

Puriton Primary School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MISS WILLIAMS



I'm not sure I've known a busier half term. We have crammed so much into such a short space of time - just 24 school days! The weather has been on a journey of its own with us all needing winter coats, scarves and gloves one minute, the next sunglasses and suncream.

The children have been settled and busy in school. We've been lucky to welcome back Miss Moreton as the Year 3 class teacher and Miss Hall as our lunchtime supervisor. Miss Stenning has made a terrific start as our new apprentice teaching assistant. It's like she has always been here! We were also excited to meet baby Milo and congratulate Mrs Quinton on his safe arrival.

I'd like to say a huge well done to all of the Year 6 children for their hard work in the build-up to SATs. It can be a stressful and tense time of year, but thanks to all of the support and preparation from Miss Green and Mrs Attwood in the classroom, and Mrs Madge with boosters, they were more than ready. I think the bacon sandwiches ensured they were fully prepared for each day! Finishing with a Dominos treat followed with a week at camp has hopefully been a great reward for all of their hard work.

Finally, I'd like to say another congratulations. This time to Miss Fitzpatrick. After a lot of resilience, hard work and determination, I am thrilled to share that she has passed her apprenticeship and is now a fully qualified Teaching Assistant! We are beyond proud of her, especially as her practical work in the classroom was recognised with a distinction. Well done Miss Fitzpatrick!

The forecast is looking wonderful for next week. I hope you all have some lovely events planned for the half term week. The children have certainly earned them!

ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL & MAY

Attendance figures 2nd April – 21st May 2026		
Whole School Attendance **03/09/25-21/05/2026** (96%+ is good)	**Late and arriving through the office between 8:45am and 9:15am** (Number of late marks and minutes late)	**Late and arriving through the office after 9:15am**
(95.5%)	**86 late marks** between **29 pupils**, adding up to a total of **802 minutes** of missed learning. **(13hr 22 mins)**	**6** late marks after 9:15am

SAVE OUR PLANET!



Eco-Warrior Dulcie, in Y5, has been worried about how many crisp packets we are throwing away each day so has set up recycling boxes in the school hall and in each class to collect them. She then goes around the school with Verity several times a week to empty the boxes. Once the bags are full, Mrs Madge takes them to a supermarket to be recycled.

Dulcie has been truly amazing, selflessly giving up her own break times to take the initiative to litter pick, helping to keep the school grounds clean and tidy, and helping to support the environment.

SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 5



Maple Class had a visit from some ladies at NRS @ Hinkley Point who ran a day's workshop about electricity. They had a great day, learning more about electrical circuits and then making 'Scribble Monsters.' The last session of the day was learning about staying safe at Hinkley, in particular the PPE the workers have to wear. Mason and Verity dressed up in the PPE to see what it felt like. Mason had to wear a mask for about 3 minutes and even in that time, he got very hot!

SPORTS DAY



As previously stated in this terms 'Dates for your Diary', Sports Day will be taking place on **Tuesday 9th June 2026**. Parents, carers and extended family members are weclome to join us for what is always a very exciting event. Sports day activities will **promptly** start at 10:45am. The gates will open at 10:30am. Please do not arrive after the gate closes at 10:45am as all members of staff will have roles they need to undertake for sports day so there will not be anyone manning the gate.

When all of the events are finished, adults are invited to stay for a family picnic where you will join your child on the field. Aspens are changing the menu to Hot Dogs and Wedges in a takeaway container for the children so should you wish to order this for your child, please do so on the MCAS app.

Parents will then be asked to leave at 13:00pm ready for all of the children to return to their classes for their afternoon learning. Children will **not be** able to leave with their adults after the picnic.

We hope the sun will be shining on this day and if for any reason we would need to postpone, the reserve Sports Day date is Tuesday 23rd June. Please check Class Dojo on the day incase of any adverse weather conditions as all updates will be posted on there.

YEAR 2 CLASS TRIP TO NOAH'S ARK ZOO FARM



Beech Class had a fantastic trip to Noah's Ark Zoo. We saw the African elephants, lions and a tiger (from a distance). We also had a very exciting and insightful lesson about African animals and we even got to hold and touch some of them including a Madagascan hissing cockroach (some were braver than Mr Carter! 😳).

In the afternoon, we walked up to see the zebras, giraffes and the spectacled bears which were very active. We finally saw the rhinos and finished by visiting the gibbons.

A great day was had by all!

YEAR 3 CLASS TRIP TO WE THE CURIOUS



Willow class were curious learners during their visit to We The Curious this week. They enjoyed many cross curricular activities, including a Light and Shadow workshop which linked with our Geography Topic on Volcanoes and our Science Topic. Learning that light is needed to be able to see things and that darkness is the absence of light as they took part in some experiments to see how light reflects. The children were a credit to Puriton Primary when exploring the interactive exhibition. Some showed great teamwork to build a build which linked with our DT topic this term, whilst others worked together created sounds, shadows, reflections and animations.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

At Puriton Primary School, we place great importance on clear, positive communication between home and school. Working together helps us support every child's learning, wellbeing, and development.
There are several ways you can stay in touch and keep up to date:

- **School Office**
  The office is your first point of contact for general enquiries, attendance, and messages. Miss Drayton and Mrs Lawrence are always happy to help or direct you to the appropriate person.
- **Class Teachers**
  Your child's class teacher is the best person to speak to about their progress or any concerns. Brief messages can be shared at drop-off or pick-up times, and longer discussions can be arranged by appointment.
- **Email and Phone**
  You can contact the school via email or telephone for queries, to share important information, or to arrange a meeting. We aim to respond as promptly as possible during school hours.
- **Class Dojo Updates and Newsletters**
  Important messages are posted on Class Dojo and monthly newsletters keep families informed about upcoming events, important dates, and school news. Please take a moment to read these so you don't miss key information.
- **Website and MCAS**
  Our website and MyChildAtSchool app provide useful information, reminders, and your child's attendance. Checking these regularly will help you stay connected with school life.

Attendance and Safeguarding Reminders
If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by calling 01278 683630 by **8:30am** to inform us of their absence. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures so we can ensure all children are accounted for.
We understand that families may occasionally choose to take holidays or time away during the school term. If you plan to take your child out of school during term time, a **Term Time Leave Request Form** must be completed *before* the absence. Completing the form ensures we are meeting our safeguarding responsibilities and allows the class teacher to be aware of the absence and prepare for any learning your child may miss.



We encourage parents and carers to get in touch whenever they need to—whether to share achievements, raise concerns, or ask questions. By maintaining open and respectful communication, we can work together to ensure the very best for your children.

FOPPS SUMMER FETE



FOPPS will be holding their annual Summer Fete on **Saturday 27th June 2026.**

On **Friday 26th June**, there will be a whole school non-uniform day where we invite the children to come in wearing their own clothes in exchange for a bottle for the Tombola.
FOPPs are also looking for donations of soft toys for the Teddy Tombola and you can pop any donations into the school office after half term.

Raffle tickets will be sent home at the beginning of next term and additional tickets can be purchased from the school office. If you know of businesses that would happily donate to our raffle, or if you have something you would like to donate, we would be very grateful.

INSET DAYS

Our remaining Inset days for **2025/2026** are as follows:

- **Monday 29th June 2026**
- **Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July 2026**

The calendar with the complete term dates and Inset days for next year has been emailed to all parents and can be found on the school website here: [Puriton Primary School - Term dates]





Somerset Council

FREE Parent and Carer Workshops:

Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C

Each session will create a safe supportive space where parents and carers can engage in a way that feels comfortable for them, including anonymous contributions and end-of-session questions.
You only need to attend **ONE** workshop - but you are welcome to join two or all three if you wish.

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Online (live only):

Monday 8th June 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login in by 6:55pm) - **Supporting parents, carers and professionals in protective conversations about bodies, relationships and "how babies are made" for the 0-11 age range. -** Relationships, Sex and Health Education for the Early Years and Primary Phase.

These sessions will be led by Alice Hoyle, national RSHE expert-educator and co-author of Great Relationships and Sex Education and Becoming a Sensory- Aware School. Alice is a neurodivergent professional and parent of neurodivergent children, offering both expert guidance and lived experience to support truly inclusive, sensory-aware RSHE.

To book please scan the QR code or follow this link: https://forms.office.com/e/2AKi48BfN8



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