



# Purleigh Post

Achievement for all in a community that cares

Friday 5th December 2025

**Hello,**

**Yet again this week has been full of action. The Aladdin pantomime at the Civic Theatre was enjoyed greatly by all the children- thank you to the staff and volunteers who helped ensure this happened. Thanks once again to the PTA, who also this week organised a visit from the reindeer and Santa Claus himself!**

**We have also been putting the finishing touches to the school nativity performances, which we are excited to share with you next week. Year R have worked brilliantly with Year 6 to get ready, while the rest of the school's singing will really add to your enjoyment of a fabulous service. Please check your emails for the dates and times of the services you can attend.**

*Mr Stotter*

This Week in Assembly

## **CARING**

**HOW HAVE YOU BEEN CARING THIS WEEK?  
WHAT CARING ACTS HAVE YOU SEEN?**



**Cormac D Hunter W  
Maya P-F Beatrice C Alfie D  
We hope you all have  
a superb day!**

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Week
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Rocksteady Performance
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas Party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term- Non-Uniform Day
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return for Spring Term
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	PTA Heroes Dress Up Day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 Archery Competition @ Maylandsea
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Greek Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 5/6 Football @ Maylandsea (tbc)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Superstars
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Disco
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year & Pancake Day Meal
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Half Term
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 trip to Chelmsford Museum
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 trip to Hollytrees
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 @ RAF Duxford
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Mother's Day Craft & Presents
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Gymnastics Competition
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening Week
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Egg Decorating Competition
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Maldon Rugby Tournament
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Life Roadshow
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Life Roadshow
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 @ Little Braxted Hall
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 @ Hyde Hall
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R @ Jimmy's Farm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 2 @ Stow Maries
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Class Photos
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year R Sports @ Meadgate
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 @ Sealife Centre
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Father's Day Craft & Presents
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 @ Writtle Farming Day
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	QMAT Sports @ Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Isle Of Wight Residential begins

## AROUND THE CLASSES

### CLASS 2

Class 2 have been busy with our topic looking at famous historic events. We have looked at Florence Nightingale, understanding more about the bravery and kindness she showed to people in very difficult circumstances. We discussed her actions, and why it may have been hard for some people to understand her actions during a war scenario. We have also completed our science unit on animals including humans, with a particular focus on hygiene. Last week we conducted an experiment looking at what happens to germs when we use soap to wash our hands. First, we covered our hands in glitter, which represented germs. Then we used water alone to try to clean our hands- but it didn't work! We tried again, this time using soap and water, and the results were much better! We realised that using soap is the best way to remove germs and keep our hands nice and clean.

### CLASS 1

Year 1 have been filled with excitement and fantastic learning opportunities. In English, the children have been exploring the story *Lost and Found*, discussing the characters' feelings and emotions and working together to compare the book with the film. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the film and were able to identify lots of similarities and differences between the two versions. This week, they also had a magical visit from Santa Claus, where the children met two of his reindeer, fed them, and even had the chance to speak with Santa himself! To finish off a wonderful week, the children had an amazing trip to Chelmsford Theatre to watch "Aladdin". They enjoyed it so much that they even wrote brilliant pantomime reviews when they came back.

### CLASS R

The festive season has burst into life within Class R, filling our classroom with an exhilarating atmosphere of joy and wonder! Santa has sprinkled his magic, transforming our space with vibrant decorations and setting up his enchanting grotto. The children were absolutely thrilled to share their Christmas lists with him and had a fantastic time meeting Dancer and Prancer, the reindeer! But that's not all! We've been diving into the spirit of the season by perfecting our nativity performance and discovering a range of Christmas traditions. This week, Class R had the dazzling opportunity to attend a pantomime, where they were swept away by the hilarious antics of Aladdin, resulting in uproarious laughter and unforgettable memories. We can't wait to share even more festive adventures with you in the weeks to come!



## UPDATING YOUR DETAILS & LATENESS

Please update your Arbor account if you have a change of personal details such as your address or contact phone numbers. This will automatically update your details on our systems. There are also an increasing number of children arriving late to school, and also being collected later than the end of the school day at 3.10pm. Please remember that the school gates open at 8.30am every day and close promptly at 8.40am. If you are late, you must accompany pupils to the office to sign them in.

## CHRISTMAS ART DAY

Last Friday, Purleigh had its annual Christmas Art Day, and the atmosphere was buzzing with Christmas music blaring, laughter, and, of course, a plethora of crafts. The whole school worked hard as a team to create a wonder of Christmas art. The children learned numerous new skills throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed accessing their creative sides. We had a variety of crafts, including Christmas cards, boxes, hanging decorations, Christmas trees, and even snowmen. Attached are some pictures showcasing a handful of the fantastic crafts that were made. Well done, everyone!



## PARKING ON THE WESTERINGS

We appreciate that parking around the school can be challenging at times. Recently we have received reports of residents on the Westerings have their driveways blocked by people picking up and dropping off from school, making it impossible to leave their homes. Please can everyone be mindful and respectful to our neighbours, and be mindful of appropriate places to park. Thank you for your support with this issue.

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