

Thought for the week: "Play is the highest form of research." - Albert Einstein

A Cake Fit for a Celebration!

Pupils who attended last Friday's birthday assembly, may have spotted a rather spectacular cake taking centre stage! While it may look delicious, this masterpiece is actually a fake birthday cake—beautifully handcrafted by our talented Early Years Leader, Miss Cooper.

Miss Cooper has put her creativity to fantastic use, designing a wonderful cake that children can stand behind as we sing the happy birthday song. The robust cake will be a feature of our birthday assembly for years to come.



Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on: - Wednesday 26th March until 6.00pm - ONLINE VIDEO MEETING
Thursday 27th March until 7.00pm - FACE TO FACE MEETING

Bookings for these consultations will be online, via Schoolcloud **from Monday 17th March**. Please use <https://purwell.schoolcloud.co.uk/> in the address bar and once you have logged in to Schoolcloud, please ensure the school have the same email address and mobile number that you will use and how you are addressed, Mrs, Miss etc.

We will also have some slots available for those parents wishing to speak with our SENCO, Mrs Mullan.

There will be a schoolcomms sent out outlining the procedures for booking appointments online and how to access the video meetings.

Nursery admissions for September 2025

Nursery Admissions for September 2025 are still open. Application forms for our nursery can be found on the school's website, or from the office and you can apply either by the nursery email (nurseryadmissions@purwell.herts.sch.uk) or contacting the school office. The application deadline is this Monday 17th March 2025.

Some parents may be eligible for 30 hours a week nursery. Please check this link to see if your child is eligible for 30 hours free childcare - [30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Upcoming fixtures

Thursday 13th March - A Team Football (away v Pirton)
Monday 24th March - A Team Netball Rally (at Whitehill)

Taking holidays during term time

We kindly remind parents to avoid taking their children on holiday during term time. Such absences disrupt your child's learning and can impact the overall school environment. The government has recently introduced a new national framework for penalty notices regarding unauthorised term-time holidays. These measures are now in effect.

To assist with your planning, the term dates for the next academic year are listed below. We encourage all families to check these dates before booking any holidays. Thank you for your support in prioritizing your child's education.

Local Support and workshops for parents

With this newsletter there is an additional document attached with information about local events and workshops for parents.

PSA News

Spring is in the air, and we have an exciting line-up of events to bring our school community together! From fun-filled discos to delicious "Frozen Fridays," there's something for everyone to enjoy. These events not only create fantastic memories for the children but also help raise vital funds for the school. Whether you're able to volunteer, donate, or simply join in the fun, your support makes all the difference. Mark your calendars and get ready for a great term ahead! Here's what's coming up...

Upcoming events -

- 4th April - Non-uniform day
- 23rd April - PSA meeting, 8pm
- 25th April- Spring Disco
- 16th May - Non-uniform day (in return for sweetie jar donations)
- 18th May - Walsworth Festival
- 21st June - Summer picnic event
- Fridays in July - "Frozen Fridays" (after school ice lolly sales!)

Easyfundraising -Did you know that we're registered with Easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself? All you have to do is sign up to support us with Easyfundraising and then when you do your normal online shopping, go via the Easyfundraising website or app and you'll raise free donations for Purwell Primary School. There are over 8,000 retailers to choose from including Just Eat, eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Amazon and many more. Signing up is quick and easy: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/purwellprimaryschoolhitchin>

Purwell Party Pack - Don't forget if you have a party coming up soon please think about hiring the pack - it helps raise money for the school and is a planet friendly option. £5 per hire + £1 damage deposit. Email the PSA to book!

PSA communications - to keep up to date with all things PSA please join the Facebook Group ("Purwell School Association") and make sure you are on your class WhatsApp group. The WhatsApp groups are also handy for general class stuff (missing jumpers / birthday parties / what page is this week's homework? Etc.). If you're new to the school and not sure who your Class Rep is please email purwell.school.association@gmail.com and we'll help!

Next PSA meeting - Wednesday 23rd April, 8pm, Purwell Community Room

Dates for Spring Term 2025

Monday 17 th March	Bookings for Parents consultations open at 3pm
Wednesday 26 th March	Parent Consultations - ONLINE
Thursday 27 th March	Parent Consultations – FACE TO FACE
Friday 4 th April	Non-Uniform Day
	1:30pm End of term assembly with Easter singing
	Last day of term (2pm finish)

Dates for Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April	School closed for Inset Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	Pupils return to school
	PSA meeting, at 8pm, in the Community Room
Friday 25 th April	Spring Disco
Monday 5 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 16 th May	Non-uniform day (in return for sweetie jar donations)
Sunday 18 th May	Walsworth Festival
26 th May- 30 th May	Half-term
Saturday 21 st June	Summer picnic event
Thursday 26 th June	Sports Day
Friday 27 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Thursday 10 th July	Meet the teacher and Secondary transfer day for Y6
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

Academic Year 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3 rd September	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school
27 th Oct- 31 st October	Half-term
Monday 3 rd November	School closed for INSET day
Friday 5 th December	School closed for Occasional day
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term

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

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
25 th to 29 th May	Half-term
Monday 1 st June	School closed for INSET day
Friday 3 rd July	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 23 rd July	Last day of term