

PURBROOK

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

We have almost reached the end of another busy and successful year. This will be the final Purbrook Post of the academic year. I think everyone is looking forward to the summer break – including the staff!

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week Year 6 welcomed parents/carers into school to see their production of 'Rock Bottom'. Set in the Stone Age, 'Rock Bottom' follows a young inventor and his adventures. There was some very enthusiastic singing and acting, together with great choreography; you could tell the children really enjoyed putting the production together. The dinosaur deserves a particular mention! Well done Year 6!

I was unable to accompany the Year 6 children on their trip to Paultons Park on Thursday. I understand that everyone had a great time and the children were a credit to the school. Thank you, Year 6. Today, the Year 6 children (and several adults) will be participating in a water fight on the field. There can be nothing better as a child than to soak your teachers!

I would like to thank our PJSA for organising a disco for our Year 3, 4 and 5 children on Thursday this week - what a great way for the children to celebrate the end of the academic year!

On Monday next week we will be celebrating with Year 6 at a special Award Ceremony. All Year 6 parents and children are invited to attend (please see details on the email sent to you on 9th July). This will be followed by a leavers disco for the children.

I would like to wish Year 6 all the very best for next year in their transition to secondary school. This moment marks the end of one chapter and the exciting beginning of another. The children have shown resilience, curiosity, kindness and leadership and I couldn't be prouder of the young people they have become. Remember, you will always be part of the Purbrook Junior School family – go forward with confidence and never stop believing in yourself! At this time of year there are usually a few other children leaving us too, moving away to other schools. I would like to wish these children good luck and best wishes for their transition to new schools in September.

We will finish off the school year on Tuesday with a special leavers assembly. This is usually a teary event, with both children and staff unable to hide their emotions. Along with the children leaving, we will also be saying farewell to Mr Gibbs and Mrs Gray who are leaving us for pastures new. I would like to thank them both for everything they have done for Purbrook Junior School over the years and wish them all the very best for the future.

We will also be celebrating the upcoming wedding of Miss Pearcey in August. Miss Pearcey will be returning to school in September as Mrs Dean. I am sure you will join me in wishing Miss Pearcey and Mr Dean an amazing wedding day and a long and happy future together.

We still have a large amount of lost property, which is on display outside the school office. Please do come and claim it – any remaining at the end of school on Tuesday will be disposed of. Thank you.

In response to growing concerns around smartphone use and its impact on mental health, schools across the Havant and Waterlooville area are joining forces to address this important issue. More details will follow in September, including parent workshops please keep an eye out for updates in the new academic year.

We will start the new term on Thursday 4th September 2025 (please remember that Wednesday 3rd September is an Inset Day and the school is closed to all children).

Until then, I wish you a very happy summer break and thank you for your continued support.

Mr C Williams, Headteacher



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Wednesday 23rd July – Start of the summer holidays

Thursday 4th September – children return to school

INSET DAYS

Wednesday 3rd September Friday 19th December Friday 13th February 2026 Monday 1st June 2026 Wednesday 22nd July 20<u>26</u>

HOUSE POINTS

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

Please note that all staff will be participating in training during the Inset Day on Wednesday 3rd September.

The school office will remain closed during this time. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.