



Purford Green Primary School

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November 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term at Purford Green is already proving to be a very busy one, with many exciting events planned. The first of our Christmas celebrations is our Christmas Fayre, which takes place this Friday after school at **3:10pm**. It's always a popular event with lots of stalls, games and refreshments—and of course the ever-popular **Santa's Grotto!**

The Fayre has been organised by our wonderful **Friends of Purford Green**, who have worked incredibly hard to make the event special for our children and families. We hope you will join us for an afternoon of festive fun and community spirit.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Rachel Thomson

Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 10th November we had a special Anti-Bullying Assembly.

As a whole school we have revisited our definition of bullying: 'Bullying is when someone deliberately hurts you or your feelings over and over again. A person can be can be hurt by words or actions, in person or online. If you witness bullying, make a noise and tell!'

We talked about different types of bullying and what we should do if we are a victim of bullying or if we witness bullying.

We take bullying extremely seriously at Purford Green and are committed to making sure every child feels safe, valued, and respected. Our aim is to ensure any concerns are acted upon promptly so that problems are addressed before they can grow, and we encourage parents to speak to us straight away if you have any worries so we can work together to support your children. Although incidents of bullying are rare here, we remain vigilant and proactive to ensure our school continues to be a safe and supportive environment for all.

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.

We have had three tours so far this year. Our last tour takes place on:

Thursday 15th January - 1:30pm

Children in Need

As part of the Children in Need we had a fabulous time greeting the runners from BBC ESSEX who had completed their part of the Thousand Mile Challenge for Children in Need. We were pictured on their Facebook Page and we are featured on their bbc webpage.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/c8dr016e41mt?app-referrer=deep-link>

We raised £175.70 for the Children in Need Charity



Friends of Purford Green (FOPG)

The annual wreath making was a huge success again this year and parents and friends made some beautiful wreaths. A couple of the wreaths have been donated as raffle prizes at this Friday's Christmas Fayre.

Thank you to the Friends of Purford Green for another great event.



Attendance Matters

Good attendance is one of the simplest ways to support your child's learning. When children are in school regularly, they build stronger friendships, feel more confident, and make steady progress across all subjects.

Our expectations

- Please make sure your child arrives on time every day — the school day starts promptly, and even a few minutes late can disrupt their learning.

If your child is unwell

- Please contact the school office before the start of the day to let us know.
- If your child has a minor illness (such as a cold or mild tummy ache), they are usually well enough to attend. If you're unsure, you're welcome to call for advice.

Medical appointments

- Wherever possible, please schedule routine appointments outside school hours.
- If this isn't possible, please provide the appointment confirmation so we can mark the absence correctly.

Why attendance matters

Missing just one day a week adds up to more than six full weeks of lost learning across a school year. Every day really does make a difference. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child make the most of their time in school.

Winter PE Kit

During the colder months, children are still expected to do PE outside. We ask that you provide your child with a pair of jogging bottoms during the winter months so that your child does not get cold.

Class Assemblies

Our Class Assemblies have begun with Year 6 celebrating lots of the learning already and it was wonderful to see so many parents attending.

Here are the dates for remaining class assemblies; all our assemblies start at 9.15am:

Year R – Thursday 21st May

Year 1 – Thursday 30th April

Year 2 – Wednesday 4th March

Year 3 – Wednesday 25th March

Year 4 - Thursday 29th January

Year 5 – Thursday 12th March

Dates for your diary

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

Wednesday 10th December -Y2/3 Carols at St Stephens Church @4pm

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 (school closed for children)

Tuesday 6th January - Children return to school

Monday 12th January – Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents @3pm

Tuesday 13th January – Year 6 SATS meeting for parents @3pm

Thursday 29th January – Y4 Class Assembly @9.15

Friday 30th January – INSET DAY (school closed for children)

Tuesday 10th February – Parents’ consultations 4pm-6pm

Wednesday 11th February – Parents' consultations 1pm-4pm

Friday 13th February – Last day of the half term (non-uniform day - 50p donation)