

Purwell Primary School Newsletter
26th March 2025

Thought for the week: "Easter is the only time of year when it is safe to put all your eggs in one basket."
- Evan Esar

Join Us for Our Easter Celebration Assembly - Friday 4th March, at 1.30pm

We warmly invite you to join us on Friday 4th April at 1:30pm, for our end-of-term Easter celebration assembly. This special event will have some Easter readings from the children before we welcome our good friend Reverend Melanie from St Faith's, who will share some seasonal words with us.

Please note that the school day will end at 2:00pm, immediately after the assembly. We look forward to celebrating together!

Wellbeing Ambassadors Update, from Viva in Year 6

The Wellbeing Ambassadors have been very busy in the last few weeks, gathering ideas to improve the wellbeing of students and putting them into practice.

Suggestion boxes have been decorated ready for each classroom and the staffroom. They are a chance for students and staff to share their ideas too.

Buddy benches for the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds, where children who might be feeling sad or want to play with someone can sit. A buddy will then come over and help them. This will be rolled out in the next few weeks.

Mrs Rook's All-sorts lunchtime club is being renamed Wellbeing Club, where children can go for support, quiet play, calming activities such as play doh, Lego, colouring, or board games. This is on every lunchtime.

KS1 children have requested pens and paper for outside use, so they can be creative with their friends. Miss Daniels has provided this.

Smartphone-Free Childhood (SFC) Initiative

A group of active, like-minded parents are excited to introduce the **Smartphone-Free Childhood (SFC) Initiative** at Purwell School! SFC is a growing movement that supports parents who want to delay smartphone use for their children, helping to protect their well-being, social development, and mental health.



If you're interested in learning more, accessing research, or connecting with like-minded families, visit the [SFC Website - Smartphone Free Childhood](#).



An **SFC Purwell Parents WhatsApp group** has also been set up for local discussions, support, and shared resources—[click here to join](#).

Together, parents can create a healthier, more balanced approach to technology for our children!



Easter Egg Dash - Wednesday 2nd April

To celebrate Easter, staff have organised a special Easter Egg Dash for the children during the last week of term!  

Each class will take part in egg-citing activities, combining fun, running, and problem-solving with their friends. It's sure to be an egg-stra special event filled with laughter and teamwork! (and don't worry—I'll resist the temptation to crack any more Easter puns... or will I? 😊). We can't wait for a fantastic day of festive fun!  

Governors Update

We would like to share an update on the recent work of the Governing Board following our latest meeting. The meeting covered several key areas related to the school's ongoing development and improvement.

Governors reviewed the school's financial position to ensure resources are being used effectively to support learning and development. Updates were provided on our commitment to maintaining a safe and inclusive environment for all children. Governors discussed progress on our school improvement priorities and explored ways to enhance learning experiences. The board reviewed how funding is being used to promote physical activity and provide additional support for eligible pupils. Three key policies, Disposal of Equipment, Safer Recruitment and Flexible Learning, were reviewed and formally approved.

We greatly appreciate the dedication of our Governing Board in helping to guide the school's progress. For more information we have a page on our school website that can be accessed by the link below.

[Purwell Primary School » Role & Responsibilities](#)

Exploring Nature: A Wonderful Trip to Cambridge Botanic Gardens

Years 1 and 2 went on a successful trip to Cambridge Botanic Gardens on Thursday March 20th. Both classes used their scientific observational skills during the visit. We saw plants from all over the world as well as some very old trees. All children, and adults, enjoyed themselves enormously.



Bullying Update and Reminder

I am pleased to share that there have been no reported incidents of bullying in the last few weeks, which is fantastic news for our school community. As always, we remain committed to fostering a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all pupils. Should any incidents arise in the future, we will continue to keep parents informed about how they are being addressed.

As we end this Spring term, it is a good time to remind parents of the school's definition of bullying, to ensure a shared understanding at home and in school. At Purwell, we define bullying as:

"A systematic and extended victimisation of a person or group, by another, or group of others."

To help children understand this, we use the acronym **BOO**:

- ◊ **B**eing mean
- ◊ **O**n purpose
- ◊ **O**ver and over

This simple approach helps pupils remember what bullying is and how to recognise it.

Closing infant pedestrian gates

A reminder to parents who use the infant pedestrian gate, that they must ensure that they close it after they go through it. Twice last week it was left open after morning drop-off and at Nursery pick-up time. Thank you for supporting our ongoing commitment to safeguard our children. In addition to this, more generally, please ensure that you close all gates behind you when entering or leaving the school site between the hours of 9am and 3pm.

Taking holidays during term time

We kindly remind parents to avoid taking their children on holiday during term time. Such absences disrupt your child's learning and can impact the overall school environment. The government has recently introduced a new national framework for penalty notices regarding unauthorised term-time holidays. These measures are now in effect.



To assist with your planning, the term dates for the next academic year are listed below. We encourage all families to check these dates before booking any holidays. Thank you for your support in prioritizing your child's education.

Local Support and workshops for parents

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

PSA News




Upcoming Non-Uniform and Crazy Hair Day!

Get ready to let your creativity shine! Next **Friday, 4th April**, we're hosting a **Non-Uniform & Crazy Hair Day!** For a suggested **£1 donation**, students can wear their favourite outfits and rock their wackiest hairstyles!  

This is a fantastic way to have fun while raising funds for our school. However, please remember that **all hairstyles must be returned to normal** and in line with school guidelines by the first day of the summer term.

We can't wait to see the wild and wonderful looks—thank you for your support! 

Easter Holiday Colouring Competition!


Looking for a fun holiday activity? We're running a **FREE "Spring" themed colouring competition** over the Easter break!    Colouring sheets will be sent home next week. Please make sure your child **writes their name on the back** and returns it after the holidays if they'd like to enter.

All entries will be proudly displayed in the **school hall during the Spring Disco**, where everyone can admire the fantastic artwork! 🎨 Plus, there's a **chocolatey prize** 🍫 for the winners in each age group! We can't wait to see their creativity in action! 🌟 ✨

Upcoming Events - Save the Dates!

- ✦ **4th April** - Non-Uniform & Crazy Hair Day
- ✦ **23rd April** - PSA Meeting, 8pm
- ✦ **25th April** - Spring Disco 🎵 🍷
- ✦ **16th May** - Non-Uniform Day (in return for sweetie jar donations 🍬)
- ✦ **18th May** - Walsworth Festival 🌸
- ✦ **21st June** - Summer Picnic Event 🧺 ☀️
- ✦ **Fridays in July** - *Frozen Fridays!* (After-school ice lolly sales 🍦)

Next PSA Meeting

 **Wednesday, 23rd April** 📍 Purwell Community Room ⌚ 8:00 PM

We'd love to see you there—new faces always welcome! 😊

Dates for Spring Term 2025

Wednesday 26 th March	Parent Consultations - ONLINE
Thursday 27 th March	Parent Consultations – FACE TO FACE
Friday 4 th April	Non-Uniform Day
	1:30pm End of term assembly with Easter singing
	Last day of term (2pm finish)

Dates for Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 nd April	School closed for Inset Day
Wednesday 23 rd April	Pupils return to school
	PSA meeting, at 8pm, in the Community Room
Friday 25 th April	Spring Disco
Monday 5 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 16 th May	Non-uniform day (in return for sweetie jar donations)
Sunday 18 th May	Walsworth Festival
26 th May- 30 th May	Half-term
Saturday 21 st June	Summer picnic event
Thursday 26 th June	Sports Day
Friday 27 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Thursday 10 th July	Meet the teacher and Secondary transfer day for Y6
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

Academic Year 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3 rd September	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 4 th September	Children return to school
27 th Oct- 31 st October	Half-term
Monday 3 rd November	School closed for INSET day
Friday 5 th December	School closed for Occasional day
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5 th January	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school
16 th - 20 th February	Half-term
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
25 th to 29 th May	Half-term
Monday 1 st June	School closed for INSET day
Friday 3 rd July	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 23 rd July	Last day of term