



# Purbrook Infant School

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## Friday Flier



“Welcome back” to parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children and welcome to the families of Key Stage One children new to our school. I do hope that you have all had a pleasant summer and enjoyed the time with your children. For once we enjoyed near perfect summer weather for the majority of the holidays! The children all look so lovely and smart in their new school uniforms and there were so many happy smiles this week. It has been a very positive start for all our children and there is a calm and enthusiastic learning atmosphere throughout the school.

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 have settled back into school routines happily and are establishing friendships in their classes and are getting to know their new class teachers and their expectations as regards work and behaviour.

We are all so pleased with how confident the children have been coming in and we would now ask parents of Year 1 and Year 2 children to leave their children at the outside doors as soon as the children are happy and confident to come into school on their own. Both doors have adults manning them; they are there to help and support children as they come into school. We would also politely request that prams/pushchairs **are not** brought into school as the corridors get very congested and simply are not wide enough to accommodate them. Thank you.

I would also like to warmly welcome all parents of Year R children and particularly those parents who have not previously had children at our school. We look forward to getting to know your children and all of you over the coming weeks and months and do hope that you and your families will participate in the many events and activities that the school offers.

### Thank you

Whilst the school was closed during the summer holiday one of our parents, Mr Luke Hounsell, has funded and completed the transformation of our courtyard area. It looks absolutely amazing and I am sure the children will enjoy spending time out there. Please visit the school's official Facebook page (Purbrook Infant School which shows a rainbow on the front page) to see the results. We would also like to thank another one of our families, the Ricketts family for their kind donation of a shed together with various other equipment for the courtyard area, as well as the loan of some of their staff to enable the work to be completed. Finally, a thank you to our site manager, Mr Ruddock for building a new outdoor stage.

### Summer Reading Challenge – public libraries

If your child has taken part in this challenge and has not yet completed it, a reminder that the closing date is Sunday 15 September.

### PE Kits

All children **must** have their PE kits in school from Monday 09 September. Please ensure that all items are named and that plimsolls still fit!

### Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that you send your child to school each day with a water bottle. These can be purchased through the school office and are priced at £1.

### **Cool Milk**

If you would like your child to have milk in the morning whilst they are at school and you have not yet ordered this for your child please go to [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com). Please be advised that orders take some days to be processed before we are made aware of them. Milk is free for children under five years old, however, you do need to register for this for them to be put on our drinking lists.

### **Inhalers in school**

If you took your child's inhaler home at the end of the summer term, please can you ensure you provide a new one if your child still requires an inhaler. This should be taken to the school office. You may also wish to take the spacer home to clean it before returning it back to us.

### **Nightingales' Reading Club**

This club will resume on Monday 09 September straight after school for all the children who attended the club last term and will run from Monday to Thursday each week. Please collect your child from the main entrance at 3.45pm.

### **After School Clubs**

CM Sports Football Club will start on Wednesday 11 September and application forms were sent home earlier this week. Dance will start on Monday 16 September for children in Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Year R are invited to join after Christmas. Letters to follow shortly.

### **Choir for Year 2 Children**

Please look out for letters inviting children to join the Choir. This will take place after school on Fridays, from 3.15pm until 4.00pm - details to follow shortly.

### **Year 2 Music Tuition**

Ocarina, recorder and ukulele lessons for all those who have signed up will commence next week. Lessons will take place on Monday lunchtimes for children learning the recorder, Tuesday lunchtimes for children learning the ukulele and on Friday lunchtimes for children learning the ocarina. Children need to ensure they have their instrument in school on the day that their lesson is taking place. If you have ordered an instrument for your child, these will be given out shortly. However, in the meantime, they will be able to borrow a school instrument. ***Duplicate letters have been sent out today if you have not yet sent in your request form.***

In the early stages, children will be taken to their lessons. There will be ample time for the children to eat their lunch and spend some time on the playground with their friends as lessons have been carefully timetabled.

### **Reminder: Additional Year 1 Forest School Sessions next week**

Blackbirds' Class: Monday 9 September – afternoon

Doves' Class: Tuesday 10 September – morning. Please come to school in forest school clothes and bring school uniform to change into

Woodpeckers' Class: Tuesday 10 September – afternoon

### **Reporting Absence**

A reminder that as well as telephoning the school, you can also report your child's absence via a company called **Studybugs** which enables you to go online via a phone or computer to report your child's absence securely. To get the free Studybugs app, or register on their website go to (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>). If your child is unwell it is your responsibility to inform the school of this.

### **Forest School Sessions – please note changes**

This year it has been necessary to change the days that children in Year 1 and Year 2 will be having their Forest School Sessions. Please see next page for a timetable of your child's sessions up to half term.

Class	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
<b>Kingfishers' Class</b>	Thursday 03 October Morning session	Thursday 24 October Morning session	
<b>Robins' Class</b>	Thursday 10 October Morning session		
<b>Wagtails' Class</b>	Thursday 26 September Morning session	Thursday 17 October Morning session	
<b>Blackbirds' Class</b>	Wednesday 11 September Afternoon session	Thursday 03 October Afternoon session	Wednesday 23 October Afternoon session
<b>Doves' Class</b>	Thursday 19 September Afternoon session	Wednesday 09 October Afternoon session	
<b>Woodpeckers' Class</b>	Wednesday 25 September Afternoon session	Thursday 17 October Afternoon session	
<b>Eagles' Class</b>	Thursday 12 September Afternoon session	Wednesday 02 October Afternoon session	Thursday 24 October Afternoon session
<b>Kestrels' Class</b>	Wednesday 18 September Afternoon session	Thursday 10 October Afternoon session	
<b>Owls' Class</b>	Thursday 26 September Afternoon session	Wednesday 16 October Afternoon session	

**Lunch Menu**

Next Week's Menu will be: Week 3. Please click on the following link to access the menu online: [menu](#). Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door and in Wagtails' Class window.

Yours sincerely



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