



# Purbrook Infant School



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## Friday Flier

On behalf of myself and staff I should like to wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful new year! We hope that this term will be both exciting and enjoyable for the children. We have planned to ensure that it will offer them the usual wide variety of opportunities to learn both new skills and develop those they already have.

### **Governor News from Diana Hutchins – Chair of Governors**

On behalf of the Governing Body, we warmly wish you and your families a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year. We are incredibly proud of the dedication, resilience, and achievements of our pupils, staff, and wider school community. Your ongoing support, whether through attending events, volunteering, or simply encouraging your child each day, plays a vital role in our shared partnership. As we look ahead, our priorities remain clear and focused we remain committed to excellent teaching, strong partnerships with families, and a safe, inclusive environment where every child can thrive. If you wish to contact the Governors you can do so using [governor@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:governor@purbrook-inf.hants.sch.uk) or if urgent through Mrs Dean in the school office.

### **Starting School in September 2026**

If your child is 4 or will turn before 1 September 2026, they can start school in September. If you have not already applied for a place, you need to do so by Thursday 15 January. Hampshire residents should apply via the online portal: [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions). Other residents should apply to their own Council, for example Portsmouth City Council or West Sussex Council.

### **Dolce Diner: Opportunity to try a School Lunch – Thursday 15 January**

Next Thursday the school caterers are providing the children with the opportunity to sample a school lunch and samples of other lunch options. The choices available are:

- Big City Burger
- Big City Cheeseburger
- Hawaiian Pizza
- Route 66 Nuggets (Quorn)
- Brooklyn Baked Potato Bar (VG)
- Sides: American French Fries, Boston Baked Beans and Sweetcorn
- Dessert: Snickerdoodle Cookie

All children will automatically be signed up for this lunch. However, they may also bring in their own packed lunch but still sample items on offer. There will be no pressure to taste the food, it will be on the table and they can try any of the food items they wish.

### **Change of Contact Numbers**

If you or any of your child's named contacts have changed their telephone number recently, please can you let the school office know. You are able to update your own personal mobile telephone number in ParentMail but we will not be notified. If the school changes any details in ParentMail, parents are required to confirm the changes or they will revert back to the previous details.

### **Breakfast and Beehive Invoices**

On Monday Mrs Gibson emailed invoices to parents. Your Breakfast Club invoice should be paid in full by Monday 12 January and the first Beehive payment should be made by Friday 16 January and the final payment received by Friday 30 January. Prompt payment is much appreciated as the club is totally self-funded and does not receive any government funding. As per previous communications, we will no longer be sending out requests for payments, the dates are clearly displayed on our invoices and reminders will be put on the Friday Flier. Late payment fees will be applied as necessary and in the event of non-payment, your child's place will be withdrawn and will be offered to another child. Payment will still be due.

### **Busy Bees**

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

**Year R:** Pria Gibbons, Cody Houghton, Jude Priestly and Tommy Wylie. **Year 1:** Ted Dyne, Matilda Harding-Martin, Ricky Saunders and Penelope Scott. **Year 2:** Coco Agar, George Brown, Isabelle Cason, Willow Ellis, Aria Fonangwan, Nellie Green, Theo Horrocks, Arthur Howard, Arthur Kennedy, Max King, Malori Lambe, Lyra Link, Connie Louth, Olivia Quance, Sofia Skandali, Darcie Spencer, Frankie Spencer, Eviee Sullivan, George Taylor and Annabelle Williamson.

These children finished their busy bee certificates and have received a Busy Bee Motif which can be sewed onto their jumpers/cardigans: Tommy Foster

### Class Reading Challenge: Raffle Winners

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

- Robins' Class
- Doves' Class
- Owls' 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 were sent out last term and the timetable for next week is shown below. 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 15 January	Kingfishers	Robins Wagtails

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 14 January	Owls	Kestrels Eagles

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 15 January	Doves	Woodpeckers Blackbirds

### Lunch Menu

This is 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 and your child's lunch will be cancelled.

Yours sincerely



Mrs L A de Carteret  
Headteacher