

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day – Friday 10th October 2025

On World Mental Health Day, we invite all children to come to school wearing something yellow—whether it's a t-shirt, socks, a hairband, or even a badge! Yellow is the colour of happiness and hope, and by wearing it, we'll be showing our support for mental health awareness. We are also encouraging everyone to bring a small donation, or click on the QR code on the attached poster, if possible. All money raised will go towards supporting mental health charities and helping those in need.

Let's brighten up the school and make a difference together!



On Wednesday this week, I was delighted to welcome Will and the Art of Brilliance back into school. Art of Brilliance is inspired by the work of Dr Andy Cope, a doctor of happiness. Will worked with our Year 3 children to introduce them to 'The Art of Being Brilliant'. It's all about being your best self! A really great positive day was had by Year 3.

Parking

I am sorry to have to remind you again of the importance of parking considerately in the vicinity of the school. I was shocked to receive pictures of cars parked on the pavement and also blocking the zig-zags outside the gate on Elizabeth Road/Woodlands Grove so that children crossing the road were unable to see traffic approaching. I have also received complaints from the Doggy Day Care centre regarding parking. We are currently working with the police to try and address some of the challenges we are facing. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure the safeguarding of our children. This includes responsible driving and parking too in and around the school community. Thank you

Calling All Tom Gates Books!

As part of Year 4's exciting Reading Challenge, pupils are encouraged to make a selection from the *Tom Gates* series. To help support this, we would greatly appreciate any donations of *Tom Gates* books—new or preloved—to expand our collection. We'd be very grateful if any donations could be dropped to the school office. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who generously purchased books at the end the summer term to support our reading curriculum—your contributions have made a real difference!

Book Fair

Between 7th and 13th October, we will be hosting a book fair with a company called Travelling Books. As it was so successful last year, we will also be running the book fair during parents evening on the 8th and 9th October. A communication was sent earlier in the week giving details of how books can be purchased. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Safety Reminder

To help keep everyone safe, we kindly ask all parents/carers and children to use the designated walkways whilst on the school site. Using the walkways helps prevent accidents and ensures a safer environment for our school community. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents' Evenings

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October. Unfortunately Miss Griffiths (5G) will not be able to hold her Parents' Evenings on those dates as she has been called up for jury service! Separate dates will be arranged for 5G. A letter with further details and instructions on how to book your appointments will be sent out next week.

Kind regards Mr C Williams Headteacher

DREAM BIG!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st October – Year 5 Calshot information meeting

Monday 6th October – Year 5 Harvest Festival Assembly

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th October – Parents' Evenings (not for 5G)

Friday 10th October – World Mental Health Day

Wednesday 22nd October – Year 4 trip to Southampton Art Gallery

Thursday 6th November – Year 5 visit to the Mary Rose

INSET DAYS

Friday 19th December 2025 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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