

Thought for the week: "Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.", Dalai Lama

Nest Cam Update

Our Purwell blue tits are getting ready for their next big adventure! Over the weekend, some of the fledglings spread their wings and left the nest. There are now two baby birds still tucked safely inside with their mum, getting a little more time before they take the leap. Hopefully the children will have the chance to see them practising, fluttering and finally flying off over the next few days. By the end of the week, we may well have an empty nest and a lovely reminder of the wonders of nature right here at school. We will keep watching carefully and quietly! 🌿🐣



The Panthers Open the Walsworth Festival

On Sunday, our brilliant Purwell Panthers performed at the Walsworth Festival and did the school proud. The children showed real confidence, teamwork and energy as they opened the event with a fantastic routine.

A huge well done to Mrs. Law and her Team, and thank you to the staff and families who supported the children on the day. It was lovely to see the Panthers representing our school in the local community with such enthusiasm. Well done, Panthers! 🙌🎉



Purple Gunge Challenge for JAR - THIS Friday

He's getting messy for a brilliant cause on Friday, the school field will host a Purple Gunge challenge to raise awareness and funds for Juvenile Arthritis Research (JAR). If Charlotte in year 5 hits her fundraising target (£100) Mr. Brazier will be doused in purple gunge at lunchtime!

Juvenile arthritis affects thousands of children across the UK. This challenge is a fun way for our school community to support vital research. Donations (suggested £1.00 on the day).



Sports Day - Friday 26th June

This year, Sports Day will be on Friday 26th 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: Sycamore 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

This term's inter house competitions will soon begin, and the children will be very excited to start earning points for their teams, with our winning team due to be crowned at our Sports Day on Friday 26th June.

Last year's winners were our yellow team, Wilshere, and they will be very keen to regain the trophy. However, Benchley, Blue, Fairfield, Green, and Sanfoine, Red, will all be keen to get their colours on the shield this year.

In addition to the points that will be won on Sports Day, points will also be earned through basketball, chess, dodgeball and tug-of-war competitions.

Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 8th July

The Open Day and Open Evening for parents will be on Wednesday 8th 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.

Pedestrian skills training



Our 'Pedestrian Skills' training for Year 4 pupils will take place on Thursday 21st May. We have implemented this programme successfully for many years, with pupils being given the opportunity to walk around the Purwell area in small groups, learning how to cross roads safely and spot hazards faced by pedestrians.

Year 1 Phonics Screening - Week Beginning 8th June

A reminder to all Year 1 parents that the national Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning Monday 8th June. Please ensure that your child is in school each day and kindly avoid booking any medical or other appointments during this time, as all children need to complete the screening in that week. Thank you for your support.

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.

PSA news

A huge thank you to everyone who donated sweetie jars (they were so creative!), brought in second-hand books, and visited our stall at the Walsworth Festival on Sunday. An extra shout-out to the awesome volunteers who helped on the stall - it's a long day, but always super fun thanks to you. You were all fantastic, and together we raised an amazing £467 for the school.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term. We'll see you on the other side for sports day refreshments, Frozen Fridays, and - fingers crossed - a summer disco!

Summer Term Dates 2026

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
Friday 3 rd July	Athletics team to Ridlins Athletics stadium
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 SCHOOL DATES 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September 26	School Closed for Inset Day
Wednesday 2 nd September 26	Children Return to School
Mon 26 th Oct-Friday 30 th Oct 26	HALF TERM
Friday 4 th December 26	School Closed for Occasional Day
Friday 18 th December 26	END OF TERM

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4 th January 27	School Closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January 27	Children return to School
Mon 15 th Feb-Fri 19 th Feb 27	HALF TERM
Monday 22 nd February 27	School Closed for Inset Day
Friday 26 th March 27	END OF TERM

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12 th April 27	School Closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 13 th April 27	Children Return to School
Monday 3 rd May 27	Bank Holiday
Mon 31 st - Fri 4 th June 27	HALF TERM
Friday 9 th July 27	School Closed for Inset Day
Thursday 22 nd July 27	END OF TERM