Emily E Elsie-Rose M
Summer S George T Erin O'L
We hope you have a
fantastic day!

Dare To Be Different Day

We were so pleased to see so many children supporting Dare to be Different Day last Friday. The children looked fantastic with their colourful clothes and hairstyles! It raised £338.10 for a very worthy cause. Thank you once again for your generosity.

Dates for the Diary

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| Monday 3rd 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 |

2025/26 Dates

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| 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 |

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AROUND THE CLASSES

CLASS 6

This week in Year 6, we have been finishing off some shorter units with some end of section assessment as well as continuing to embrace our termly topic. The children have been exploring the difference between informal and formal language, writing comic strips of Macbeth and then writing a formal report to justify character's guilt or innocence. We have also carried out an artist study about Hans Holbein and learnt that he was known as the photographer of his age - due to his amazingly detailed portraits.



CLASS 5

Purleigh School enjoyed the visit of the Purleigh music orchestra on Tuesday 21 October. Many tunes from many styles were enjoyed. After break, year five enjoyed a private audience from the orchestra with demonstrations performed by quite a few instruments. Players talked about their instrument and many noted how old their instruments were, one double bass being 400 years! Hopefully, a number of children were inspired to take up an instrument and consider becoming part of the orchestra in the future.

CLASS 4

Class 4 have enjoyed learning about some of the many Maya gods and goddesses in History. The children learnt that religion was extremely important to the Maya and they believed that their gods and goddesses had both a good side and a bad side. The children wrote fact files from their research and even made up their own gods or goddesses with Mayan style features and descriptions. In English, the children have been learning about seasonal poetry. They have been identifying and learning about different rhyming schemes to support their own verses. The children worked very hard to find rhyming pairs of words to end their poetry lines. It was lovely to see them all be-leaf in themselves!

CLASS 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic and creative week! We've been authors, writing our own warning stories filled with imagination, vivid descriptions and exciting language. In our 'Take One Book' *reading* lesson, we've been thinking like writers too — making predictions about what might happen next in our story and crafting our own versions of the next scene, inspired by the wonderful style of Lauren Child. In History, we've become archaeologists, examining Viking artefacts, drawing conclusions, asking questions and even cracking codes written in Viking runes! After half term, we're looking forward to beginning our new topic on the Romans with an exciting trip to Colchester Castle on Thursday 6th November.

Pumpkin Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the pumpkin competitions in each class.

Class R- Beatrix K

Class 1- Tommy M

Class 2- Alba T

Class 3- Isla B

Class 4- Dax F

Class 5- Erin B

Class 6- Evie T



Thank you to everyone who took part- all your designs looked amazing!

Purleigh Library Cards

Children will be starting their library lessons the first week back after the holiday, so please ensure you have completed the online sign-up form already sent out. The children will not be able to borrow a book without parent permission being given.



**DON'T FORGET
TO PRACTICE YOUR TIMES TABLES THIS HALF TERM!**

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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



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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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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'.