

Thought for the day: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go." - A.A. Milne."

Purwell Achieves 'Advanced Practice' Award for Emotional and Mental Wellbeing

We are very proud to announce that Purwell Primary School has been awarded the highest level of 'Advanced Practice' in Hertfordshire's Emotional and Mental Wellbeing Schools Mark. This award recognises our ongoing commitment to promoting emotional health and wellbeing across the whole school community.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs Mullan, our SENCO and Mental Health Lead, for her hard work in collating the evidence, preparing the documentation and meeting with assessors as part of the review process.

We are delighted that the assessors recognised the strength of our school's approach, highlighting the involvement of pupils such as Leo, Amy-Rose and Yelyzaveta, who represented the school brilliantly during the visit.

The logo for this award will soon appear on our school letterheads and website, marking this as a whole-school achievement we can all be proud of.



Christmas Choir!

We're excited to announce that a Christmas Choir is being formed to sing festive carols in the run-up to Christmas! The choir will be open to children from Year 2 to Year 6 and will take place as a lunchtime club, led by Mrs Lancaster and supporting staff members. It's a wonderful opportunity for children who love singing to get into the Christmas spirit and help spread some festive cheer around the school. More details will be shared soon with children on how they can join!

National Anti-Bullying Week

This week, our school has been proudly celebrating Anti-Bullying Week in a variety of fun and meaningful ways. We kicked things off on Monday with Odd Socks Day, when children and staff came to school wearing their brightest and most mismatched socks! This cheerful start reminded us all of the importance of expressing ourselves, celebrating our individuality, and embracing what makes each of us unique. On Tuesday, we gathered for an assembly to explore how we can all stand together against bullying and spread kindness throughout our school community. Throughout the week, children have also been taking part in a range of classroom activities based on this year's theme of Power for Good- learning how each of us can be a power for good by showing respect, empathy, and courage every day.



Coats and Cold Weather Reminder

As the weather continues to be changeable, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat with a hood each day. We go outside whenever possible, even in light rain, so it's important they're properly dressed for the conditions.

Please also ensure that all coats and other items your child brings to school are clearly labelled with their name, so that any lost belongings can be quickly returned. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone warm, dry and organised this season!

New Parent Workshop: Families in Mind

We are delighted to announce that local Family Support Workers will be running a new course, Families in Mind, at Purwell School. The 90-minute session will take place on 2nd December, starting at 9:15am.

The workshop will focus on understanding emotional responses, managing behaviour at home, fostering responsibility, setting healthy boundaries, and exploring the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Participants will also receive proactive strategies and resources to support their families. This session is a wonderful opportunity for parents to build confidence, gain practical tools, and strengthen connections within our school community.

To book your place, please contact the school office or email Absence-Misc@purwell.herts.sch.uk

Reception Admissions 2026-2027

Information for admissions into the Reception class is available on the Hertfordshire website, www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions The online system is **OPEN** and the deadline for applications is the **15th January 2026**.

PSA News

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who helped make our Halloween Disco and Trail such a fantastic success! Whether you donated treats, volunteered your time, or simply joined in the fun, your support made all the difference. Both events were bursting with energy, creativity, and community spirit - and we couldn't have done it without you.

We're also incredibly proud of all the children. The wider Purwell community has shared how polite, friendly, and well-behaved they all were on Halloween - a real credit to our school. Well done, everyone!

Stay Connected with the PSA

Calling all Nursery, Reception and other new families to the school!!

Want to stay in the loop with school events, updates, and everyday chatter?

- Join our Facebook Group: Purwell School Association
- Make sure you're in your Class WhatsApp Group - perfect for quick questions, lost jumpers, party invites, and homework reminders! Please note the Nursey group is a little thin on ground at the moment so please do get in touch if you are a nursery parent!

New to Purwell and not sure who your Class Rep is? Just drop us a line at purwell.school.association@gmail.com and we'll point you in the right direction.

COMING UP:

- Christmas shop - mid December
- Christmas craft session - keep your eyes peeled for more details coming very soon!
- Christmas performance refreshments - hot chocolate, mulled wine/cider & mince pies!
- Christmas Raffle - with some AMAZING prizes!!

Dates and events for Academic Year 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

Friday 5 th December	School closed for Occasional day
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch and Xmas jumper day
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Productions (EY and KS1)
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Productions (KS2)
Friday 19 th December	1:30pm Christmas assembly with carol singing. Term ends at 2pm

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school
16 th - 20 th February	Half-term
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term