



PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Wow, it certainly has been a busy week here at Purbrook Junior School. On Monday and Tuesday our Year 3 classes visited Dell Quay, Chichester as part of their coastal studies. We were fortunate with the weather, and the children had a great time, learning all about the differences between natural and man-made environments, erosion and animal habitats, along with activities exploring the shoreline and making sketches of the Quay.

Year 5 had a wildly exciting visit from ZooLab, where the hall turned into a mini-rainforest adventure! The children got up close and face-to-face with some amazing creatures—including a corn snake, a White's tree frog, a tarantula, a Mongolian gerbil, and a giant African land snail. The students showed fantastic respect, bravery, and curiosity as they observed, and even handled, these incredible animals!

Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day with lots of children (and adults) dressing up as their favourite book characters or in their pyjamas. During the morning, all year groups took part in the annual World Book Day Premier League Takeover Quiz, a 45-minute online event that brought together reading and football in a fun and lively way. The quiz featured two rounds of questions, one football-themed and one reading-themed, presented by well-known football stars and children's authors. The session was hosted by broadcaster Kenzie Benali, alongside Alex Bellos and Ben Lyttleton, the authors of *Football School*. As part of the National Year of Reading 2026, the event aimed to promote reading in an engaging and interactive format.

Overall, the quiz offered a fun way to celebrate reading, introduced pupils to positive reading role models, and created an enjoyable shared experience for everyone involved.

The day concluded with another very successful pre-loved book sale on the playground.

End of the day collection – Year 3

Please can I kindly ask for your help at the end of the school day. We've noticed that when adults wait directly outside classroom doors before home time, it can become a distraction for the children. Seeing faces at the windows or movement by the door can make it difficult for pupils to concentrate

during those important final minutes of learning, tidy-up time, and teacher instructions.

To help us maintain a settled end to the day, please could we ask all parents and carers to wait on the playground rather than outside the classrooms? This small change will hopefully help the children stay focused and allows staff to complete the school day smoothly. Thank you very much for your support and understanding with this.

Year 6 SATS meeting

For those parents/carers with children in Year 6, this is a reminder of the SATS meeting taking place on Wednesday next week at 5.00pm. Please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

SEND Discovery Days

Please see flyer attached to this newsletter giving details of the Local SEND Offer and a link to several SEND Discovery Days across the Hampshire Area over the next few months. We have a limited number of leaflets available in the school office if you are interested.

'Silly for Science' day

Next week is Science Week and on Friday 13th March we will be holding a 'Silly for Science' day. Each activity is 50p – children can choose to do as many as they wish to do. All funds raised will be used to fund additional science equipment for the school.

The children can choose from:

- Silly hair
- Silly snack
- Silly socks
- Silly squash

Years 3, 4 and 5 Parents Evenings

The Parents' Evenings for Years 3, 4 and 5 taking place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March and are now bookable via the Arbor Parent Portal. It is really important that you make every effort to attend one of these meetings to see how well your child is doing, and also to see if there are any additional things we can do to ensure the best education possible. Thank you.

Kind regards

Mrs E O'Hare
Acting Headteacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 11th March –
Year 6 SATS parents meeting

Friday 13th March – Silly for
Science Day

Wednesday 18th and
Thursday 19th March – Year
3, 4 & 5 Parents' Evenings

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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