

Purwell Primary School Newsletter
30th April 2025

Thought for the week: "A person's a person, no matter how small." - Dr. Seuss

Curriculum Information

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

Well-being Ambassadors Update

It's been a busy start to this term and the Wellbeing Ambassadors have made a wellbeing box for each class - see photo below. The boxes are filling up fast with suggestions. Next week, we will be having a meeting to go through the ideas put forward by the children. Our meetings will link to the 5 Ways to Wellbeing. By Scarlett and Isaac (Maple Wellbeing Ambassadors)



Supporting Children's Mental Health

Last week, Mrs. Mullan attended the Children and Young People's Mental Health Conference. One of the key speakers was Dr Kathy Weston, the founder of Tooled Up Education—a website that offers helpful, research-based tips and tools for parents and teachers. If you're interested in learning more, feel free to visit: www.tooledupeducation.com/about-us

Pedestrian skills training

Our 'Pedestrian Skills' training for Year 4 pupils will take place on Friday 9th May 2025. 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 9th June

A reminder to all Year 1 parents that the national Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning Monday 9th 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.

Sports Update

Netball Rally

On Monday 28th April, we took our boys' netball team to Whitehill to take part in an end of season rally. This was the final netball event of the season and it was the first time we have ever taken part in the boys rally. In beautiful sunshine, our team performed admirably against teams, some from much larger schools, playing 7 matches altogether and winning 2 group matches to reach the quarter finals. The team played brilliantly, rotating their court positions for each match, passing the ball quickly and scoring some brilliant goals.

Well done to everyone who has represented our netball teams this year and a massive thank you to all of the parents who have come along to support the players in our matches.

Sporting Fixtures

Friday 9th May - Cricket League Fixture (home v Samuel Lucas)

W/C 20th May (**date to be confirmed**)- Cricket League Fixture (home v St.Ippolyts)

Tuesday 3rd June - Dynamos Cricket tournament (Hitchin Cricket Club)

Wednesday 18th June - Cricket League Fixture (away v Wilshire Dacre)

Tuesday 24th June - Cricket League Fixture (home v William Ransom)

Thursday 26th June - School Sports Day (am - EYFS and KS1, pm - KS2)

Summer Clubs

Mondays	Y1, 2, 3 Gymnastics Y5, 6 Cheerleading KS2 Cooking	Lunchtime (12:30-1:00) After school (3:15 - 4:30) After school (3:15 - 4:30)
Tuesdays	Y1,2,3 Multisports KS2 Cycling Club	Lunchtime (12:30-1:00) After school (3:15 - 4:30)
Wednesdays	Yoga KS2 Hama Beads Y5 Dodgeball	Before school (8:00 - 8:45) Lunchtime (12:30-1:00) Lunchtime (12:30-1:00)
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 cycling/cheerleading) please email mwatson@purwell.herts.sch.uk your preference and the child's name and year.

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.

Sunscreens

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.

PSA News

A Big Thank You for a Fantastic Spring Disco!

We want to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along to the Spring Disco last week - the energy, enthusiasm, and brilliant dance moves were amazing! 🕺 💃

A heartfelt thank you to all our amazing volunteers - your time and effort make a huge difference. Whether you were decorating, serving hotdogs, running the tuckshop, or tidying up after the event - we truly appreciate you!

Get Ready for Our Plant Sale!

 Wednesday, 14th May - After School

Our plant stall will be brimming with a fantastic selection 🌱 - including tomatoes, sweetcorn, courgettes, cosmos, and more!

Find us under the covered area outside the classrooms in the KS2 playground and pick up some beautiful plants to brighten your garden while supporting our school community. ❤️

Dare to Be Different Day – Friday, 16th May!

We're excited to announce "Dare to Be Different Day" - our own fun twist on "Break the Rules Day"! Children can embrace their individuality by bending a few school rules 😊. Here are the ones they can break:

1. 🚫 Only water in drinks bottles
2. 🧦 Only wear dark coloured socks
3. 👟 Only wear black trainers
4. 🍏 Only fruit for break time snack
5. 💅 No nail varnish or temporary tattoos

🎁 To join in the fun, bring in a sweetie jar (ideally decorated) in exchange! These will be used at our Tombola Stall at the Walsworth Festival on Sunday, 18th May .

Let's dare to be different, get creative with those jars, and make it a day to remember!

Upcoming Events


- 14th May - Plant Sale
- 🎉 16th May - Dare To Be Different Day (bring sweet jar donations!)
- 🏡 18th May - Walsworth Festival
- 📅 4th June - PSA Meeting, 8pm
- 🧺 21st June - Summer Picnic Event
- 🍦 Fridays in July - *Frozen Fridays* (after school ice lolly sales!)

Purwell Party Pack - The Perfect Eco-Friendly Party Solution!


Planning a celebration? Hire the Purwell Party Pack for just £5 (+£1 deposit) and get:
30 cups, plates, bowls, cutlery sets, serving dishes, and bunting!
Planet-friendly, dishwasher-safe, and a great way to raise funds for our school!
Email the PSA to book your pack!

Stay Connected with the PSA!

Join our Facebook Group: *Purwell School Association* for all the latest updates, events, and school news.
Don't forget to join your Class WhatsApp Group for everyday updates (lost jumpers, birthday invites, homework help, and more!).

New to the school? Not sure who your Class Rep is? Just email  purwell.school.association@gmail.com and we'll be happy to help!

Next PSA Meeting:

 Wednesday, 4th June | 8pm | Purwell Community Room

Dates for Summer Term 2025

Monday 5 th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 9 th May	Pedestrian skills training
Wednesday 14 th May	PSA Plant Sale
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	PSA 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