



## Purford Green Primary School

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# April 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the children return from the Easter break fully rested and ready for the new term. This term is a very busy one for everyone, and especially for certain year groups that will be taking their statutory tests. In Year 6, the children will be taking their SATs in May. In June, Year 4 will be taking their Multiplication Times Table Checks and Year 1 will be completing their Phonics Check. The children have been practising for the tests in a variety of interesting and fun ways, and we know they will do well.

Mrs Rachel Thomson

### Parent Survey

Thank you so much for completing the parent survey at our parents' consultations last term. We had 170 responses and as you can see the results are overwhelmingly positive. All the staff are proud to serve the Purford Green community and knowing that children are happy and feel safe in school makes all our work worthwhile. We also thank you for working with us to make sure your child has the best opportunities at school.

Please remember we will always listen if you have any concerns and try our best to resolve them. Congratulations also to George H's mum who won a £25 amazon voucher from the parent survey draw.

From 170 responses	agree
My child is happy at this school	100%
My child feels safe at this school	100%
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	100%
Has your child been bullied at this school?	4%
If your answer is yes to the above, when the bullying took place did the school deal with it quickly and efficiently?	100%
Does your child have special educational needs?	16%
If your answer is yes to the above question, does the school give them the support that they need to succeed?	90%
The school communicates well with me about things I need to know.	99%
When I have raised concerns with the school, they have been dealt with properly (please respond with N/A if you have not raised concerns).	98.5%
When the school makes decisions, it has the child's best interest at heart.	99%
The school gives my child/children the right support to enable them to learn.	98.5%
The school supports my child's wider personal development and wellbeing.	100%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	99%

## Lions on The Loose



As part of this exciting community art project, our school, working in partnership with Potter Street Academy, has decorated its very own lion sculpture. Our 'Purr'ford lion, named "Furry Tail", celebrates the National Year of Reading 2026 and features a montage of fairy tale characters.

A huge congratulations to the 14 winners of the design competition: Rayan, Thea, Loreta, Lilly, Isla, Darcie, Amelia D, Mason, Amelia S, Alice, Vanessa, Vinnie C-B, Maisie B, and Samir. Their wonderful ideas have been brought together and recreated on our lion.

All 41 children who entered the competition have had their names included on the sculpture. Be sure to look out for our lion this summer. Further detail of the trail will be given to you nearer the time.



As part of the Lions on The Loose project, we are raising funds for St Clare Hospice, which provides vital care and support to people and families in our community. So far, we have raised £100 towards our £300 target. We have set up a **JustGiving page** for anyone who would like to contribute.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/purford-green-1?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/purford-green-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

## Summer Fair and Purford Green's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



SAVE THE DATE: 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2pm - 4pm

Our Summer Fair is extra special this year as we will be celebrating the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Purford Green School. As part of the celebrations in the afternoon, each class will perform a celebration song on stage to parents and guests.

We would also like to invite past pupils and staff (young and old) to enjoy the celebrations with us.

If you know someone who used to attend Purford Green and who would like to join us for the afternoon, please talk to the office staff (in person or by email) and we will give them a special invitation.

### Junior Duke Award

Congratulations to George, Poppy, Phoebe and Nathan who have achieved their Bronze Junior Duke Award. This shows a fantastic level of effort and commitment. To earn the award, the children had to complete a range of tasks that build practical life skills such as helping at home, organising themselves, trying new activities, and working with others. It's a fabulous achievement and something to be proud of. Well done to all four.



## September 2026 Nursery places



**Purford Green Primary School and Nursery**

8am-5pm  
15 and 30-hour Nursery places  
available for  
3 and 4-year-olds from  
September 2026

Breakfast club from 8am  
After School club until 5pm

Holiday childcare offered through Hangout Club

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We have nursery places available for September 2026.

Children in our nursery learn through play and a carefully designed curriculum that develops essential communication and language skills. They also build important social skills, learning how to form positive relationships and manage their emotions - key foundations that support them as they transition into primary school and beyond.

Parents consistently share wonderful feedback, describing how “staff teach from the heart in what they do,” and how their children “love coming to school, have made beautiful friendships, and “I am beyond happy with my child’s development.”

If you would like more information about how to apply for a nursery place, please contact the school office on 01279 425 100.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Summer Term

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - class photos

Monday – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May - Y6 SATs

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May -Y4 Synagogue visit

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Reception & Y5 Road Safety

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Reception assembly

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May - Y1 Library visit

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Last day of half term – Non Uniform 50p donation

#### **Half Term**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Children return to school

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June - Y2 Library visit

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Y3 Egyptian day  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Sports day  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 Danbury Residential  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Y2 Harlow Playhouse Theatre trip  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Y6 transition day to secondary school  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Y1 library visit  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Y1 Leeds Castle trip  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Summer fete  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - YR library visit  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 leavers assembly  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Class parties  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July - New classes start  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Nursery last day  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day, school closing at 1.30pm (Non-Uniform)