

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

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Tomorrow, we'll be celebrating all things reading! At Purwell, we love nurturing a real passion for books, stories that spark imagination and ideas that will stretch curiosity. This year, we're inviting children to come dressed as a noun or an adjective! 🗨️

You could be a colour, red or green... an object such as a knight, princess or scientist... or maybe you're feeling sparkly, brave or energetic! 🌈 ✂️ 🧪

We cannot wait to see where your imagination takes you! Throughout the day, classes will enjoy book themed activities, share stories with staff, and every child will receive a World Book Day voucher to spend towards a book of their choice. 📖 ❤️

It's going to be a wonderful celebration of reading!



Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

ONLINE MEETINGS - Wednesday 25th March until 6.00pm

FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS - Thursday 26th March until 7.00pm

Booking for these consultations will be online, via the school link, **from Monday 9th**

March, <https://purwell.schoolcloud.co.uk/> once you have logged in to Schoolcloud, please ensure the school have the same email address and mobile number that you will use and how you are addressed, Mrs, Miss etc.

Parent Coffee Morning


You are warmly invited to our next SEN Coffee Morning, taking place next Thursday 12th March, from 9:00-10:00am, in the community room on the junior playground. You do not need to stay for the full session, and refreshments will be available.

These informal sessions provide a relaxed opportunity for parents and carers to meet, share any worries, ask questions, and support one another. Mrs Mullan (SENCo) and Mrs Walker (Pastoral LSA) will be available for a chat and to offer advice or guidance.

If there is anything in particular you would like to discuss or learn more about, please feel free to get in touch with us in advance. We look forward to seeing you there.

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We're getting messy for a brilliant cause! On Friday 22nd May, the school field will host a Purple Gunge Challenge to raise awareness and funds for Juvenile Arthritis Research (JAR). If Charlotte Smith (Year 5) hits her fundraising target (£100), a very brave teacher - possibly our Headteacher or Mr Brazier - will be doused in purple gunge after school! Juvenile arthritis affects thousands of children across the UK, and this challenge is a fun way for our school community to support vital research. Donations (suggested £1 cash on the day), cheers, and purple spirit all welcome! 

Sports Update

Despite the miserable weather, the end of the first half of the Spring Term was a busy time for fixtures and competitions.

Braving a very muddy Purwell pitch, our footballers performed admirably against William Ransom but came up against a goalkeeper performing heroics in the William Ransom goal. Although our visitors were ultimately victorious, their goalkeeper was powerless to keep out a wonderful header from Ethan as he scored his first ever goal for the school. It was a tremendous team performance in trying conditions and we are very proud of how well they played.

Taking place on a hard court, conditions underfoot were much better for our team of Year 4, 5 and 6 netballers as they played in a series of boys' friendly matches against St. Andrews and Whitehill, hosted at Whitehill. For some of our players, it was their first time representing the school and they performed admirably against teams with far greater experience and, in many cases, height!

Nursery Admissions 2026

Nursery admissions are open and the deadline for applications is 20th March. Application forms can be obtained from the office or on the website, Nursery admissions is with the school not HCC.

Taking holidays during term time

Another reminder to parents that you should not take your child on holiday in term time, as it is disruptive both to your child's education and to school and could result in a severe fine. The next academic year's dates are shown on the next pages, so any parents making holiday plans can check they fit around the school dates first before booking anything.


Bullying update


Since our last update, I am pleased to say that we have had no incidents of bullying behaviour reported in school.


PSA News

Thank you! 

A huge thank you to everyone who joined the garden spruce up on Sunday. We managed to weed all the beds (and even some of the side areas), cut back the raspberries, top up the raised beds with compost, and get two coats of blue paint on the shed between the rain showers. There was plenty of tea, lots of laughs, and the garden now looks fantastic - perfectly ready for the children to start planting.

 **Events This Half Term** - It's a short half term, so we're planning to squeeze in an after school doughnut sale. More details will follow soon.

 **Reusable Party Pack** - Don't forget we have a fantastic reusable party pack available to hire for £5. It includes plates, cups, bowls, jugs, bunting and more - ideal for any upcoming birthday celebrations.

 **Next PSA Meeting** - Our next PSA meeting will be on Wednesday 18th March at 8pm in the Community Room. Everyone is welcome.

Dates and events for Academic Year 2026

Spring Term 2026

Wednesday 18 th March	PSA Meeting in Community Room
Wednesday 25 th March	Parent Consultations evening - online
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Consultations evening - face-to-face
Friday 27 th March	Easter Assembly at 1:30pm. Term ends at 2pm

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Purple Gunge Challenge for JAR
25 th - 29 th May	Half term
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 8 th July	School Open Day
Thursday 9 th July	Pupils meet their new teacher for September
Friday 10 th July	Inset Day
Thursday 23 rd July	End of Term 2pm

Next Academic Year 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1 st September	School closed for INSET day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Children return to school
26 th Oct- 30 th Oct	Half-term
Friday 4 th December	School closed for occasional day
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term

Spring Term 2027

Monday 4 th January	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school
15 th - 19 th February	Half-term
Monday 22 nd February	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 25 th March	Last day of term

Summer Term 2027

Monday 12 th April	School closed for INSET day
Tuesday 13 th April	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd May	Bank holiday
31 st May - 4 th June	Half-term
Thursday 8 th July	Meet the teacher day (Secondary transition day)
Friday 9 th July	School closed for INSET day
Thursday 22 nd July	Last day of term