

Thought for the week: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.", Mother Teresa

Nest Cam Update

We are delighted to share another lovely update from our school nest cam. Our blue tit family is doing well, and the young chicks are now being carefully fed in the nest by their busy mother. The children have really enjoyed watching this special glimpse of nature and seeing how much care goes into looking after the chicks. It has been a wonderful opportunity to observe wildlife so closely from school. We will keep watching over the next few days and hope to see the chicks continue to grow.



Sweetie Jar Raffle and Non-Uniform Day, Friday 15th May

We are excited to be supporting our annual Sweetie Jar Raffle, organised by our wonderful Parents Association for the Walsworth Festival. On Friday 15th May, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for bringing in a decorated jar filled with sweets. These will be used as prizes for the raffle at the festival. The festival itself takes place on Sunday 17th May, and it is always a fantastic community event. We hope to see lots of families there supporting and enjoying the day 🎉

Thank you for your continued support.

Pedestrian skills training



Our 'Pedestrian Skills' training for Year 4 pupils will take place on Thursday 21st May. 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.

End of Season Netball

On Monday 27th April, our netball team concluded their season at an end-of-season boys' rally held at William Ransom School. Seven teams competed, each playing one another in 10-minute matches.

We were delighted to achieve 4th place, with a record of one win, two draws and three defeats, and were one of only two teams to score against the eventual winners.

Well done to all pupils who represented the school or attended netball club this year. Thank you also to parents for their continued support. As the netball and football seasons conclude, please can parents ensure any outstanding sports kits are returned to school as soon as possible.



A Win for our Cricket Team

Our cricketers began their league campaign with an excellent and hard-fought victory over Wilshere Dacre on Tuesday 5th May.

After winning the toss, captain William R chose to field, and the team applied immediate pressure with disciplined bowling and strong fielding. William R and Scarlett produced standout bowling performances, each leaving their opposing pair with a negative score.

Theo and McKinley provided solid contributions with the bat, enabling William R and Max A to finish the game and secure the win.

Purwell CC - William R, McKinley, Theo, Torran, Scarlett, Charlotte, Max A and William H.



Purple Gunge Challenge for JAR - Friday 22nd May

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 in year 5 hits her fundraising target (£100) a very brave teacher - possibly Mr. Brazier will be doused in purple gunge after school! Juvenile arthritis affects thousands of children across the UK. This challenge is a fun way for our school community to support vital research. Donations (suggested £1.00 on the day).

Summer Clubs

Please see below for a list of clubs running this term. Please note the change of day for Chess Club (from Mondays to Wednesdays). Unfortunately, there will be no netball club this term due to Wednesdays being our matchdays for cricket.

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| Mondays | Y5, 6 Cheerleading KS2 Cooking | After school (3:15 – 4:30) After school (3:15 – 4:30) |
| Tuesdays | KS2 Duathlon Club | After school (3:15 – 4:30) |
| Wednesdays | Yoga (paid private club) Y5 Dodgeball Chess | Before school (8:00 – 8:45) Lunchtime (12:30-1:00) After school (3:15 – 4:30) |
| 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 cheerleading which is managed by outside support separately) please contact the school office with your preference and the child's name and year. Unfortunately the Duathlon Club will not be running this half term.

Year 1 Phonics Screening - Week Beginning 8th June

A reminder to all Year 1 parents that the national Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning Monday 8th 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.

Governor Vacancy - Finance Specialist

We are seeking to strengthen our Governing Body by appointing a governor with financial expertise and a solid understanding of school finance.

This voluntary role would suit someone with experience in budgeting, financial oversight, strategic planning, or organisational financial management. The ability to analyse financial information ask informed questions, and provide constructive challenge would be highly valued and would complement the skills already within our team.

School governors play a vital role in supporting leadership, ensuring accountability and helping to ensure that resources are used effectively for the benefit of all pupils. If you are interested in finding out more please contact the school office.



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!

Non-Uniform Day - Friday 15th May

A little reminder that it's non-uniform day next Friday. Children can come in their favourite comfy clothes in exchange for a decorated sweet jar. Please make sure jars are clean, filled with shop-bought sweets only, and contain no nuts or homemade treats.

Walsworth Festival - Sunday 17th May (10am-4pm)

We're excited to be part of this brilliant community event again. Come and say hello - we'll have our ever-popular sweet jar tombola, a lovely range of plants for sale, and a few extra surprises.

Volunteers needed - If you can spare an hour to help on the stall, we'd be hugely grateful. Please email the PSA or speak to your class rep to volunteer. It's always a fun, friendly day.

Book Donations Wanted

We're collecting good quality second-hand fiction books for both children and adults as part of an upcoming fundraising initiative. Donations can be passed to your class rep or if needed dropped off at the school office (but please mention they are for the PSA).

Summer Term Dates 2026

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| Friday 15 th May | Non-uniform day in return for sweetie jars for Walsworth Festival |
| Sunday 17 th May | Walsworth Festival |
| 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 |
| Friday 3 rd July | Athletics team to Ridlins Athletics stadium |
| 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 SCHOOL DATES 2026.2027

Autumn Term 2026

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| Tuesday 1 st September 26 | School Closed for Inset Day |
| Wednesday 2 nd September 26 | Children Return to School |
| Mon 26 th Oct-Friday 30 th Oct 26 | HALF TERM |
| Friday 4 th December 26 | School Closed for Occasional Day |
| Friday 18 th December 26 | END OF TERM |

Spring Term 2027

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| Monday 4 th January 27 | School Closed for Inset Day |
| Tuesday 5 th January 27 | Children return to School |
| Mon 15 th Feb-Fri 19 th Feb 27 | HALF TERM |
| Monday 22 nd February 27 | School Closed for Inset Day |
| Friday 25 th March 27 | END OF TERM |

Summer Term 2027

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| Monday 12 th April 27 | School Closed for Inset Day |
| Tuesday 13 th April 27 | Children Return to School |
| Monday 3 rd May 27 | Bank Holiday |
| Mon 31 st - Fri 4 th June 27 | HALF TERM |
| Friday 9 th July 27 | School Closed for Inset Day |
| Thursday 22 nd July 27 | END OF TERM |