

Thought for the week: "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.", Maya Angelou

Sports Day postponed to Thursday 2nd July

Due to the hot weather we are currently experiencing, and with Friday expected to be in the mid-30s, we have made the decision to postpone Sports Day.

Sports Day will now take place on Thursday 2nd July. We hope that the weather will be more suitable by then, so that the children can enjoy the event safely and comfortably.

The organisation of the day will remain the same. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children, Acorn N, Acorn R and Cherry Class, will take part in the morning from 9:30am. Key Stage 2 children, Sycamore, Aspen and Oak, will take part in the afternoon from 1:30pm.

Parents are most welcome to watch their children on Sports Day. Come and join us!

We know that parents and carers may wish to take photos or short videos of their own children during the event. This is allowed for personal and family use. However, we ask that any photos or videos which include other children are not shared on Facebook, WhatsApp groups, other social media platforms, or any public online space. This is because some children do not have permission for their image to be shared.

Thank you for helping us to celebrate the children's achievements while also respecting privacy.

Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 8th July

Our Open Day and Open Evening for parents will take place on Wednesday 8th July.

Parents are invited to visit their child's class from 2.15pm to 3.15pm. During this time, you will be able to join the children in a range of enjoyable learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum.

To support parents who are working during the day, school will open again at 6.00pm. Parents are welcome to tour the school and meet their child's next teacher. There will be displays of children's work, subject information and interactive computer demonstrations, with staff available to guide you and answer any questions.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Class arrangements for September

On Friday, a letter will be sent home to parents and carers through Schoolcomms confirming the class allocations and teachers for September.

We will be again running with five classes next academic year. This does mean that some year groups will be taught in mixed age classes. However, there are no plans to merge any classes further during the next academic year.

Parents and carers will also have the opportunity to meet the teachers for September at our open evening on Wednesday 8th July.

Social Media and Facebook Policy

We have recently updated our Social Media and Facebook Use Policy. The policy explains how the school uses Facebook to celebrate learning and share news, while making sure photographs and videos are checked carefully before they are posted.

A key reminder for parents and visitors is that photographs or videos taken at school events should be for personal family use only. Please do not upload images or videos showing other children to public or unrestricted social media accounts, unless you have permission from the families involved. This helps us respect parental choices, protect children and keep everyone safe online.

The full policy can be found on our school website and by clicking the link below.

<https://purwell.herts.sch.uk/download/social-media-and-facebook-policy-26/?tmstv=1782306616>

Squirrels coming to Purwell

We are pleased to share that 16th Hitchin Scouts will be opening a new Squirrel Drey at Purwell Primary School from September 2026.

Squirrels is the youngest section of the Scouts family and is for children aged 4 to 6. It gives children the chance to have fun, make friends, try new activities and earn badges, working towards the Chief Scout Acorn Award before moving up to Beavers.

The group will meet at Purwell Primary School on Wednesday afternoons. If your child would be interested in joining Squirrels, please contact Denise Wells, Group Lead Volunteer, at glv16thhitchin@gmail.com, or use the QR code on the leaflet (there is one on the schools office door).



Applying or Re-applying for FREE SCHOOL MEALS

New parents/carers need to register before September 2026 to benefit from FSM. You will need to register and if you already receive FSM you will need to re-register to claim FSM from September 2026 as your registration will be cancelled at the end of July 2026. Please click on the link below;

[Free school meals and other benefits | Hertfordshire County Council](#)

To register or re-register for Free School Meals (FSM) in Hitchin, applying online takes just 5 minutes, and you will receive an immediate decision.

Key Steps & Requirements

What you need: Your National Insurance number or Home Office number. Applications must be in the name of the person receiving the qualifying benefit.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM): All Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 children receive free hot lunches automatically. However, you should still register even if your child is in these early years, as this secures extra Pupil Premium funding (over £1,000 per eligible child) for their school.

Moving from Year 2 to Year 3: If your child is transitioning to Year 3, you must reapply for Free School Meals at the start of the academic year.

Sports Report

On Tuesday 16th June, three Purwell cricket teams competed at the North Herts Cricket Tournament at Hitchin CC. Facing strong opposition as reigning champions, all teams performed well—junior players gained valuable experience, while the senior team showed their quality.

A standout moment came when Jasper hit a winning boundary off the final ball against St Mary's. Credit to Mrs Pike for managing the team in intense heat.

The senior team topped their group with three wins and a tie, then beat Lordship in the semi-final to reach the final against William Ransom. Tight bowling, especially from William R, kept the target manageable. Strong batting from Torran and others brought us close, but we fell just 8 runs short.

A fantastic achievement for a small school. We're proud of our players and grateful for the support from families. Congratulations to William Ransom as they progress to the County Final.

PSA News

Summer Disco - next Friday (3rd July)

Virtual disco tickets will go on sale tomorrow (Thursday 25th)!

£3.50 in advance, £4 on the door. Under 3s and accompanying adults go free

How to pay: Online: Purwell School Association (Business Account)

SC: 09-01-29

AC: 37165077

After paying, please email purwell.school.association@gmail.com with:

Your child's name, Their class, A parent contact number (for unaccompanied Y3-Y6 children)

Cash alternative:

Send cash in a clearly labelled envelope to the school office with the same details.

Online payment deadline: 6pm on Thursday 2nd July

Can you help?

If you can spare half an hour before, during, or after the disco, we would be incredibly grateful. Please email the PSA or speak to your Class Rep

Important Disco Reminders

EYFS & KS1 (Nursery-Year 2): Children must be accompanied by an adult

No phones: In line with school policy, children should not use phones at the disco. Parents are also asked not to share photos on social media

Collection: All unaccompanied Year 3-6 children must be collected by an adult at the end. No child will be allowed to walk home alone

Next PSA Meeting

Tuesday 30th June, 8pm.



Summer Term Dates 2026

Thursday 2 nd July	Sports Day NEW
Friday 3 rd July	Athletics team to Ridlins Athletics stadium
Friday 3 rd July	Summer Disco
Wednesday 8 th July	School Open Day
Thursday 9 th July	Pupils meet their new teacher for September
Friday 10 th July	Inset Day School Closed
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