



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term – although the weather certainly doesn't feel like it at the moment! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

This first half of the summer term is particularly important for our Year 6's who will be taking their SATs tests in the week commencing Monday 13th May. The children are working really hard to consolidate their learning and polish their test skills. Keep going Year 6 – you will be brilliant!



As you may have seen, we have had the pop-up swimming pool installed over the Easter break and Year 5 are currently enjoying their daily swimming lessons.



From Tuesday 7th May, Year 4 will start their swimming lessons. We have also offered an after school session to some of our Year 6 pupils who haven't quite achieved the expected swimming standard required by the end of Key Stage 2. We would have loved to offer this to more pupils, but unfortunately this was not possible.

On Wednesday this week, our Year 4 children visited Butser Ancient Farm as part of their Viking topic. The children were involved with several activities throughout the day including:

- Making a wattle fence
- Making a clunch wall
- Making jewellery
- Sewing Runes

Overall, it was a great day learning all about how the Saxons lived and worked. It was a chilly day, with some periods of rain, but the children were really resilient. The staff at Butser Ancient Farm were really complementary about our children too – well done Year 4!

A provisional date (weather dependant) of Friday 7th June has been set for the 2024 Dale Cup. This race has been run annually since 1979 (apart from a couple of years during COVID!) for children in Year 6 plus members of the school cross country club. The course is 1.9km in length and incorporates the school field, the playground and the pathways up Elizabeth Road (to the park) and back. Some participants will be keen to post fast times, but for others it can be all about getting around the course and finishing. We have had many walkers over the years and this is not a problem at all. It's all about taking part!

Please can I remind parents that all children should be wearing school uniform (including school shoes) whilst inside the school building. Coloured jackets, etc can be worn during outside play, but only burgundy jumpers or cardigans form part of school uniform. PE kit is to be worn on PE Days. To form part of our uniform, we ask that shoes be black or brown in colour. School shoes should be purchased with the demands of school and running around on the playground in mind. **Trainers, if worn, must be completely black in colour.** Thank you for your help in ensuring all our children are suitably dressed for school.

Thank you

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

DREAM BIG!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 15th April to Friday 3rd May – Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 1st May – School Photographers (class photos)

Tuesday 7th to Friday 24th May – Year 4 Swimming

Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs tests

Friday 24th May – Year 4 Viking Workshop

Friday 7th June – Year 6 Dale Cup

Thursday 25th June – Year 3 visit to Fort Nelson

Tuesday 16th July – PJSA Happy Circus

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 visit to Paultons Park

INSET DAYS

Monday 3rd June 24

HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total at:
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