



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, I am delighted to share with you a letter we have received from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education:

Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at Purbrook Junior School achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year. Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement.

This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together. Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed.

Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector.

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.

This is truly a fantastic letter to receive. I am extremely proud to be Headteacher of Purbrook Junior and extend my sincere thanks to the whole school community for your commitment to making our school such a special place.

Year 6 – Mock SATS

Our Year 6 children undertook their mock SATs tests this week, a crucial step in their preparation for the upcoming national assessments. The week also provided them with valuable experience of working under real test conditions, helping to build their confidence and readiness for May. Well done, Year 6. I would also like to thank our Year 4 children for their flexibility and understanding in relocating to the hall during the mornings, which enabled the tests to be administered in their classrooms.

National Year of Reading - February's Books of the Month

Our pupils have been busy choosing their next standout reads and we're delighted to share February's Books of the Month. For Years 3&4, 3F have selected *Kid Potato: Welcome to My World* by Neil Coslett — a funny, warm-hearted story that's already sparked plenty of excitement. For Years 5&6, 5G have chosen *The Last Wolf: An Introduction* by Rob Biddulph, a beautifully crafted tale with striking illustrations and lots to talk about.

January's books have proven to be hugely popular during class library visits. A huge thank you to the PJSa for generously funding each month's selections — their support helps us keep our library current and full of fresh reading adventures. We're confident that February's choices will bring just as much enjoyment and inspire even more brilliant reading moments throughout the month.



Preloved Book Sale

Mrs Hotchin has recently sent out some information for our next Preloved Book Sale which will be taking place on Thursday 13th February. Come and browse a wonderful selection of children's books – **all priced at just £1 each!** It's a fantastic opportunity to stock up on engaging reads while supporting our school. Every pound raised will go towards purchasing further new curriculum books for our classrooms. Thank you for your continued support – we can't wait to see you there!

One more week to go before half-term. Please don't forget that Friday 13th February is an inset day and the school will be closed to all children.

Kind regards
Mr C Williams, Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12th February – PJSa UV Glow Party Disco

w/c Monday 16th February – Half Term

Monday 2nd March – Year 5 Zoolab

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Friday 6th March – Year 4 Lego Computing Workshop

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

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/>

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between 8.30am and 3.45pm