



Purbrook Park School Purbrook Park Newsletter



Week commencing Monday 14th September 2026
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Purbrook Park School

OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2026
5:00-8:30PM

Mr Foxley will be speaking in the Main Hall at 5:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:00pm, at the beginning of your booked visit.

OPEN MORNING - THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2026 - 8:30AM-12:00PM

WHY CHOOSE US?

- ✓ Aspirational for all pupils
- ✓ Staff create inclusive classrooms
- ✓ Positive relationships between staff and pupils
- ✓ Pupils feel safe and welcome
- ✓ Excellent personal development and enrichment

ENJOY ENRICH EXCEL

BOOK NOW

 [HTTPS://WWW.EVENTBRITE.CO.UK/E/PURBROOK-PARK-SCHOOL-OPEN-EVENING-2026-TICKETS-1991355882049](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/purbrook-park-school-open-evening-2026-tickets-1991355882049) 

Everyone is welcome at our Open Evening!

1. Notes from the Headteacher

Congratulations to everyone in **Galileo House** – you have achieved over 95% attendance in our first week back at school!

We look forward to welcoming everyone to our **Open Evening on Wednesday 16th September**, from 5pm onwards.

With best wishes,

Paul Foxley

2. Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 14.09.26	Staff Briefing – 3.10pm – 3.20pm Year Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Tuesday 15.09.26	School Day
Wednesday 16.09.26	Open Evening – 5.00pm – 8.30pm
Thursday 17.09.26	Open Morning – 8.30pm – 12.00pm Year 11 Geography Field Trip
Friday 18.09.26	Year 11 Geography Field Trip

3. Messages

NxtGen Researcher Programme	 The poster for the NxtGen Researcher Programme features a group of diverse young people. Text on the poster includes: 'Join our NxtGen Researcher Programme', 'Get involved in research to help build healthier communities.', 'PAID role with: University of Southampton, NIHR Applied Research Collaboration, NIHR Research Support Service', 'Recruiting people aged 14-18. No prior experience required. Looks great on your CV!', 'To find out more, email: lifelab@soton.ac.uk', 'Interview date: 5-7pm, Wednesday 30th September', 'Runs from Wednesday 14th October', 'Free on Wednesdays 5-7pm?', 'Available 4 hours each week? (2 in person & 2 self-directed work)', and 'CLOSING DATE: Wednesday 16th September'. We are looking for young people aged 14–18 to join the next NxtGen Researcher Programme. This is a paid opportunity to develop the skills and confidence to carry out your own research project on issues that matter to you, your peers and your wider community. You'll meet weekly for 16 sessions, predominantly at LifeLab HQ, starting Wednesday 14 October 2026. As a NxtGen Researcher you will: • Work with research professionals to develop your own research project. • Explore issues that matter to you and your community. • Develop valuable research, communication and critical thinking skills. • Work with researchers and decision-makers to turn your recommendations into action and future research. This is a great opportunity to gain experience that could help you stand out to future employers or further and higher education providers, while having your voice heard on issues that matter. Apply: https://lnkd.in/eCHnhv_s Applications close: Wednesday 16 September at 11:59pm Mr Evans - Lead Teacher of Science
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Hampshire Kitchen Heroes	Beat the mid-week rush with meal planning Children are going back to school and we're back to our regular routines. To save yourself time (and money!) why not take 10 minutes to make a meal plan for the week ahead? There's lots of information online to help you get started, including ready made plans to suit your diet and budget. Did you know you can earn Green Points with Hampshire Kitchen Heroes for meal planning? This free app rewards you when you take action to make your food go further and the user with the most Green Points wins a day out at one of the following Hampshire attractions: • Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum and Gardens • Runways End Outdoor Centre • Calshot Activities Centre • Staunton Farm • Tile Barn Outdoor Centre • Manor Farm Sign up for free at: hampshirekitchenheroes.co.uk Pastoral Team						
Meet the Tutor Evenings	A reminder that our 'Meet the Tutor' Evenings take place as follows: <table border="1" data-bbox="392 943 1308 1167"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year Group</th><th>Date (4.00pm – 8.00pm)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Year 8 & 9</td><td>Thursday 24th September 2026</td></tr> <tr> <td>Year 7</td><td>Thursday 1st October 2026</td></tr> </tbody> </table> The purpose of these evenings is to discuss how your child has settled in, raise any early questions or concerns, and understand the key priorities and expectations for the year ahead. The appointment booking system will open at 5.00pm one week before the relevant evening and parents will receive a text message reminder about this. Please take the time to check you are able to access the appointment booking system. https://purbrookpark.schoolcloud.co.uk/ Pastoral Team	Year Group	Date (4.00pm – 8.00pm)	Year 8 & 9	Thursday 24 th September 2026	Year 7	Thursday 1st October 2026
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St Vincent College Open Events	 OPEN EVENTS - SATURDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2026: SUMMERFEST AND OPEN EVENT 10AM – 2PM - THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 2026 5PM – 7PM - WEDNESDAY 28TH APRIL 2027 5PM – 7PM ST VINCENT SIXTH FORM COLLEGE, MILL LANE, GOSPORT, PO12 4QA BOOK YOUR PLACE: STVINCENT.AC.UK/OPEN-EVENTS  TWILIGHT TRYOUTS 2 FEBRUARY 2027 24 MARCH 2027 6 MAY 2027 Grab your spot! Bookings open one month before the start date. 4:15PM – 5:45PM Mrs Akhtar – Careers Advisor						

Term-Time Holidays

Important Reminder: 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 has a significant impact on a child's education. Even a short absence results in missed learning, gaps in understanding, and creates difficulty keeping up with classmates. We strongly encourage families to plan holidays during the designated school holiday periods. This ensures that all pupils benefit from uninterrupted learning.

If a request for leave is submitted, it will be carefully considered, but 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.

Attendance Team

Food Practical Reminders

FOOD PRACTICAL LESSONS

9C Cooking eggs 15.9.26

7X Meal in a jar 16.9.26

8Y Pin wheels 16.9.26

8X Pin wheels 17.9.26

7Y Stir fry 17.9.26

8Z Pin wheels 18.9.26

MEAL IN A JAR



Ingredients
1X Sauce of your choice
4 X different salad options
1 X meat or alternative (already cooked)
We will prepare everything in class.

METHOD

1. Prepare self and work area for practical
2. Using a knife carefully and start to prepare your salad options by chopping and slicing them up
3. Once all your options are ready assemble all on a chopping board
4. Start to layer your salad options, your meat and your sauce try and alternate colours into your jar.

PLEASE BRING IN A GLASS JAR

SWEET PIN WHEELS



Ingredients
200g Strong White flour
Extra flour for dusting
1 packet of yeast
1 tsp of sugar
10g Butter
125ml warm water
Bicofect or choc spread

METHOD

1. Preheat oven to 220C fan/ gas mark 7
2. Place dry ingredients into a bowl, add in the butter and rub together to create breadcrumbs
3. Slowly add the water in to the mix using a spoon to make a soft but not sticky dough
4. Turn onto a floured surface and knead for 10 minutes
5. Roll into a square roughly 25cm x 25 cm making sure the edges are straight
6. Spread your sauce over the dough and add toppings, not too many or they will burst out
7. Roll it up like a swiss roll, tucking the edge in first and rolling up together, then cut into 9 equal sections and place onto a greased baking tray.
8. Cover and leave in a warm place to rise or until they have doubled in size
9. Bake for 15 - 20 minutes until golden brown

STIR FRY



Ingredients
100g noodles
1 small chicken breast (cooked and sliced)
1 clove garlic
1 tsp of oil
1cm fresh ginger
1 tsp of soy sauce
2 mushrooms
1 tsp of sesame oil
1 x 10ml spoon oil
1 x 10ml spoon soy sauce (reduced salt)
20 Sweet chili sauce (optional)

Method

1. Cook the noodles in boiling water. Check the packet for details
2. Prepare the vegetables with a clean knife on a clean chopping board
3. Peel and crush the garlic, de-seed and slice the chili; peel and slice the ginger; slice the onion, pepper and mushrooms. On a different board, finely slice the cooked chicken breast
4. Heat the oil in a wok or frying pan.
5. Add the onion, garlic, chili and ginger. Allow to cook for 1 minute.
6. Add the vegetables and soy sauce and continue to cook for a further 5 minutes then add the cooked chicken. Stir in the sweet chili sauce and turn off the heat.
8. Drain the boiling hot water away from the noodles into a colander in the sink.
9. Stir in the cooked noodles and cook for 2 minutes until hot.
10. Serve. Clear up

COOKING EGGS

You will be working in pairs. Please bring in £1.00 and we will provide the ingredients that you will need.



Mrs Armstrong – Teacher of Food Technology

Sustainability Update



In today's world, environmental sustainability is more important than ever, and we are trying to make a meaningful impact. This year we have encouraged pupils to recycle plastic bottles. With plastic pollution continuing to threaten ecosystems and communities worldwide, we foster environmental responsibility among pupils, while contributing to a cleaner planet. Plastic bottles are among the most commonly used single-use plastics.

From water bottles to soft drink containers, pupils and staff generate a significant amount of plastic waste daily. Without proper disposal, these bottles often end up in landfills or worse—littering school grounds and surrounding areas. Since the '10 pence recycle scheme' began, we have saved 4000 bottles, equivalent to 144Kg of plastic waste, from either being burnt or filling up landfill sites. We have given back £400 pounds to pupils who have recycled their bottles. We aim to increase this amount this year.

We have also initiated a 'food waste scheme' where pupils and staff place food waste into allocated green bins across the school site, so that food can be disposed of properly, to make compost or to produce green energy.

We have started to grow our own vegetables, to reduce the transportation of vegetables delivered to our food technology department. We have reduced our single use plastics by replacing single use condiment sachets with pump sauces. Plastic knives and forks have been replaced with wooden ones.

Over the next few months, we would like you to think about the single-use plastics that are placed in pupils' packed lunches. Could you reduce the amount? For example, refillable water bottles, fresh fruits, homemade sandwiches, and bulk snacks instead of individually wrapped items. We intend to host a "plastic – free lunch week" from 2nd November – 6th November.

By taking these steps, Purbrook can lead by example, equipping the next generation with the knowledge and habits needed to protect the planet. It's a small change with a big impact. After all, 'every little helps!'

Thank you for your continued support.

Sustainability Team

Performing Arts Update

Musical Con - Saturday 17th October 2026 - 7am-8pm £49.50

We have 2 spaces left for KS4 pupils for our trip to Musical Con at the Excel in London. This is a musical theatre exhibition where pupils can watch professional performances, colleges, enter competitions, buy merchandise. There are also workshops and meet and greet which costs extra. If your child is interested, then please email jbrook@purbrook.hants.sch.uk for a letter.

Music Tuition Lessons

All pupils should have had their timetables emailed to them via Edulink and these will also be up on the music notice board. All lessons, apart from piano and singing, will start the week beginning Monday 14th September 2026.

Piano starts Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September ***This is different to email sent via Edulink***. Singing starts Wednesday 23rd September and Friday 25th September. We do have a few extra spaces for piano, guitar and singing lessons - please email me for more information:
jbrook@purbrook.hants.sch.uk

Enrichment in Performing Arts

Monday 14th Sept	Scene 1: Candy man	Ensemble, Wonka, reporters, chompin Divas
Tuesday 15th Sept	Scene 4: The next day	All grandparents, Charlie and Mrs Bucket
Wednesday 16th Sept	NO rehearsals open evening	
Thursday 17th Sept	Scene 5: Candy Shop, street, More of him to love and Oompa loompa songs.	KS3 ensemble, Cherry, Wonka, Charlie, Augustus, Mrs Gloop, KS4 Violet, Mr B and chompin Divas.
Friday 18th Sept	Choir Club	

If you auditioned in July and didn't get a main role then you are automatically in our 'Ensemble'. Please sign up via Edulink and attend all rehearsals where it says 'Ensemble'.

Year 7 and new pupils: If you would like to be part of our Christmas production of 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory', please sign-up to the Ensemble Club on Edulink and come and join us. We also have backstage roles too - see backstage club.

Timetables of rehearsals are in the Performing Arts office and on all our display boards.

Mrs Brook - Performing Arts Technician

E-Praise Shop



E-Praise shop open after half-term!

Well done to all our pupils; you have had the most successful start ever to earning E-Praise points for your efforts and contributions to the school. We are so proud of you!

To keep track of your E-Praise points and to order from the E-Praise shop you need to;

- Download the E-Praise app and **sign in with the Microsoft option**
- Go to the shop (across the top tabs)
- Check the range of items available to purchase
- Make your order online
- **Come and collect your order from Mrs Walsh in The Careers Hub any Tuesday first break.**

Mrs Walsh – Teacher of History

Science – Celebrating Success

A selection of useful revision websites to assist and consolidate learning:

Website	Key Stage
Cognito.org	KS3 / KS4
https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/gcse-revision-videos/	KS4
Savemyexams.com	KS4
MMERevise.co.uk	KS4
https://www.gcserevisionmonkey.com/	KS3 / KS4

Mr Evans – Lead Teacher of Science

EduLink Help



We appreciate many of you are new to the Edulink one app used by pupils and parents in school. There is more guidance on how to use it as a parent on the school website on the following link:

<https://www.purbrookparkschool.co.uk/page/?title=EduLink+One&pid=186>

Did you know that you can contact teachers, report absence, update parental consent and changes in contact details/addresses in Edulink, as well as much, much more! Please take a look at the user guides we have created for you as parents to use on the following link:

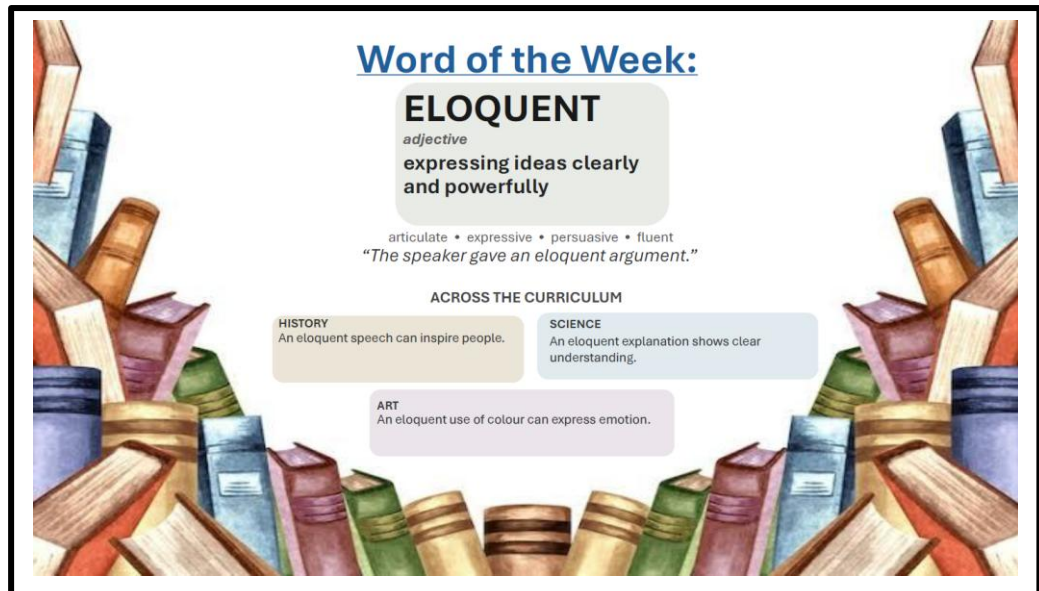
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- How to contact teachers and staff
- How to update parental consents
- How to report an absence

We hope you find these helpful.

Admin Team

Word of the Week



Word of the Week:

ELOQUENT
adjective
expressing ideas clearly and powerfully

articulate • expressive • persuasive • fluent
"The speaker gave an eloquent argument."

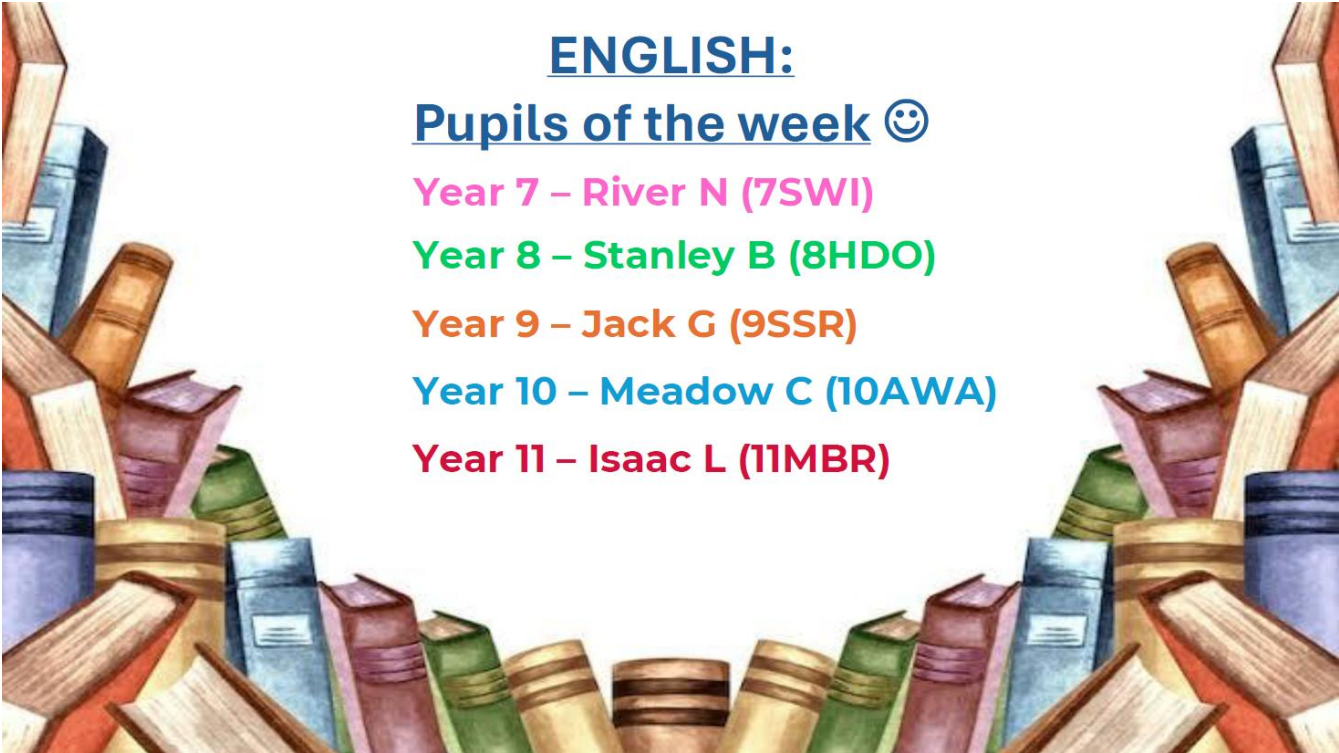
ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

HISTORY
An eloquent speech can inspire people.

SCIENCE
An eloquent explanation shows clear understanding.

ART
An eloquent use of colour can express emotion.

Ms Evans – Assistant Lead Teacher of English



ENGLISH:

Pupils of the week 😊

Year 7 – River N (7SWI)

Year 8 – Stanley B (8HDO)

Year 9 – Jack G (9SSR)

Year 10 – Meadow C (10AWA)

Year 11 – Isaac L (11MBR)

FAITH & FESTIVALS THIS WEEK

12–18 SEPTEMBER 2026

12–13 SEPTEMBER

ROSH HASHANAH • JUDAISM

The Jewish New Year — a time for prayer, reflection and new beginnings.



Symbols: shofar, apples and honey

12–15 SEPTEMBER

PARYUSHANA • JAINISM

A sacred period of fasting, reflection, non-violence and spiritual renewal.

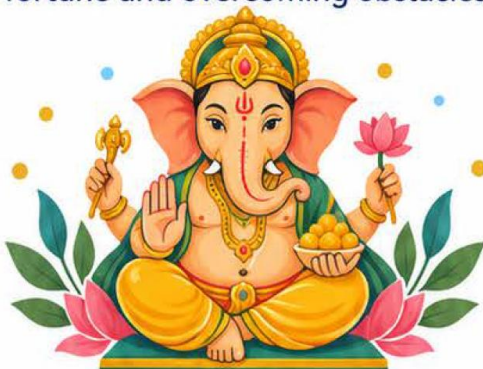
15 September: Samvatsari, a special day for seeking and offering forgiveness.



14 SEPTEMBER

GANESH CHATURTHI • HINDUISM

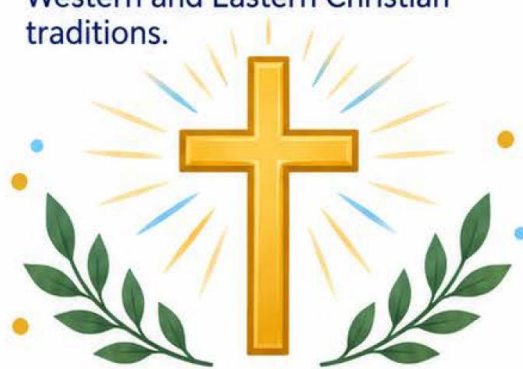
Celebrates the birth of Lord Ganesha, associated with wisdom, good fortune and overcoming obstacles.



14 SEPTEMBER

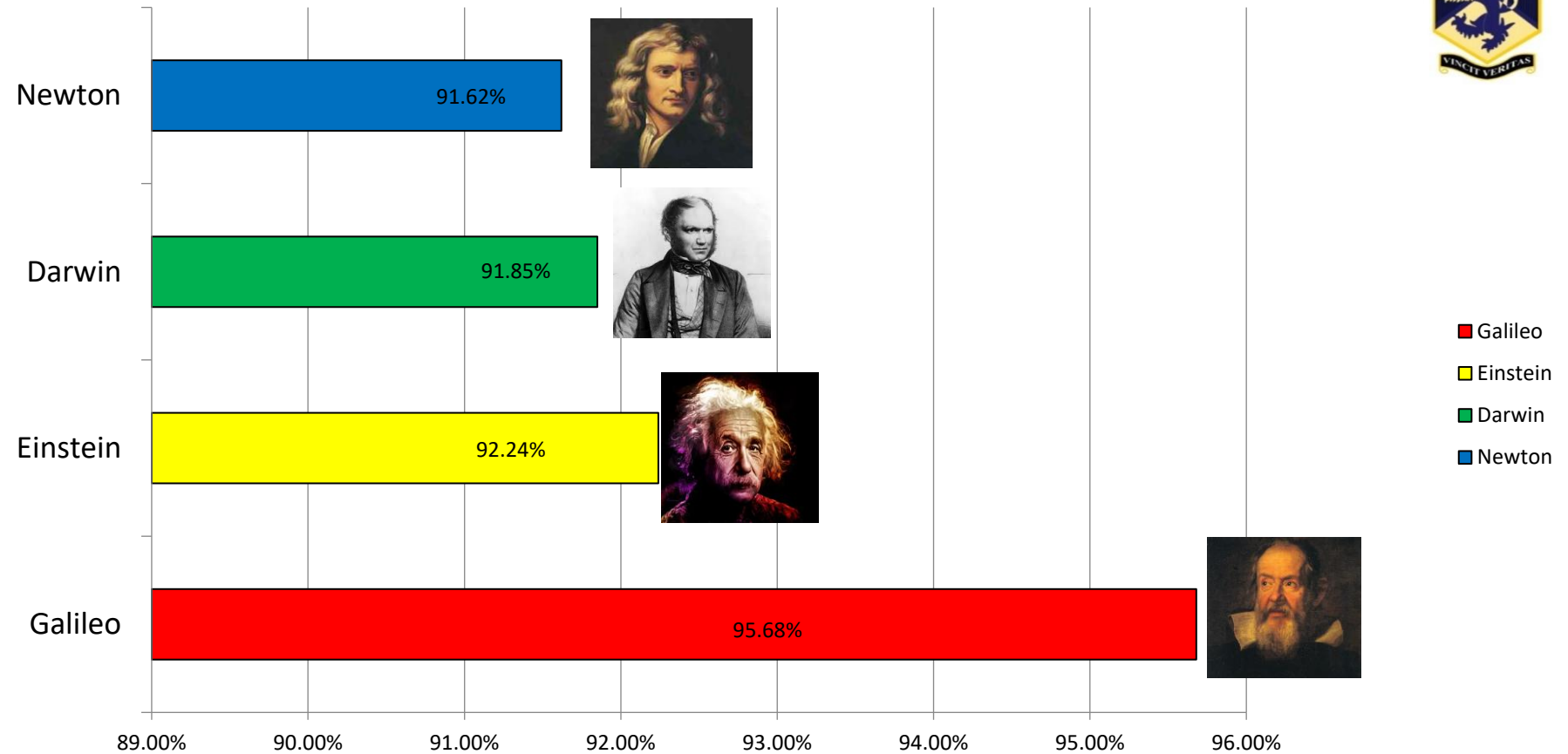
HOLY CROSS DAY • CHRISTIANITY

Christians remember and honour the cross of Jesus. It is observed in Western and Eastern Christian traditions.



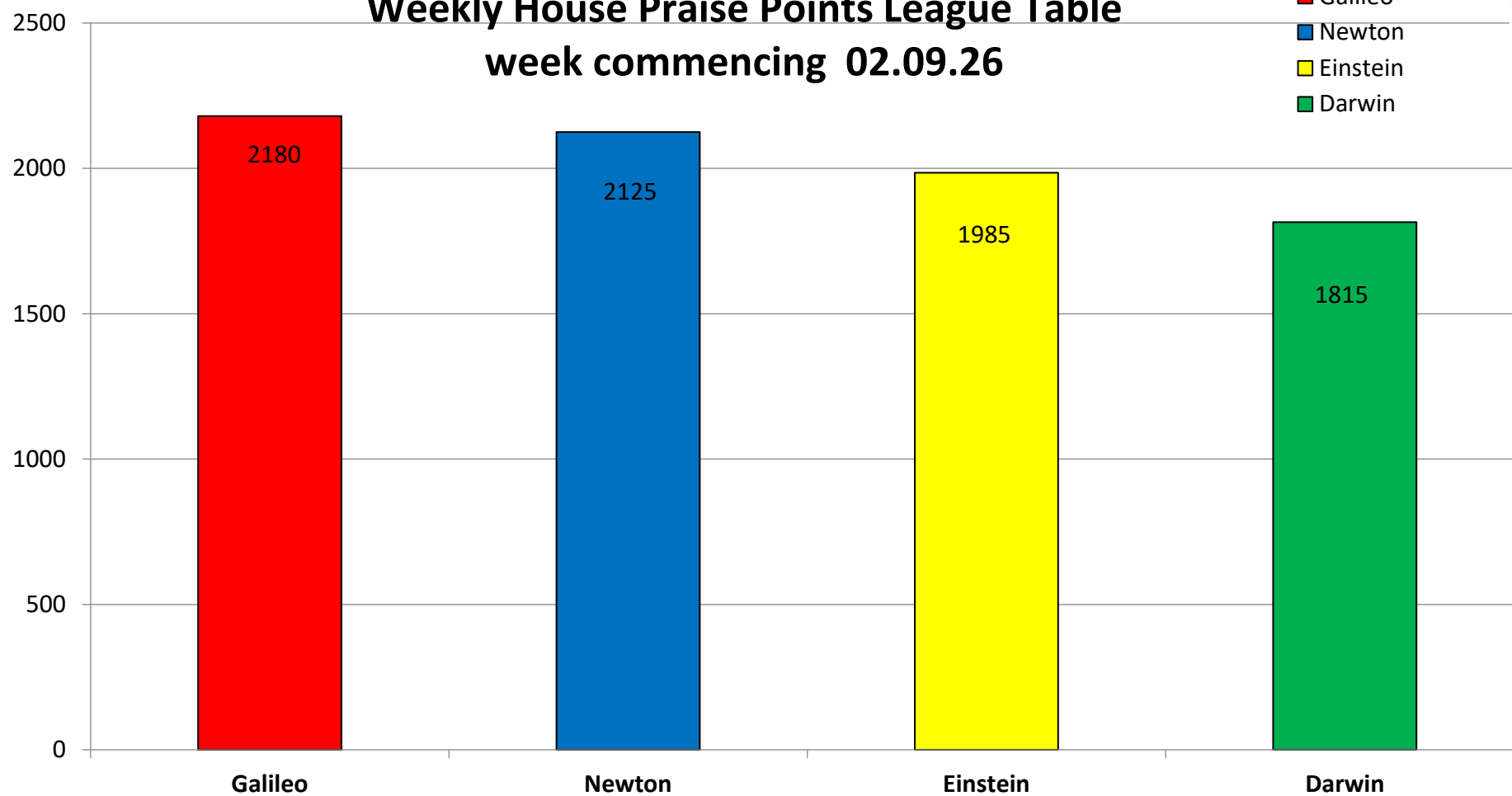
• Different communities may observe lunar-calendar festivals on slightly different dates. •

Weekly House Attendance - 02.09.26 - 04.09.26



Weekly House Praise Points League Table week commencing 02.09.26

Galileo
Newton
Einstein
Darwin



E- Praise Leaders This Week



Talent is a gift, but
character is a choice.

John C. Maxwell



Yr 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Penelope EHA	Felix G CSI	Riley LBA	Anabelle RHA	Harvey SAT
River SWI	Maddie API	Lashawn SSR	Lily-Rose MBU	Dylan TGO
Sam NMI	Eli SGR	Kris SSR	Gracie ATO	Maisie FCO

A huge well done to all our E-Praise Leaders. Your efforts make you stand out from the crowd.

Part of the Pompey in the Community football pathway



Advanced Training Centre

Petersfield Centre

Every Friday | 5:30-6:30pm The Petersfield School Cranford Rd, Petersfield GU32 3LU

SCAN ME



We reserve the right to decline your space if we believe the invite code has been shared.

Code: MP26/27

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Fun
Friends
Adventure!

Saturday Kids Zone For Deaf **TEENS**

Join us at Playzone!

Have the entire place to yourselves!



Saturday
**17th
October**



7.30 – 9pm



Playzone
Northarbour Road,
Portsmouth



All deaf teenagers and
teen siblings welcome!



Please book in by messaging us here
or texting **Lindsey** on **07931 225681**