



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful Easter break, and for once the weather during the holidays was amazing!

On Thursday 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. Trips such as this are a great way for the children to embrace the curriculum in a fun, but educational way. The staff at Butser Ancient Farm were really complementary about our children – well done Year 4!

Please may I remind you that there is an expectation that children attend curriculum trips as it forms the basis for a large part of curriculum learning. These trips are not optional. Thank you.

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 12th 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 3 are currently enjoying their daily swimming lessons.

From Tuesday 6th May, Year 4 will start their swimming lessons. We have also offered after school sessions to some of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who haven't quite achieved the expected swimming standard required by the end of Key Stage 2.

I would like to welcome all parents and carers to our coffee morning on Tuesday 6th May. Please come in through the school office. There will be tea and coffee (and a biscuit too!) from 8:45am to 9:45am.

Pop along to receive support from the pastoral team regarding developing positive routines at home. Please be assured that it will be a very informal session; a chance to share ideas and seek support. I look forward to seeing you there.



A provisional date (weather dependant) of Friday 23rd May has been set for the 2025 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!

As we are now in the summer term, and hopefully the weather will get a bit warmer, please can I remind you to ensure that your child has a water bottle in school every day. Keeping hydrated is really important, especially during warmer weather.

Thank you for your help with this.

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 6th May – Parent Coffee Morning (8:45am to 9:45am)

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATS tests

Friday 23rd May – Dale Cup

Monday 16th June – Sports Day (weather permitting)

Monday 23rd June – Reserve Sports Day

INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd June 25

HOUSE POINTS

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

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From your Arbor home screen, select 'quick actions' and then 'log attendance'