



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Thurs 25th May

FOPS meeting – Purley Sports and Social club

Fri 26th May

End of Summer Term 1

HALF TERM

Mon 5th June

Start of Summer Term 2

Thurs 8th – Fri 9th June

Years 4 & 5 Camping trip

Tues 13th June

Whole school photo

Mon 26th June

Sports Week

Weds 28th June 6:45pm

Welcome to EYFS meeting for new starters

Fri 30th June

Sports Day

Sat 8th July

150th birthday celebration

Thurs 20th July 1:15pm

End of academic year

Tues 5th September

Start of new academic year

Sun 5th November

Thameside Firework Fiesta celebration

Message from Mrs Holland

We've had another varied week here at Purley. It's been lovely to hear and see the Hedgehog pupils exploring their musical and dance skills on the stage (handily positioned just outside my office window!).

Badger Class pupils will make their final visits to Basildon Park for Woodland School (Y1) and to The Oratory for swimming lessons this week (Y2). We are so fortunate to be able to offer these extended curriculum options to our KS1 pupils.

Owl Class' visit to the lock at Mapledurham linked beautifully with their topic theme of rivers and developed their understanding of an important local landmark. See the montage attached this week for some lovely photos.

Falcon Class have this week been starting to think about their end of year production. I know that this is a real 'milestone' in their time with us and already look forward to seeing our talented actors on stage in July.

Plans for our 150th birthday are taking shape. We have secured booking of Bucknells Meadow for our celebrations on Saturday 8th July. There is a FOPS meeting this coming Thursday where the celebrations will be an important agenda item- do come along if you'd like to be involved in the planning, or on the day.

Mrs Holland

This Week in Collective Worship...

This week the school has been thinking about the value of "respect".

Thursday's Collective Worship was all about how respect is shown to God through worship, and the meaning of objects and actions in our sacred spaces. We looked at the strange objects that were used in the Bible's first worship sanctuary, the Tabernacle of Moses in the wilderness — seven-branched lamp stands, golden tables of bread, altars of incense and the mysterious Ark of the Covenant, and then we thought about the objects in our church today — the cross, the Bible, the altar, the candles and the Holy Communion cup and plate, and how these help us to connect to God with an attitude of awe and respect, and remind us that we can draw close to God because of Jesus' loving sacrifice. *Revd Jones*



To those parents who ordered a school lunch on the 18th May: 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.

After School Drama Club



This Monday, Aundre and Hollie from Berzerk Productions came to visit us and share some of the different techniques that they teach at their drama clubs. The children experimented with tableaux, action games and role play. It was certainly a lively start to the week and got us all energized and ready for the day.

We are delighted to be able to offer a new after school drama club starting after May half term. Berzerk Productions will be providing a Drama Factory Club on **Fridays** after school from 3:20pm – 4:20pm for Years 1 and above.

Classes start on **Friday 9th June 2023** and will run for a five-week term. The price for these unique workshops is £29.50 (£5.90 per session). Please see the attached letter for more information and details on how to book.





Places are still available at our new **after school science club** starting after May half term. Please see the attached letter for more information and booking details.

Bright Sparks say *"Our after school clubs are both educationally rewarding and enormous fun for children. They present fundamental scientific principles by stealth, with each session offering a memorable mixture of inspiring demonstrations & stimulating hands-on activities — so much fun, that children don't even realise they're learning!"*



This week, to link with National Numeracy day on the 17th May, we have launched another Times Table Rock Stars house **competition**.

The competition has started and will run until next Thursday, 25th May, at 3pm.

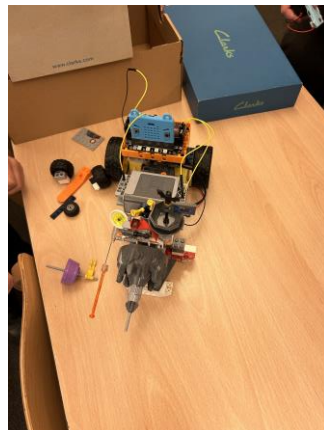
Year 5 /6 Coding Club

For coding club, we designed and made our own robots. We used Lego to make them and we learned how to programme the micro:bit in order to make them move.

For the competition we were in two teams and we battled against each other. In order to win we had to break their robot by bashing ours into it.

We have had lots of fun doing it and we can't wait to do it again – *Belle*

Congratulations to Arlo, Mason and Belle who were on the winning team.



Community News



It's common to hear people say 'I hate maths', but we all use maths every day - at home, at work and when we're out and about, even at the supermarket when we're scanning for the best deal! Watch this great [Numbers and Rapping video](#) to see the many ways that numbers figure in our lives.

To help to develop everyday numeracy skills, the community learning team is offering a range of **short, on-line numeracy courses** in topics such as working out bills, understanding a payslip, calculating weights and measures or supporting children to do their homework. The courses are **free of charge** and are perfect as a revision exercise or to help to move on to further learning.

- [Click here](#) for further information about the Multiply on-line programme
- To access the courses simply enrol [here](#).
- Once enrolled you'll receive a link to the Multiply programme site to activate your account and start a course
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All courses are non-accredited (no qualification) and delivered at the learner's pace. You can drop in and out of the course at any time.

For more information contact the community learning team by [email](#) or on 01635 519060.



Vacancy: Cleaner

We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner:
10 hours per week, term time only (5 x 2 hrs per week)
Hours: 4:00 pm to 6 pm (negotiable)
Pay Grade B £4,307 per annum (actual salary)

If you are interested in applying for this role, or want to signpost it to someone who might be, please visit our [website](#) for a job description and downloadable application form.