



Purford Green Primary School

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December 2025 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 2026. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026, for another action-packed term. Have a wonderful holiday everyone!

Don't forget that on Friday 19th December, school will finish at the earlier time of 1.30pm for Years R – 6.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday!

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.





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 £1000 for resources and treats for the children including the annual Pantomime. 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 like to thank all those who donated prizes and gifts



including: Beards and Daisies, Garden of India, Wild and Wacky, Shwe Beauty, EXL Driving, Anamorava Coffee Shop and Little City. And finally a special thank you to Santa for his special visit!

For next year's Christmas fair, we would love **donations of your used or unwanted gift bags**. When we return in January, please pop them into the office if you can. We would be most grateful!



Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Dinner Day is always a very special day at Purford Green and this year was another memorable one. The children had a lovely time and broke into a spontaneous rendition of Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer! A huge thank you to Mrs Dodd and her kitchen team for such a fabulous meal.



Year 2 trip to Colchester Zoo

My Recount by Lexi D

What an incredible day we had at Colchester Zoo! Would you like to hear about it?

When we arrived we saw an elf called Sottie and 3 reindeer. Their names were Winter, North and Alaska. My favourite part was when we learnt about the food reindeer eat. The food is called lichen and it means their poo doesn't smell! After that we met Santa and he gave us a cute, cuddly reindeer toy. Next we walked through the underwater tunnel so we



could watch the sealions swimming around. We also saw a wrinkly, long toenailed turtle in his pool. We saw lots of animals at the zoo like striped tigers, snoozing aardvarks, a scary lion and huge elephants. We all had a fantastic day!



Young Carers

Our Young Carers had an absolutely wonderful time at this year's St. Nicholas School Christmas Event. The day was filled with excitement as they enjoyed a range of fun activities, including bouncing on the bouncy castles and trying their hand at surfing. They also tucked into bags of popcorn while relaxing and watching *Elf* on the big screen, which added to the magical Christmas atmosphere.

The celebrations continued with a beautiful Christmas lunch and to top it all, they had the chance to meet Father Christmas, who delighted everyone by handing out lovely presents.

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

Year 6 Trip to Stansted Airport

Recently, Year 6 went to Stansted Airport to visit the Aerozone. They had a great day and learned lots about careers in aviation, including taking part in an exciting flight simulator activity. We also received a lovely email from the organiser, praising the children for their enthusiasm and behaviour.



Below is an email we received from the Aerozone Staff

I just wanted to follow up after yesterday's visit and send through some of those photos, it was so lovely of your students to ask if we could share them- I hope they enjoy looking through them again!

Personally, I would like to say a huge thank you for coming to visit and to express again just how wonderful your group of students were. I have hosted hundreds, if not thousands, of these visits in the 7 years in my role and yours was one of my favourite ever visits. It was a genuine pleasure to interact with your students who were all so polite, engaged and eager to learn- I think we could have happily filled another 4 hours with all of their questions!

They are a credit to yourself and to your school and I hope we can welcome Purford Green back to the Aerozone many more times in the future.

Best wishes,
Alex



Support for children and their families

Many local organisations and charities provide support and help for Children and their families:

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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



NHS Foundation Trust

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



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



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



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



<https://yctsupport.com/>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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 – Phonics parents meeting @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)