

Steel Pan Stars Shine at T20 Blast!

A group of our Year 4 and Year 5 Steel Pan players enjoyed a fabulous opportunity to showcase their skills and hard work when they performed a collection of sets at Middlesex's T20 Blast cricket match on Sunday 1st June. In front of a significant crowd, with parents proudly watching on too, our children demonstrated musicianship far beyond their years and should be extremely proud of their achievements. Huge thanks to Mrs Campbell for all her hard work in teaching the group and giving up her Sunday to lead them on their performances.



Change of Date - Sports Day, now Monday 14th July

Our planned Sports Day, originally scheduled for Thursday 26th June has a new date. Due to a clash in fixtures, our cricket team has reached the County Finals, which will take place on the same day, we have made the decision to reschedule Sports Day to Monday 14th July.

This change will allow our talented cricketers to both represent the school in the finals and participate fully in Sports Day, an important and enjoyable event in our school calendar. We trust that providing advance notice of the new date will help minimise any inconvenience for families.

Arrangements for Sports Day

The organisation of the day will be similar to previous years, with children taking part in a range of athletic events such as long jump, javelin and discus, in addition to running races on the track. In the morning, from 9:30am, it will be the turn of Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children: Acorn N, Acorn R, Holly and Willow classes, with Key Stage 2 children: Beech, Maple, Aspen and Oak competing in the afternoon, from 1:30pm.

Teachers will be making sure that children have the opportunity to practice each of the events as part of their PE lessons this term. All children should make sure they have their PE kit (including proper trainers) in school so that they can take part.

Parents are most welcome to watch their children on Sports Day - come and join us!

Inter-House competitions

This term's inter-house competitions have already started and the children have been very excited to start earning points for their teams, with our winning team destined to be crowned at our Sports Day.

Last year's winners were our red team, Sanfoine, and they are very keen to regain the trophy, however, Benchley (Blue), Fairfield (Green) and yellow team (Wilshere), are all keen to get their colours on the shield this year.

In addition to the points won on Sports Day, points are being earned in chess and table tennis competitions that are already underway with the basketball competition starting next week.

Open Day/Evening - Wednesday 9th July

The Open Day and Open Evening for parents will be on Wednesday 9th July. Parents are invited to come into their child's class from 2.15pm, until 3.15pm, where they will be invited to join the children in fun learning activities which reflect our diverse and creative curriculum.

To accommodate the later-working parents, the school will open again at 6.00pm, with refreshments in the hall, when Mr Cano will be saying a few words before introducing to the parents, the teachers for September and announcing class allocations. After this, parents will be free to tour the school. There will be displays of children's work, subject information and interactive computer demonstrations, with staff and pupils available to guide and answer any questions.

Amazing Sporting Success for Purwell's Cricketers

Our cricketers had an amazing day at the North Herts School Sports Partnership's cricket tournament on Tuesday 3rd June. We fielded our main team along with a team made up of Year 5 players who are newer to the sport and all 20 players gained valuable experience and formed strong team bonds.

The Year 5s improved as the day went by and we look forward to seeing them go from strength to strength. Meanwhile, our main team were amazing and blew the opposition away, winning all 3 games in the group phase, including a notable win against last year's winners St Andrews. The team lined up for a semi-final against Pixmore but the team-work and skill were just too much for the Letchworth side and the team won by 40 runs. This sent the team into a final against William Ransom, another school boasting fine records in the competition and had a Hitchin Club Coach as one of their volunteer coaches, supporting their cricket team. To win the match it all came down to the last William Ransom batting pair, facing our duo of Morgan and Moiz from Y5. Our boys bowled 10 of the best balls, against 2 fine club cricketers from the Hitchin U11 side and we won by 7 runs. Needless to say the children were on cloud nine for the remainder of the day and beyond, revelling in their new status as CHAMPIONS OF NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE.

Fixtures now come thick and fast as our players prepare to represent Purwell at the County Finals on Thursday 26th June.

Congratulations to our tournament winning squad - Morgan Campbell-Phillips, George Drury, Ciaran Duffy, Josh Haslam, Moiz Jan, Alfie Lewis, Hunter Lennon, Olivia Ramsey, William Renney and Viva Tyler.



Fixtures

Wednesday 18th June - Wilshere Dacre v Purwell @ Wilshere Dacre (League Fixture)

Friday 20th June - Purwell v St Ippolyts - @ Purwell (League Fixture)

Tuesday 24th June - Purwell v William Ransom @ Hitchin CC (League Fixture)

Wednesday 25th June - Purwell v Whitehill @ Purwell (Friendly)

Thursday 26th June - County Finals @ St Margaretsbury CC

Mental Health and Wellbeing

As we approach the end of the school year, many of our children are preparing for important transitions. We recognise that change can be challenging, and we are committed to supporting all of our pupils through these times.

The EYFS team is working closely with our Reception children to help them get ready for their move into Year 1. For our Year 2 pupils transitioning to Key Stage 2, we are offering them the opportunity to spend one break time each week in the KS2 playground during this half term. They will be supported by familiar staff to ensure this new experience is a positive and reassuring one.

Behind the scenes, a lot of work is taking place to support our Year 6 pupils as they prepare to move on to secondary school. Transitioning to a new setting can be exciting but also a little overwhelming. If you would like some advice on how to support your Year 6 child at home, this helpful blog from Young Minds may be useful:

 [Helping Your Child Manage the Move from Primary to Secondary School](#)

SEN Update

Do you have concerns about your child but aren't sure who to speak to? Would you like advice on how best to support your child at home? Are you interested in meeting other parents or learning more about the support your child is receiving at school?

We're pleased to invite you to a Coffee Morning on Friday 13th June in the Community Room on the KS2 playground from 9.00am - 10.am.

Mrs. Mullan (SENCo) and Mrs. Walker (Pastoral LSA) will be available to answer any questions and provide support in a relaxed and informal setting. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis—everyone is welcome.

This is a great opportunity to connect with other parents. Please call the school office to book your place. Please note: the session will only run if there is sufficient interest.

NSPCC Assemblies and Workshops - Speak Out Stay Safe

Over the past few weeks, children in Years 1 to 6 have taken part in Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies and workshops, a national safeguarding programme created by the NSPCC.

The Speak Out Stay Safe programme is designed for children aged 5 to 11 and is available to all primary schools across the UK. It helps children to: Understand abuse in all its forms and recognise the signs of abuse; know that abuse is never a child's fault and that they have the right to feel safe; identify where and how to get help, including through the NSPCC's Childline service.

We are grateful to the NSPCC for providing these valuable resources, as well as to the volunteers who supported the delivery of these important sessions.

PSA News

The Big Purwell Picnic - Saturday 21st June, 12pm-2:30pm

Please come and join us for a fun-filled afternoon packed with activities for everyone - from a bouncy castle and face painting to hook-a-duck, a pocket money stall, and our ever-popular tombolas. Get creative in the craft area with rock painting and badge making, try your hand at hula hooping, and enjoy fantastic student musical performances and a special dance showcase from Ambition Dance Academy. Don't miss the "come and try" music tent for a chance to explore new instruments! There will be a bar, cake stall, cream teas, and ice creams to enjoy - just bring your own picnic blanket and sandwiches (no BBQ this year). And please keep your fingers crossed for good weather!!

We're really excited to announce that this year, every penny raised at the event will go towards purchasing a pre-loved set of steel drums for the school! The selected set will need a little care and attention, but with some TLC, it should be ready to go by September.! We're hoping to have it proudly painted in purwell colours, ready for the children to enjoy, play and showcase at events, bringing rhythm and excitement wherever they go!

To make it all happen we need your help! We're looking for...

volunteer helpers to support with running stalls and setting up or tidying away on the day. If you can spare a little time, we'd love to hear from you - every pair of hands makes a difference!

Donations of good quality soft toys (clean and in great condition) and Bottles - anything unopened and in-date (wine, juice, bubble bath, sauces, etc.). If you have any donations to spare, please drop them off at the school office by Wednesday 18th June or drop us a message.

If you can help with any of the above please contact us via our Facebook page, email or your class rep.

Facebook - Purwell School Association - for updates, events, and school news!

PSA email - purwell.school.association@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your support - we couldn't do it without you!

Upcoming events -

21st June - The Big Purwell Picnic, 12-2:30pm

Fridays in July - "Frozen Fridays" (after school ice lolly sales!)

Next PSA meeting - Wednesday 16th July, 8pm, Purwell Community Room

Local Support and workshops for parents

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

Dates for Summer Term 2025

Saturday 21 st June	PSA Summer picnic event
Thursday 26 th June	Cricket Team to County Finals New
Friday 27 th June	School closed for Inset Day
Wednesday 9 th July	School Open Day and Evening meeting New
Thursday 10 th July	Meet the teacher and Secondary transfer day for Y6
Monday 14 th July	Sports Day New
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