

PURWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

18th March 2026

Thought for the week: " Children are not things to be moulded, but people to be unfolded." ~Jess Lai

  Join Us for Our Easter Celebration Assembly - Friday 27th March, at 1.30pm  

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

ONLINE MEETINGS - Wednesday 25th March until 6.00pm

FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS - Thursday 26th March until 7.00pm

Booking for these consultations are now online, via the school link, <https://purwell.schoolcloud.co.uk/> 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.

Governor Vacancy - Finance Specialist


We are seeking to strengthen our Governing Body by appointing a governor with financial expertise and a solid understanding of school finance.



This voluntary role would suit someone with **experience in budgeting, financial oversight, strategic planning, or organisational financial management**. The ability to analyse financial information, ask informed questions, and provide constructive challenge would be highly valued and would complement the skills already within our team.

School governors play a vital role in supporting leadership, ensuring accountability, and helping to ensure that resources are used effectively for the benefit of all pupils.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the school office.

 Cherry Class D.T. Wow Day  

Cherry Class are thoroughly enjoying their Victorian Roly Poly D.T. unit, and on Wednesday 25th March they will be having a special D.T. Wow Day! 

During the day, the children will be designing and making their very own Victorian Roly Poly toys, which we are sure will be a fun and memorable experience. To help make the day feel extra special, Cherry Class are invited to come to school in home clothes.   Miss Daniels cannot wait to see their fantastic creations!



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 and could result in a severe fine.

The next academic year's dates are shown on the next pages, so any parents making holiday plans can check they fit around the school dates first before booking anything.

Purple Gunge Challenge for JAR - Friday 22nd May 2026 

We're getting messy for a brilliant cause! On Friday 22nd May, the school field will host a Purple Gunge Challenge to raise awareness and funds for Juvenile Arthritis Research (JAR). If Charlotte Smith (Year

5) hits her fundraising target (£100), a very brave teacher - possibly our Headteacher or Mr Brazier - will be doused in purple gunge after school! Juvenile arthritis affects thousands of children across the UK, and this challenge is a fun way for our school community to support vital research. Donations (suggested £1 on the day), cheers, and purple spirit all welcome! ❤️

Free Protective Behaviours Courses for Parents and Carers

We would like to signpost families to a series of free **Protective Behaviours** courses being offered by an external provider and funded by **Hertfordshire County Council**.

These courses are designed to support parents and carers in building a calmer, safer family life. They explore how feelings, thoughts and behaviour are linked, what may influence a child's behaviour, and practical ways to respond to stress, anger, anxiety and worries. The sessions also aim to help improve communication, strengthen relationships, build on family strengths, and support children to feel safe.

Courses are available **online and in person** after Easter:

In person, for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 19 years

Hertford, Thursdays, 16th April to 11th June, 9.30am to 11.30am
Broxbourne, Fridays, 24th April to 26th June, 9.30am to 11.30am

Online, for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 19 years

Wednesdays, 6th May to 1st July, 9.30am to 11.30am
Wednesdays, 6th May to 1st July, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Online, for dads and male carers of children aged 0 to 19 years

Thursdays, 7th May to 2nd July, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Places are fully funded for parents and carers who may need some additional support. To be eligible, the parent, child, or both must live in Hertfordshire. No other services need to be involved.

To book a place, parents and carers can use the booking link provided by the organisers.

For more information, please contact the provider directly at enquiries@familiesfeelingsafe.co.uk or call **07850 518216**.

PSA NEWS

Doughnut Sale - Next Wednesday

Join us after school next Wednesday on the KS2 playground for our doughnut sale!

Doughnuts will be available for 50p or £1.

A big thank you to Wenzels Bakery for kindly supporting our fundraiser - we really appreciate it!

PSA Meeting - Tonight

Our PSA meeting is taking place tonight at 8pm in the community room - everyone is welcome.

Our lovely treasurer, Natalie, will be stepping down in September as her youngest heads off to Year 7. We'd love to find someone interested in taking on the role, allowing plenty of time for a smooth and supported handover. No accounting experience is needed - just a willingness to get involved!

Dates and events for Academic Year 2026

Spring Term 2026

Wednesday 18 TH March	PSA Meeting in Community Room
Wednesday 25 th March	Parent Consultations evening - online
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Consultations evening - face-to-face
Friday 27 th March	Easter Assembly at 1:30pm. Term ends at 2pm

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Purple Gunge Challenge for JAR
25 th - 29 th May	Half term
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 8 th July	School Open Day
Thursday 9 th July	Pupils meet their new teacher for September
Friday 10 th July	Inset Day
Thursday 23 rd July	End of Term 2pm

Next Academic Year 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	School closed for INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Children return to school
26 th Oct- 30 th Oct	Half-term
Friday 4 th December	School closed for occasional day
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4 th January	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school
15 th - 19 th February	Half-term
Monday 22 nd February	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 25 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12 th April	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday
31 st May - 4 th June	Half-term
Thursday 8 th July	Meet the teacher day (Secondary transition day)
Friday 9 th July	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of term