



PURLEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Upcoming dates

Mon 5th June

Start of Summer Term 2

Weds 7th June, 6.15pm

After School Club Parent Meeting

Thurs 8th – Fri 9th June

Years 4 & 5 Camping trip

Tues 13th June

Whole school photo

Mon 26th June

Sports Week

Tues 27th June

Changeover day

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

Sun 19th – Sat 25th November

Year 6 residential to Rhos-y-
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Message from Mrs Holland

Our half term draws to a close today, and we look ahead to a Bank Holiday weekend and Half Term break, with a chance to relax, refresh and enjoy time with our loved ones.

The next half term is always a busy one, and we have some exciting learning and extra-curricular opportunities on offer for our children. We will welcome an Olympian to launch our Sports Week in June, and the children can look forward to experiencing a range of different activities.

We will mark our **150th anniversary** with a themed week in school and a **family and friends picnic on the 8th July**. Many thanks to FOPS, who have stepped forward to help organise and contribute to this free event for our school and wider community. They'll be sending out a mailing shortly with further details and the Volunteer sign up [link](#).

A letter is also going out to all parents today regarding a meeting to be held by the Out of Hours Working Group. On **Wednesday 7th June at 6.15pm**, they will outline potential options for after school care next term.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term, hopefully filled with plenty of sunshine!

Mrs Holland



This Week in Collective Worship...

We've revisited key themes from the past 6 weeks of learning about the value of **respect**. Using our school Reflections book as a prompt, we summed up our learning using an acrostic poem:

Respect is....

Readiness to listen

Everyone being valued

Showing appreciation

Praying for people

Expressing opinions sensitively

Caring for our environment

Treating property carefully

Sports Week – 2023

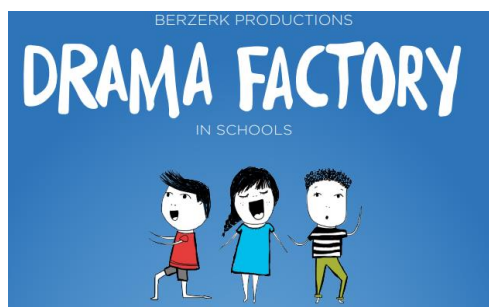


Our annual sports week will be held during the **week commencing 26th June**.

The children will have an opportunity to participate in a host of sporting activities including: Parkour and gymnastics at Virtue Gymnastics Club, tennis, lacrosse and cricket. We will finish the week with our school sports day on Friday 30th June at Bucknells Meadow. This year we are very lucky to be welcoming a GB Olympian to kick off the week! Sara Parfett, an Olympic rower, will be visiting the school on Monday 26th June. During her visit she will coordinate a sponsored fitness challenge for all pupils. Follow this [link](#) to find out how it all works.

To support the cost of the week, we are suggesting a **voluntary £5 donation per child**. Further details on how to make the donation will follow shortly. We have also sent home the sponsorship forms for the fitness challenge; the school will receive funds from this challenge too. Sponsor money can be made via the crowd funding page or handed in to the office in cash.

After School Drama Club



Places are still available at our 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.



We'd love to be able to offer the **after school science club**, starting after May half term. In order to run, Bright Sparks require a minimum number of pupils to sign up. We are almost there! If you previously expressed an interest, or your child would now like to join, please see details attached in this newsletter mailing.



Competition Results: Battle of the Bands!

We've had an intense 7 days of competition, with the 4 houses battling it out to defeat each other in our Battle of the Bands. The results are as follows:

Fiery Fox - 2715
Watery Otter - 2623
Airy Heron - 1070
Earthy Bear - 1030

Well done to **Rory**, **Lukas**, **Iris** and **Harry V** for earning the title 'Most Valuable Player' for each of their houses

Roll of Honour

This half term, and over the past couple of weeks especially, we have seen several children earn promotion to higher levels of TTRS. We have a long list of children to celebrate in our Celebration Assembly today!

Congratulations to....

Phoebe To, Rafa, Cianna and Lewis on reaching **Rock Legend** status. **Jessica, Harry Cm Ella, Jake, Amber and Cecily** on becoming a **Rock Star**. **Phoebe Ti** is now a **Support Act**. **Julia, Archie C, Poppy, Caleb W, Charlotte and Zara E** are now **Headliners**. **Margaux and Millen** are now **Breakthrough Artists**. **Sofia E** is now a **Busker**. **Monty and Roma** are now **Garage Rockers**.

Well done to those who've improved their speed over the past few weeks. Having multiplication tips at your fingertips is such an important factor in enjoying and succeeding in Maths.

Influencers on Social Media

National Online Safety have produced a guide looking at influencers and the ways that some of their content can affect young people's self-esteem, attitudes towards material wealth and general view of the world. As our children increase in awareness of and usage of social media, it's more important than ever that we are able to support them to cast a critical eye over content. Please see the guide attached to the newsletter and take time to discuss it with your child.

Community News

Our 150th Birthday Celebration is only 6 weeks away. Please see the separate FOPS mailing on how to get involved and for details of how you can support on the day.

We have our fingers crossed for sunshine and a relaxed family celebration to mark this milestone.



Half Term West Berkshire Heritage Events

If you are looking for any activities for you and family, you may wish to explore some of the West Berkshire Heritage Events taking place this half term. Please see

https://booking.westberks.gov.uk/heritage_events.html for more details.

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](https://www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk) for a job description and downloadable application form.