

PURWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
11th February 2026

Thought for the week: *Looking after your mind is just as important as looking after your body. Talking, listening and asking for help are signs of strength, not weakness.*

Children Enjoying Mental Health Week Activities



We are now midway through our Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week, and it has been encouraging to see how positively the children have engaged so far.

The week began with a focus on emotional literacy through guided reading, using carefully chosen texts to support discussion about feelings and wellbeing. Alongside this, normal English and maths lessons have continued, with wellbeing themes woven into classroom life where appropriate.

Across the week so far, classes have been using the Feelings Wheel, including sessions with EYFS, Cherry, Sycamore, Aspen and Oak. These have given children the chance to recognise, name and talk about their emotions in a supportive setting. We also came together for a showcase assembly on Tuesday, celebrating learning and strengthening our sense of community.

Today, Wednesday, wellbeing activities continue both through planned sessions and within everyday lessons. Later in the week, children will take part in music, movement and Brazilian samba sessions, offering creative and physical ways to support wellbeing alongside routine learning.

The week will finish with a Friendship Assembly, organised by our amazing Parents Association, celebrating kindness and positive relationships.

Thank you to the PSA for their work in making this a special end to the week.

Parent Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to our next SEN Coffee Morning, taking place on Thursday 12 March 2026, 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.

🍳 Cooking Club Spaces Available for KS2 🍳

We have a few spaces available in our **KS2** Cooking Club and would love to open these up to anyone who is interested. If your child would like to take part, please let the school office know.

If your child usually attends chess or cheerleading, the adults running those clubs are happy for them to join Cooking Club during the two weeks they are selected for it. This means they can still enjoy cooking without missing out overall.

A great chance to learn new skills, have fun, and get hands on in the kitchen

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Bullying Update

I would like to share a brief update with you. We have been addressing an issue in the upper junior classes where low level unkindness towards an individual took place over a period of time. This behaviour can be difficult for staff to spot, but it is taken seriously.

Staff are aware of the situation and have worked closely with the children involved and their parents. The issue now appears to have stopped, however staff remain vigilant and continue to monitor the situation to ensure all children feel safe and supported.

We are grateful to parents for working with us and continue to encourage children to speak to an adult if they have any concerns.

Attendance update

As part of our regular feature on attendance, our current whole school attendance stands at 93.1%. This has dipped slightly due to the seasonal sickness bugs that tend to circulate at this time of year. We completely understand that children need to stay at home when they are unwell.

We do, however, ask that parents continue to work with us to ensure children attend school whenever they are well enough to do so, as every day in school really does matter.

Last week's attendance award was won by Cherry Class and they are closing the ground on Acorn, in our termly attendance competition, as we approach the half-way point. Well done to them, and thank you to parents for your continued support in promoting good attendance.

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.

PSA News ✨

Thank you! 🍫

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our hot chocolate sale last week. We hope the children enjoyed their treat!

Friendship Disco - This Friday! 🎉

Virtual disco tickets are now on sale!

- £3.50 in advance
- £4 on the door
- Under-3s and accompanying adults go free

How to pay:

Online:

Purwell School Association (Business Account)

SC: 09-01-29

AC: 37165077

After paying, please email purwell.school.association@gmail.com with:

- Your child's name
- Their class
- A parent contact number (for unaccompanied Y3-Y6 children)



Cash alternative:

Send cash in a clearly labelled envelope to the school office with the same details.

Online payment deadline: 6pm on Thursday 12th February 🕒

Can you help?

If you can spare half an hour before, during, or after the disco, we would be incredibly grateful. Please email the PSA or speak to your Class Rep 🙌

Quiet Space at the Disco 🌈

We're pleased to share that a dedicated SEN-friendly quiet room will be available during the disco. Mrs Mullan has kindly offered to supervise a calm space in the old Year 3 classroom for any child who needs a break from the noise, lights, or crowds. This space will be there for anyone who needs a moment to reset or simply prefers a quieter environment.



Important Disco Reminders 📌

- **EYFS & KS1 (Nursery-Year 2):** Children must be accompanied by an adult 👤
- **No phones:** In line with school policy, children should not use phones at the disco. Parents are also asked not to share photos on social media 📵
- **Collection:** All unaccompanied Year 3-6 children must be collected by an adult at the end. No child will be allowed to walk home alone 🚫👤

Spring Spruce Up - Sunday 1st March 🌱

Join us for a garden spruce-up afternoon to get the school garden ready for spring. We'll be doing light weeding, cutting back plants, and giving the shed a fresh coat of paint 🛠️. If you have any **bright outdoor paint** you no longer need, we'd love to use it! No gardening expertise required - there will be plenty of simple jobs.

Tea and biscuits provided! 🍪🍪

If you'd like more details, please contact your Class Rep or email the PSA.

Coming Up Next Half Term 👁️

- After-school doughnut sale 🍩
- Saturday Easter craft session 🧺

Keep an eye on the PSA Facebook page for more details soon!

Next PSA Meeting

Date to be confirmed.

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.

Dates and events for Academic Year 2026

Spring Term 2026

16 th - 20 th February	Half-term
Wednesday 25 th	Parent Consultations evening - online
Thursday 26 th	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
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