

Thought for the week: "While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about" ~Angela Schwindt

World book day - Thursday 2nd March

This Thursday, the school will be celebrating World Book Day. At Purwell we strive to instil a love of reading, which can spark the imagination and stimulate curiosity!

To mark the occasion, this year, we would love children to come dressed as a noun or adjective! This could be a colour- red, yellow, green; an object- a knight, a princess, a scientist or perhaps you want to be sparkly, brave or energetic! We can't wait to see where your imagination takes you!

Classes will also be completing some book related activities, sharing stories and each child will also receive a World Book Day voucher to spend on a book.

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

Wednesday 29th March - Parent Consultations (Early)

Thursday 30th March - Parent Consultations (Late)

Booking forms for consultations will be in the entrance lobby from 3pm on Friday 17th March for all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6. In the past, only parents of Nursery pupils in their first term of Nursery were invited to parent teacher consultations. This has been extended to include all Nursery pupils.

Nursery admissions for September

Nursery Admissions for September 2022 are still open. Application forms for our nursery can be found on the school's website, or from the office and you can apply either by the nursery email

(nurseryadmissions@purwell.herts.sch.uk) or contacting the school office. The deadline is 17th March 23.

Some parents may be eligible for 30 hours a week in our nursery. Please check this link to see if your child is eligible, 30 hours free childcare - [30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/childcare)



A Springtime birds nest watch

As you may know, we have a nest box setup in the school grounds, equipped with a camera, to watch nesting birds. Children enjoy watching the birds of the screen in the canteen at lunchtime. The nest box has been cleared for this year, following last year, when we had a pair of nesting blue tits. Fingers crossed for similar success this Spring.

PSA updates

Next Meeting. The next PSA meeting will take place on Monday 6th March, at 8pm, in the Community Room. The forthcoming events will be discussed and, as always, all are welcome to attend. Don't forget, if you are parent then you are automatically a member of the PSA, so why not pop in or join the meeting online.

BINGO! The next event on the calendar is the **Family Bingo Night**, which will be held on Saturday 25th March. The tickets will be on sale from Monday 20th March, so look out for those.

Support Workshops for Parents

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

Dates for Spring Term

Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day, Non-uniform, dressing up.
Friday 10 th March	School Closed for Inset Day
Saturday 25 th March	Family Bingo Night
Wednesday 29 th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 30 th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term (2pm finish)

Dates for Summer Term

Monday 17 th April	School closed for Inset Day
Tuesday 18 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday
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
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term (2pm finish)

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Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st 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 4th January	Children return to school
19 th - 23 rd February	Half-term
Monday 26 th February	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 28th 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 19 th 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