



Purford Green Primary School

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December 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a long but very rewarding autumn term. As always, the children have displayed wonderful attitudes, modelled our school values, and made the most of the exciting learning experiences at Purford Green. We would like to thank you all for your continued support in all we do. The staff would also like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful start to 2025. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 7th January 2025, for another action-packed term. Have a wonderful holiday everyone!

Don't forget that on Friday 20th December, school will finish at the earlier time of 1.30pm for Years R – 6. Nursery breaks up for Christmas the day before on Thursday 19th December.

Mrs Rachel Thomson



Christmas Performances

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have attended our Christmas performances. It was so lovely to see so many families coming together to support the children. Staff were very proud to see children performing with an abundance of enthusiasm and energy. Well done children you did an excellent job. A big thank you to all the staff who have worked so hard to make the performances so memorable. We have one more performance to go and we look forward to seeing our youngest children in Nursery perform their Nativity on Thursday.

Also well done to Elija, Marcus and Oliver D in Year 5 for their African drumming performance at the Passmores Christmas concert.

Trip to Cinderella at the Royal Opera House

On December 3rd over 100 children from Year 2 to Year 5 had the wonderful opportunity to see the ballet Cinderella at the Royal Opera House.

They had a fabulous time, and it will certainly be a day they will remember for a long time!



Christmas Fair

It was wonderful to see so many people able to come together and enjoy our annual Christmas event. This year we raised over £1300 for resources and treats for the children. We would like to say thank you to the Friends of Purford Green for their tremendous hard work in creating such a successful event. We would also like to thank Santa for his special visit.



Christmas Pantomime

The children and staff had a fabulous time watching Beauty and the Beast at Passmores. Thank you to the Friends of Purford Green who fund this annual treat for the children.

Well Done!

Congratulations to the following children who have earned the most house points this term. They enjoyed a visit to bowling on Monday.

Reception- Sadie, Oscar, Amelia, Penelope Year 1 – Lily, Loreta, Lexi, Teo Year 2 - Leyo, Sienna, Timeea, Amalia Year 3 - Amelia, Delilah, Kirils, Emily Year 4 - Grace, Matei, Ivy, Phoebe Year 5 – Olivia, Leon, Ava H, Brandon Year 6 – Vlad, Glory, Amelia, Vinnie

Gallery

We love to receive children's work for display in the Leadership Office especially when the children have gone to great lengths to make it their best ever piece of work at school or where it has been created in their own time at home. The finished pieces really do brighten up the office.

Oliver brought in his story book that he had created in his own time based on a Greek Myth. We enjoyed reading all about Leroy and The Minobull.



Class Assemblies

Next term, class assemblies will begin to take place. Each class will showcase their learning for the year so far. Please see the important dates below to book your child's assembly into your diaries. These will be held at 9.15am.

Year 4 – Wednesday 5th February 2025

Year 6 - Thursday 13th February 2025

Year 5 – Wednesday 5th March 2025

Year 2 - Thursday 1st May 2025

Year 3 - Thursday 22nd May 2025

Year 1 – Thursday 12th June 2025

Year R - Thursday 19th June 2025

Young Carers

A big thank you to St. Nicholas School who invited our Young Carers to a brilliant Christmas party on Friday 13th December. The children who attended really enjoyed a fun disco, being creative with the arts and craft activities and meeting Father Christmas at the end of the day.

If you think your child is a Young Carer, please contact Mrs Hammond, our Learning Mentor for further information.

Additional Children and young people's local help:

Child Mental Health Services
Call **SET CAMHS**: 0800 953 0222

For out of hours contact Mental Health Direct:
0800 995 1000

NELFT **NHS**
NHS Foundation Trust

<https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/set-camhs/>

Kids Inspire - provide mental health and trauma recovery support for children, young people and their families. Age: from 4 to 21. Through a range of therapeutic and community activities we promote resilience, self-awareness, and relationship building to empower more positive life choices.



<https://www.kidsinspire.org.uk/>

Pact for Autism - small charity who connect a Neurodiverse community of Parents, Carers, Autistic Individuals and families along with the wider community, organisations and services We are based in West Essex but you can contact us from anywhere.



<https://www.pactforautism.org.uk/>

Harlow Foodbank – Provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to them in crisis. They are a part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.



<https://harlow.foodbank.org.uk/>

YCT - YCT is a counselling and therapeutic support charity. We specialise in supporting children and young people, their families and the professionals who work with them. Age: 5 – 25



<https://yctsupport.com/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7th January – School returns

Weds 8th January – Meeting for Year 4 parents re Multiplication Test @3.10pm

Weds 15th January – Open afternoon for prospective parents

Fri 17th January – Year 6 SATs parent meeting @3.10pm

Weds 22nd January - Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents @3.10pm

Weds 22nd January - Young Voices Choir @O2

Wed 29th January – Reception Class Maths workshop @9am

Fri 31st January – INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)

Weds 5th February – Year 4 Class Assembly

Tues 11th February - Parents consultations afternoon 1pm-4pm

Weds 12th February – Parents consultations evening 3.20pm-6pm

Thurs 13th February 9.15am – Year 6 Class assembly

Friday 14th February – Non Uniform Day (Last day of half term)

Monday 24th February - School returns