



Purford Green Primary School

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September 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already well into our first term of the new academic year. It has been lovely to meet new children and families joining Purford Green along with families already familiar to us. Our new nursery and reception children have really impressed us with how they have settled into their new environment and new routines.

It was great to see so many parents attending our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We hope that you are now well informed of the curriculum content for the year for your child and other events and information.

It has also been lovely to see so many children attending our new free breakfast club and enjoying such a positive start to the day. It is a great opportunity for children to meet and greet their friends, enjoy some breakfast and spend time together before the school day begins.

Best wishes,

Mrs Rachel Thomson

Congratulations to our new House Captains

Well done to all the children who prepared and gave house captain speeches to their houses recently. All the children prepared and delivered speeches that were of high quality. Children and adults in houses have now voted and we are pleased to announce the following:

Dragon House Captain – Daniel

Dragon House Vice Captain – Ivy

Lion House Captain – Alessia

Lion House Vice Captain – Jade

Unicorn House Captain – Erin

Unicorn House Vice Captain - Rachel

Griffin House Captain – Cilly

Griffin House Vice Captain – Poppy

Harvest Festival 2026

Our whole school Harvest assembly took place on Wednesday. It was lovely to welcome some of our older Nursery children, who joined us for the celebration.

The children enjoyed singing some traditional Harvest songs together, and each class shared a piece of work with the rest of the school. As part of the assembly, we thought about others who may often go hungry and considered the importance of giving to others as one of our 5 Ways to Wellbeing.



We also held our traditional collection for Harlow Foodbank. Thank you to everyone who was able to contribute. We fully understand that not everyone is able to donate, and we are grateful for your support.



Year 6 Families – Applications for Secondary School

Deadline 31st October 2026

You can now apply for a secondary school place for your child. The date for applications has now opened and **closes on 31st October**. This can be done online by visiting Essex County Council's School Admission website.

We encourage you to take up the opportunity to visit secondary schools as part of their open evenings and tours. Both Passmores and Stewards have tours available on Thursday 8th October and Thursday 15th October.

Purford Green Breakfast Clubs

We are very pleased to now offer **two breakfast clubs** at Purford Green.

Our paid breakfast club starts at 7.40am each morning and costs £4 pr child (£3 for siblings). Places must be booked in advance through the school office.

Our free breakfast club starts at 8.20am in the main hall.

There is no need to book – just turn up! All children from Reception to Year 6 are welcome. Children are welcome to attend even if they have already had breakfast at home.



Year 6 Trip to Stansted Airport

Recently, Year 6 visited Stansted Airport to experience the Aerozone. They had a fantastic day and learned lots about careers in aviation, including taking part in an exciting flight simulation activity. The children also found out more about what happens behind the scenes at an airport and the different skills needed to work in the aviation industry. It was a fun and inspiring day that gave them the opportunity to learn about a range of future career possibilities.



Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor.

There are no particular qualifications required for the role just a commitment and enthusiasm for this post. The core functions of the governing board are ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school. Governors currently meet as a full governing body 4 times a year and meetings usually start at 4pm and are finished around 6pm. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office in person or via email at admin@purfordgreenschool.com

Children who are unwell

Children should only stay at home from school or nursery if they **have a high temperature (fever) and are unwell** and wait until it has passed before going back.

A child with diarrhoea and/or vomiting should also wait for 24 hours before coming back to school

But if they have a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough - without a high temperature - children are encouraged to go to school and nursery.

Scarlet fever and chickenpox can also spread at this time of year, and cases usually peak in late winter and early spring.

Scarlet Fever symptoms include: sore throat, fever, swollen neck glands, a bumpy rash on the tummy, flushed cheeks and "a strawberry tongue" - so called because it means the tongue looks a bit like a strawberry. Contact your local GP if you see the signs and keep children away from school and nursery for 24 hours after the first dose of antibiotics.

Chicken Pox is highly contagious - the most common symptom is an itchy, spotty rash. Keep children off school until all the spots have crusted over.

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease - You should keep your child off school or nursery **only** if they are feeling unwell and have a high fever. However, once they are feeling better, they can go back to nursery/school and there is no need to wait until all the blisters have healed.

When calling the school on the absence line, please give details of your child's illness. Do not just say 'unwell' or 'ill' – please give a more detailed explanation for our records.

Lost Property

The staff try their hardest to make sure that children do not lose their belongings but sometimes things still go missing.

We would ask for your support in the following ways: **Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with permanent marker.** Please check that your child has not accidentally taken home an item of clothing that does not belong to them.

If your child is missing an item of clothing, please check with the class teacher as all items of lost property will be held in class. At the end of each half term, any items that are unlabelled and unclaimed will be donated to charity.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 7th October – Nursery (older children) Autumn Walk

Wednesday 7th October – Afternoon Tour for Reception intake 2027 (please book via the school office)

Friday 9th October – World Mental Health Day (children's assembly)

Tuesday 13th October – Parents consultation afternoon

Wednesday 14th October - Parents consultation evening

Tuesday 20th October – Year 1 trip to Walton on the Naze

Wednesday 21st October – Non uniform day (donation for St Clare Hospice and last day of half term

Thursday 22nd October—Sunday 2nd November Half term

Monday 2nd November - Children return to school

Tuesday 3rd November – Afternoon Tour for Reception intake 2027 (please book via the school office)

Thursday 12th November – Year 6 Class assembly @9.15am

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti-bullying week

Thursday 19th November – 2 Johns Esafety Evening Workshop for parents (online)

Friday 20th November – Children in Need

Wednesday 25th November - Open morning for Reception intake 2026 (please book via the school office)

Wednesday 25th November – Phonics Workshop for Nursery parents

Monday 30th November – INSET Day