

Thought for the week: *"It's always marvellous to have somebody who you know, who understands and wants to encourage you", - King Charles III.*

Curriculum information

Later this week, each family will receive a booklet with details of the curriculum for the Summer Term.

Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May, the whole school will take part in activities to recognise the historical importance of the Coronation. Children can wear their own celebration clothes for the day instead of their usual school uniform.

Weather permitting, parents and carers are invited to join us on the school field, at 1:30pm, to take part in a whole school celebratory picnic. This will be in addition to the usual school lunch so feel free to bring snacks, nibbles and drinks. Please do bring your own blankets, folding chairs, etc to sit on. Family groups will be able to sit together as long as the relevant teachers are informed. If you cannot make it, please send the children in with some additional treats to eat that day with their classmates.

Industrial action

Some teachers have taken this difficult decision to support the NEU's industrial action, planned for next Tuesday 2nd May, the day after the bank holiday. On this day, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6 classes will not be in school. As you will have seen on the news, the dispute being with the Secretary of State for Education, rather than with the school. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes parents, who will need to make alternative childcare arrangements on this day.

Doing his bit for the planet

At the weekend, Otto and his family took part in the Earth Day: Unite for Nature march with 70,000 others in Westminster. They marched the full route and laid down on the road outside the houses of parliament for the mass 'die-in' at the end. Well done to you all.



Sports update

We have a new Cricket Club starting this term for Year 4 and 5. We look forward to building up their crucial skills in catching, bowling and, of course, batting. Some matches have already been planned for the next few weeks, so we look forward to seeing how the club members get on with putting those skills to the test match!



Our netballers performed brilliantly in the A Team Rally last week. After playing 7 matches in the sunshine, they finished in a very creditable 4th place out of 8 teams. Well done everybody!

Cycling club

The Purwell Pedlars' first race of the summer grass track season will be held at Smallgains, Ashwell, off Station Road, SG7 5LT on Saturday 13th May. It promises to be a full afternoon event with our youth riders race schedule part of a wider day of cycling, including adult races and national level competition. The meet will be from 12pm - 4pm (approx.) and is an occasion for spectators to bring a picnic, deckchairs, outdoor games and more. Car parking is available on site and you'll be easily able to get to and from your car throughout. Our riders will be in the Go-Ride category and riders will be issued a Purwell jersey for the day. So, you can keep an eye out for them and cheer them on!

Lunchtime and after school clubs.

Monday Lunchtime -	Board Games/Lego Yrs 3,4,5,6 run by Mrs Barhey Colouring Club - All years run by Mrs Powers
Monday After School -	Chess Club - Yrs 3,4,5,6 (FULL) run by Mr Burke & Mr Hart Cheerleading Club - (FULL) run by Mrs Law
Tuesday Lunchtime -	Year 6 SAT Booster - Invitation only run by Mrs Lancaster
Tuesday After School -	Cycling Club - Yrs 3,4,5, (FULL) run by Mr Brazier Year 6 SAT Booster - Invitation only run by Mrs Lancaster Dungeons & Dragons - yrs 4,5,6 (FULL) run by Mr Burke
Wednesday Lunchtime -	Cricket Club Yrs 4 & 5 run by Mr Chan Colouring Club - All years run by Mrs Powers
Wednesday After School -	Glee Club Yrs 3,4,5,6 run by Miss Plunkett
Thursday Lunchtime -	Homework Club Yrs 3,4,5,6 run by Mr Chan
Thursday After School -	Textile Club - Yrs 4,5,6 (FULL) provisional day run by Mr Hart
Friday Lunchtime -	Hamma Bead Club Yrs 3,4,5,6 run by Mrs Rathbone
Friday After School -	Outdoor & Adventure Club Yrs R, 1, 2 (FULL) run by Mrs Cooper & Mrs Kerr

If your child already attends any of these club, they will still be able to attend. If you would like your child to attend a club that is full please email the office and we will put them on the waiting list for that club. If your child does not want to attend their club anymore, again please email the office to let us know.

PSA NEWS

Firstly, the Parents Association would like to thank Mr Brazier for the excellent Quiz Night last term. His first at Purwell School. The PSA will now expand this into a Family Quiz Night, so he gets the audience size he deserves!

Thank you also to Eddy Selby and the rest of our team for the Bingo Night. What a success that was! 80 people attended and had a great evening.

PSA upcoming events

Cake sale on Weds 3rd and Thursday 4th May. Two parent volunteers needed, between 10-11 am please, on these days.

Tuckshop to support school's Coronation Picnic event, on Friday 5th May -we will need parent volunteers for this, also, please.

Walsworth Festival, on Sunday 21st May. Again, we will be looking for volunteers to man our sweetie jar stall, for one hour at a time, between 11am to 4pm.

Please can parents generously provide the sweetie jars on Friday 19th May, we would really appreciate that.

Family Quiz Night, with your host, Mr Brazier (date TBC)

Purwell Rocks!!!! Saturday 15th July. We will need as many volunteers as possible for this date, so please save the date and sign up. The rotas will be available in the office nearer the time.

Support Workshops for Parents

With this newsletter you will also be sent a list of local support agencies and workshops that are available to support parents and carers.

Dates for Summer Term

Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May	PSA Cake Sale
Thursday 4 th May	PSA Cake Sale
Friday 5 th May	Coronation Picnic - from 1:30pm NEW
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
Sunday 21 st May	PSA - Walsworth Festival, sweetie jar stall
29 th May-2 nd June	Half-term
Wednesday 28 th June	Sports Day
Friday 30 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Monday 3 rd July	Cycle training for Year 6
Saturday 15 th July	PSA - Purwell Rocks!!!
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

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Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1 st September	School closed for INSET day
Monday 4 th September	Children return to school
23 rd - 27 th October	Half-term
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4 th January	Children return to school
19 th - 23 rd February	Half-term
Monday 26 th February	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15 th April	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 16 th April	Children return to school
Monday 6 th May	Bank holiday
27 th - 31 st May	Half-term
Friday 28 th June	School closed for INSET day
Friday 19th July	LAST DAY OF TERM
Monday 22 nd July	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 23 rd July	School closed for Occasional Day's holiday