

Puriton Primary School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MISS WILLIAMS



As we reach the end of September, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our children, staff and families for such a positive start to the school year. It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes and routines. They have approached the new term with enthusiasm, confidence and a real willingness to learn. We are incredibly proud of the way they have embraced new challenges and demonstrated our school values every day.

We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Miss Newing, who has joined our Year 1 team. The children have made her feel very welcome and she has already become a valued member of our school community.

Our newly appointed Pupil Leaders have also made an excellent start. They are already working hard in their important roles, showing responsibility and commitment as they help to make our school an even better place for everyone.

Looking ahead, we are excited for our upcoming Arts Week. This year, children will be creating artwork inspired by the Bridgwater Carnival, celebrating this important local tradition. We are particularly thrilled that the finished pieces will be displayed in a genuine art exhibition at the Bridgwater Arts Centre, giving our children a wonderful opportunity to showcase their creativity to the wider community.

It has also been fantastic to see so many of our extra curricular clubs up and running again. Whether sporting, creative or academic, these opportunities allow children to develop new interests, skills and friendships. Alongside this, we have enjoyed seeing our first inter-school sporting fixtures of the year take place, with children representing the school with great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing many more achievements and experiences with you as the term progresses.

ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER

Attendance figures 2nd September – 29th September 2026		
Whole School Attendance **03/09/25-02/07/2026** (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%)	**27 late marks** between **20 pupils**, adding up to a total of **313 minutes** of missed learning. **(5hr 13 mins)**	**3** late marks after 9:15am

HARVEST FESTIVAL



As you will have seen in the 'Dates for your Diary', our Harvest Festival will take place next Tuesday 6th October at St Michaels and All Angels Church.

Surnames A-K will start at 9:15am
Surnames L-W will start at 10:15am

Parents are invited to join us at the church. If any parents are able to support us with walking the children to and from the church at either session, please let the school office know.

As EYFS are still settling into school life, they will not attend the Harvest Festival this time.

For Harvest Festival this year, we will be supporting the Bridgwater Foodbank
As part of the harvest season, Puriton Primary School and our school councillors are collecting donations for Bridgwater Foodbank to help support local families and individuals in our community.

🗓️ **Donations can be brought into school from Wednesday 30th September 2026.**
⏰ **The deadline for donations is Monday 5th October 2026.**

If you are able to donate, please bring in non-perishable food items or toiletries. The Foodbank has highlighted the following items as being particularly useful:

⭐ Urgently Needed
Fruit juice (cartons)
Sponge puddings (tins)
Biscuits or snack bars
Tinned meat
Tinned fish
Tinned fruit
Toiletries

🛍️ Other Items Needed
Pasta sauces and Tinned tomatoes
Rice
Cereal
Instant coffee
Rice pudding (tinned)
Instant mashed potato
Tinned vegetables
Jam or spreads

Every donation, no matter how big or small, can make a real difference. Thank you for helping us support our local community!

PARENTS' EVENING – EYFS – YEAR 5



Parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 13th October and Thursday 15th October between 15:30-18:00 for all year groupas (except Year 6).

To book your 10 minute slot with your child's teacher, please log into your MCAS account and select the Parents' Evening tab. You will then be able to choose your time slot. Bookings will be open from 15:30pm on Monday 5th October and will close at 9am on Monday 12th October.

All meetings will be held in person, in your child's classroom. To ensure the meetings run smoothly, please arrive at your child's classroom promptly.

MEDICAL AND DIETARY PLANS



Due to the introduction of Benedicts Law, Miss Hussey is currently in the process of reviewing and updating the children's medical and dietary needs. Plans were sent home for the relevant children yesterday and if you have received one, please can you complete it and send it back to the school office.

If your child has a medical or dietary need and you have not received anything, but think you should have, please message Miss Hussey on Class Dojo.

If your child's needs have changed and they no longer need a plan, please can you write a note on the form, sign and date it and send it back.

500 WORDS

The UK's biggest children's story-writing competition is back - inviting young storytellers to write the kind of story they would love to read. No pressure around spelling, grammar or punctuation - it's all about creativity! Plus, there are loads of prizes to be won!

🕒 Entry deadline: Friday 6th November at 9pm

👉 Find out more: http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words

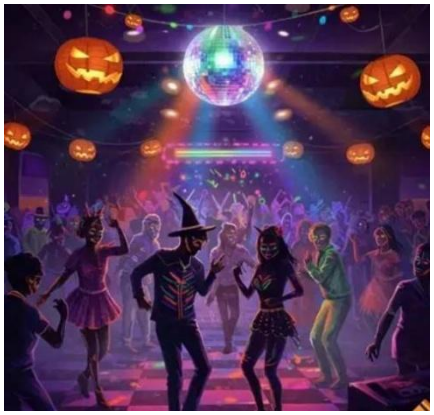
Remember, every story submitted is in with chance of winning 500 books for their school as well as a literacy wall art.

We would love as many children as possible to enter this competition. Teachers will be chatting to the children at school about it over the next few weeks but please do encourage your children to enter it at home if they love writing. It's open to any 5-11 year old.

Click on the link above to find out more.

Happy writing!

FOPPS HALLOWEEN DISCO



🎃FOPPS Halloween disco - Friday 9th October🎃

FOPPS will be holding a children's Halloween disco on Friday 9th October 2026, in the School Hall. (Fancy dress is optional.)

The disco is open to all years, although Reception children will need to be accompanied by an adult, please! We also ask please, no younger siblings. There will be all the usual fun and party games for the children.

Tickets are £2.00 per child, and this includes refreshments for the night, as we know having fun is thirsty work! There will also be sweets on sale for 50p per bag and glow sticks which will be 2 for 50p so please do not bring any sweets or glow sticks from home. Phones are also not permitted at the disco.

So don't delay, book your space today by completing the slip on the letter and return to the school office asap! The closing date is **Wednesday 7th October 2026.**

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FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURE AT KINGSMOOR



Well done to our footballers who celebrated a fantastic 7-0 win over their opponents, Kingsmoor Primary School, after school today.

Mr Hudson said it was a great game and you all represented the school with pride.

Great work team!

INSET DAYS

Our remaining Inset days for **2026/2027** are as follows:



- **Thursday 1st October**
- **Friday 2nd October**
- **Monday 19th, Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 22nd October**
- **Friday 2nd July 2027**
- **Friday 9th July 2027**

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: Term dates - Our Schools