



# PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone and a very Happy New Year to you all.



Our Year 5 children have kicked off 2025 with their residential visit to Calshot Activities Centre. This is a first for Purbrook Junior School – usually the visit happens during December. I have kept in regular contact with the staff at Calshot, and also seen the wonderful photos of the children posted to social media. It looks as though they have had an amazing time, and I look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return.

Only 4 children in Year 5 have remained in school and what a week they have had! Mrs Piller and Mrs Ravenscroft have kept them busy making:

- dreamcatchers
- memory boxes
- jewellery and charms using polymer clay
- cakes
- calendars
- pom poms

On Thursday afternoon they built an indoor tent and had a pyjama party. It is amazing how quiet the school has seemed, with almost a whole year group missing!

Year 4 kicked off 2025 with a robot workshop on Thursday this week. Using Lego Spike, the children designed, engineered and built their own robots, in both simple and complex forms. The children incorporated a range of motors, ultrasonic sensors and more into their designs to build robots that were capable of taking on a

range of challenges. The workshop was designed around their new Iron Man topic and combined the elements of science, DT and computing. The children were fully engaged throughout the workshop and had a really great time.

### School Start Time

Please can I remind you that the school doors are open from 8.40am and 8.50am. Children arriving after this time need to enter via the school office, where they will be marked as late. Any children arriving on the school grounds before 8.40am will be taken into our Breakfast Club (for which there is a charge) as there is no supervision for the children before 8.40am.

### Adverse Weather

Now that we are entering the time of year when there is a possibility of sleet and snow, please be aware of the actions the school will take if the weather deteriorates:

*In the unlikely event that our school has to close, there are several ways in which parents will be notified:*

- A ParentMail text will be sent to all parents who have a mobile phone registered to their ParentMail account
- A ParentMail email will be sent to all parents who have an email address registered to their ParentMail account
- The school closure will be published on the following website:  
[www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.hants.gov.uk/schoolclosures)

*It is not always possible to add information to the school website, or to change the answer machine message on the telephone system if staff are unable to get into school, so please do not rely on these. The decision to close the school will be made as a last resort, taking into consideration the Health & Safety of pupils and staff. Any decision made will be in full consultation with Purbrook Infant School.*

Kind regards  
Mr C Williams  
Headteacher

DREAM BIG!



RESPECT  
TEAM  
ACHIEVE

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Issue 16

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 science electricity workshop

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day – school closed to all children

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term

### INSET DAYS

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 25  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 25

### HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total by visiting our school website homepage  
<https://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/>

