

Purwell Primary School
20th June 2024

Thought for the week: "You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." – Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh.

Sports Day - Thursday 27th June

This year, Sports Day will be on Thursday 27th June. The organisation of the day will be similar to previous years, with children taking part in a range of athletic events such as long jump, javelin and discus, in addition to running races on the track. In the morning, from 9:30am, it will be the turn of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children: Acorn N, Acorn R and Cherry Class, with Key Stage 2 children: Beech, Maple, Aspen and Oak competing in the afternoon, from 1:30pm.

Teachers will be making sure that children have the opportunity to practice each of the events as part of their PE lessons this term. All children should make sure they have their PE kit (including proper trainers) in school so that they can take part.

Parents are most welcome to watch their children on Sports Day - come and join us!

Inter-House competitions

With one week to go before Sports Day, our house competitions are well underway with pupils across the school earning points for their teams in a range of different events.

You may have seen photos and footage from our Basketball competition on our school social media last Friday. All of Key Stage 2 gathered to watch in excitement as the teams contested a round robin tournament after lunch. It was a fantastic event with some incredible skill and team-work on display. Well done to all who took part.

Our inter-house cricket and chess matches have been taking place over the last couple of weeks and our table tennis and cup-stacking competitions are underway.

All of the points won by the teams across these events will be added to those earned on Sports Day itself, with Mr Cano announcing this year's winners at the end of Sports Day. Can our Yellow team (Wilshere) hold on to the shield this year? It's not long now before we find out!



House teams, made up of pupils from Year 4 to Year 6, competed in last week's basketball competition.

Good luck to mum-to-be Mrs Powers

At the end of next week we will be wishing Mrs Powers all the best as she begins her one-year maternity leave. During her absence, Mrs Bank, who has already met the class, will be covering her duties. We are confident Mrs Bank will continue the excellent work in Mrs. Powers' stead, for the last three weeks of term.

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`Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 10th July

The Open Day and Open Evening for parents will be on Wednesday 10th July. Parents are invited to come into their child's class from 2.15pm, until 3.15pm, where they will be invited to join the children in fun learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum.

To accommodate the later-working parents, the school will open again at 6.00pm, with refreshments in the hall, when Mr Cano will be saying a few words before introducing to the parents the teachers for September and announcing class allocations. After this, parents will be free to tour the school. There will be displays of children's work, subject information and interactive computer demonstrations, with staff and pupils available to guide and answer any questions.

You Said, We Did

Following the parent survey, school leaders have been meeting to agree how best we can respond to the suggestions parents, pupils and staff have made for school improvement. This, 'you said, we did' section is a regular feature of the newsletters this term. *You said, we did*, is also the title of a display board in the entrance lobby of the school. It details what the school is putting in place to improve what we currently provide for pupils and parents. The school governors are also playing a big part in this process as they respond to parental feedback at meetings, when they will review milestones set in the School Improvement Plan.

You said: 18% of the parents who responded didn't know how the school deals with incidents of antisocial behaviour.

We did: *The school's graduated approach to dealing with instances of poor behaviour has been attached along with this newsletter as a separate document. This document can also be found in the school's Behaviour Policy and as a separate document on our website, here's the link: [Purwell Primary School » Policies](#)*

The updates parents receive on bullying will continue to be shared regularly, via the school's newsletter.

You said: Communication regarding sports fixtures is sometimes short notice, or incorrect.

We did: *From today, all future sporting fixtures will be featured at the end of each newsletter.*

You said: 15% of the parents who responded didn't use the school website.

We did: *For all important matters, links will be added to the school newsletter directing parents to the relevant section on the school's website: [Purwell Primary School](#)*

You said: Bathroom facilities for upper KS2 are not fit for purpose.

We did: *The toilet facilities for Year 6 will be refurbished in academic Year 2025/26. Other building improvements are also budgeted for that year.*

Cleaners from May-Harris carried out a deep-clean over half term of all the school's toilets and will do so before the start of each new term. This is to supplement the daily cleaning they receive. All toilets are regularly monitored for their cleanliness.

Expect to see more *You said, we did*s in future newsletters.

Bullying update

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

The work of the school governors

At the Governing Board meeting this week, the school governors were told about the new staff who have been appointed for September. They received updates from Mr Cano about safeguarding and SEN. They heard from Mrs Sharp, (our School Business Manager) about finances and budget monitoring and then, from Mrs Lancaster about the progress being made on the School Improvement Plan (SIP). Governors also shared their experiences of being invited into school to meet with subject leaders. They took part in book looks and spoke with children about their work and their learning. Another governor had visited school recently to carry out the health and safety annual visit, and she was able to report back her findings.

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](#)

School garden, blooming marvellous

Progress is being made with transforming our school garden into a delightful place for people and nature to be. Supported by our able expert gardener, Kim Richardson (Charlottes' mum), her green-fingered club of enthusiasts have built the Pea Netting, whilst others rotated between the must-do jobs of watering, path clearing, fence clearing, raspberry picking and pumpkin patch turning. They all put in lots of hard work and took instruction well from our self-described allotment hand, Miss Richardson.



The Green house is on-site, and we are looking for volunteers to help erect the Green house in the coming weeks!

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.

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.

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.

PSA news & events

Non-uniform day, Monday 1st July - the children can come to school in their home clothes. In return we are asking pupils to bring in with them donations of either:

- a bottle (this can be any type of bottle- something alcoholic, soft drink, shampoo, ketchup, bubble mixture... just as long as its unopened!)
- or
- chocolate (No nuts in the ingredients please).

We will be really grateful for all donations as they will be used on our Tombola stalls at the Summer Fair to help raise money for the school.

Please note Acorn class should wear their school uniform as usual on this day due to the school trip.

Summer Fair, Saturday 6th July 11am-2pm -

We will be holding a summer fete this year and plan to have tombola's, a raffle, craft area, face painting (tbc), bouncy castle, BBQ, bar & refreshments and lots of games! But to make it a success we will need lots of volunteers, so please do get in touch if you can spare even just half an hour to help- either before, during or after! We can't do it without you!

Soft toys- if you have any cuddly toys that are in good condition and looking for a new home then we would love to take them off your hands.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 18th July - after school Cake sale

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 - Wednesday 17th July, Purwell Community Room

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](#)

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Summer term 2024

Thursday 27th June	Sports Day, EY/infants am, juniors pm.
Friday 28 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Monday 1st July	Non-uniform day, for donations of bottles and chocolate for the Fair.
Saturday 6 th July	PSA Summer Fair, 11-2pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Open day (2:15pm) and evening (6pm)
Thursday 11 th July	Meet the teacher morning for pupils
Monday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (2:15)
Wednesday 17 th July	PSA meeting - Community Room
Thursday 18th July	After school PSA Cake sale
Friday 19 th July	1:30pm End of term assembly. (2pm finish)
Sunday 18th August	Uniform clothing drive. 10am until 12:30pm.

Sporting Fixtures

Sports Fixtures (2 nd half of Summer Term 2024)		
Date	Sport	Details
Wednesday 26 th June	Athletics	District Athletics Competition 8:30am- 1:00pm
Thursday 27 th June	Athletics	School Sports Day (EYFS/KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon)
Wednesday 10 th July	Cycling	3.15pm – 5.30pm - Purwell Pedallers Greenway Adventure

Final dates of Lunchtime and after school clubs

Wizard Workshop (EYFS) - last date, Friday 21st June

Cycling - last date, Tuesday 2nd July

Netball - last date, Wednesday 3rd July

Chess - No chess on Monday 1st July, so last date is Monday 8th July

The last week for lunchtime clubs will be Monday 1 July to Friday 5th July.

The last Wednesday morning yoga session will be on Wednesday 17th July.