

PURWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

21st October 2026

Thought for the day: "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."

Vincent van Gogh

Strength of Support Felt at School Planning Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent meeting about the proposed amalgamation. It was heartening to see so many parents there supporting Purwell, asking important questions and making their views heard. There was a very strong sense of support for the school throughout the evening. This message will have been clearly heard by the HCC School Planning Team and the councilors who attended spoke with parents afterwards and listened to their concerns.

The steering committee begins its work this week, and our governors will also be meeting beforehand to discuss the proposal. I will attend the steering committee alongside Mrs. Lancaster and governor representatives from Purwell. Together, we will represent the interests of our school and children, ensuring that Purwell's strengths and the voices of our community are heard throughout the process.

Thank you again for your continued support.

A Special Gift of Gratitude

A huge thank you to our wonderful Purwell parents and families for the lovely hamper and heartfelt card we received today. Your kind words and generosity mean so much to all of us, particularly at a time when there is so much uncertainty about the future of our school.

It was especially touching to read your words about the people who make Purwell such a special place. Our staff work incredibly hard for the children, and knowing how much they are valued by our families means a great deal.

Whatever the future holds, the strength of our Purwell community is something we can all be proud of. Thank you once again for your kindness and continued support. It really does mean a lot to us all. ❤️

Your card reads:

To our wonderful teachers & ALL staff at Purwell,

At a time of so much uncertainty, we want you to know just how much you are valued and appreciated.

While we may hope for everything to stay as it is, or for the new school to stay on Purwell's site, we know that a school is so much more than a building, it's the people that bring it to life.

You are the ones that make the magic!

Whatever the future holds, the difference you make will never be defined by a building, but by the countless things you all do every single day.

THANK YOU for everything you do.

With love, ALL the families.



Sports Report

Last Friday, our school football team played in, what can only be described as, a thrill-a-minute 5-5 draw with Whitehill. The match took several twists and turns, with Whitehill going ahead early, only for Purwell to come back to lead at half time. At the start of the 2nd half, Whitehill came out of the blocks quickest to regain the lead, only for Purwell to come back to level with two brilliant goals. Some brilliant saves and tackles from both teams meant that there were no more goals and both sets of players were applauded off the pitch at the end.



Parents and staff from both schools were full of compliments for all of the players after the match, describing what a wonderful match it was, with the players showing such incredible resilience, teamwork and positivity and all in front of 'the best view in Hitchin' as one Whitehill parent called it. Indeed, having already been to Purwell for the rugby on Wednesday, that same parent said she would happily come back for fixtures at Purwell every week!

Well done to all who represented the school in the match; William and Dominic scoring the goals, Kamsy and Jacobi taking turns in goal and making some great saves, Ethan and Tyler (playing his first ever full length match) making some incredible tackles that saved certain goals and Leo and Efe who covered every blade of grass in midfield. You were first class ambassadors for the school and we are proud of you all. Fantastic!

Rugby

On Wednesday 14th October a squad of 11 Year 3/4 children donned the Purwell jerseys for their first home fixture of the 2026/27 rugby season as we invited Whitehill to join us for a friendly game. For all but one of the children this was the first time they'd represented the school in an after school match and it was a huge occasion. Our team played with heart, smiles and energy. In the face of some excellent running and attack play by Whitehill we defended valiantly, there were excellent contributions from all our players as they grew into the game. On the day Whitehill were the deserved winners but our squad thoroughly enjoyed their experience (especially the half-time flapjacks) and we look forward to seeing them out in Purwell colours again soon.

Team Purwell - Hanna, Natalie, Yelyzaveta, Esme C, Abigail, Alice, William M, Sebastian, Efe, Finley and Ruben.

Celebration of Steel Pans

On Friday 27th November our Year 4/5 children will be putting on a performance during the weekly Friday assembly. Parents and carers are cordially invited to join us, doors will open at 14:35 for a 14:40 start.

PSA NEWS

🎃 Halloween disco on Friday! 🎃

🎫 Tickets are £3.50 (£4 on the door)

👻 Younger siblings (under 3s) and grown-ups go free

You can pay online to:

Purwell School Association(Business account) Sort code: 090129 Account number: 37165077

THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT!

✉ Please email the PSA (purwell.school.association@gmail.com) confirming:

👤 child's name and class

💰 that you have paid online 📞 and a parent contact number for any unaccompanied Yr3-6 children –

✉ Or in an envelope clearly marked with the above details to the office. Thanks!

🕒 There will be a deadline of 9pm on Thursday 22nd October for online payments. *Tickets on the door will be available but please note they will £4.*

!! Disco info for year 6 parents !!

If you are happy for your year 6 child to walk home after the disco by themselves then please send an email to PSA confirming this. We won't allow anyone to leave on their own without that written permission from parents/carers.

👻 Halloween disco helpers needed! 👻

The Halloween Disco is on Friday and we need your help to make the fun! Even just 30 minutes of your time makes a huge difference! Please email the PSA or let your class rep know if you're able to lend a hand. Thank you!



Dates for Autumn Term 2026

October

Wednesday 21 st	Parent Consultations - Online
Thursday 22 nd	Parent Consultations - Face to Face
26 th - 30 th Oct	Half term

November

Sun 8 th - Fri 13 th	Year 5 and 6 to PGL residential trip
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December

Friday 4 th	School Closed for Occasional Day
Tuesday 15 th	Whole School Christmas production (afternoon and evening)
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas School Lunch
Thursday 17 th	Whole School Christmas Party afternoon in the hall.
Friday 18 th	1:30pm Christmas assembly with carol singing
	Term ends at 2pm