



Purford Green Primary School

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October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you have all had a restful half term

It is hard to believe we have been in school for two months. 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 recently. We are delighted that the children have had the opportunity to show you all that they have been learning so far this term.

Mrs Rachel Thomson

Reception Class for September 2026

Applications for Reception places for September 2026 open on 10th November 2025 and close of 15th January 2026. 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 recently 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 are:

Tuesday 4th November - 9:30am

Wednesday 26th November - 9:30am

Thursday 15th January - 1:30pm

Trips

Lots of classes have already been on exciting trips this year!

At the end of September, Year 1 enjoyed a lovely visit to Walton-on-the-Naze. They had a wonderful time exploring, playing on the beach, and even enjoying an ice cream.

Year 4 took a fascinating trip to Colchester Castle, while Year 5 visited the Outdoor Pursuits Centre, where they had the chance to try climbing and canoeing.

Our Science Ambassadors also represented the school brilliantly during their visit to the Science Fair at the ExCeL Centre.



Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for the excellent response to our request for donations of food for the harvest festival. We collected 60kg of food to give to Harlow Foodbank. This is a lovely way to support a local charity.



Attendance

At Purford Green, we know that every school day counts! Regular attendance helps children build strong learning habits, stay connected with their friends, and make steady progress in all subjects. We're proud of our pupils who arrive on time and ready to learn each morning — your effort truly makes a difference!

A few helpful reminders:

- School starts promptly at 08:50am (the front doors open at 08:40am) — arriving a few minutes early helps children settle in calmly.
- If your child is unwell, please contact the school office before 09:00am
- Try to book appointments outside of school hours whenever possible. Together, we can make sure every child has the best chance to learn, grow, and shine!

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.

If your child walks through the Nursery garden on your way to and from breakfast club and after school club, please ask them not play with the equipment. There have been reports of broken equipment during this time.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd October—Sunday 2nd November Half term

Children return to school Monday 3rd November

Tuesday 4th November - Open morning for Reception intake 2026 (please book via the school office)

Thursday 13th November – Year 6 Class assembly @9.15am

Thursday 20th November – Year 3 Class assembly @9.15am

Wednesday 26th November - Open morning for Reception intake 2026 (please book via the school office)

Thursday 27th November – Year 6 Harlow Museum

Friday 28th November – INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd December – Year 6 Science trip

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre – 3.10-4.30pm

Tuesday 9th December – Snow White Panto @Passmores

Wednesday 10th December – Reception class & Year 1 Christmas performance to parents @ 1.30pm

Thursday 11th December - Reception class & Year 1 Christmas performance to parents @9.30am

Thursday 11th December – Passmores Christmas concert @6pm

Thursday 11th December – Year 2 Library visit

Friday 12th December – Year 2 Colchester Zoo trip

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 16th Christmas Dinner day

Wednesday 17th December – Nursery Christmas performance

Wednesday 17th December – Nursery last day

Friday 19th December – Non-uniform day

Friday 19th December – School finishes @1.30pm

Monday 5th January – INSET Day

Tuesday 6th January - Children return to school

