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Thought for the week: 'I've learned that no matter how bad the situation is, it's better to tell the truth.'
Jadon - Y6.

The Purwell Way

The school is going through something of a rebrand currently. With the launch of our new refined curriculum, we are creating an innovative shared way of working that matches the distinct character of Purwell School and its wider community. We are calling this *The Purwell Way*.

In the newsletter at the start of next term, parents can expect to learn more about this approach, including our new behaviour curriculum, which sets out the rules and routines that we will explicitly teach pupils in school. We believe this will help to build pupils' character by supporting them to develop the habits and attitudes that will enable them to succeed in later life. Find out more now via this link to our page on the school website.

[Purwell Primary School » Behaviour Curriculum](#)



End of term assembly, Friday at 1:30pm

We hope parents will join us for our end of term assembly on Friday, starting at 1:30pm. We will have Maple class playing the steel drums for us. We will announce the classes with the best attendance for the term and finish with some words from a good friend of Purwell School, the Rev Melanie Crowley, from St Faiths Church. The school day will end directly after the assembly.

Open Day and Evening

Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for the Open Evening. At the event, Mr Cano gave a talk about the progress made this year in school in terms of the newly refined curriculum and improved school systems. He then spoke about the future with the launch of The Purwell Way, which is new way of working in school, designed to improve learning behaviours in class and improve the quality of learning for all pupils.

At the end of the talk, Mr Cano announced the staffing arrangements for the next academic year. Here is a summary for those parents that were unable to make the meeting.

EYFS: Miss Cooper, (plus Ms Kerr, Mrs Larkin, Miss Radford, Mrs Mayhew)

Year 1: Miss Daniels, (plus Mr Sears, Mrs Morgan)

Year 2: Mrs Cowie, (plus Miss Hill, Mrs Rook)

Year 3: Miss Burnett, (plus Mrs Rathbone)

Year 4: Mrs Simpson and Mrs Burden, Autumn Term, (plus Mrs Walker and Mrs Davis) with Mrs Nichol returning to teach the class for the Spring and Summer terms.

Year 5: Mr Brazier, (plus Mrs East)

Year 6: Mrs Lancaster, (plus Mrs Pike)

The following morning, 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 tomorrow

Tomorrow, parents will be sent, via School Comms, their child's report for the year, as completed by their class teacher.

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Yesterday there were some mixed emotions at the Year 6 Leavers' assembly. At this special occasion, Oak Class pupils said their goodbyes to the school and parents of pupils from that class joined us for this event. As well as seeing and hearing from the pupils about their most treasured memories of their time at Purwell School, we witnessed various displays of their talents and musical instrument playing. The Year 6 Pupil of the Year, as elected by all the staff at school, was announced as Melody Campbell-Phillips. Her name is now engraved on the prestigious shield which is displayed in the school's trophy cabinet.

We wish all the pupils from Oak class the very best of fortune as they move on to their chosen secondary schools.

Bullying update

Since our last update, I am pleased to say that we have had no incidents of bullying behaviour reported at school.

Returning books

Please can you ensure that, before the end of the week, all school reading and library books are returned. Thank you.

Budding pianists tickle the ivories

On Monday 8th July, we were treated to a fabulous showcase of musical talent as Mr Day, our Herts Music Service piano teacher, put on a showcase assembly. A group of pianists from Years 4, 5 and 6, along with Otto Hillman on guitar, wowed the children with the quality of their play and their dedication, whilst also inspiring some real interest in learning musical instruments. The performance concluded with a rocking improvisation around the bassline of The White Stripes 7 Nation Army, with Otto keeping the group going on bass while Arjun Anand and Oscar Corbett improvised on piano. Congratulations also to Freya Campbell, Alyssa Butler, George Drury and Abbie Lau who all took part. If you're interested in piano lessons for you child in the new academic year you can follow the link below to sign them up (as well as individual lessons pupils of the same ability can take shared lessons).

[Registration - Hertfordshire Music Service \(speedadmin.dk\)](http://speedadmin.dk)



Epic ride for Purwell Peddlers

On Wednesday 10th July an intrepid group of 13 Purwell Pedallers took on our annual Greenway ride, covering a 17km route to and from Purwell. The riders had opportunities to demonstrate the road safety they've learned, their bike handling and their stamina. They set off in groups of 3 or 4 riders and showed superb teamwork, encouraging each other, riding with smiles, ensuring no parent helpers were left behind and even singing as they rode. After a well-deserved ice cream stop in Willian the cyclists made the final leg of their journey back to the school, joyfully recounting the fun they'd had. The children and Mr Brazier would like to pass on their thanks to all of the parent helpers, without them opportunities like this wouldn't be available to the children.



Taking holidays during term time

Another reminder to parents that you should not take your child on holiday in term time, as it is disruptive both to your child's education and to school. The next academic year's dates are attached to this newsletter, so any parents making holiday plans can check that they fit around the school dates first before booking anything.

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 should not have any bright colourful logos on. Please ensure that you purchase the correct style for your child in September. PE clothing should be a



white T-Shirt, school logo optional and navy blue shorts as they appear in this photo below. Further details of school's uniform policy can be found here. [Purwell Primary School » Uniform](#)

School uniform recycle, bring and swap

A date for you summer calendars. On Sunday 18th August, all the school uniform that the school holds will be put out on display for parents to take what they need for their ever-growing children. We also welcome from parents, donations of any used uniform that is clean and in good condition. Ideally please bring those with you on the day. Here's a useful link to the page on the school website regarding school uniform [Purwell Primary School » Uniform](#)

The work of the school governors

The work of school leaders and Governing Board came in for much praise last week by Judith Sumner, our Senior Effectiveness Advisor from Herts for Learning. In the report that followed her final visit to the school she wrote:

The school has come a long way since the last Ofsted inspection. Leaders and governors have developed strong systems to ensure that high expectations are understood and met, by staff and pupils. The curriculum has been thoughtfully refined in all subjects so that pupils are better able to build their knowledge. Retrieval practice ensures that pupils remember what they are taught in the foundation subjects. In the core subjects in key stages 1 and 2, and in the prime and specific areas in the early years, most pupils attain nationally expected standards. Leaders are aware of what needs to be done to ensure the school's improvement continues.

A huge well done to the Governing Board and school leaders who have worked hard to bring about these improvements.

Becoming a school governor

Being a school governor is an incredibly rewarding role to take on and it means that you can have a direct input in creating the future success of the school. We currently have two vacancies on the Governing Body. Any parents who are considering becoming a school governor can find out more about the role by approaching Mrs Sharp in the school office. Alternatively, we have a page on our school website that can be accessed by the link below. [Purwell Primary School » Role & Responsibilities](#)

PSA News update

Thank you - Thank you to everyone who braved the wind and rain to come and support the Summer Fair. We really appreciate it!

Cake Sale - We will be holding a cake sale after school this Thursday (18th) outside the KS2 classrooms. We would be very grateful for any homemade or shop bought donations (just no nuts in the ingredients please)! The sun looks like it will be shining too so we will be selling ice lollies and ice-creams. All items 50p.

School Garden - Can you spare an hour or two over the summer holidays to help at the school garden? Kim & Annabelle hope to get together a working party to give the school garden a spruce up! Date(s) TBC. More details to follow on the PSA Facebook and X (formerly Twitter) pages.

PSA Committee 24/25 - As usual all the committee roles will be open for re-election at the AGM in September and the PSA would love to have you! There are a couple of roles which we will definitely need some new volunteers to fill. Our super Secretary, Emma, will be stepping down as her youngest heads off into year 7 and our lovely Licensing Officer, Gavin, would like to focus his attention on his role as a School Governor. Please get in touch if you would like to find out more about any of the roles.

PSA communications - to keep up to date with all things PSA please join the Facebook Group and make sure you are on your class WhatsApp group. 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 - TOMORROW, Wednesday 17th July, in the Purwell Community Room

School hall hire

The school hall is available for private hire for birthdays and events outside the school day. Please contact the school office for further details.

Parental support, workshops and events

With this newsletter you will also receive a document which details the local support agencies for parents and carers. These include workshop and events. Parent Highlights: <https://tinyurl.com/DSPLnews> - easy link for sharing with parents; SEND Directory - Local Offer ; DSPL 1 Parent Representative Advert.



A shoutout for donations

Request for book shelves for Mr Brazier. If you are clearing out any rooms at home this summer please would you consider donating to the school any wooden bookshelves, any size, for Aspen's reading corner. Thank you!

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Summer term 2024

Wednesday 17 th July	PSA meeting - Community Room
Thursday 18 th July	After school PSA Cake sale
Friday 19 th July	1:30pm End of term assembly. (2pm finish)
Sunday 18 th August	Uniform clothing drive. 10am until 12:30pm.

Academic Year 2024/25

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2 nd September	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Children return to school
28 th Oct- 1 st November	Half-term
Monday 4 th November	School Closed for INSET day
Friday 6 th December	School closed for occasional day
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term