



# Purbrook Infant School



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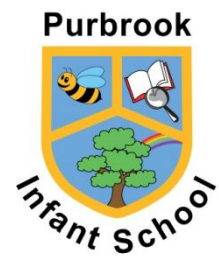


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**Friday Flier**



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## Year R Brent Wildlife Visit: Reminder

As part of this half term's work, we have invited a local wildlife sanctuary to visit the children to talk about the work that they do with animals. Whilst none of the animals will visit, due to the importance of keeping them wild, the staff will come and share photos, videos and information with each class. They will also offer the opportunity for the children to complete an art project during the session. Information on the sanctuary can be found at: <https://www.brentlodge.org/>. This year the sanctuary is asking for a very small financial contribution of £1 per child to cover the costs of the art supplies they are bringing. In addition, they have sent a wish list of items which they need to help look after and protect future wildlife. Please click on the following link: [Brent Lodge Wish List](#)

## ***Donations welcomed from other year groups too***

### **Year 2 Educational Trip: Friday 31 January**

Please can you ensure that your child arrives in school by 8.50am so that we are able to discuss with them the importance of listening to instructions; staying with their adult, and also have time to remind them of our expectations regarding behaviour.

We will need to keep our lunches with us so could you send your child to a school with a **rucksack**.

They will also need sensible shoes, these **do not** need to be school shoes, however **full school uniform and a coat** will be required, and it is likely to be very cold around the docks and on the boat so please wrap up warm. Children should not bring any money or cameras. If your child suffers from travel sickness, please give him/her a tablet (if you usually do this) at the beginning of the day. Any tablet that is required to be taken for the return trip should be given to your child's class teacher in the original packaging together with a letter of authorisation. Please indicate in the letter the time at which the tablet should be given. **A reminder that the children will be back at school at the slightly later time of 3.30pm. Collection is from their normal door.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ORDERS FOR LUNCH CAN BE TAKEN AFTER MONDAY**

**PLEASE DO NOT ORDER VIA SCHOOL GRID**

### **Payment for Year 2 Trip**

Thank you to all the parents who made a payment towards the cost of the trip to the dockyard. If you have not yet made a payment but are now in a position to do so, all monies would be gratefully received.

### **Water Bottles in School**

We have a large number of children who do not have a water bottle in school. Please can you provide your child with a sports type water bottle as we no longer have single use plastic cups in school.

### **Children going home with Classmate**

As you are all aware, we recently brought in the use of passwords on collection in order to tighten up our safeguarding procedures. The class teachers and assistants now know the parents of the children in their class so this is not needed on a daily basis. To clarify, if your child is going home with another child in the class and you have informed the teacher of this, they will let the child leave without a password as they are safely able to identify the parent of the other child.

### **Busy Bees**

These children received their Busy Bee Stamp this week and this was celebrated in a year group assembly:

**Year R:** Charlie Clark, Marnie Martin, Thomas Robertson, Penelope Scott and Ada Spurway. **Year 1:** Otto Wells.

## Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

I am delighted to let you know that the class winners of this week's raffle were:

- Wagtails' Class
- Blackbirds' Class
- Eagles' Class

## 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

Timetables for this half term have already been sent out and the timetable for next week is shown below. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. Paper copies are on the notice boards by the North Door and the South Door. Additional PE sessions will take place on Tuesday for children in Year 1 and on Friday for children in Year 2. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following links:

[Year R Spring A Forest and PE Timetable](#)

[Year 1 and Year 2: Spring A Forest and PE Timetable](#)

Year R		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 30 January	Wagtails	Robins
		Kingfishers

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 29 January	Blackbirds	Woodpeckers
		Doves

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 30 January	Eagles	Kestrels
		Owls

## Lunch Menu

As you are aware, we have changed our school catering company and alongside this, our menu. This is now available for parents to view and order online. Please go to <https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/> where you can view and order a lunch for your child.

**Ordering in Advance:** You can order in advance for the whole week (possibly longer). If you do this but then your child is not in school before 9.15am because you are late or are taking them to an appointment but you haven't informed us of this, **their lunch request will be cancelled** and you will need to provide them with a packed lunch. Whilst lunches are free to parents, the school has to pay for these.

If your child has an appointment and will be in late but requires a lunch that day, please let us know by leaving the school a voicemail. We have set up a designated telephone option – option 4. You can pre-order a lunch or leave us a message (before 9.15am). We just need you to let us know that your child will be in later that day. Please do not leave a message on the normal absence line as staff may not get to your message in time

Please click on the following link which takes you to a letter we sent out last half term which provides full details of the change: [Change of School Caterer and Ordering Food](#)

**School Closes Thursday 13 February at 3.15pm and 6.00pm for children attending Beehive** for the half term break (Friday 14 is an INSET Day). The school will reopen on Monday 24 February.

Yours sincerely



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