



# PURBROOK POST

Purbrook Junior School

Headteacher – Mr C Williams

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents/Carers

Our week started with our annual monitoring visit from the Local Authority Lead Learning Partner (this is like a mini inspection from the Local Authority). The visit focussed on the following areas:

- Maths
- English (including phonics)
- Curriculum development
- Governors (level of support and challenge)
- Safeguarding

Our Lead Learning Partner spoke with staff, children, governors and visited lots of the classrooms too to witness all the good things we do here at Purbrook Junior School.

We were able to celebrate lots of good practice and also share our ideas for further development.

Our monitoring visit was interrupted at lunchtime due to the storm and the damage it caused to the window in 5H – not something that we were expecting! The children and staff coped really well with this situation.



On Wednesday this week, the Winchester Science Centre brought in their mobile planetarium for Year 5. The theme of the session was 'The Planets' and the children were led on a journey from the sun out to each of the planets. The children were able to use the knowledge learned in the classroom to probe and question the staff from the Science Centre. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

On Thursday Mrs Hotchin, our Year 5 Lead, hosted a meeting for parents, carers and children in Year 4 to hear all about the amazing visit to Calshot Activities Centre the Year 5 children have just attended.

Some of the year 5 children shared their experiences on the recent visit and I hope that they have inspired the Year 4 children to attend later this year (December). Letters will be sent home after half-term to enable places to be booked.

### Emails to the school

We have several email addresses which can be used to contact the school:

[Schooloffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Schooloffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk) – for all queries to the school office (this is a new email address which will be monitored every day)

[adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk) – for confidential queries, or emails to myself (Headteacher)

[Year3@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Year3@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk) – queries for the Year 3 teachers

[Year4@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Year4@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk) – queries for the Year 4 teachers

[Year5@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Year5@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk) – queries for the Year 5 teachers

[Year6@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Year6@purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk) – queries for the Year 6 teachers

Please note that Purbrook Junior School promotes a healthy work/life balance for all its staff. Our staff are not expected to check or respond to emails when they are not at work, at weekends or during holiday periods.

Teaching staff prioritise teaching activities, and so we cannot guarantee that your email will be read or responded to on the day that you send it.

In term time, we aim, but cannot guarantee, to respond to most email communications within 48 hours of receipt. If you have an urgent request/query, please telephone the school rather than sending an email. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Kind regards

Mr C Williams  
Headteacher

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31<sup>st</sup> January 2025  
Issue 19

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 science electricity workshop

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day – school closed to all children

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Half Term

### INSET DAYS

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 25  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 25

### HOUSE POINTS

Check out the latest House Points total by visiting our school website homepage <https://www.purbrook-jun.hants.sch.uk/>

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