



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Weds 25th January 6:45pm

Residential information meeting for parents of current Year 5 pupils

Thurs 26th January 7.30pm

FOPS Meeting

Weds 8th February 6:45pm

Year 6 SATS information session for parents

Weds 8th February 7.30pm

150th Anniversary Working Party meeting

Fri 10th February 3.15pm

End of Spring term 1

Mon 13th – Fri 17th February

Half Term

Mon 20th February

Start of Spring Term 2

W/c 27th February

Book Week

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day – Author visit

W/c 13th March

Science Week

Tues 21st, Weds 22nd and

Thurs 23rd March *Timings TBA*

Face to face Parent Consultations

Thurs 30th March 1:15pm

End of Spring Term 2

Message from Mrs Holland

We are all well into our stride with our new and exciting topics for this term

In Hedgehog Class this week:

'I liked finding ways to melt the ice in the garden. The oats didn't work, but the salt made it melt and get wet again' said Emma (Independent Learning Time)

'I enjoyed sharing my photos with the class and telling everyone about my family' said Zadok (Focus Child Time)

In Badger Class this week:

'I've enjoyed reading the 'Happy Family' books. We have started to make our own stories about Master Money'

'I have enjoyed our maths. We are adding two 2 digit numbers and I'm getting good at it'

'I have loved using the computers to make pictures'

In Owl Class this week:

'We have enjoyed creating our own clay cartouche with our names in hieroglyphs'

'We have been researching about Tutankhamun, we have found lots of amazing facts for our fact file writing next week'

In Falcon Class this week:

'This week in class we have been writing newspaper reports about Fairtrade, the organisation that helps farmers and workers in Africa. We have also been building mini Chichen Itza temples from Lego to go alongside our Mayan term topic. We have also been researching our chosen animal's life cycle and the differences and similarities between them.'

In maths we have been learning about fractions'

Mrs Holland

Collective Worship

This week we have been learning about the life of Moses.

Our candle time focus was Exodus 34:29-35. In this passage Moses had just received the Ten Commandments from God on Mt Sinai and his meeting with God transfigures him. Moses' face radiates God's glory which frightens the people. This story suggests that humans can be changed by being in the presence of God.

We considered the questions: *Are there times when you have felt awe and wonder at something amazing? Can you describe them?* It has been wonderful to hear the children share thoughtful responses to these questions and a reminder on these grey and chilly days, of the wonder all around us if we just take a moment to pause and reflect.

Nutkin Club Short Session Update

The trial of the Nutkin short stay session ends at February half term and following review, this won't be ongoing provision from the school. The uptake of this offering has been very limited and has resulted in further expense to the school. Therefore, we will revert to the original provision of 3.15-6pm daily. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.



To those parents who ordered a school lunch on the 19th January - Census day. This ensures that we are eligible for the maximum amount of funding from the DfE and can plough this money into ongoing school development.



Save the Date: 8th July 2023

This year sees the 150th anniversary of our school. Plans are in the initial stages, but we have pencilled in a date: Saturday 8th July. This will be the culmination of a week of themed learning in school, exploring life at Purley Primary over the last century and a half.

Our next working party will meet at the school on Wednesday 8th February at 7.30pm and you are most welcome to join us.

Vacancies

We currently have vacancies at the school including a Clerk to the Governors, School Business Manager and a level 2 TA. Please see the school website for more information on the roles available: <https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=17>



Kids with Bricks Club

Thank you to those who voted for our model in last week's Bricks competition. This week the quick build challenge was a gondola. A photo of this has now been uploaded onto the Kids with Bricks website.

Please support our entry by voting for Purley Primary School at:
<https://www.kidswithbricks.com/voting-page>



Well Done!

Well done to: Sofia and Monty on becoming **Wannabes**, George B on becoming an **Unsigned Act**, George C, Dinesh, Harry V, Samuel and Henry on becoming **Headliners** and Rafa on becoming a **Rock Star**.

We are seeing a positive impact in school as children more confidently apply their number facts knowledge to problem solving. Keep up the good work!

A Parent Guide and further information about TTRS can be found at the dedicated page of our [website](#).

Design a Logo for the King's Coronation

Purley on Thames is running a competition to design a logo for the Coronation of Charles III. The winning logo(s) will be used in all the promotional materials and will also be printed onto a commemorative item (details tbc), which will be given to all the children who live and/or attend school in the parish, to commemorate this historical occasion.

The competition is open to all children living or attending school/nursery within the Purley on Thames Parish Council boundary.

Our pupils will be completing their entry in school but if any non-Purley Primary siblings would like to submit an entry, the details are below:

The logo should reference both Purley on Thames and the Coronation of Charles III and what they mean to you! It can be any 2 colours, or black and white (though please note that it may appear black when printed onto the commemorative item) and should be **A4** sized. Please use **felt tip pens or paint**, as these will show up better when printed.

Please ensure that the following details are written clearly on the back:

Child's Name, Age, Address

School attended

Parent/Guardian Name and Contact number

Entries should be submitted to your school or nursery or to the Parish Office no later than Thursday 23rd February. Winners will notified by Friday 03rd March, and the winning design(s) will be published in the Parish Council Newsletter.

The competition will be judged by a panel from Purley Park Trust.