



# Purbrook Park School Purbrook Park Newsletter



## Week commencing Monday 9th March 2026 WEEK A

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### HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

#### Miss Cumbo's Good Egg

Shania - Year 9 Hospitality & Catering  
Pastry Assessment

Shania made these delicious cream turnovers for her pastry assessment and did an amazing job! Even making her own rough puff pastry.



*A new pupil award!*

### 1. Notes from the Headteacher

Leah Williamson, captain of the Lionesses, said,

“The most important thing is that girls get equal access, because you are then giving them the opportunity to choose to play football.”

Our girls' football fixtures have already got off to a brilliant start – more information below!

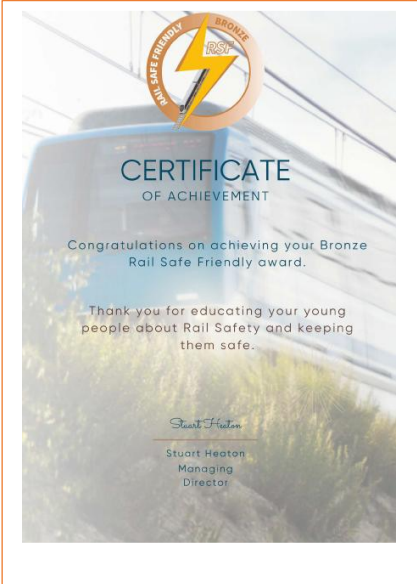

With best wishes,

**Paul Foxley**

## 2. Calendar

Date	Event
<b>Monday</b> 09.03.26	Year 10 Biology & Sociology Exams Year 9 'Exploring Careers' Workshop Staff Briefing - 3.10pm – 3.20pm Department Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
<b>Tuesday</b> 10.03.26	Year 10 English & Religious Studies Exams Year 9 'Exploring Careers' Workshop Disney Show – school hall – 6.30pm – 7.30pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 11.03.26	Year 9 & 11 MFL University of Southampton Visit Year 10 Maths & Geography Exams Year 11 Hospitality Coursework Catch-Up Day – CM2 After-School staff CPD – 3.10pm – 4.40pm
<b>Thursday</b> 12.03.26	Disneyland Paris Residential Trip
<b>Friday</b> 13.03.26	Disneyland Paris Residential Trip
<b>Saturday</b> 14.03.26	Disneyland Paris Residential Trip

## 3. Messages

<h3>Rail Safety</h3>	<p>In our year group assemblies earlier this year pupils received information about keeping safe on the rail networks and we have been awarded a Bronze Certificate for their interactions. There is also a useful QR code for parents to help keep their children safe when out and about.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p><b>Miss Smith – Lead Practitioner PDL</b></p>
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## Hampshire Healthy Steps



Hampshire Healthy Steps offers advice, information, and support for families with 2 to 12-year-olds in Hampshire. They focus on the whole families' health and wellbeing by looking at eating well, sleeping well, getting active, having healthy teeth and the local community. Families are supported through group sessions run by Family Health Coaches across Hampshire and online.

[healthysteps@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:healthysteps@barnardos.org.uk)

## Pastoral Team

## Food Practical Reminders

### FOOD PRACTICAL LESSONS

**8X Cookies 10.3.26**

**7Y Onion bhajis 10.3.26 & Croque monsieur 13.3.26**

**7Z Meal in a jar 11.3.26**

**8Y Cookies 11.3.26**

**7X Onion bhajis 12.3.26**

**9C Pasta and sauce 12.3.26**

#### CHOC CHIP COOKIES



**Ingredients**  
60g unsalted butter  
50g light brown sugar  
50g granulated sugar  
1 medium egg  
½ tsp vanilla extract  
1½g cocoa powder  
150g plain flour  
½ tsp salt  
½ tsp bicarbonate of soda  
½ tsp baking powder  
150g milk choc chips  
75g white choc chips

#### METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 180/160; fan oven and line a baking tray with parchment paper.
2. Use an electric mixer to mix the butter and both sugars until light and fluffy and thoroughly combined.
3. Mix the vanilla and egg until thoroughly combined, then mix in the cocoa powder, flour, bicarb, baking powder and salt until a thick paste/cookie dough is formed.
4. Fold in the chocolate chips and spoon the mixture onto a baking tray and make sure they are spread out enough.
5. Bake in the oven for about 10-12 minutes until spread out and perfectly crinkly. A minute or so less will be gooey, a minute or two more will be beautiful and cruchy.
6. Leave the cookies to cool while washing up and clearing up.

#### MEAL IN A JAR



**Ingredients**  
1 x Sauce of your choice  
4 x different solid options  
1 x meat or alternative

We will cook and prepare everything in class.

#### METHOD

1. Prepare self and work area for practical
2. Cook off any meats or alternative in a frying pan ensuring they are fully cooked
3. **Bring 3 both carefully and start to prepare your solid options by chopping, and slicing them up**
4. Once all your options are ready assemble all on a chopping board
5. Wash your jar up making sure it is clean
6. Start to layer your solid options, your meat and your sauce try and alternate colours!

#### ONION BHAJI



**Ingredients**  
150g Gram Flour (ground chickpeas)  
200ml Water  
2 Medium Onions thinly sliced  
½ tsp Chilli Powder  
1 Large Egg  
½ Medium potato - grated  
Pinch of Salt

#### METHOD

1. Sieve the gram flour, chilli powder and salt together
2. Beat the eggs in a separate bowl
3. Mix the eggs into the flour mixture with the water and beat it into a smooth consistent paste
4. Add the thinly sliced onion and thinly sliced potato (grated is better)
5. Fold the onion and potato into the paste
6. Make walnut sized balls with the tsp and fry in the oil for 2-3 minutes, turn the heat down and cook until golden brown
7. Drain and serve

**CROQUE MONSIEUR**




**METHOD**

1. Pre-heat the grill.
2. Grate the cheese and divide into 3 portions.
3. Slice the tomato.
4. Place the bread on the chopping board.
5. Spread the mustard and tomato slices on one slice of bread, and top with 1 portion of cheese.
6. Place the ham on the other slice, and top with 1 portion of cheese.
7. Place under the grill, removing when bubbling hot.
8. Press the 2 slices of bread together and sprinkle the remaining cheese on top.
9. Place underneath the grill until the cheese is melted.

**Ingredients**  
 30g Cheddar Cheese  
 1/2 Tomato  
 2 Slices of Bread  
 2 Slices Mustard  
 1 slice of Ham (meat or veggie)

**PASTA AND SAUCE**



**METHOD**

Crack the egg into a jug. Place the 50 flour and sometimes in a separate bowl. Make a hollow well in the centre of the flour.

Lightly beat the egg and pour the mixture into the well. Mix with a wooden spoon until the egg is incorporated into the flour. Turn the dough into a clean surface and knead for about 10 minutes until it is smooth and elastic. Wrap the dough in clingfilm and place in the fridge for about 20 minutes.

Lightly flour the work surface and roll out the dough into a rectangle shape.

Flour the pasta machine. Start at the lowest (thickest) setting and feed the dough through the machine. Repeat this process about 2 or 3 times, flattening and changing the settings.

You will need to cut the pasta dough in half when it becomes too long to handle. The pasta should be quite thin, but still easy to handle without tearing.

Run the sheets of dough through the machine to cut into other lengths or shapes. Hang your pasta on a rack while you make the sauce. This cook up your pasta in boiling water for 10 minutes.

**Ingredients:**  
 1 Egg  
 75g 00 flour, plus extra for dusting  
 25g fine semolina  
 1 can tomato sauce  
 Basil  
 1 Onion  
 1 garlic clove  
 Black pepper  
 parmesan

**Mrs Millar – Teacher of Food Technology**

**Performing Arts Update**

Rehearsals

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Move It – ALL DAY REHEARSAL 10:00-15:00
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	All Disney Dancers FULL DRESS RUN
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	DISNEY SHOW
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	CPD
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Disney Trip
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Disney Trip

Disney Trip /Show

Passports and EHIC/GHIC should all be handed into the finance office.

Monday - Dress run

***Dancers please bring in the following for Monday and put in your costume bag:***

- All female dancers need short black shorts, nude leotards, nude jazz shoes.
- All male dancers need shorts to wear under costumes, nude jazz shoes. We will provide vests.
- Surface pressure - will need black vests to cover your stomach.
- Please make sure non Dance Live pupils have brought in their costume bag.

## **Tuesday - Disney Show**

***Be prepared to stay after school for a quick rehearsal if needed.***

- 5:45pm - Disney Trip Parents' meeting in hall
- 6:15pm Choir arrive
- 6:30pm Show starts, tickets are £3 each on the door.



## **Dance Live tickets**

If you would like to sit together as a school, then you can buy your Dance live tickets with us. We have only been given 200 tickets so this will be on a first come first served basis. There are no limits on how many tickets you can buy.

Tickets are £17 each (a free companion ticket is available for wheelchair and assisted seating). Please bring cash/cheque into the finance office in a named envelope with relevant information needed on the front on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026 8:15am - 3:15pm.**

Alternatively, if you would like to buy your tickets independently then they go on sale on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 from midday: £17.50, concessions £16.50 plus £3.75 booking fee.

<https://dancelive.co.uk/tickets/>

## **Shakespeare for Schools - rehearsals and tickets**

Monday - 3pm to 4:30pm All cast and backstage crew

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Wednesday - no rehearsal due to staff training

Thursday - 3pm to 4:30pm All cast and backstage crew

Pupils should all be OFF SCRIPT. If Mrs Brook has spoken to you about costumes and bringing in items, please start bringing them into the performers' office.

Tickets for the Shakespeare festival are now available to book online at the New Theatre Royal on 17th March 2026. Tickets range from £5 - £11.50 per person and the show starts at 7pm. Please see the link below to book.

<https://www.newtheatreroyal.com/whats-on/coram-shakespeare-schools-festival-1/>

## **LAMDA MEETING**

Any pupil wanting to take the LAMDA exams this year should meet in the Drama studio on Monday 9th March 2026 at lunch time. If you miss it please come and speak with Mrs Shepherd/Mrs Pomfret.

## **Musical Instrument donations**

A huge thank you to the Waugh family for donating an electric piano to our music department. We are very grateful for this very generous donation!

If you have any instruments that you would like to donate then please send them our way. We can come and pick them up too.

## **Music Masterclass:**

If you would like to learn the electric guitar then book onto Elliott's masterclass on Tuesday after school.



## **Mrs Brook – Performing Arts Technician**

### **Science – celebrating Success**

### **Sparx**

The Top 3 Science Sparx users in each year group for the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Position</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Position</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Position</b>
<b>7</b>	Joshua (LWA)	Noah (API)	Gracie-Lou (LWA)
<b>8</b>	Felix (CSI)	Oakley (RJA)	Olivia (CSI)
<b>9</b>	Tilly (NSD)	Elana (MBU)	Macy (AWA)
<b>10</b>	Leona (GEV)	Mason (IPU)	Barney (MBR)
<b>11</b>	Harry (LGU)	Mariam (NMI)	Isabel (KSH)

Each of the above have been awarded 25 Praise Points.

This academic year pupils have completed an amazing 2270 hours answering questions on Sparx Science.



### Scientists of the Week

The following pupils have been nominated as “Scientist of the Week” by Mr Kent for their continued hard work and sustained effort within lessons and have been awarded 50 Praise Points: Alex (8RJA) and Lily-Rose (9MBU).

### STEM @ PPS

To help celebrate British Science Week, next week pupils in Years 7 and 8 will carry out an additional investigation to further develop their curiosity and scientific skills into “What biscuit is the best for dunking”. Further details about British Science Week can be found here: <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/>

**Mr Evans – Lead Teacher of Science**

### **Work Experience Appointments**

### WEX Appointments

Date	Time	Forename	Reg
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	14:00	Kieran A	10JHD
	14:30	Jack B	10IPU
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	09:30	Chloe L	10TGO
	10:00	Harry D	10JHD
	10:55	Beth H	10TGO
	11:25	Sydney C	10FCO
	11:55	Rivan M	10FCO
	12:25	Lily P	10GEV
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	14:00	Tommy R	10MBR
	14:30	Sophia S	10MBR
	11:55	Peaches T	10FCO
	12:25	Owen W	10MBR

Year 10 Work Experience week is 27<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026. As Work Experience week is just under 8 weeks away, we are offering 30-minute WEX appointments to any year 10s that have not yet found a placement.

If your son/daughter currently has not registered an employer on Unifrog & you have something in mind and/or a contact that can offer them a place, please could you facilitate arranging this promptly.

Employers need to fill out an online form, and approve the placement before the school can approve it, and this can take time.

If you are struggling to find a place or you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: [careers@purbrook.hants.sch.uk](mailto:careers@purbrook.hants.sch.uk).

**Mrs Akhtar – Careers Advisor**

## **Geography Natural History Museum Trip**

On Friday (27th February), the Geography Department took pupils from Years 9 and 10 to the Natural History Museum in London. Both year groups have been studying natural hazards such as earthquakes and volcanoes, so the trip provided a great opportunity for them to revise for upcoming mock exams. The earthquake simulator proved to be a highlight, along with the dinosaur exhibit which they visited once they had completed their work on hazards in the morning.



Thank you to staff who gave up their time to support the trip, the pupils had a great day and they represented Purbrook Park brilliantly!

**Miss Shears – Lead Teacher of Geography**

## **Religious Studies Stars of the Week**



★ **Year 7: Zachary (7FTU)**

★ **Year 8: Seb (8NBO)**

★ **Year 9: Kellie (9JMS)**

★ **Year 10: Molly (10BSO)**

★ **Year 11: Claudia (11SST)**

**These pupils have shown fantastic effort, attitude and work in the last week's RS lessons.**

**50 Praise points have been awarded to each of them.**





## **Sparx Legends of the Week**

**Year 7 – Joshua (7LWA)**

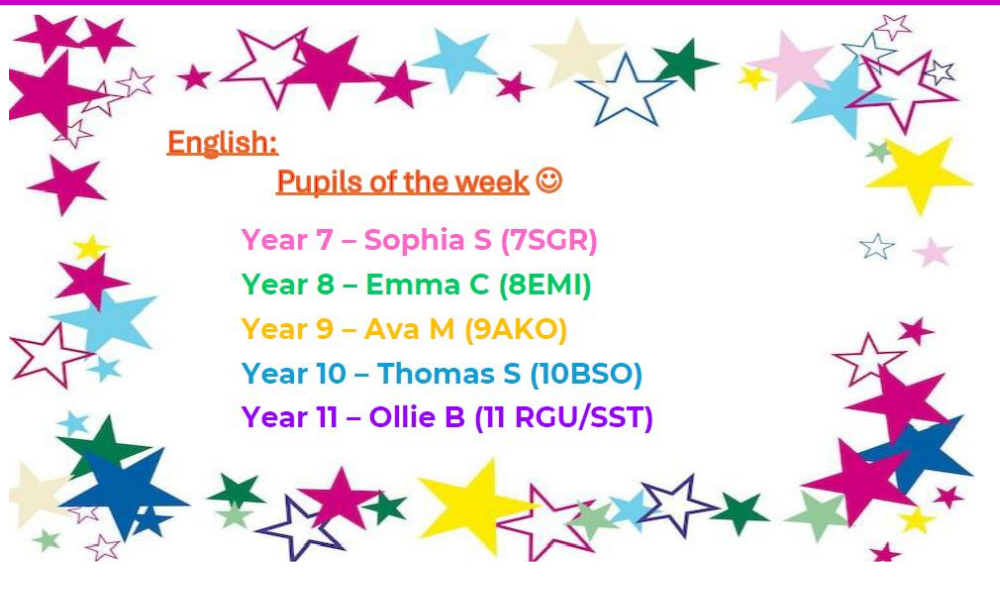
**Year 8 – Harriet (8JHE)**

**Year 9 – Arthur (9TKE)**

**Year 10 – Billy (10JHD)**

**Year 11 – Joe (11LMI)**

**50 Praise Points for  
each Winner!**



Week commencing 02nd March 2026

# Historians of the Week!



## Congratulations to...



**Year 7 – Alice. A**

**7LWA**



**Year 8 – Olivia. W**

**8CSI**



**Year 9 – Beth. B**

**9AKO**



**Year 10 – Thomas. S**

**10BSO**



**Year 11 – Finlay. S**

**11TEV**





## PE Bulletin

### Year 9 Basketball

Last week our Year 9 Basketball team travelled to Priory School for their first basketball fixture. It was a highly competitive game from start to end with lots of goals scored including some brilliant 3-pointers from Frankie. The score ended in an unfortunate defeat by just 5 points but showed the boys' resilience and determination throughout the game.

A brilliant team with lots of potential and it will be exciting to see how they get on in their remaining games. Well done boys - it was a really enjoyable game to watch and brilliant to see so many of you representing Purbrook Park.



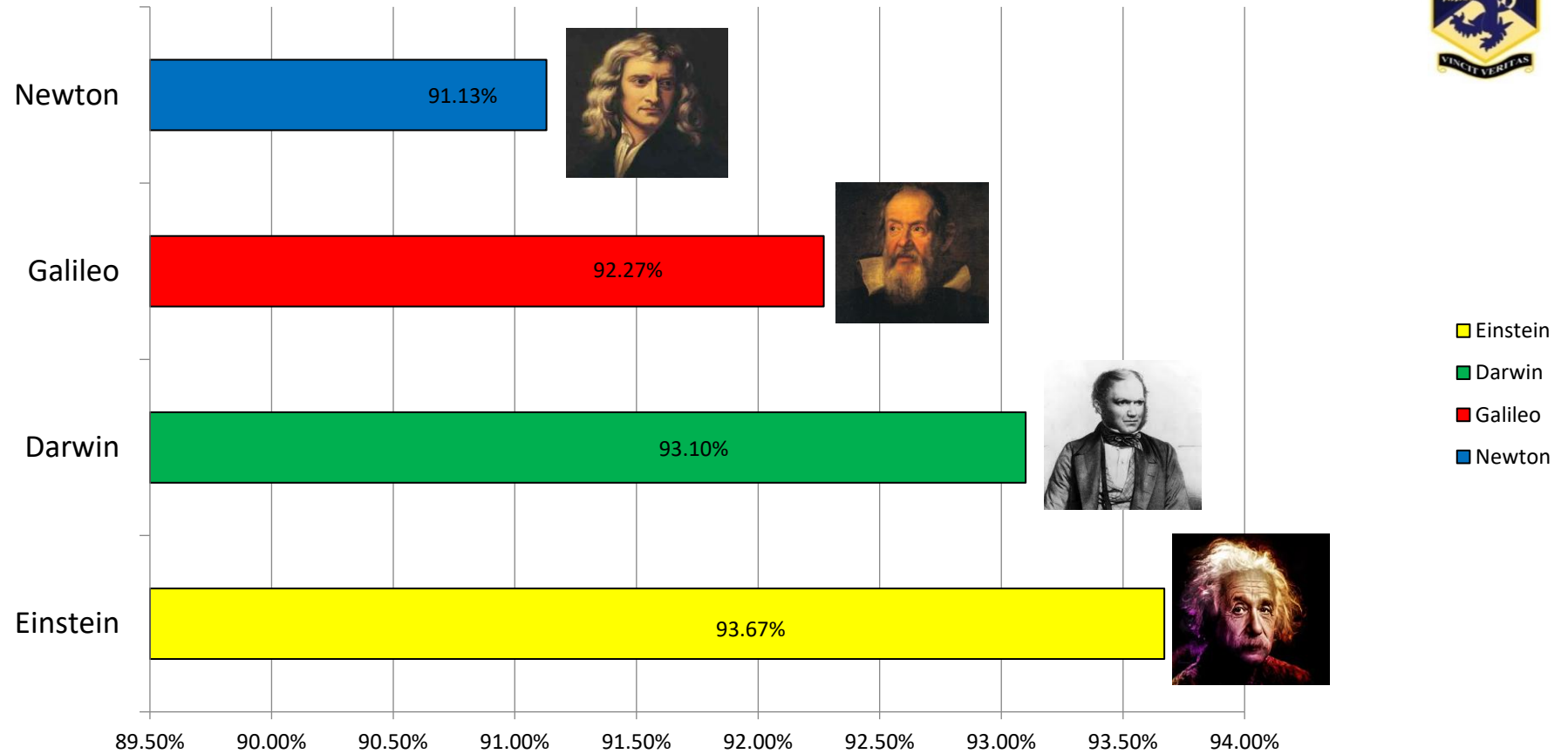
### Year 7/8 and 9 Girls' Football

Over the past week, the girls' football fixtures got off to a fantastic start, with all three Purbrook teams winning their matches and not conceding a single goal. On Monday, our Year 7 team played against Cowplain and Oaklands, winning both games 1–0. For some of the girls, this was their first football match, but you wouldn't have been able to tell. As a team, they all played superbly and really started to work well together. Also on Monday our Year 8 team played against Cowplain and Oaklands. In these games they won 7-0 and 2-0.

On Wednesday, it was our Year 9 and 10 teams' turn to show just how good they really are. The girls played against Crookhorn and Oaklands and, in both games, demonstrated some excellent football, passing the ball confidently and creating some great opportunities. They first beat Crookhorn 2–0 and then went on to defeat Oaklands 7–0. Across both matches there were many different goal scorers, highlighting fantastic teamwork throughout all games. Well done to all girls involved!! This is looking to be a really exciting and competitive season for all teams.



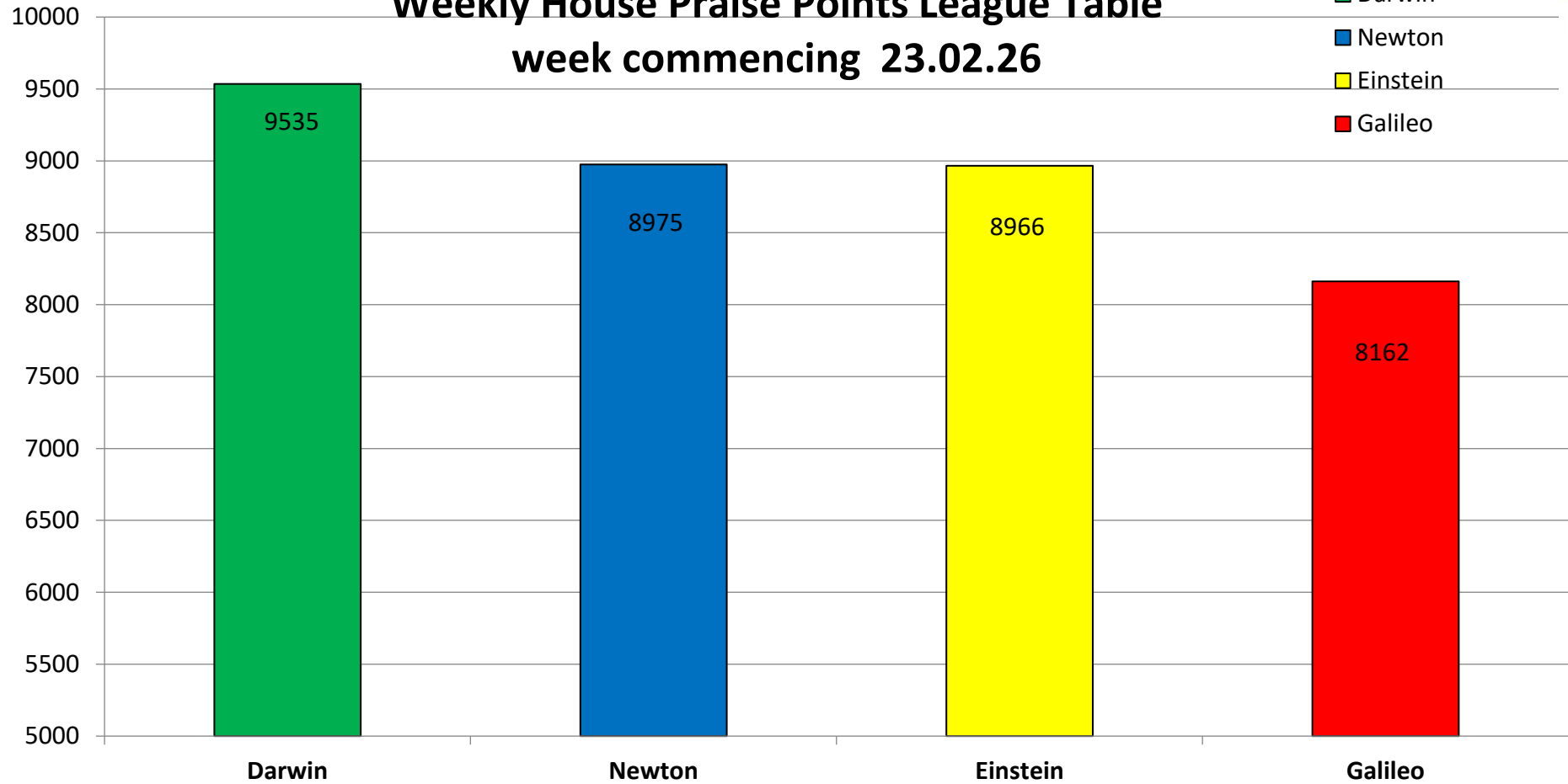
## Weekly House Attendance - 23.02.26 - 27.02.26



# Weekly House Praise Points League Table

## week commencing 23.02.26

- Darwin
- Newton
- Einstein
- Galileo





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## E- Praise Leaders This Week

Yr 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Tommy LBR	Rich NBO	Jack JMS	Riley IPU	Jimmy DMA
Max LBR	Freyja CBR	Evan JMS	Lucy MWA	Harry LGU
Regan LBR	Oliver RJA	Elliot JMS	Jack IPU	Rosie DMA

A huge well done to all our E-Praise Leaders.  
Thanks for consistently being your best selves!





## Can you help us by becoming a PDL Panel Expert?

During PDL (Personal Development Learning/ Tutor Time) we are often asking our pupils to engage with the wider world by making phone calls, contacting local businesses, interviewing members of the public, sending out surveys and various other external forms of contact.

We are looking to create a database of people in our community who are willing to share their email and/ or mobile data with us so that they can be first on our list to be contacted to answer specific questions around our PDL studies. You can be from any walk of life but need to be over 18 please. If you or anyone you know is willing to be part of this database, please contact [awalsh@purbrook.hants.sch.uk](mailto:awalsh@purbrook.hants.sch.uk). Additionally, if you have a specific tutor group that you would like to be attached to please do make this known. **Your contact details will not be shared with all the pupils** instead, our tutors will have a designated group of "panel experts" that they can ask for support from. Any further questions please just email me. THANK YOU

## Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children this Easter!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the Easter holidays through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code below or visit the Family Information and Services Hub to check if you're eligible, find local HAF schemes, and book your child(ren)'s place.



<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/holidayactivities>

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## HAVANT HAF SCHEMES - EASTER 2026 (1/3)

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### Active Kids Holiday Club

Dickinson Centre (PO9 4BU)

### Active Me 360

Morelands Primary School (PO7 5QL)

Padnell Junior School (PO8 8EA)



### Active8 Minds

Horizon Leisure Centre (PO9 2AY)

Mill Hill Primary School (PO7 7DB)

Springwood Federation (PO7 8ED)

St James Primary School (PO10 7PX)

Woodcroft Primary School (PO8 9QD)



### CM Sports

Oaklands Catholic School (PO7 7BW)

St Thomas More's Primary School (PO9 3DR)

Warren Park Primary School (PO9 4LR)



### Connect 4 Families

Park Community School (PO9 4BU)\*

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# HAVANT HAF SCHEMES - EASTER 2026 (2/3)

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**Connect 4 Youth**  
Park Community School (PO9 4BU)<sup>T</sup>



**Freedom School Holidays**  
Purbrook Junior School (PO7 5NQ)  
Sharps Copse Primary School (PO9 5PE)

**Growing Places**  
Anders Hall (PO7 6AW)



**Hayling Island Community Centre**  
Guide Hut (PO11 0JD)<sup>\*</sup>



**Little Explorers Nursery School**  
Pynham Meadow Play Park (PO18 8RG)<sup>\*</sup>  
Sindles Farm (PO10 8QS)



**Motiv8**  
Havant Hub (PO9 5AA)<sup>T</sup>



# HAVANT HAF SCHEMES - EASTER 2026 (3/3)

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**OSCA Childcare**  
Mengham Infant School (PO11 9DD)



STRONG  
GIRL  
SQUAD

**Strong Girl Squad**  
CrossFit Iron Duke (PO7 7XQ)<sup>T</sup>

**Y Services for Young People**  
Acorn Community Centre (PO8 9UX)



**Your Sports Education**  
Havant Rugby Club (PO9 3EJ)<sup>T</sup>



Visit the FISH website to find and book schemes in your area:  
<https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org.uk/holidayactivities>





SAVE THE DATE BELOW

# SUMMER

FUN FOR EVERYONE

# Fair

Purbrook Park School

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**11am till 3pm**

On the Quad (entrance via the front gates)

Apologies no parking available on site

Come along and enjoy with us; BBQ, Pimm's Tent, Cream Teas, children's games, live entertainment, craft stalls and more!