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# February 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your children had an enjoyable half-term break and were able to spend some quality time together as a family. It was wonderful to see so many of you attending your child's recent parent consultation meetings with their teacher(s); your support makes a real difference.

At the end of last half term, it was lovely to meet with the children who had earned 100 house points. Congratulations to: Rosie, Sara, Elija, Su, Aisha, Ivy, Maisie, Lilly, Hector, Adanna, A.J, Vanessa, Charlie, Lexi, Lennox, Loreta and Sadie. They thoroughly enjoyed celebrating their achievement with hot chocolate and cakes. Our next celebration for children who have joined the Hundred Club will take place at the end of this half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rachel Thomson

## ★ Hundred Club ★



## Lions on The Loose



We are excited to share that Purford Green Primary School will be taking part in the **Lions on the Loose art trail in summer 2026**. As part of this wonderful community project, our school will have its own lion sculpture (shared with Potter Street Academy), which the children will help to design and decorate.

The Lions on the Loose trail will bring colour, creativity and community spirit to Harlow, Epping and Loughton, with beautifully decorated lion sculptures displayed in public spaces for families to enjoy.

We are very proud that our school will be part of this exciting event.

As well as being a memorable experience for the children, this project will also help support an important local charity. **Our school is aiming to raise £300 for St Clare's Hospice**, which provides vital care and support to people and families in our community.

We will be sharing more information soon about how you and your child can help contribute to decorating our lion and supporting this worthwhile cause.

## Spelling Bee

We have been extremely impressed with how well so many of our children have been learning their spellings in preparation for the Spelling Bee competition.

Below is a list of all the children who have progressed to their year group final. Each Spelling Bee final will take place during this half term, and we wish all participants the very best of luck.

Well done to:

Year R Lawrence, Bliss, Holly, David, Harper  
Year 1 Freddie, Oscar, Sonny, Penelope, Amelia, Sadie  
Year 2 James, Adanna, Loreta, Gleb, Hugo,  
Year 3 Bobby, Nikolay, Timeea, David, Levinika  
Year 4 Delilah, Amelia, Bora, Emily, Kirils  
Year 5 Ivy, Phoebe, Matei, Elliana, Cilly, Artur  
Year 6 Alex, Leon, Olivia, Marcus, Sara, Su



We have already held the 6 finals. Congratulations to Leon for coming first in his final.

## Harlow Primary Schools Cross Country Competition



Our cross-country runners delivered an outstanding performance against extremely strong competition, with roughly 180 pupils competing in each race. In Year 4, Kirils showed incredible determination and stamina to secure a fantastic first-place finish. Year 5 saw Ivy dominate her race, also claiming first place with a superb run. In Year 6, Marcus achieved an excellent second-place finish in a highly competitive field, demonstrating resilience and focus throughout. To top it off, the Year 6 Boys team narrowly secured second place overall by just one point, highlighting the team's collective strength and commitment. We are incredibly proud of all our runners for their hard work, sportsmanship, and remarkable achievements. Good Luck at County Finals!

## Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents who have filled out and returned the parents' survey. We will be collating all the results at the end of the week so if you would like to fill one in and you haven't done so already, please collect a form from the school office and return it by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Parents' Survey**  
Your feedback as parents and carers is important and helps plan school improvements. Please take a moment to give your views by filling in the survey. Responses, comments & information given will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
We are not responsible for comments if not received in school.

	Yes	No
My child is happy at this school		
My child feels safe at this school		
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved		
Has your child been bullied at this school?		
If your answer is yes to the above, when the bullying took place did the school deal with it quickly and effectively?		
Does your child have special educational needs?		
If your answer is yes to the above questions, does the school give them the support that they need to succeed?		
The school communicates well with us about the things we need to know.		
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly.		
[Please respond with 'No' if you have not raised concerns]		
When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interests at heart.		
The school gives my child the right support to enable them to learn.		
The school supports my child's wider personal development and well-being.		
I would recommend this school to another parent.		

Comments / Praise to School: \_\_\_\_\_  
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The files with the most responses will have a link and program afternoon. All named responses will go into a draw for a parent prize (2/25 Answer vouchers). **Thank you!**

## Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is crucial for children to achieve their potential. Poor attendance can lead to additional challenges for children.

### How Parents and Carers Can Help

1. Engage Positively:
  - Show interest in your child's learning, including homework.
  - Communicate the importance of school to your child.
2. Prepare in Advance:
  - Organise school essentials the night before.
  - Set alarms for timely waking up.
3. Schedule Smartly:
  - Arrange appointments outside school hours or during holidays.
  - Take holidays during school breaks, avoiding term time.
4. Be Mindful of Attendance:
  - Allow absences only for genuine illness.
  - If slightly unwell, send them to school as they may feel better as the day progresses.
  - Notify the school if medications are needed; they can administer medicines with parental permission.



This proactive approach fosters a routine that supports your child's learning and development while maintaining strong communication with the school. If you are facing challenges with your child's attendance, please reach out to our school Learning Mentor (Mrs Hammond) or Attendance Officer (Mrs Perry), who are here to help with resources that can support your family and keep your child on track.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Wednesday 4th March - Year 2 Class Assembly @9.15am

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Thursday 12th March - Year 5 Class Assembly @9.15am

Tuesday 17th March – Year 6 Crucial Crew

Monday 23rd March – Rocksteady Performance to parents @9.15am

Wednesday 25th March - Year 3 Class Assembly @9.15am

Thursday 26th March – Mind workshop for parents

Thursday 26th March – Nursery Last Day

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – 4pm Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Disco

5.30pm Key Stage 2 Disco

Friday 27th March – School closes a 1.30pm (Non-Uniform Day)

Summer Term

Monday 13th April – Children return to school

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Year 1 Class Assembly @9.15am

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photos

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Reception Class Assembly @9.15am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Non-Uniform Day