



# PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

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**RESPECT  
TEAM  
ACHIEVE**

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## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the penultimate edition of the Purbrook Post. Wow, where has the time gone! It is difficult to believe that we only have one week of school left for this academic year.

Next week will be particularly important for our Year 6 children as we make more memories of their time in junior school, along with celebrating all of their successes. It is always sad to say goodbye, but also very rewarding to see that we have prepared the children as best as we can for the next stage in their education.

I was delighted to attend the Year 6 production of 'What a Knight!' on Thursday evening. The children were wonderful and it was very entertaining – there's nothing like a court jester to bring a smile to your face! The soloists, cast and choir were amazing and everyone played their part (even if in an off-stage capacity). Well done Year 6! A massive thank you to all the staff in Year 6 too, for their hard work and enthusiasm putting the production together.

### Breaktime Snacks

Please can I ask that you provide a healthy breaktime snack for your child, even if they are having a school lunch. Some children find the gap between breakfast and lunch too long and a quick snack can help boost their concentration for the rest of the morning. Options can include: fresh fruit, raisins, muesli bars, Frubes (yoghurts in tubes), cheese strings, etc.

### Reports

We are aiming to send home the children's reports on Wednesday next week.

### Lost Property

As per usual at this time of year, we have a vast array of lost property. This will be on display outside the school office all next week. Please do come and check to see if anything belongs to your child. Anything left at the end of the week will be disposed of.

### Outstanding Debts

Please ensure that all outstanding debts are settled before the end of the academic year. Thank you

Mr C Williams  
Headteacher

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6  
Leavers trip to Paultons  
Park

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6  
Leavers Event

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – last day of  
summer term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September –  
first day of autumn term

### INSET DAYS

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 23

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 23

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 24

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 24

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 24

### HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House  
Points total at:

<http://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/school-houses/>

## INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL HEALTH PROTECTION AGENCY

### Measles

- The latest UKHSA health protection data shows there has been a rise in measles cases.
- Between 1 January and 20 April this year, there have been 49 cases of measles compared to 54 cases in the whole of 2022. Most of the cases have been in London, although there have been cases picked up across the country and some are linked to travel abroad.

With cases of measles on the rise in the UK and across the world, Hampshire County Council is reminding young adults - as well as their parents - about the importance of catching up with the MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccine or other vaccines, ahead of any summer travel and festival plans.

Councillor Liz Fairhurst, Hampshire County Council's Cabinet Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health said: "Due to the pandemic, some people may have missed getting their routine vaccines and are not fully protected, which puts them at risk of catching and spreading serious illnesses. We strongly urge Hampshire residents to take this opportunity to check they're up to date with their vaccines before their summer holidays or attending any festivals. Vaccination not only protects someone's health but also helps prevent the spread of diseases within our communities."

"Many young people might not be aware that they've missed out on important vaccinations and that's where parents and carers can help. Having a conversation with a young adult about the importance of vaccination can help protect them, especially if they're about to mix with large numbers of people at events or while travelling. If you're unsure if your own or your child's vaccinations are up to date, contact your GP Practice to find out."

As a reminder, some of the vaccines that young people should have had by age 14 include:

- Vaccines that protect against diphtheria, tetanus, polio, and whooping cough. These are given at various points throughout childhood, with a booster given in school year nine.
- The MMR vaccine - two doses of which should be given by the time a child starts school but can be provided at any point thereafter if any doses are missed. This vaccine protects against three diseases: measles, mumps and rubella.
- Meningitis vaccines, which include the Meningitis B, HiB/Meningitis C and Meningitis ACWY vaccine. The last of these is given to children who are in school years nine and 10.
- The HPV vaccine, which helps protect against cancers caused by the human papillomavirus and is given to both boys and girls at 12 to 13 years of age.

It is never too late to get vaccinated. If anyone has missed one or both doses of the MMR jab, or any of the other routine childhood vaccinations, they should contact their GP practice to book an appointment – or to check which they might have missed.

Further information about vaccinations can be found on the [NHS website](#).