

Puriton Primary School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MISS WILLIAMS



I can't quite believe we are at the end of February already! This year seems to be flying by.

I hope that you all had a restful half term. The children have seemed to return to school more rejuvenated, calm and ready to tackle their learning. I think the blue skies, sunshine and spring colours are certainly helping along with the start of the lighter evenings!

This week has seen lots of positives in school: inspire sessions, trips, new pupil leaders, eco initiatives and collaborations across schools within the Trust. It certainly feels like spring is in the air and has brought lots of positivity with it!

Thank you again for your continued support as we move through the term towards Easter.

ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

Attendance figures 30th January 2026 – 27th February 2026		
Whole School Attendance **03/09/25-27/02/2026** (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**
95.9%	**30 late marks** between **19 pupils**, adding up to a total of **280 minutes** of missed learning. (4**hr 40 mins**)	**0** late marks after 9:15am

SPOTLIGHT ON WILLOW & ELDER CLASS



Earlier this week, Willow Class and Elder Class took a trip to the Tutankhamun Exibition in Dorchester. This was the start of their learning about Ancient Egypt and they are very excited to use all of the facts they have learnt to enhance their learning in the classroom.

STAFF CHANGES



A few weeks ago we held Class Teacher interviews to replace Miss Dallimore as Class Teacher in Year 3. We are thrilled to announce that following a successful interview, Miss Moreton will be returning to Puriton Primary School as the Class Teacher for Willow Class for the Summer Term. Miss Moreton is very excited about returning, as are the children, and she is very much looking forward to teaching them for the Summer Term.



Mrs Quinton will be finishing at the end of this term to start her Maternity Leave. We wish her and her partner, Adam the very best and can't wait to share the news of Baby Quinton's arrival with you all when he arrives! Whilst Mrs Quinton is off, Miss Drayton will be working on a Wednesday and Mrs Lawrence will be in the office on a Thursday and Friday. Any messages sent to Mrs Quinton via Class Dojo will not be answered so please email the school office or message Miss Drayton or Mrs Lawrence on Class Dojo.

We currently have a vacancy for an Apprentice Teaching Assistant and further information and application details can be found on our school website. The application closing date for this is Monday 9th March 2026.

TOO GOOD TO WASTE

This week saw the first event of the Too Good to Waste initiative. This is food that is at is best before date but still perfectly edible will be available for FREE from the school hall.



We will be taking any donations for various charities that will change each half term. These will include FOPPS and the Foodbank. This term any donations made will go towards the new outdoor classroom. This week we raised £27.68 and saved a lot of food from going to waste.

We hope that we get a lot of support with this and do our part to avoid additional food waste going to landfill and helping families at a time when food is at a premium. This is a great initiative for our Eco Warriors to be involved with.

We will be in the hall every Wednesday at the end of the school day. We won't know what is available until the day but will try to post pictures. Please bring a bag!

PARKING CONCERNS

We have recently experienced an increase in resident complaints regarding inconsiderate parking around the school. Please ensure you follow the Highway Code at all times and avoid parking on double yellow lines, zig-zag markings, pavements, or in front of resident driveways. A reminder that Rowlands Rise is a 20mph zone during school pick-up and drop-off times, and we ask all drivers to adhere to this for everyone's safety. The school car park is strictly for staff, blue badge holders, or those authorised by the Headteacher.



Please **do not** drive into the car park to drop your child off. Increased movement in the car park during busy periods creates significant safety concerns for children and adds to congestion, particularly when staff are arriving or leaving.
We have asked the local PCSO to monitor when they can and residents have been advised to contact 101 if they see of inconsiderate or unsafe parking.

WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

World Book Day 2026 will take place on Thursday 5th March 2026. On this day we would like to invite all the children (and staff) to dress up as their favourite **book character**. Children are more likely to read if they see it as a fun, entertaining and social thing to do which I what World book Day is all about; inspiring them to see reading differently.

A £1 Book token has been given to each child and can be exchanged for a £1 World Book Day book in any of the participating shops and supermarkets.

We look forward to seeing the children dressed up as their favourite book characters!

We also have Bedtime Stories taking place on Wednesday 4th March between 5pm-6pm. If you have not yet returned your consent forms, please do so asap.

EASTER SERVICE



We will be holding the school Easter Service on Thursday 2nd April at St Michaels and All Angels Church. This will be for all year groups. Parents are welcome to attend but due to the capacity in the Church, the children will be split into 2 different groups.

Surnames A-K will be 9:15am-10am
Surnames L-W will be 10:00am – 10:45am

We hope you can join us at what is always such a lovely service!

SCHOOL LEADERS

Every Class had an overwhelming amount of children who prepared speeches for the School Leader roles. It was great to see their confidence grow and put themselves forward for these roles. After listening to everyones speeches, the children voted and the following children were appointed:



Ash – Edie H-B & Josh K
Beech – Oakley R & Hendrix B
Elder – Lewis B & Annie J
Sycamore – Oscar W & Jackson L
Oak – Penny H & Oscar B
Willow – Teddy W & Florence L
Maple – Mila P and Paige S



Oak – Marllya B & Molly N
Willow – Emmy D-N & George S
Maple – Dulcie H & Verity F
Beech – Hugo T & Elise L
Elder – Evie P & Cody O
Sycamore – Poppy W & Amelia C



Oak – Sophie T & Mia A
Willow – Ella V & Harper F
Maple – Autumn A & Evie D
Beech – Toby J & Kiki O
Elder – Harry C & Alfie M
Sycamore – George B & Henry D



Beech – Evelyn B & Esten G-H
Elder – Alexa R-F & Kleo S
Sycamore – Tawny G-M & Jacob P
Willow – Skye T & Remy T-F
Maple – Isla O & Jacob O



Sycamore – Dulcie B, Jude C and Mia T



Blackdown – Nora A & Eleanor B
Mendip – Avah K & Elias L
Quantock – Niamh D & Freddie P
Polden - Noah A & Mabel D

GOLDEN LEAF



Congratulations to our Golden Leaf winners for the Spring Term! These pupils have been chosen by their teachers for going above and beyond in class, working hard, trying their best and always following the Golden Rules of Ready, Respectful, Safe.

Thank you to Jasun Envirocare for once again sponsoring the awards and providing each child with a £10 book voucher. Your continued support in sponsoring these awards are very much appreciated. Thank you to Mr Day for presenting the awards today!

The Golden Leaf winners for Spring Term 2026 are:

Ash Class - Sebastian R-F
Oak Class - Finn C
Beech Class - Elise L
Willow Class - Remy T-F
Elder Class - Rebekah M
Maple Class - Verity F
Sycamore Class - Jackson L

INSET DAYS

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

- **Friday 27th March 2026**
- **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