

Puriton Primary School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MISS WILLIAMS



As we come to the end of the spring term, it's hard to believe how quickly the weeks have flown by. With the lighter days returning and a welcome burst of sunshine over the past few days, there has been a real sense of energy and optimism around the school. The children have enjoyed spending more time outdoors and it has been lovely to see them making the most of the brighter weather.
Today's Easter service was a truly special occasion. The pupils sang beautifully and read with confidence. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make the service so memorable and to the families who joined us in celebration.

As we head into the break, a few simple reminders to help children return ready to learn:

- Encourage plenty of reading for enjoyment over the holiday
- Keep practising those key skills—times tables, spelling, and number bonds
- Make time for fresh air, rest and family activities

I want to thank all of our pupils and school staff for their hard work this term and our parents and carers for your continued support. I wish you all a restful, happy Easter filled with sunshine, chocolate and time together.

ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

Attendance figures 27th February 2026 – 1st April 2026		
Whole School Attendance 03/09/25-01/04/2026 (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**
(95.4%)	**65 late marks** between **22 pupils**, adding up to a total of **693 minutes** of missed learning. **(11hr 33 mins)**	**9** late marks after 9:15am

The number of late arrivals has risen, leading to increased learning time being missed. As we begin the new term we ask that pupils arrive by 8:45am ready to learn.

STAFF CHANGES



We are very sad to say that after 7 years, Mrs Griffiths will be retiring at the end of April.
As well as being a Lunchtime Supervisor, Mrs Griffiths was one of the original Pear Drop Club supervisors and supported the school with implementing the Wraparound Care provision. We would like to thank her for all of her support she has given to the school, and the children and staff will miss her very much!
I am sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs Griffiths and very happy and restful retirement!



As Mrs Griffiths is leaving, we are pleased to say that we will be welcoming back Miss Hall to the Puriton team at the beginning of May. Miss Hall was previously a Lunchtime Supervisor here at Puriton but left after her Maternity Leave to look after for her little boy. Welcome back Miss Hall.

Interviews for an Apprentice Teaching Assistant took place last week. We were thrilled with the amount of applications we received and are pleased to let you know that Miss Stenning will be joining us after the Easter Holidays.

SPOTLIGHT ON BEECH CLASS



As part of their History topic this term, Beech class visited the SS Great Britain. The children have been learning about changes in Victorian times and the significant individuals who made an impact. They have also been learning all about Isambard Kingdom Brunel, what life was like on his ships and for the people who designed and built them. They looked around the ship and discussed what it must have been like to set sail on the SS Great Britain in steerage (lower) class vs upper class. They also walked around the top deck where 100s of animals were kept for long voyages and discussed what it must have looked, sounded and smelt like. Beech Class had a great day!

READING RAFFLE



Over the past few weeks, Mrs Madge has introduced a Reading Raffle across the whole school. Every child who has read 5 or more times in the week, had their diary signed by a parent/carer and handed their book in, will have their name put into a class draw on the Friday. This has led to a significant increase in children reading more at home which is wonderful to see. The winners in each class will be able to choose a new book for themselves from our collection.

WORLD BOOK DAY



Thank you to everyone who dressed up as their favourite book characters and shared their favourite stories on World Book Day. A huge thank you also goes to Mrs Madge who organised the Bedtime Stories, Joffre White author visit and all of the other World Book Day activities! The KS2 children loved being inspired by Joffre, brainstorming words about pictures and objects. They are now starting to write their own stories!

CHICKS!!







As well as Mr Hudson's new arrival (Congratulations Mr Hudson), we have had a few new arrivals of our own!

Between Ash Class and Beech Class, we have had 20 chicks hatch! The children have been learning about the lifecycle of a chick, how to look after them and handle them with care. They have been read to, had many, many cuddles, and one has even tried a bit of typing!!!







NETBALL



Our netball team played a second game against Kingsmoor School on Thursday 12th March. They all played brilliantly, with great team spirit and ended up winning with a great score of 13-2.

I would like to thank all the children for their enthusiasm and commitment to the club since September. I have thoroughly enjoyed coaching them all.

From Mrs Madge

ELDER CLASS VISIT FROM REVEREND KIRSTY



Elder Class had a visit from Reverend Kirsty in their RE lesson last week.

Reverend Kirsty taught the children about The Last Supper and Communion. We even tried some of the bread Rev Kirsty uses in her church services. We had mixed opinions on the taste despite the importance of the meaning behind it.

SUNSHINE PRE-SCHOOL EVENTS

Please see the attached posters for events that are being held by Sunshine Pre-School at the Village Hall on Monday 6th April (Easter Monday).

These events are helping raise vital funds to for the Pre-School so please support if you can.

To book tickets for these events, please click on the following link:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/childrens-easter-fundraising-event-tickets-1986034409381?aff=oddtdtcreator





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



HUDSON
SPORTS COACHING
& EVENTS

7th 8th 9th 10th of APRIL

EASTER SPORTS CAMP

At Puriton Primary School 9AM to 3PM

£20 per day or £70 for the 4 days



- Action-packed days full of sports, games & fun!
- Meet new friends and have an egg-citing time!
- Unleash your energy and let's play!

- Dodgeball
- Dance
- Badminton
- Football
- Cricket
- Volleyball
- Athletics
- Scooter Time
- Frisbee Golf
- Tournament Games

and much, much more!

Always open to all schools. Primary aged!

Our dance teacher attending every day!



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