



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you following the letter sent earlier this week regarding Mr Williams. As you know, he recently suffered a heart attack. This has understandably been a shock for our school community, but I am very pleased to share that he is making good progress and has assured us that he is resting, taking things easy, and focusing on his recovery.

While Mr Williams is away, I will be acting in the role of Headteacher. I would like to reassure you that the Governing Body, who met earlier this week, is offering its full support to me and the Senior Leadership Team. During this period, I kindly ask parents and carers for patience and understanding. With one member of the leadership team temporarily absent, some enquiries or administrative processes may take a little longer than usual for us to respond to. Please rest assured that we will continue to deal with all matters as promptly and efficiently as possible.

I appreciate the thoughtful messages so many of you have sent for Mr Williams. As a school community, we join together in wishing him a smooth and full recovery.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

New Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Mr Wiggins to Purbrook Junior School. He joins us from a school in Portsmouth and is now teaching class 4M. For parents and carers of children in 4M, we will be arranging a 'Meet the Teacher' event soon, giving you the opportunity to get to know Mr Wiggins and learn more about his plans for the remainder of the year.

I would like to thank Mrs Bryant and the Year 4 team for looking after 4M so well during the first half of the spring term.

Year 3

On Monday this week, Year 3 enjoyed a fascinating visit from Mr Havey, one of our school parents, who spent three months living as a Stone Age man as part of a scientific research project many years ago. During his session, he shared insights into how he survived—demonstrating the types of food he ate, the tools he crafted, and the shelters he built. The children were captivated, and his first-hand experiences brought their Stone Age topic vividly to life. A huge thank you to Mr Havey for giving our

pupils such an engaging and memorable learning experience.

Other Notices

Next week is a particularly busy week for Purbrook Junior School. On Monday and Tuesday our Year 3 classes will be heading to Dell Quay in Chichester for their geography field trip with a focus on coasts. Lockheed Martin UK sponsors educational field trips to Chichester Harbor for Hampshire Primary Schools, allowing them to explore nature and learn about coastal habitats and wildlife. I am sure you will agree that this is an amazing opportunity for our children.

Also on Monday, our Year 5 pupils will enjoy a special visit from ZooLab, giving them the opportunity to get up close with a range of fascinating animals.

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March and we would like to invite all children to come dressed as either their favourite book character or something 'comfy' that they generally wear when they enjoy a good book (pyjamas would be brilliant!). Please don't feel the need to purchase expensive costumes as creative homemade ones are usually the most effective!

On Friday 6th March, Year 4 will welcome Hyett Education into school to deliver a STEMbotics – Block Coding Robotics Workshop. This will be an exciting opportunity for pupils to design, code and engineer their own LEGO robots.

Year 6 SATS meeting for Parents

We would like to invite Year 6 Parents to a SATS meeting on Wednesday 11th March at 5:00pm in the school hall. The meeting will provide important information about the SATS tests taking place in the week beginning 11th May. We will talk through how the week will run, what the children can expect, and how we will support them throughout the process. We will also explain any additional provisions that will be in place to ensure all pupils are supported appropriately.

We hope you are able to join us, as it will be a helpful opportunity to understand the arrangements and ask any questions.

Kind regards

Mrs E O'Hare
Acting Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd March – Year 5
Zoolab

Monday 2nd March &
Tuesday 3rd March – Year 3
visit to Chichester Harbour

Thursday 5th March – World
Book Day

Friday 6th March – Year 4
Lego Computing Workshop

Wednesday 11th March –
Year 6 SATS parents meeting

Wednesday 25th March –
School Class Photos

w/c Monday 30th March and
Monday 6th April – Easter
Holidays

Monday 11th to Thursday
14th May – Year 6 SATS tests

INSET DAYS

Monday 1st June 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House
Points total by visiting our
school website homepage
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jun.hants.sch.uk/](https://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/)

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between 8.30am and
3.45pm