

Thought for the week: "A small act of kindness can make a big difference." - Aesop

Curriculum Information

Later this week each family will receive details of the curriculum for their child's class for the Summer Term.

A New Look to Friday Assemblies

We are introducing some new features to our weekly assemblies to make them even more engaging, thoughtful, and relevant for the children. Alongside our usual messages and celebrations, assemblies will now sometimes include features such as:

- Famous person of the week, looking at what they achieved and the values they showed
- Purwell person of the week, celebrating someone from our own school or community
- Picture of the week, encouraging children to notice, wonder and think
- Word of the week, helping to build vocabulary
- Book recommendation of the week, to promote reading for pleasure
- Good news story of the week, sharing something positive from school, our local area, the UK, or the wider world
- Primary Newsround, giving children a simple and age appropriate understanding of current events
- Hidden hero of the week, shining a light on admirable people who make a difference
- Eco action, suggesting one small step we can all take to care for our environment
- Wellbeing tip of the week, promoting simple strategies to support children's wellbeing
- Talent or achievement spotlight, celebrating success in and out of school
- This week in history, linking children to memorable events from the past
- Puzzle or riddle of the week, adding some fun and challenge
- Song of the week, linked to a theme, season, or value

One of the most exciting parts of this is that we would like the ideas to come from across the school community. Staff and pupils will be able to suggest content for these new assembly sections, helping us to build assemblies that reflect the interests, achievements and values of Purwell.



Children will be able to share ideas through their teacher, and staff will be able to add suggestions directly to our shared area in school.

We hope this will make assemblies even more meaningful and enjoyable, while also giving children a chance to contribute to the life of the school in a new way.

Sweetie Jar Raffle and Non Uniform Day, Friday 15th May



We are excited to be supporting our annual Sweetie Jar Raffle, organised by our wonderful Parents Association for the Walsworth Festival. On Friday 15th May, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for bringing in a decorated jar filled with sweets. These will be used as prizes for the raffle at the festival. The festival itself takes place on Sunday 17th May, and it is always a fantastic community event. We hope to see lots of families there supporting and enjoying the day 🇬🇧

Thank you for your continued support.

Sports Update

End of Season Football

Our footballers finished their season with a home match against William Ransom (at the end of last term) and a rally at The Priory School (at the start of this term). There were goals galore with a mixture of wins, draws and narrow defeats. We have been really impressed with the football that our team has been playing and by the way that our players have been taking turns in different positions. Some of the highlights from these final matches included Toby scoring his first ever goal, William H saving a penalty, Leo keeping a 'clean sheet' with his first ever time in goal, Dominic representing the school for the first time and Mckinley scoring his first hat-trick.



Everyone played so well and we are proud of every single one of the players who has represented Purwell on the football pitch this season. With our football season now over, **please ensure any kit** is returned to school as soon as possible.

Cricket

Purwell CC got their 2026 season underway with a close home friendly against Whitehill. Although it ended in a narrow loss, the team bowled well, with William R, Max, William H and Toby all taking wickets.



William H and Max did brilliantly, making 21 runs between them from just 12 balls with some excellent shots. The team now look forward to their first league match against Wilshere Dacre on Wednesday 22nd April.

Purwell CC - William R, Theo, McKinley, Jasper, Isla, Toby, William H, Max

Summer Clubs

Please see below for a list of clubs running this term. Please note the change of day for Chess Club (from Mondays to Wednesdays). Unfortunately, there will be no netball club this term due to Wednesdays being our matchdays for cricket.

Mondays	Y5, 6 Cheerleading KS2 Cooking	After school (3:15 – 4:30) After school (3:15 – 4:30)
Tuesdays	KS2 Duathlon Club	After school (3:15 – 4:30)
Wednesdays	Yoga (paid private club) Y5 Dodgeball Chess	Before school (8:00 – 8:45) Lunchtime (12:30-1:00) After school (3:15 – 4:30)
Thursdays	Y5,6 Cricket Homework	Lunchtime (12:30-1:00) Lunchtime (12:30-1:00)
Fridays	KS2 Girls Cricket KS2 Badminton KS2 Tug-of-war	Lunchtime (12:30-1:00) Lunchtime (12:30-1:00) Lunchtime (12:30-1:00)

To enrol your child in any of the clubs or to express an interest (except duathlon/cheerleading which are managed by staff separately) please contact the school office with your preference and the child's name and year.

Pedestrian skills training

Our 'Pedestrian Skills' training for Year 4 pupils will take place on Thursday 21st May 2026. 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.



Sun Safety at School

Now that the sunshine has finally arrived, we wanted to remind everyone of our 'Safe in the Sun' approach to help keep children comfortable and protected during the warmer months.



Shade

We are lucky to have plenty of shaded areas around the school, especially under the trees and by the gazebo. On very sunny days, children are actively encouraged to take their breaks in these cooler spots.



Sun Hats

All children should bring a named sun hat or cap to wear during outdoor play. Purwell School caps are available to be purchased from the school office.



Sunscreen

Please apply sunscreen to your child before they come to school. We recommend long-lasting, all-day protection products, as children should not bring sunscreen bottles into school for reapplication.



Water Bottles

Children must bring a named water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated. To avoid spills, these must have a sports cap (not an open neck). Please do not freeze bottles, as this can cause leaks. However, bottles with freezable inserts to keep water cool are perfectly fine.



PE Kit

Please ensure your child has their summer PE kit in school every day. This should include shorts and a t-shirt - long trousers can be too hot and uncomfortable for active sessions outside.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe and happy in the sun! 🌞 😎

Local Support and workshops for parents

With this newsletter there is an additional document attached with information about local events and workshops for parents.

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.

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 in year 5 hits her fundraising target (£100) a very brave teacher – possibly Mr. Brazier will be doused in purple gunge after school! 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).

PSA News

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 15th May

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a decorated sweet jar. Please ensure jars are clean and filled with shop-bought sweets only - no nuts or homemade items, thank you.

Book Donations Wanted

We're collecting good quality second-hand fiction books for both children and adults as part of an upcoming fundraising initiative. Donations can be passed to your class rep or if needed dropped off at the school office (but please mention they are for the PSA).

Walsworth Festival – Sunday 17th May (10am–4pm)

The PSA will be at this fantastic community event - please come along and say hello! We'll have our usual very popular sweet jar tombola, but also a fantastic selection of plants for sale and a few other fun things! If you can spare an hour to help on the stall, we'd really appreciate it. Please email the PSA or contact your class rep to volunteer. It's always a fun and friendly event to be part of!

Summer Disco! Date and time to be confirmed. More details to follow, but we're looking forward to another brilliant disco!

Summer Term 2026

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 15 th May	Non-uniform day in return for sweetie jars for Walsworth Festival
Sunday 17 th May	Walsworth Festival
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