



# Purleigh Post

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Friday 12th December 2025

Hello,

A busy week has drawn to a close with the joys of Christmas in the air. The children did extraordinarily well in the Nativity performances at the church with beautiful singing, wonderful story telling and delightful acting from our Reception pupils. Well done to you all, and thank you to all of the people from All Saints who made it possible. Thank you to Mr Davies, Mrs Collins and Mr Collins for ensuring that the church was ready for us. We are also delighted to welcome a new member of staff to our LSA team this week- Mrs Emberson. We hope she has enjoyed her first days with us, and is looking forward to a happy time with us. Next week we end the term with our usual festivities!

*Mr Stotter*

This Week in Assembly

## Courtesy

Good manners and kindness are very important. How have you been kind and courteous this week?



Grace F Dax F Frankie L London P  
Joseph D Emily L Pixie M

We hope you all have a  
superb day!

## Christmas Lunch

This week we had a fabulous Christmas lunch, cooked for us by the brilliant Mrs Newell, Mrs Marden and Mrs Collins. Thank you also to the lunch time staff and teachers who helped to serve the children. Photos of the wonderful lunch will follow next week!



## Dates for the Diary

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

## ALADDIN

Everybody loves a panto! And everyone loved the story of Aladdin, a rags to riches to happiness story which has been told from generation to generation for centuries in the Middle East and which was translated into French by the writer Antoine Galland in 1709. Its continuing popularity was guaranteed by the Disney musicals, Broadway and West End shows, not to mention endless retellings. On one level, the story is about wishes. Aladdin wishes to be with Jasmine, Jafar wishes to take over the world, the foolish 'brother' wants a shinier lamp, while the mothers long for their children to turn out alright. Aladdin's wish to be with the princess Jasmine makes the story appear to be like a romance. But compare the Genie's rules that you can't force love with the narcissist Jafar who wants to force the world to do his bidding. Beyond the love story plot is the fantasy fiction narrative with the magic lamp and all-seeing ring. There is an interesting side plot with the attention-hungry foolish brother who exchanges the real lamp for a shinier version. 'All that glistens is not gold.' This twist in the plot is essential for the story line and opens up the way for the truest characters to shine out. And the possibility for the Genie to swap places with the baddie in the end. To discover the riches of Aladdin's cave required one with a purity of heart. The arch-nemesis Jafar was exposed for his trickery and ended up a genie, captive in the same bottle that he had used to exploit others.



## Christmas Hat Competition

This year we had some fabulous hat designs- thank you to all of you for the time and effort you spent on your creations. Congratulations to the following winners from each class:

Class R- Isaac B & Emilia C

Class 2- Hugo S & Amelia B

Class 4- Wyatt B & Pixie M

Class 6- Jonathan N-T & Erin O'L

Class 1- Finley A & Lily M

Class 3- Kit C & Maya P-F

Class 5- Sam B & Erin B



## Colgate Initiative

Thank you to Colgate for providing us with toothbrushes and toothpaste for Years R through to 3. We know dental health is very important for children. We want to ensure that all the children in the school have beautiful 'Purleigh' white teeth!





**All Saints Church**

**Purleigh**

**Carol Service**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**at 4pm**



**All Welcome**

**All Saints Church,  
Purleigh**

**Christmas Eve Crib Service  
24<sup>th</sup> December 4pm**



**EVERYONE WELCOME**

Bring family, friends and neighbours to hear a relaxed retelling of the Christmas Story and as it's Christmas Eve, why not come dressed as a nativity character?