

Purwell Primary School

13th July 2023

Quote of the week: " Having a place to go is a home. Having someone to love is a family. Having both is a blessing." - Donna Hedges.

Glee Club to perform at special summer evening event -Thursday 20th July

We are excited to invite you to our end of term school performance of singing and dancing! Our talented children who perform with Glee Club, are working hard to prepare for this special event, and they cannot wait to showcase their talent.

Join us on Thursday 20th July in the school hall for an evening of entertainment that is sure to leave you impressed. Our performers will be showcasing a range of songs and dance routines that they are working on with Miss Plunkett, Mrs Eaves, Mrs Nichol, Mrs Rook and Mr Brazier, that will delight and entertain the whole family. As an additional treat, Mrs Law's Purwell Panthers will be performing their national competition routine, which is sure to be impressive.

This is an excellent opportunity to support our pupils and witness the incredible progress they have made over the year. We encourage all parents and families to attend and celebrate this fantastic achievement.

Open Day and Evening

Yesterday, the school was open for parents to visit their children's classrooms and to see the children engaging in learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum. Thank you to those who were able to attend, either, in the afternoon or the evening.

In the evening session, Mr Cano shared a few key notes before introducing the parents to the teachers for September. If you were unable hear it in person, here are the class allocations for the next academic year.

EYFS: Mrs Cooper
Year 1&2: Mrs Powers
Year 3: Mrs Nichol
Year 4: Mr Smith
Year 5: Mr Brazier
Year 6: Mrs Lancaster

This morning, (Thursday) the children had the opportunity to spend some time with their new teachers and teaching assistants, getting to know one another, in preparation for September.

Annual Reports to be sent home on 17th July

On Monday 17th July, parents will be sent, via School Comms, their child's report for the year, as completed by their class teacher.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

On Wednesday 19th July, at 2.15pm, there will be some mixed emotions at the Year 6 Leavers' assembly. At this special occasion, Oak Class pupils will say their goodbyes to the school and the Year 6 Pupil of the Year will be announced. Parents of pupils from that class are most welcome to join us for this event.

Sports Day Success

A huge thank you to all the relatives who joined us for Sports Day, on the last Wednesday of June. It was a hugely enjoyable day for all involved, helped by mild weather conditions. All the pupils participated keenly in

the events, earning points for their teams in the process. Our Yellow team claimed the trophy by a very narrow 2 point margin, from last year's winners the Green team.

School uniform

Next half term, we will be having a push on pupils wearing the correct uniform to school. The most common issues we encounter are hair bands that are too brightly coloured and the regulation all-black trainers, which have bright colourful logos on. Please ensure that you purchase the correct style for your child in September. Further details of school's uniform policy can be found here. [Purwell Primary School » Uniform](#)



A shoutout for donations

Request for toy donations for Mrs Powers. If you are clearing out toy boxes this summer please would you consider donating to the school any playdoh tools, Duplo/sticklebrix, footballs, sandpit/water toys. Thank you!

PSA

Purwell Rocks Update

Volunteers needed please!

In order to make sure Purwell Rocks is a success, we really need some help in a few areas. If you can help setting up, looking after a stall or area for an hour (or two!) on the day, and or clearing up after the event and on Sunday morning, we would really, really appreciate your help. Please look out for opportunities to help on Facebook. Kay will also be around before and after school with a hard copy, so please let her know.

Event tickets are now on sale!

Advance prices:

Adult £5

Child £3

Family Ticket (2 adults and 2+ children) £15

Tickets will be more on the door.

To buy tickets in advance please transfer money to the PSA account - details below, using your surname and child's class year as a reference, and email PurwellRocks2023@gmail.com with your surname, child's class and the number of tickets you need.

If you can't transfer, please email PurwellRocks2023@gmail.com and let us know how many tickets you need and we will organise the tickets for you separately.

The tickets are also available on Eventbrite, but the school gets more money if you can transfer directly. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/purwell-rocks-tickets-673350478407>

Purwell Rocks raffle tickets are now on sale! £1 a strip.

Raffle prizes include:

- * Full holiday camp entrance to Affinity Dance School for one
- * Silver prize entrance to gravity for a family of 4
- * £15 Wagamama voucher
- * Voucher for a meal at The Fox in Willian
- * 30 minute massage at Amore salon
- * Church Farm at Ardley pass for 5
- * Beer boxes from the Millstream
- * Family swim and flume tickets at North Herts Leisure Centre
- * £20 Cantina Carnitas voucher

Raffle tickets are on sale now, there are a number of ways to buy: If you would like to buy raffle tickets in advance:

1) Please transfer payment to the PSA account : sort code 090129 a/c number 37165077, using your surname and the year of one of your children as a reference, and then email PurwellRocks2023@gmail.com with your name and the number of tickets you would like. Tickets will then be sent home in book bags, or available to collect from Kay.

2) Kay will be available on the playground every day until Purwell Rocks with raffle tickets. Tickets will be available on the day and the raffle will be called around 8pm.

If you are unable to attend the event, please consider buying some raffle tickets. The prizes this year are really exciting and every penny really does help the school and our children.

Music line up for the day includes Steel Pans, cheerleaders , kids disco, brothers group, and soloists, dancers and DJs including a parent and even teachers!

Our famous BBQ, Pakoras from Shriyas mum, Thai curry from Aaron & Torrains mum, Indian curry from Shriya's mum, veggie chilli from Alex's mum real lemonade from Howard & Crystals family

Thank you so much for your ongoing support throughout the year, without the help and support of Purwell parents and families, both in helping to plan and run events and in coming along to take part, and hopefully enjoy the events, we could not put these events on, and we really feel that they help to strengthen the school community - we hope you do too, and we hope to see you this weekend to finish the year with a celebration and a bang!!!!

Amanda, Kay, and the PSA team.



Employment opportunity – Part-time Caretaker required

Purwell Primary School is looking to appoint a reliable and capable person to take responsibility for

caretaking duties within the school. This is an important role with responsibility for repairs, property maintenance, health and safety checks, some grounds maintenance, sweeping and window cleaning as well as liaising with contractors. Training is available through the caretaking course run by Herts County Council.

Visits to the school are welcomed. If you are interested, please phone the school and ask to pick up an application form, from Mrs Sharp, our School Business Manager, on 01462 432950.

Applicants are required to complete the application form and will be required to complete an online Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to the appointment. Purwell Primary School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and young people.

Family 'First' Support

Families First is the term used in Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

We all experience difficulties at some point. Families First can help you find early help and information to prevent issues from getting worse.

If you need more help than your usual support network - for example your health visitor, school, doctor or family centre - we can work with you and your family to create a package of support. Ask for support.

Support Workshops for Parents

With this newsletter you will be sent a list of local support agencies and workshops that are available to support parents and carers.

Dates for Summer Term

Saturday 15 th July	Purwell Rocks
Monday 17 th July	Annual progress reports sent home
Thursday 20 th July	Glee Club Performance Evening, featuring the Purwell Panthers.
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

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Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1 st September	School closed for INSET day
Monday 4 th September	Children return to school
23 rd - 27 th October	Half-term
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school
19 th - 23 rd February	Half-term
Monday 26 th February	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 16 th April	Children return to school
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday
27 th - 31 st May	Half-term
Friday 28 th June	School closed for INSET day
Friday 19th July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 22 nd July	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 23 rd July	School closed for Occasional Day's holiday