

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

There have been lots happening in school this week. Here is a quick snapshot.

Year 4 have been undertaking their multiplication checks this week. (The multiplication tables check is a statutory test for year 4 pupils in England to assess their times tables fluency). We have tried to keep the testing as low key as possible so the children have been doing the tests in groups of 4. Well done Year 4!

Years 3 and 5 have been doing some end of year tests in maths and English.

Lee Hayward (Helping People Co) has been in school this week to talk to all year groups about:

- Internet safety (including what to look for to avoid scam websites)
- AI (including the use of algorithms which use information on previous searches to target you with further information)
- Social Media and the age limits for each platform

Year 6 have been continuing with rehearsals for their production 'Rock Bottom' at the end of term. The stage has now been erected in the hall and they are working on their choreography and stage presence.

I took 6 children to the EARA (Equalities and Rights Advocacy) meeting at Springwood Junior School on Thursday morning. The meetings are linked to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). We discussed the rights of children and focussed on some of the articles. It was a really interesting morning sharing and listening to ideas with 5 other local schools. We are looking forward to continuing this work in the years to come. The children were amazing – true ambassadors of Purbrook Junior!

I am sorry to say that I have received yet another complaint about parking in the local vicinity. This time it is from the Doggy Centre on Elizabeth Road. The car park at the Doggy Centre is private and parents should not be parking here (or blocking access) when dropping off or collecting

children. I have received photographs of cars blocking their car park and also parking on the grass surrounding the car park blocking pedestrian access to their centre.

Whilst this incident took place off the school premises, it reflects very badly on the school and our neighbours (both residential and commercial) feel that it is the responsibility of the school. Please, please, please be thoughtful in where you are parking. Thank you

Mrs Ginn, our Home School Link Worker attended the Cost of Living event at the Meridian Centre, run by the Citizens Advice Team last week. She obtained lots of information about:

- Help with Debt and finances
- Food banks and community pantries
- Summer activities for children
- Mental Health Support for children and families

If any of these topics are of interest to you, please do pop into school and see Mrs Ginn or drop her an email: t.ginn@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk

Looking forward to next week, the weather forecast is looking favourable and we hope that sports day will be able to go ahead on Monday as planned. Please check out the email sent on 4th June giving all the details and timetable for the day. I would like to remind everyone of the following: Children MUST carry their own water bottles with them during the day. There will be refill opportunities. It is recommended that if it is a hot day then you provide your child with sun screen, which they need to be able to apply themselves, and a hat as the children will be outside all day.

Sports day is always a special day and Mr Baines has been working really hard to give the children the best possible experience. I look forward to seeing you at this event, to share the day and the children's achievements with you.

Mr C Williams Headteacher

DREAM BIG!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 16th June – Sports Day (weather permitting)

Monday 23rd June – Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 3rd to Friday 4th July

– Year 3 Residential to Peter
Ashley Activities Centre

Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 Production

Thursday 17th July – Year 6 trip to Paultons Park

Wednesday 23rd July – Start of the summer holidays

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 3rd September Friday 19th December Friday 13th February 2026 Monday 1st June 2026 Wednesday 22nd July 2026

HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total by visiting our school website homepage https://www.purbrookjun.hants.sch.uk/

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