



# Purbrook Infant School



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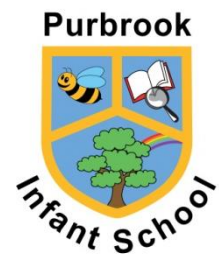


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**Friday Flier**



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## Harvest Festival

I would like to thank parents for their generous donations. Particularly in this very difficult financial climate. I have also been asked to pass on the thanks of the Waterlooville Food Bank to the parents who kindly donated items which will be distributed to people in the local area who, because of a crisis in their lives are struggling to provide for themselves and/or their families.

## Photographs will be taken on Monday 12 October (individual)

Please ensure that your child is in school uniform with their hair etc as you would like it for their photograph.

## Year 2 – No PE on Monday

As previously advised, there will be no Year 2 PE on Monday due to photographs taking place. Children should come to school in their normal school uniform and **NOT their PE Kits**.

## Reminder: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Our Macmillan Coffee afternoon will take place on **Monday 12 October** –and will start at 1.45pm. As per last year we thought it would be lovely if the children can attend with you (if you wish). In order for us to be able to manage this, we will be inviting you to attend at different times during the afternoon. If you have children in different year groups, please select one time slot. We have asked you to complete a Google Form to confirm your attendance and your children will then be brought to you. **Unfortunately, only parents who have filled in the Google Form indicating that they wish their child to attend with them will have their child brought to them** as I'm sure you will understand that we simply do not have the staffing capacity to undertake this without prior notice. You are of course more than welcome to attend on your own if you want to have a relaxing coffee and cake. Please click on the following link to access the original letter. This letter contains a link to a Google Form where you can select your time slot: [Macmillan Coffee Afternoon](#)

Please note that this form will close at 9.00am on Monday 12 October to allow us to let class teachers know which children will be attending so they can have them ready.

We are inviting you to come at the following times:

- Year 1: 1.40pm - 2.10pm
- Year 2: 2.10pm - 2.40pm
- Year R: 2.40 pm - 3.10 pm

## Reminder: Home-Baked Donations

Any home bakes must be accompanied by a written list of ingredients, explicitly highlighting any of the 14 major allergens (including nuts, dairy/milk, eggs, and gluten/wheat). Regrettably, we cannot accept or serve any unlabelled home baked items. An example template is at the bottom of the Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Letter (see link above). Copies of these are available in the reception lobby, alternatively, you may write out your own label but it must be in the same format as our label to ensure compliance.

## Before School Library: Entry Door

When visiting our library before school, please can parents use the external library door located at the back of the school (between Robin's door and the North Door) and not via the main school office. Thank you.

## Unpaid Breakfast and Beehive Invoices

All invoices should now have been settled in full. A late payment fee is due on all overdue accounts.

### Choosing Your Child's Lunch: A Helpful Reminder

Please can we ask that when you are selecting your child's lunch on SchoolGrid, your child is actively part of the process. We are

finding that a significant number of children are arriving for their lunch and wanting a completely different option than the one chosen by their parents. Because all of our school lunches are strictly cooked to order based on the morning's system data, **meal choices cannot be changed at lunchtime.**

When a child discovers they cannot swap their meal, it is causing unnecessary upset and distress in the lunch hall during what should be a happy lunchtime.

#### How you can help:

- **Decide Together:** Sit down with your child when placing your weekly orders so they know exactly what options are available and can pick something they genuinely want to eat.
- **Morning Reminder:** Please briefly remind your child what their lunch option is each morning on the way to school so they are prepared for their midday meal.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and support in helping our lunchtimes run smoothly and happily for the children!

### Mental Health Support Team (CAMHS) Workshops

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a series of three workshops run directly by the **Mental Health Support Team under CAMHS**. All three sessions will take place here at the school, lasting approximately 45 minutes each.

Please see below for the schedule and how to book your place for the first upcoming session:

#### Workshop 1: Supporting Children's Emotional Regulation

- **Date & Time:** Thursday 12 November (9:00am – 10:00am)
- **Focus:** Practical strategies for supporting children experiencing emotional dysregulation.

To view the poster: Please click the following link: [Supporting Children's Emotional Regulation](#)

**To Secure Your Place:** Please click here to complete the [Booking Form](#)

#### Save the Dates (Future Workshops)

- Workshop 2: Anxiety in Children – Thursday 7th January (9:00am – 10:00am)
- Workshop 3: Low Mood in Children – Thursday 18th March (9:00am – 10:00am)

#### Busy Bees

Due to the Harvest Festival Assembly event taking place today, we will roll over all the children who received a Busy Bee this week to next week's assembly.

#### 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. Please note that Forest School/PE sessions take place on an alternative week's basis. You are also able to check the timetable by clicking the following links:

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

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

| Year R              |               |          |
|---------------------|---------------|----------|
| Date                | Forest School | PE       |
| Thursday 15 October | Kingfishers   | Robins   |
|                     |               | Wagtails |

| Year 2               |               |          |
|----------------------|---------------|----------|
| Date                 | Forest School | PE       |
| Wednesday 14 October | Owls          | Kestrels |
|                      |               | Eagles   |

| Year 1              |               |            |
|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| Date                | Forest School | PE         |
| Thursday 15 October | Woodpeckers   | Blackbirds |
|                     |               | Doves      |

### 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



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**Headteacher**