



Purbrook Park School Purbrook Park Newsletter



Week commencing Monday 18th May 2026
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1. Notes from the Headteacher

I am delighted to announce our new Senior Prefect Team for the coming year. Huge congratulations to our Year 10 pupils who have been appointed as prefects, senior prefects, and house captains.

Special congratulations go to Bethany, our new Head Girl, and Lyle, our new Head Boy. We also congratulate our Deputy Head Girls, Rosie and Lily, and our Deputy Head Boys, Dylan and Axel.

From left to right in the photograph: **Axel, Dylan, Lyle, me, Bethany, Rosie, and Lily.**

I look forward to working with you all and seeing the positive impact you will make across our school community.

With best wishes,

Paul Foxley

2. Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 18.05.26	A-Level Sociology & GCSE Chemistry (AM) Exams Staff Briefing – 3.10pm – 3.20pm Department Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm Board of Governors' Meeting – from 6.00pm
Tuesday 19.05.26	English Literature (AM) GCSE Exam Year 9 & 10 Dance Workshop (Chichester College) 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Wednesday 20.05.26	French Listening (AM) & Religious Studies (PM) GCSE Exams Kenya Trip – Pre-Departure Meeting – school hall – 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Thursday 21.05.26	English Language (AM) & Business (PM) GCSE Exams
Friday 22.05.26	Year 9 Religious Studies Exam (AM)
	HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Tuesday 26.05.26	Maths Revision Session- 9.00am – 12.00pm
Wednesday 27.05.26	History Revision Session – 10.00am – 12.00pm Maths Revision Session – 12.00pm – 2.00pm
Thursday 28.05.26	Religious Studies Revision Session – 10.00am – 12.00pm

3. Messages

Year 9 Progress Evening	<p>Year 9 Progress Evening is taking place on Thursday 4th June 2026, from 4.00pm to 8.00pm. This evening is intended primarily to meet the parents of pupils for whom we feel there are inconsistencies or concerns over progress. All Year 9 parents should have logged into the Parents' Evening System on Thursday 14th May 2026 to see if any of your child's teachers have requested to see you. All remaining appointments will be available to book on Thursday 21st May 2026.</p> <p>https://purbrookpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/</p> <p>Mrs Davies – Lead Practitioner KS3 Achievement</p>
LAMDA Exams	<p>Huge congratulations to all our pupils who performed their LAMDA exams on Saturday. You were all amazing and we are looking forward to some great results in a few weeks time!</p> <p>Mrs Shepherd – Teacher of Drama</p>
Kenya Trip Meeting	<p>A reminder to pupils and parents for the Kenya trip that we have our pre-departure meeting on Wednesday 20th May at 6pm in the hall. The back gate will be open. Please remember to bring your child's medical form.</p> <p>Miss Cumbo – Lead Teacher of A, D & T</p>

Science – Celebrating Success

Sparx

The top 3 three Science Sparx users in each year group for the week beginning 4th May 2026 were as follows:

Year Group	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
7	Archie (FTU)	Brody (FMI)	Max (WBO)
8	Scarlett (JHE)	Felix (CSI)	Bella (JFR)
9	Tommy (ATO)	Josh (RHA)	Arthur (TKE)
10	Betsy (MBR)	Tommy (BSO)	Dylan (JHD)
11	Thomas (LMI)	Toby (NMI)	Oliver (LGU)

Each of the above have been awarded 25 Praise Points. This academic year pupils have completed 3909 hours of personalised learning on Sparx Science!

Scientists of the Week

The following pupils have been nominated as “Scientist of the Week” by Miss Everall for their continued hard work and sustained effort within lessons and have been awarded 50 Praise Points: Poppy (7WBO) and Alex (9AKO).

Mr Evans – Lead Teacher of Science

Message from the PTFA



This is the last call for volunteers to advertise our Summer Fair - Can you help us reach our fundraising target?

The PTFA would like to extend a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has already offered to help advertise our Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July.



We have space for 18 more volunteers to agree to display a Bernards Estate agent board at their property in the local area; These can be parents, extended family, friends or associates – in fact anyone who is willing to help!

To clarify, **this is not a For Sale board**, it will simply advertise our Summer Fair and Bernards Estate agents. We would LOVE to reach the £1000 target (50 boards); every board equals a £20 donation to the pupils and this is our final request for help...

All we need from you is your commitment to display the board in the run up to the Summer Fair. Bernards Estate Agents are generously supporting this, supplying and erecting the boards. If you can help, please email Kim Moore at: kmoore@purbrook.hants.sch.uk and let us know your name, address by Monday 18th May when the boards will be going into production.

PPS PTFA

The Spring Open Exhibition 2026



Artwork by Wendy Whitaker, Charlie Jewett, Joanne Briffett and Janet Woods-Lennon from the Open Exhibition 2025

Calling all artists!

Entries now open for
The Spring's Open Exhibition 2026

Our Open Exhibition showcases and celebrates art, crafts and textiles in all their forms, from artists and makers.

Whatever your medium, whatever your style, we welcome you to share your unique creations with us.

Open to artists of all ages.

For more info and to enter:
thespring.co.uk/openexhibition26
or scan the QR code:



**Deadline to submit:
Monday 8th June, 3pm**



Miss Cumbo – Lead Teacher A, D & T

Careers Update

Virtual Work Experience

Channel 4 virtual work experience is BACK and yes we added new modules from new teams at Channel 4, so don't worry if you have completed before we would love to have you back!

This will take you on a journey to find out what career could be for you 😊

🔗 link in [@channel4skills](#) bio start today!

[#workexperience](#) [#virtualworkexperience](#)



WE ARE BACK
FYI.....

4Skills
Work Experience

Get work experience
Virtually with Channel 4!

Year 10 Taster Days

Please refer to information about all of the upcoming Year 10 Taster Days which are included in this newsletter.

Mrs Akhtar – Careers Advisor

Term-Time Holidays

We would like to remind all families that holidays during term time are not permitted. In line with national guidance, schools are unable to authorise leave of absence for family holidays except in truly exceptional circumstances.

Taking holidays during term time can have a significant impact on a child's education. Even a short absence can result in missed learning, gaps in understanding, and difficulty keeping up with classmates.

We strongly encourage families to plan holidays during the designated school holiday periods. This helps ensure that all pupils benefit from uninterrupted learning.

If a request for leave is submitted, it will be carefully considered. Please be aware that unauthorised absences may be subject to further action in accordance with school policies and local authority regulations.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting excellent attendance and helping every child achieve their best.

Mrs Udy – Year 11 Leader & Attendance Officer

Word of the Week

English Department's
Word of the week

SCRUTINISE

To examine something very carefully.

- History**
Scrutinise the reliability of the source
- Science**
Scrutinise the results of the experiment
- PE**
Scrutinise the player's performance

The graphic features a brown background with white and blue text. It includes illustrations of a stack of books, a quill pen, a blue vase, and a blue plant. The word 'SCRUTINISE' is prominently displayed in large white letters.

Ms Evans – Assistant Lead Teacher of English

Good News Story

Congratulations to Struan (7SGR) who played rugby on Twickenham main pitch last Sunday for the junior army/navy team, representing United Services Portsmouth. He was selected to captain the team and scored two brilliant tries. Well done Struan!

PE Department

Year 10 College Taster Days

Next half term there are a number of taster days organised by local colleges for our year 10 pupils. Please see below the dates for your diary. Pupils will be sent sign up details on Edulink. All visits are optional except HSDC which will be mandatory for all Year 10s. Pupils will be expected to make their own way to the campus of their choice.

College	Date
Oaklands Sixth Form	3 rd June 2026
City of Portsmouth College	25 th June 2026
HSDC	26 th June 2026
SHCG CEMAST	7 th July 2026
SHCG Fareham	8 th July 2026

City of Portsmouth College



City of Portsmouth College (CoPC) sign up for Taster Day is now open! Please use the QR code below to sign up! This is an optional Taster Day for any Year 10 pupils considering going to Highbury, North Harbour or Portsmouth Sixth Form. Booking closes on 18th May.



South Hampshire College Group (Fareham & CEMAST)



South Hampshire College Group (SHCG) sign up for Taster Days is also now open! Please note the different dates for different campuses. Use the QR codes below to sign up. There will be an assembly on Monday 18th May, providing all the information.

This is an optional day for pupils considering going to Fareham or CEMAST (Centre of Excellence for Engineering, Manufacturing & Advanced Skills Training). Booking closes 22nd May

Fareham College
Wednesday 8 July



CEMAST
Tuesday 7 July



Havant And South Downs College

The Year 10 taster day with Havant and South Downs College is on 26th June 2026. This is our only mandatory taster day, and all Year 10s are required to attend.

Please see below for information about the day, including the QR code to select the courses to “taste”. Our Year 10s have had an assembly about this, and all the information will be included in PDL next week for if they have any questions. Booking is open now and closes on 5th June 2026.

Havant		Timetable	South Downs	
09:30 - 09:55	Arrival		09:30 - 10:00	Arrival
09:55 - 10:45	Session 1		10:00 - 11:30	Session 1
10:50 - 11:40	Session 2		11:35 - 12:10	Lunch
11:50 - 12:45	Session 3		12:15 - 13:45	Session 2
12:50 - 13:25	Lunch		14:00	End of day
13:30 - 14:15	Session 4			
14:20	End of day			

- **Refreshments** - lunch provided, bring a water bottle
- **What to Wear** - uniform
- **Punctuality and behaviour** - as school
- **Teachers will attend**
- **Letter with timetable** - a week before
- **Changing choices** - unable to do this once form submitted
- **College students on campus** - Year 1 still in lessons
- **Form closes 05 June** - complete asap

Choosing Your Options



Google Form

Please scan the QR code to take you to the form.

Step 1: Enter your full name, school and any dietary requirements

Step 2: Select which Campus

Step 3: Choose your top subject choices plus 1 back up option, for each session

Step 4: Submit!

If you are interested in attending any or all of the taster days please sign up now as the colleges cannot guarantee accommodating you after the closing date.

Sparx Legends of the Week

Year 7 – David (7FMI)

Year 8 – Harriet (8JHE)

Year 9 – Alex (9MBU)

Year 10 – Billy (10JHD)

Year 11 – Lily (11KSH)

**50 Praise Points for
each Winner!**

English:

Pupils of the week 😊

Year 7 – Matilda W (7FTU)

Year 8 – Faye D (8EMI)

Year 9 – Annabelle S (9AWA)

Year 10 – Dylan N (10TGO)

Year 11 – Matilda M (11KSH)

Week commencing 11th May 2026

Historians of the Week!



Congratulations to...



Year 7 – Mai. B

7HDO



Year 8 – Millie. C

8RJA



Year 9 – Tilly. G

9NSD



Year 10 – Mason. W

10IPU



Year 11 – Sophia. H

11SST

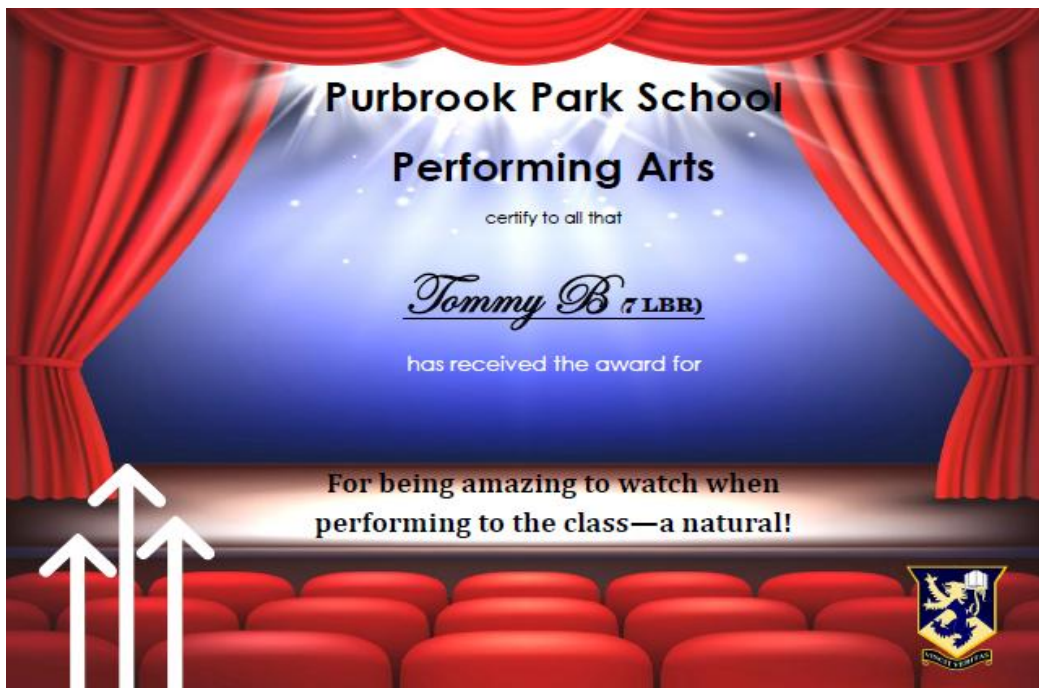
HOSPITALITY AND CATERING

Mrs Armstrong's Good Egg

Jasmine - Year 9 Hospitality & Catering
Fruit tarts and crème patisserie

Jasmine not only made some delicious Fruit tarts
but worked so hard with her timing, presentation
and tidying up. Well done!





CUBISM CLAY MASKS

ADT WORK OF THE WEEK

Yr 8 ART have been looking at 'CUBISM' and creating their own portraits out of clay using 'CUBISM' as well as learning how to **Mold**, **Shape**, **Score** and **Bind** clay using **SLIP**.



CUBISM CLAY MASKS



Week commencing 11th May

LanguageNut LEADERBOARD



Year 7 – Pippa (7HDO)

Year 8 – Mia (8CSI)

Year 9 – Oliver (9AKO)

Year 10 – Eni (10MRB)

Congratulations!

50 praise points
for each winner

Religious Studies Stars of the Week



- ★ Year 7: Joshua (7HDO)
- ★ Year 8: Faron (8CSI)
- ★ Year 9: Brooke (9RHA)
- ★ Year 10: Molly (10BSO)
- ★ Year 11: Nancy (11LMI)

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.



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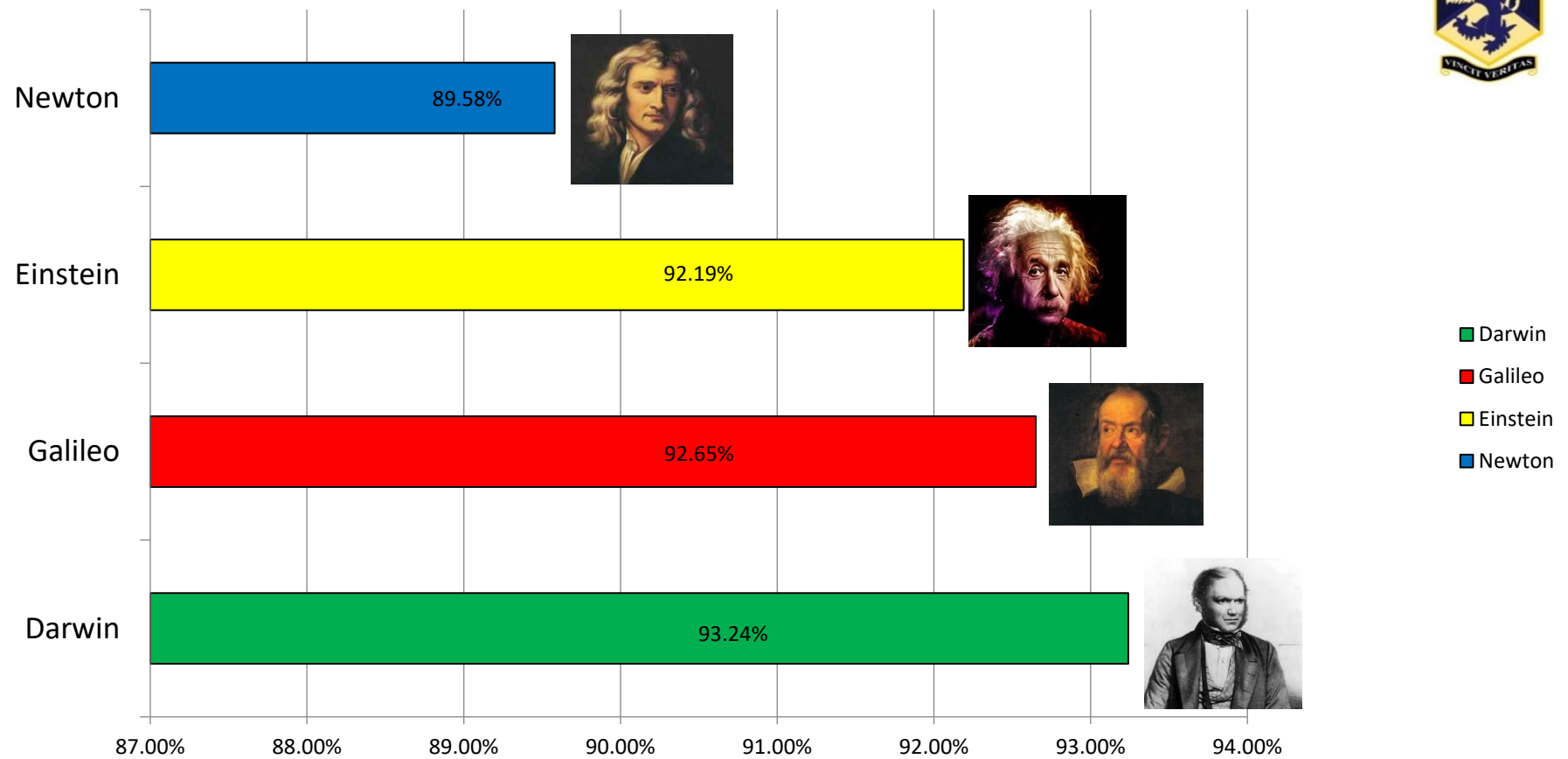


May Half-Term 2026 – Year 11 Revision/Booster Sessions

access will be via front of the school and the entrance adjacent to MA1 only.

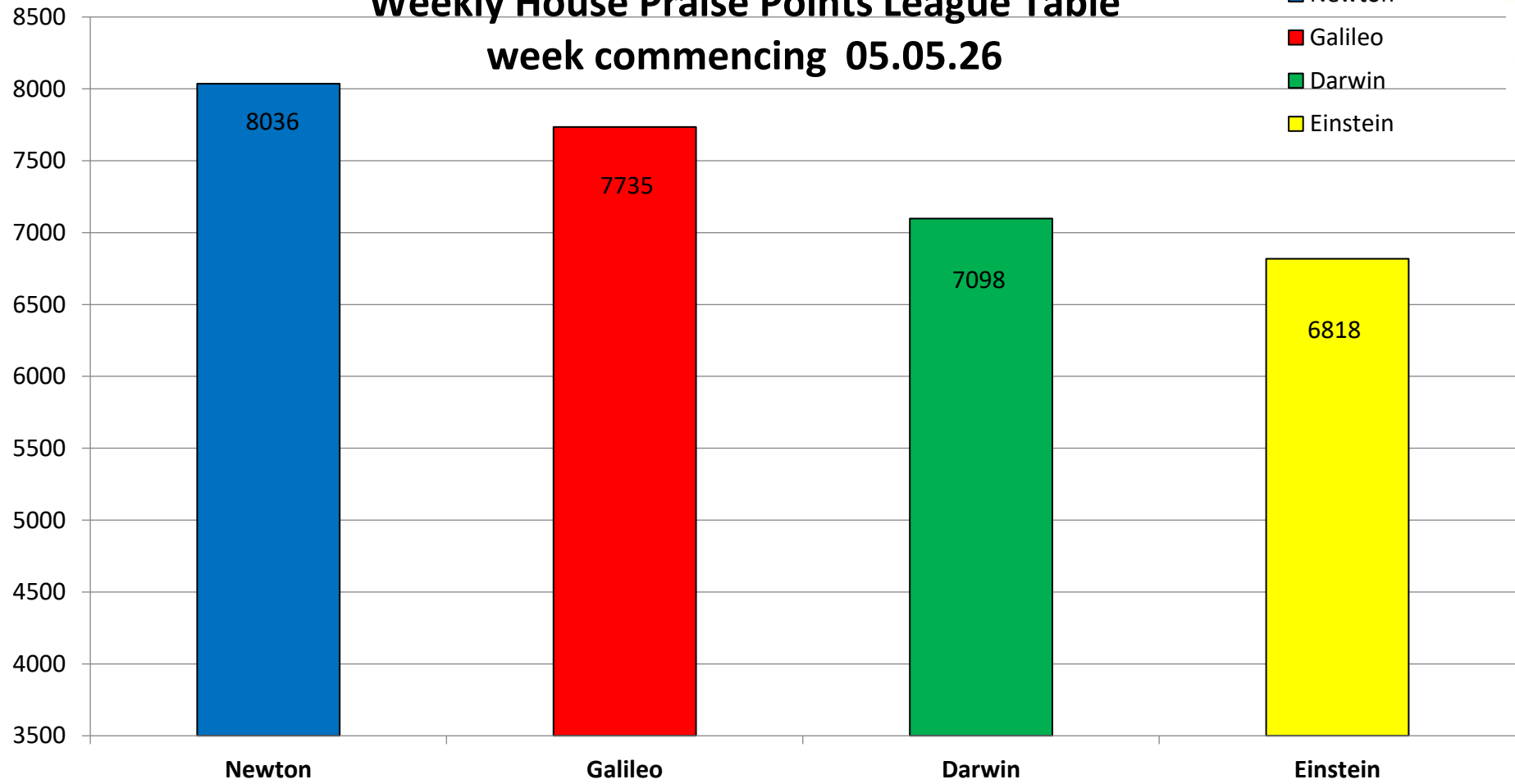
Date	Subject	Teacher & Room	Time
Tuesday 26 th May 2026	MATHS	MR JAMES – MA3	9.00am – 11.00am
		MR PICKFORD – MA2	
		Mr GISSING – MA7	
		MR MIDDLETON – MA5	10.00am – 12.00pm
Wednesday 27 th May 2026	HISTORY	MR BRUCE MA2	10.00am - 12.00pm
		MR SOLLY MA3	
	MATHS	MISS MILLER & MS HAYWARD MA1	12.00pm – 2.00pm
Thursday 28 th May 2026	RELIGIOUS STUDIES	MRS MASON MA2	10.00am – 12.00pm
		MISS TOMLINSON MA3	

Weekly House Attendance - 05.05.26 - 08.05.26



Weekly House Praise Points League Table week commencing 05.05.26

- Newton
- Galileo
- Darwin
- Einstein





E- Praise Leaders This Week

Yr 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Freya LWA	Joey CBR	Tilly NSD	Tommy BSO	Mia DMA
Harrison FMI	Josh EMI	James TKE	Beau MWA	Brad SST
Grace FMI	Riley JFR	Mai AKO	Noah JHD	Gene SST

A huge well done to all our E-Praise Leaders.
We just love how motivated you are!



Purbrook Park School
SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 4 July 2026
11.00am - 3.00pm

Everyone Welcome | **Free Entry**

Sponsored by **bernard's**
THE ESTATE AGENTS

Food & Craft Stalls
Games
Live Music & Performances

The poster features a yellow border, a string of colorful triangular bunting at the top, and two yellow hibiscus flowers on either side of the time slot. At the bottom, there is a green grassy field with a wooden signpost pointing to 'Food & Craft Stalls', 'Games', and 'Live Music & Performances'. The text is in various colors: blue for the school name, red for 'SUMMER FAIR', and black for the date and time.



SUMMER FAIR DONATIONS

In preparation for our Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July the PTFA are welcoming donations of the following;

- Bottles/jars for the Bottle Tombola
- Sweet bags
- Raffle prizes
- Items for Children's Tombola

If you are able to help in donating any of these then please drop into Main Reception labelled with your child's name so that they can be rewarded praise points in return

The poster has a light yellow background with a green border. It is decorated with illustrations of palm trees, a sun wearing sunglasses, and orange starfish. The title 'SUMMER FAIR DONATIONS' is in large green letters. The text is in a brown font, and the list of donation items is in a dark green font.

PROM POP-UP SHOP

♥ PRE-LOVED & NEW ♥

DRESSES ♥ SUITS ♥ SHOES ♥ BAGS



MONDAY
18TH MAY



5:00 PM
- 7:00 PM



SACRED HEART CHURCH, WATERLOOVILLE

♥ **THIS IS NOT A FUNDRAISING EVENT** ♥

➤ *Purely to support vulnerable families* ➤
so every young person can still enjoy their prom

We are still looking for
DONATIONS!

WE NEED:
DRESSES
SUITS
SHOES
BAGS
ACCESSORIES

Thank you
for helping make
a difference

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT
SACRED HEART CHURCH, WATERLOOVILLE

Together, we can make prom possible for everyone