



# Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Hello,**

At the end of another busy week, our focus has been on Harvest, and appreciating the food. The importance of sharing is a key value in our school, and this has again been shown in your generous donations of canned food and goods. These donations will be gathered and then taken by Little EDI foundation, so that those truly in need will benefit from your kindness. Thank you! Our pupils shared their Harvest Assembly this morning, and I am sure you will agree that their loud speaking voices and beautiful singing made it a memorable celebration of this wonderful time of year. Congratulations to Reception for their first ever school performance- you did a superb job! **DON'T FORGET-** next Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> October) is an inset day!



*Mr Stotter*

## School Timings

The school gates open at 8.30, and will close promptly at 8.40 every day. If you are late, please visit the office to sign pupils in- they must be accompanied by an adult. The school day ends at 3.10 for all classes, except Reception, who end at 3.05. Please arrive and leave down the slope and not through the white gate by the office. Children should not be dropped off early and left unsupervised.



**Violet B**  
**Jessica S**  
**Lily B**

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

## This Week in Assembly

This week in assembly we have looked at-

# COMMITMENT

We discussed how we can show our commitment to school and other parts of our life. We looked at the time, effort and focus needed to succeed.

## PE Days & Wearing Jewellery

All jewellery needs to be removed for PE. Taping is not allowed under the Essex County Council Health & Safety Policy. If children can remove their earrings, we can put them in a small envelope to take home. If pupils cannot take their earrings out, they sadly will have to sit out of PE- School staff are not allowed to do this for the children. If your child has their ears pierced during term time, they will be unable to participate in PE lessons or Sports Events until they can remove their earrings safely. The following schedule has been confirmed for each classes PE lessons:

Monday- Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. Tuesday- Years 1 & 2

Wednesday- Years R & 6 Thursday- Years 5 & 6

Friday- Years 3 & 4

## RECORD BREAKING JEANS4GENES DAY

Last Friday's Jeans4Genes raised a record breaking amount! Your £2 donations for wearing denim along with the proceeds from our fabulous cake sale saw us raise an incredible **£657.05**.

Today you have also helped to raise a further **£62.43** during our coffee morning, with an additional **£106.10** from your harvest donations.

Thank you for your staggering support of all of these events.



## Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Cyber Safety Workshop
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Black History Month
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	EYFS Coffee Morning (9.10am)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 4 Mayan Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Inset Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Trip to Layer Marney
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Dare to be Different Day
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> - Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evenings
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 2 Great Fire of London Experience
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Individual Photos & PTA Pumpkin Decorating Competition
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Reception Parents Taster Lunch
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Pupils return after half term
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Lunch
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Afternoon (1-2.45)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Afternoon (1-2.45)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need (Non-uniform)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Enterprise Week
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Open Afternoon (1-2.45) & Parent Drop Ins (3.15-4)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Art Day & PTA Disco
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Panto @ Civic Theatre
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term- Non-uniform

## 2025/26 Dates

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Inset Day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	AUTUMN HALF TERM
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Autumn Term 2025/26
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	First Day of Spring Term 2025/26
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	SPRING HALF TERM
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Last Day of Spring Term 2025/26
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	May Bank Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Inset Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	SUMMER HALF TERM
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last Day of Summer Term 2025/26

## AROUND THE CLASSES

### CLASS R

This week in Class R, we have been engaged in a flurry of exciting activities in preparation for our upcoming Harvest Festival assembly. The children have been practising hard, demonstrating exceptional enthusiasm and creativity as they enjoy making beautiful Harvest Crowns. Additionally, we have introduced fruit and vegetable printing, allowing the children to explore textures and colours while learning about the importance of our autumn produce. This week, we have also been continuing with our new topic and learned about the different parts of the body and the significance of maintaining a fit and healthy lifestyle. The children have embraced discussions (and super-fun sorting activities) about exercise and the essentials of a balanced diet, understanding how these elements contribute to their well-being. We are incredibly proud of the progress our young learners are making. Their enthusiasm and hard work are truly commendable as we approach the Harvest Festival with joy and anticipation! Well done Class R!



### CLASS 1

Year 1 have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week full of learning! They have been putting in an incredible amount of effort preparing for their upcoming Harvest Assembly. The children have been confidently practising their lines, learning all the songs, and working together beautifully to put on a performance they're really proud of. In Maths, Year 1 have been focusing on recognising numbers as words and developing their counting skills. They've been practising counting backwards from 10 and counting forwards from any given number. To help them with their learning, they've been using a range of practical resources such as counters, tens frames and cubes making their learning more engaging. In Science, the children have continued exploring the topic of senses, with a particular focus on the sense of smell this week. They had a brilliant time predicting and identifying a variety of different smells – some familiar and some surprising! It's been wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement as they investigated and discussed their findings.

### CLASS 2

Class 2 have continue to fly along this week! We have been busy writing our story entitled "Whatever Next!" This is based upon a story where Baby Bear imagines himself turning a cardboard box into a rocket and visiting the moon. On the way he makes friends with an owl before returning home just in time for bed. The class loved creating their own version, adapting the original to theirs unique. We have continued to understand more about the Great Fire of London, exploring more about the role of Samuel Pepys in recording the events. This has helped us in PE, where we have listen carefully to music to recreate the movements of the fire as it began to spread through Thomas Farriner's bakery on Pudding Lane. We imagined what it would be like for the panicking Londoners as they fled the fire, with many finding safety in boats on the River Thames. Finally, we recreated the hours of hard work and effort it took to rebuild London following the fires.