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Dear Parents/Carers

Our school is getting involved in an exciting one-day event called **No Pens Day on Tuesday 17 October.**

What is No Pens Day?

This is a national day dedicated to speaking and understanding language, No Pens Day aims to raise awareness of the importance of these skills in children and young people's education and beyond.

For one day, pupils will put down their pens and all lessons and activities will have a focus on speaking and understanding skills rather than writing or using a computer keyboard.

Why are we taking part?

Speaking and understanding skills underpin everything we do (learning, making friends, having good mental health, and ultimately getting a job) and directly affect pupils' education and life chances. Including speaking and understanding skills in a planned and structured way in pupils' education can have a positive impact on their learning and beyond.

How will your child benefit?

No Pens Day gives your child a chance to practise their speaking and understanding skills for a whole school day. Purbrook Infant School pupils will be able to use what they have learnt from this day throughout the school year.

No Pens Day is run by I CAN, the children's communication charity.

Mrs L A de Carteret
Headteacher

