



Purford Green Primary School

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October 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe we have almost been in school for a whole half term already. Children continue to make us proud with their great attitudes towards learning and focus seen in lessons. We have been particularly impressed with how our new nursery and reception children have settled into routines in school and watching their levels of confidence grow. We can see how well children across the school are working and conducting themselves by the number of certificates being awarded each week in our Friday celebration assemblies.

It was lovely to see so many parents and children attend our parent consultation meetings last week. We are delighted that almost every child in our school had a family member attend an appointment with their class teacher, and the children have had the opportunity to show you all that they have been learning so far this term. We will contact anyone who hasn't attended to arrange a meeting.

A reminder that we break up on **Wednesday 23rd October at 3.10pm** and return to school on **Monday 4th November**.

I hope you all have a very happy and safe half term break.

Mrs Rachel Thomson

Reception Class for September 2025

Applications for Reception places for September 2025 open on 4th November 2024 and close of 15th January 2025. If you are expecting your child to start school next year (or know someone who is) you will need to apply through the Essex website:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places>

Children attending our nursery must also apply for a place in reception.

Our first tour of the year took place last week and our House Captains did an amazing job, sharing information about the school and showing new parents how fantastic the school is. Dates for future tours can be found on our website.

Playground Toys

We are looking to revamp our lunchtimes with a greater choice of toys for the children to play with. We are asking our community for donations of items that can be used in the playgrounds. If you are having a sort out over half term, please consider donating the following preloved items to us:

Scooters, garden games e.g. Hoopla, toy garages and cars, dressing up clothes, small world toys e.g. Playmobil; dressing up clothes and large, interesting coats; small suitcases/ bags; dolls prams and dolls; big building blocks/ bricks (bigger than Lego); anything else that could be used as a playground toy/ game.

You can bring the item at the beginning of the day and hand it to the teachers at the front door. Many thanks.

My Happy Mind

This is our second year of using myHappyMind. MyHappyMind helps children to understand how their brain works and to support children in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves.

myHappyMind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day. To further embed this learning and ensure that you are able to engage in these topics with your child, myHappyMind has developed a set of resources for parents. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school, such as Happy Breathing. Also included are activities for you to do together at home, to complement the in-school lessons.

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is 139950



Or scan this QR code to sign up



Year 1 trip to Walton-On-the-Naze

At the end of September Y1 had a lovely trip to Walton-on-the-Naze. Although the weather wasn't too favourable, they all had a super time and still managed to play on the beach and enjoy an ice cream.



End of the day

We ask that children do not play on the play equipment after school as this is not supervised by members of staff. The gates will be locked at 3.20pm so we ask that you make your way to the exit straight after school. If you have an appointment with a teacher that goes beyond 3.20pm, the teacher will escort you to the main door to leave.

Name the Big Bunny competition

A huge thank you to all those who entered the 'Name the Big Bunny competition. We managed to raise £75 for Barnardo's and well done to Kirils whose name was selected.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22nd October – Nursery reading and phonics meeting for parents

Tuesday 22nd October - Year 2 Library visit

Wednesday 23rd October – Non uniform day

Thursday 24th October—Sunday 3rd November Half term Children return to school Monday 4th November

Tuesday 5th November - Open morning for new Reception intake 2025 (Please contact the school office to book)

Wednesday 6th November - Parent Consultation for RSE policy

Tuesday 12th November – 2 Johns E-safety Online Parent session @8pm

Thursday 14th November – Antibullying Day

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Friday 22nd November – Non uniform day (for donations for Christmas Fair)

Wednesday 27th November - Open morning for new Reception intake 2025 (Please contact the school office to book)

Friday 29th November – **INSET DAY – School closed for children**

Tuesday 3rd December – Royal Opera House Trip to see Cinderella

Friday 6th December – **Christmas Fair 3pm-4.30pm**

Tuesday 10th December -Panto@Passmores – Beauty and the Beast

Wednesday 11th December pm - YR/Y1 Nativity Performance to parents

Thursday 12th December am - YR/Y1 Nativity Performance to parents

Thursday 12th December – 4pm Year 2/3 carols to parents at St Stephens Church

Friday 13th December – **Christmas Jumper Day**

Tuesday 17th December – Rocksteady concert to parents @9am

Wednesday 18th December – **Christmas Dinner Day**

Thursday 19th December – Nursery Christmas Performance

Friday 20th December Non-Uniform Day – School finishes at 1.30pm