

# Purbrook Infant School



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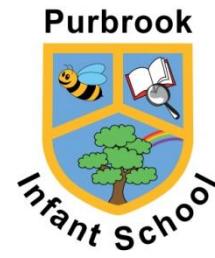


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## Friday Flier



### Valentine's Day Discos

WOW! The Valentine's Day Discos were a huge hit once again—full of music, laughter and plenty of excitement! A massive thank you to Lorraine, our fantastic PTFA Chair, and her brilliant team of helpers for organising the discos and going the extra mile to ensure the children had such a memorable time. From confident twirls to some seriously impressive moves, the dance floor was bursting with enthusiasm and personality. It was wonderful to see so much joy, confidence and self-expression from the children—there may well be some future dance stars in the making! 🎉💃

Although events like these may look easy to run, they involve a significant amount of organisation and behind-the-scenes planning—and it is always more than worthwhile to see how much the children enjoy them. A big thank you to DJ Stray for creating a great atmosphere with brilliant music, to our dedicated staff who generously gave up their time after hours, and to the parent helpers who supported the event and helped make it such a success.



### Reminder: Year 1 Dinosaur Day: Thursday 12 February

Thank you to all the parents who have already made a contribution towards this exciting event, which will help bring the children's learning to life. We are delighted to share that the day will include a 4.5 metre animatronic T-Rex for the children to see and interact with, an experience they are sure to remember!

If you have not yet done so, we kindly ask that you make the £7 contribution as soon as possible. As previously advised, the PTFA are heavily subsidising this visit, for which we are extremely grateful. However, without the continued financial support from parents, we are unfortunately unable to offer enriching experiences like this in the future. Your contributions really do make a difference and help us provide these memorable learning opportunities for all children.

We have also invited the children to dress up on the day. Please click on the following link which will take you to the original letter: [Year 1 Dinosaur Day Letter](#)

### Change of Lunch Option: Thursday 12 February

Please note that there will be a change of lunch option on this day. Please log in to School Grid to order as normal.

### Wonky Bar Pre-Order Form

Paper copies and a ParentMail were sent home on Monday 20 January. Spare copies are available from the leaflet rack in the reception lobby. The closing date is Friday 27 February. Some "money can't buy" prizes are available.

### Parking and Site Safety Reminder

We have noticed an increasing number of vehicles parking alongside the cones on the road leading up to the school. These cones are in place to prevent parking and are there purely to keep our children safe. This area is a **strict no-parking zone during drop-off and collection times**, and we ask all parents and carers to respect this.

We appreciate that the recent poor weather can make drop-off and pick-up more challenging; however, the safety of our children must always come first.

## School Gates

We are pleased to confirm that the main school gates have now been repaired and are fully operational. However, in the event that the gates fail again, we kindly remind parents that the school car park is for staff use only. Vehicles should not be driven onto the school site unless a prior agreement has been made.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in helping us keep everyone safe.

## Headlice

We have had a number of reported cases of head lice in Year 1. Please check your child's head and treat as necessary over the weekend. We are still advised that the most effective way of removing head lice is using the wet-combing method as described below.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply ample conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure that the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb
- Work methodically through the hair section by section so that the whole head of hair is combed through
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure on the wet hair
- Repeat the procedure on day five, nine and thirteen in order to clear the young lice as they hatch, before they have had time to reach maturity. It is extremely important that you repeat on the days advised above.

If you do choose to use a chemical method, your child does not need to remain at home for the whole day. They can return to school after treatment, even if slightly late.

## Busy Bees

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

**Year R:** Sofia Clark and Phoebe Dixon. **Year 1:** Oliver Chivers, Charlie Clark, Harrison Coleby, Ted Dyne, Evelyn Harrington, Franky Parkes, Joey Rose and Jasmine Sykes. **Year 2:** Evelyn Hale, Bonnii Hunt, Benjamin Lees, Connie Louth, Misha Patel, Isla Taylor, Arlo Wells and Clarissa Wollaston.

## 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

## Makaton Star of the Week is: Alex Kuss

## 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. 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 links on the next page:

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 12 February	Robins	Wagtails Kingfishers

**Please note that this timetable has change from the original**

**We have swapped Year 1 to Wednesday and Year 2 to Thursday**

Year 1		
Date	Forest School	PE
Wednesday 11 February	Blackbirds	Woodpeckers Doves

Year 2		
Date	Forest School	PE
Thursday 12 February	Eagles	Kestrels Owls

**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.

The school will close next Thursday 12 February at 3.15pm and at 6.00pm for children attending the Beehive after school club. Friday 13 February is an INSET Day, so the school will be closed to pupils. The school will reopen on Monday 23 February.

Yours sincerely



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**Headteacher**