



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow, what a busy week to start the second half of the autumn term! We have had the school photographers in, we welcomed some new parents (and some old parents too) at our Year 2 open days, Year 3 had a science workshop, the PJSA ran the firework event and Year 5 visited the Mary Rose.

Remembrance Assembly

We will be having our Remembrance Day assembly on Tuesday 11th November. We would like to invite all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and Cadets to come into school on this day in their uniform, should they wish to do so. I am looking forward to the assembly on Tuesday, which will be attended by Revd Andy Wilson from the Parish of Portsdown and Purbrook and a Retired member of the Royal Marines Band Service who will be playing The Last Post for us.



Any children that have PE on this day (Year 3 and Year 4) and do decide to come to school in their club uniform, please ensure your child wears the required footwear / PE kit under their club uniform. Thank you

Poppy Appeal

Unfortunately, we have not received our usual supply of poppies and other merchandise from the Poppy Appeal this year. Poppies are usually on sale in supermarkets and other public areas – please do support this very worthwhile cause if you can.

Smartphone Free Schools

I would like to thank the parents who attended the meeting on Tuesday evening hosted by Papaya giving further information on the Smartphone Free Schools initiative. If you were unable to attend, but would like further information, please check out the Smartphone Free Childhood webpage on the following link: <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

Attendance

Monitoring of children's attendance at school has always been important and is also a legal requirement. When reporting an absence for your child, please give the specific reason – the reason "unwell" is not sufficient. It is really important for your child to attend school, if they are well enough to do so. If your child's attendance falls below 95% (even if the absences are authorised), you may receive a letter from me outlining the importance of regular school attendance.

I would like to remind parents that it is your responsibility to notify the school if your child is absent. Absences can be reported via the Arbor Parent Portal (instructions are in the box at the bottom right of this newsletter), StudyBugs or a message left on the school absence line. Please be aware that if you do not report your child's absence by 9.20am (unless in an emergency), the absence, for whatever reason, will be recorded as unauthorised.

Sickness and/or Diarrhoea

Please can I remind you that schools follow the guidance from the UK Health Security Agency which states that children should remain at home for 48 hours (2 days) from the last episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea. These measures are in place to help stop the spread of illness further.

PJSA Fireworks

I would like to pass on a massive **THANK YOU** to the PJSA for organising the Firework event on Thursday evening – a great school and community event!

Children In Need

On Friday 14th November we will be raising money for BBC Children In Need. We will be holding a mufti day whereby children are permitted to come into school in non-school uniform in return for a small donation to Children In Need. Please ensure clothes and shoes are suitable for weather and for PE (Years 5 and 6).

Mr C Williams
Headteacher

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TEAM
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 11th November –
Remembrance Assembly

Wednesday 12th November –
Year 6 Weigh and Measure
Programme

Friday 14th November –
Children In Need mufti day

Tuesday 2nd December –
Year 6 to Purbrook Park

w/c Monday 8th December –
Year 5 residential visit to
Calshot Activities Centre

Thursday 17th December –
PJSA Tea with Santa event

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.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/>

Did you know?

You can report your child's same-day absence using the Arbor Parent Portal.

**Head to 'Quick Actions'
'Attendance'
'Log Absence'**