

# PURBROOK

**Purbrook Junior School** 

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

### Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome Year 2 children to our transition day on Wednesday. We always have a few children joining us from other Infant Schools (not Purbrook) and it was lovely to see them being integrated into our school so warmly. There were a lot of happy smiling faces at the end of the day. We hope that spending the day with us will alleviate some of the anxieties with moving up to junior school.

Our children in current Years 3, 4 and 5 have spent three days this week in their new classes, getting to know their new teachers. We understand that moving classes can be challenging for some children; there is sometimes disappointment that children are not in classes with all of their friends, however it is not always possible to keep everyone together. Hopefully these three days have given all children a chance to bond with the children in their new class and created an opportunity to begin and explore some new friendships. I have witnessed a lot of great resilience and team work this week.

It was great to welcome Miss Thurlow into our school so that she could get to know her Year 3 class for next year.

Our Year 6 children have also been spending time this week visiting their secondary schools ready for their transition into Year 7 in September.

Once again, we have a large amount of lost property here in school. Lost property is situated in the school office and this is accessible to children and parents at all times. Please do come and look through the items. Any named clothing is returned to the children's classrooms on a daily basis. The lost property will be displayed on tables outside the office from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. After this time, anything remaining will be disposed of.

As I am writing this (on Thursday afternoon) the majority of our Year 3 children are eagerly anticipating the start of their residential visit to the Peter Ashley Activities Centre (Fort Purbrook). Unfortunately, Mrs Forrester is unwell and unable to attend. Therefore, Mrs O'Hare and Mrs Hotchin will be leading this visit. They had a pre-visit to Fort Purbrook earlier this week and everything is prepared for the children to arrive between 5.15pm and 5.45pm. I'll be excited to hear the feedback from the children next week.

We are busy preparing the end of year reports and it is our intention to send these out to you on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. Mrs O'Hare would like to thank all of those who replied to the Reports Questionnaire. The feedback provided has certainly given us some food for thought for some changes to implement next academic year. Thank you.

The school office is open from 8.30am to 3.45pm Monday to Friday. If you have any queries, or need to speak to a member of staff please do pop in or call us.

Thank you

Mr C Williams Headteacher



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Bikeability Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 trip to Paultons Park Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Start of the summer holidays

#### **INSET DAYS**

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

#### **HOUSE POINTS**

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

## Need to contact the school office?

Schooloffice@purbrookjun.hants.sch.uk or telephone 023 9225 4577 between 8.30am and 3.45pm