

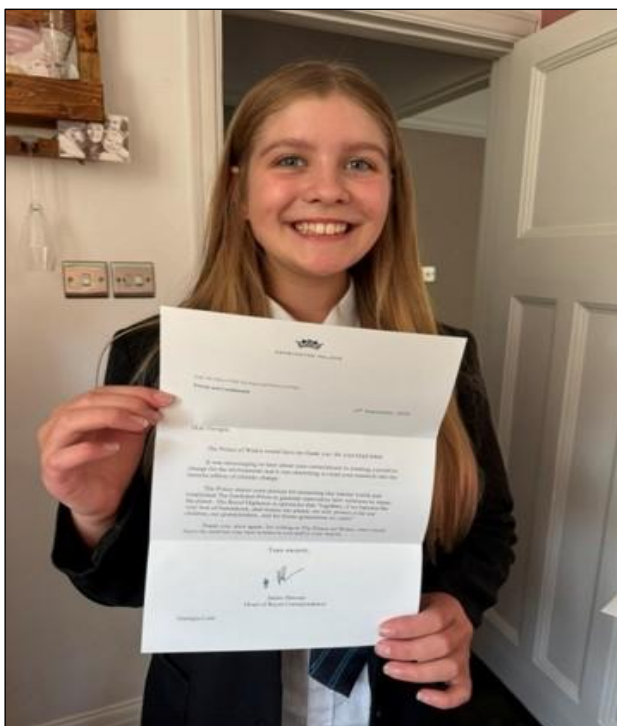


Purbrook Park School Purbrook Park Newsletter



Week commencing Monday 28th September 2026 WEEK A

1. Notes from the Headteacher
2. Calendar
3. Messages
4. Road Closure – Important Travel Information
5. Department Leader Boards & Pupils/Work of the Week
6. Faith & Festivals this Week
7. Christmas Market – message from the PTFA
8. Weekly House Attendance and Praise Point Leader Boards
9. Free Online Courses for Parents



Congratulations to Georgia (8WBO) who has received a letter from HRH the Prince of Wales – more info below

1. Notes from the Headteacher

Galileo House is racing into the lead with **95.74% attendance** and **6740 praise points** in one week!

Remember that great attendance leads to great achievement!

With best wishes,

Paul Foxley

2. Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 28.09.26	Staff Briefing – 3.10pm – 3.20pm Department Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Tuesday 29.09.26	Year 11 Drama GCSE - all day rehearsal & evening performances
Wednesday 30.09.26	School day
Thursday 01.10.26	GCSE Drama workshops with theatre company – school hall Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening – 4.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 02.10.26	School day

3. Messages

Meet the Tutor Evening	A reminder that our remaining 'Meet the Tutor' Evening takes place as follows:																	
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Good News Story	At the end of Year 7, during her English topic on persuasive writing with Mr Harris, Georgia chose to write a speech on climate change. She was so impassioned when she got home, that she evolved the speech into a letter to the Prince of Wales. She was excited to receive a response today (pictured on the front of the newsletter) and wanted me to share her delight at receiving a letter from Kensington Palace. We are really proud of Georgia, what great initiative she has shown! Mrs Pomfret – Year 8 Leader
Food Practical Reminders	FOOD PRACTICAL LESSONS 8Y Fruit tarts 30.9.26 7Y Fajitas 30.9.26 8X Fruit tarts 1.10.26 7Z Fajitas 2.10.26 8Z Fruit tarts 2.10.9.26 FAJITAS  Method 1. Prepare the marinade: • squeeze the lime; peel and crush the garlic; de-seed and slice the chilli; chop the coriander • stir everything together with the oil. 2. Remove any skin from the chicken and cut the chicken into strips. Mix with the marinade and place in the fridge, covered, until needed. 3. Prepare the remaining ingredients with a clean knife on a clean chopping board: • slice the onion and green pepper; chop the tomato; grate the cheese 5. Add the marinated chicken to the wok or saucepan and stir-fry for about 4 minutes. Check that the chicken is cooked. 6. Add the onion and green pepper and continue to cook for a further 2 minutes. 7. Spread a little chicken in the center of the tortilla, add some tomato, cheese and guacamole, then roll up. 8. Serve and eat Ingredients 2 lime 1 onion garlic 1 green chilli - Small bunch of coriander 1 x 100g tin of oil 1 small chicken breast (already cut into strips) 1 x 100g tin of oil 1 x 100g tin of oil 1 green pepper 1 tomato 20g cheddar cheese 2 tortillas 1 x 100g tin of guacamole (or salad, optional) Fruit tarts  Method 1. Preheat the oven to 190C. 2. Add the butter, flour and icing sugar into a bowl. Using your fingertips, lightly rub together the fat and the flour together so it resembles breadcrumbs. 3. Add the egg yolk and mix so it resembles a firm dough. If dry, add a tbsp of water. 4. Roll out the dough and cut around the dish leaving a lip to allow the pastry to shrink into the dish when pressed. 5. Add the pastry to the tray and put in the oven for 25 minutes or until crisp and golden brown. 6. Fill with custard and chopped fruit to decorate Ingredients - Pastry 100g Plain Flour 100g Butter for baking 100g Icing Sugar 1 egg yolk 100g Custard 100g Fruit
Attendance Matters	Mrs Armstrong – Teacher of Food Technology Attendance and Achievement: The Link to Exam Success There is a clear and proven link between school attendance and exam performance. Pupils who attend school regularly are far more likely to achieve strong outcomes, while those who miss lessons often find it harder to reach their full potential. Research shows that: • Pupils with 95–100% attendance are much more likely to achieve higher grades in their exams. • Pupils with attendance below 90% are significantly less likely to gain strong passes in key subjects such as English and Maths. • Missing just 10% of school (around one day every two weeks) can make it much harder to keep up with learning and revision. Every lesson builds on prior knowledge, and frequent absence can lead to gaps that are difficult to close—especially in exam years. Good attendance not only improves understanding but also boosts confidence and readiness for assessments. We encourage all pupils to aim for at least 95% attendance or higher to give themselves the best chance of success in their exams. If your child is experiencing difficulties with attendance, please contact the school so we can provide support. Working together, we can help every pupil achieve the results they are capable of. High attendance supports high achievement. Attendance Team

Flu Vaccine

School Age Immunisation Service

NHS
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Your child's Flu vaccine is due



FLU: 5 REASONS TO GET PROTECTED AGAINST FLU

1. Protect your child - The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia.
2. Protect you, your family and friends - Having the vaccine will help protect more vulnerable friends and family.
3. No injection needed - The nasal spray is painless and easy to have. (A porcine free injection is available)
4. It's better than having flu - The nasal spray helps protect against flu and has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record.
5. Avoid costs - If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

The Immunisation team will be in the school on:

Monday
5th October 2026

School Code
SH116506

For more information, visit our website:
www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire/annual-nasal-flu-vaccination-programme/

Pastoral Team

Science – Celebrating Success

Sparx

The top 3 Science Sparx users in each year group for the week beginning 14th September:

Year Group	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
8	Corban (LBR)	Max (WBO)	Livy (LBR)
9	Felix (CSI)	Harriet (JHE)	Lilly (CSI)
10	Tilly (NSD)	Will (NSD)	Jake (JMS)
11	Scarlett (MWA)	Robbie (MWA)	Gracie (JHD)

Each of the above have been awarded 25 Praise Points for their efforts. This academic year pupils have already completed 582 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: Dominic (8WBO) and Junior (9CBR).

Mr Evans - Lead Teacher of Science

Performing Arts Update	<u>Performing Arts Diary this week</u>		
	28.09.26	'Charlie' Scene 5D Pg 28, 'Queen of Pop' 'More of him to love'	All KS4 ensemble, Cherry, Violet, Mr B, The gum chompin divas, KS3 ensemble, Augustus and Mrs Gloop
	29.09.26	Year 11 GCSE Drama exams	Drama in hall all day and evening show.
		Scene 5D Pg 33, 'News of Mike Teevee' & 'I've got a lucky ticket'	Wonka, Charlie, Cherry, Mike, Mrs Teevee, Charlie and Grandpa Joe.
		Guitar Club	3-4pm Music department
	30.09.26	Scene 6: Bucket shack	All grandparents Mrs Bucket, Charlie.
		Set Club	Please bring old clothes to paint scenery. Change and leave belongings in PE changing rooms.
	Rock Band	3-4pm Music department	
01.10.26	GCSE drama workshops – during day	Hall	
	Scene 8: The factory gates	Whole cast except Oompa Loompa	
02.10.26	Choir club	Music Room	
Mrs Brook – Performing Arts Technician			
Year 11 A, D & T Deadlines	ADT ANNOUNCEMENT YR 11 DEADLINES - FINAL OUTCOME SKETCHBOOK HANDED IN DUE OCTOBER 12TH DUE OCTOBER 23RD 4 WEEKS // 8 LESSONS TO GO  ART, DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY — DEPARTMENT —		
Mrs Sanderson – A, D & T Technician			



WHERE	WHEN	WHAT TIME
Portsmouth High School 6th Form	26/09/2026	10am – 12pm
Brockenhurst College	30/09/2026	5pm – 8pm
HSDC Havant	30/09/2026	5pm – 8pm
Peter Symonds College	30/09/2026	5.30pm – 8.30pm
Richard Taunton college	30/09/2026	6pm – 8pm
Peter Symonds College	01/10/2026	5.30pm – 8.30pm



Discover Creative Careers - Parent Webinar

DISCOVER
creative careers

FUTURES FOR ALL

Could a Creative Career Be Right for Your Young Person?

The UK's creative industries employ 2.5 million people, contribute £124 billion to the economy and continue to grow. But many parents and carers still question whether a creative career can offer long-term security and progression.

Join this free online event to hear directly from creative professionals as they share their career journeys, bust common myths and explain the wide range of opportunities available across sectors that could include film, visual effects (VFX), music, craft and more.

Each speaker will give a short talk followed by a live Q&A, giving you the chance to ask questions about career pathways, qualifications, job prospects and what employers are looking for.

Futures for All is proud to deliver the Discover Creative Careers programme as part of the Creative Careers Collective—a national partnership with Creative UK and Creative Access.

- When: Tuesday 6th October
- Time: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Where: Virtual, join from anywhere
- Cost: Free

Guest speakers include:

- Alison Love MBE
- INTO FILM
- Alex Duarte-Davies from Get Into Theatre
- More speakers to be announced

Hear from professionals working in a range of creative industries.

Learn about different career pathways and entry routes.

Discover why the creative industries offer rewarding, sustainable careers.

Book Now

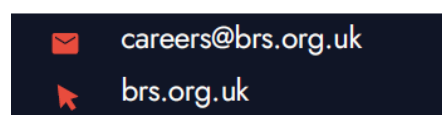
For further information and to book please use the link below:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/futuresforall/2344405>

Sporting Excellence Apprenticeship

To find out more about the apprenticeship and the British Racing School:

<https://brs.org.uk/course/sporting-excellence-professional-apprenticeship/>



Sporting Excellence Professional Apprenticeship

Our Sporting Excellence Professional Apprenticeship (SEPA) is for talented young riders already on the pathway to race riding and wanting to achieve their ambition of becoming a professional jockey. It leads to a nationally and internationally recognised qualification and is in line with other professional apprenticeships offered in sports such as cricket, football and rugby. It closely aligns to the existing coaching and education provided for all claiming jockeys but, in addition, provides extensive additional coaching, education and added value specialist courses.

The SEPA:

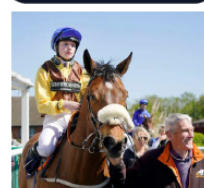
- Provides jockeys (and those intending to race-ride) with the opportunity to develop wider skills suitable for all-round personal and career development.
- Gives employers a structured programme for their claiming jockeys.
- Provides input and coaching from a wide range of industry professionals.
- Enhances riders' technical and tactical race-riding skills.
- Helps develop riders' physical and mental attributes for optimum athletic performance.
- Supports each participant with a wide range of communication and lifestyle skills.
- Can also include a two week jockey licence course if required.

It takes place predominantly in the workplace, ie/ a yard and on the racecourse but there are also additional sessions outside of this including fitness sessions and media and communications training, as well as covering off important modules in key areas such as horse welfare; integrity within the sport and healthy lifestyle choices etc.

FIND OUT MORE: Alison.Harper@brs.org.uk
<https://brs.org.uk/course/sporting-excellence-professional-apprenticeship/>

KEY DETAILS

- 16-24 year olds who are on the pathway to race riding and want to become a professional jockey.
- A structured programme giving young riders the foundations, knowledge and skills to excel in the sport.
- Each student is supported to develop the necessary practical skills and complete a portfolio of evidence to show the knowledge they have gained. This portfolio will include written work, small projects, videos, photographs, testimonies and other examples of practical skills and experience.
- When they reach the required level, students are supported to take their End Point Assessment.
- COST: FREE** to attend for UK residents



English Update

Word of the Week:

RESILIENT
adjective
able to recover
and keep going after difficulty

determined • persistent • adaptable • strong
"She remained resilient when the plan failed."

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

PE
Resilient athletes keep working after setbacks.

HISTORY
Resilient communities rebuild after difficult times.

MUSIC
A resilient performer keeps practising after mistakes.

Writing Competition

POETRY – Theme 'UNITE'

Poetry can bring people together.
Write a poem about something that matters to you
Any length up to 80 lines
Any poetic style

- See **Ms. Evans** (EN6) for an entry form
- Hand in entries to **Ms. Evans**
- **Deadline: Friday 16th October**

UNITE
POETRY COMPETITION FOR
11-18 YEAR-OLDS

POETRY CAN BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

WRITE A POEM ABOUT SOMETHING THAT MATTERS TO YOU

ANY LENGTH UP TO 80 LINES

YOU CAN WRITE IN ANY POETIC STYLE

AWESOME PRIZES TO BE WON:

1ST PRIZE:
BEATS HEADPHONES & £100 AMAZON VOUCHER

2ND PRIZE: £100

3RD PRIZE: £50 CINEMA VOUCHER

WHEN THE WORLD DIVIDES, WORDS CONNECT

Ms Evans – Assistant Lead Teacher of English

Year 9 Netball



What a great start to netball fixtures for our Year 9 teams. Both teams were fantastic and really worked well together. There were some really high scoring games with two wins for our 'A' team against strong opposition. Lots of girls have played since Year 7 and others have started alongside their CNAT Sport lessons and have shown such great improvement since the start of the year. Well done girls - it was such a fun afternoon and I am looking forward to some more wins throughout the coming weeks!

Purbrook PE Social Media:

We have started a new Purbrook Instagram account dedicated to PE to provide you with information such as fixtures, clubs, trip opportunities and more. Please follow this account: **@purbrookpark_pe**

Miss Brailey – Teacher of PE

PE Update

Pupil Shop

Pupils can visit our new shop at the Careers Hub every break and lunch for spare stationery as well as some day to day items. Cash only.



Price List

Pencil case packs - £2.50

Includes:

- 4x Pens
- 3x Pencils
- Compass
- Protractor
- Rubber
- Highlighter

Rubbers – 20p

Pencils – 25p

Rulers – 50p

Revision cards – £1

Tissues – 50p

Highlighters (6 colours) – £3

Lip balm – £1

Pencil sharpener – £1

Pen – 50p

4 colour pen – £1

Ties – £6.65

Miss Smith – Lead Practitioner for Personal Development

RSE/PSHE Curriculum

RSE/PSHE Curriculum Review & Feedback Invite

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is vital to ensuring our pupils receive a well-rounded, age-appropriate education. We have recently reviewed our **Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum** to ensure it continues to support our pupils' safety, wellbeing, and emotional development while reflecting statutory guidelines. We are now inviting all parents and carers to review these materials and share their valued feedback.

Step 1: View the Curriculum Materials

Please visit our website PSHE Curriculum page

<https://www.purbrookparkschool.co.uk/page/?title=PSHE&pid=715> where you can view the curriculum overview, specific year-group topics, and the coverage of the RSE Statutory topics benchmarked against lessons.

Step 2: Share Your Feedback

We want to ensure every parent has a voice in this process. Once you have reviewed the website materials, please take a few moments to answer our questions by completing this questionnaire. [PSHE Parent Consultation Form – Fill in form](#) The questionnaire will remain open until Friday 2nd October.

Miss Smith – Lead Practitioner for Personal Development

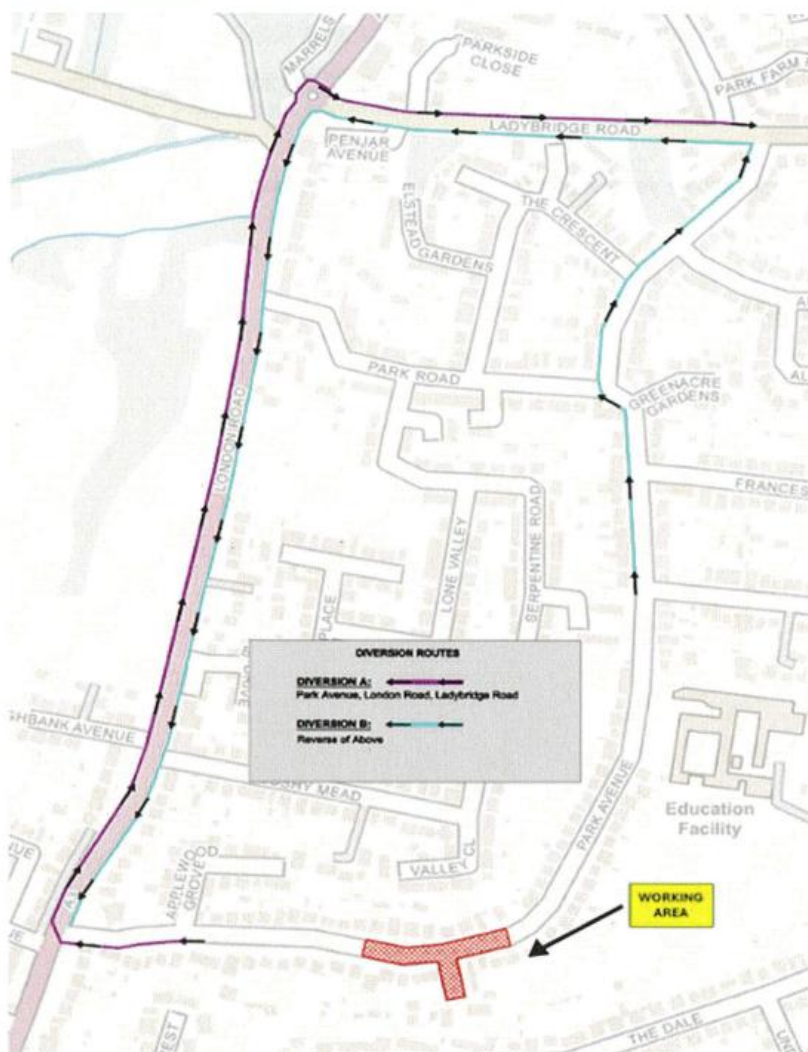
IMPORTANT TRAVEL INFORMATION: Road Closure - Park Avenue

Further to the letter from Mr Foxley earlier this week, please be aware that a section of Park Avenue will be CLOSED to all traffic from 9.00am on Monday 28th September until Friday 30th October for water main repairs.

ROAD TO BE CLOSED: Part of Park Avenue (Numbers 33 – 69) between the junction with Applewood Grove and the junction with Valley Close/Park Avenue Footpath, including Parker Gardens.

The affected roads are shown on this map and a suggested alternative route in blue:

Diversion Route



Please plan alternative routes and allow extra time for your journey. Please can we ask you to think not only of our neighbours but also for the safety of your child and pedestrians. Please choose a safe place to drop off or collect your child at school.

Please be patient and drive carefully during this period of road works.

Sparx Legends of the Week

Year 7 – Jacob (7NMI)

Year 8 – Grace (8FMI)

Year 9 – Alex (9DBL)

Year 10 – Jay (10RHA)

Year 11 – Louie (11MWA)

**50 Praise Points for
each Winner!**

ENGLISH:

Pupils of the week 😊

Year 7 – Beth G (7KSH)

Year 8 – Freya A (8LWA)

Year 9 – Cassie P (9EMI)

Year 10 – Charlie S (10NSD)

Year 11 – Jess L (11GEV)

Week commencing 21st September 2026

Historians of the Week!



Congratulations to...



Year 7 – Farley. R

7SWI



Year 8 – Eli. H

8SGR



Year 9 – Holly. W

9JHE



Year 10 – Finley. F

10JMS



Year 11 – Jacob. L

11FCO



FAITH & FESTIVALS THIS WEEK

26 SEPTEMBER–2 OCTOBER 2026

CONTINUES UNTIL 2 OCTOBER

SUKKOT • JUDAISM

A joyful harvest festival recalling the Israelites' journey through the wilderness.

Many Jewish families eat in a sukkah, a temporary shelter with a roof made from natural materials.

Started at sunset on 25 September



THIS WEEK & INTO OCTOBER

PITRU PAKSHA • HINDUISM

A sacred period for remembering and honouring ancestors.

Families may offer prayers, food and water, and give to charity in their memory.



29 SEPTEMBER

MICHAELMAS • CHRISTIANITY

The feast of Saint Michael and All Angels, observed in many Western Christian traditions.

Christians reflect on angels as God's messengers and protectors.



BEGINS AT SUNSET ON 2 OCTOBER

SHEMINI ATZERET • JUDAISM

A separate holy day immediately following Sukkot.

A time for worship and a special prayer for rain.

Continues on 3 October



• Festival dates and customs may vary between communities and local calendars. •



A message from
the PTFA

Is it too early to be mentioning “Christmas?” Absolutely not!

The PTFA will be holding their popular **Christmas Market** again this year on **Saturday 21st November** from 11am until 3pm and work is already underway.

This will be a **FREE** event, featuring traditional **Gift and Craft stalls**, **Tombolas**, **Christmas Raffle**, **Father Christmas Grotto**, **Christmas Carols**, **Refreshments**, **Games** and so much more...

Can you help in any of the following ways:

- Offering to help on a stall at the event
- Running your own stall (if you have your own business or products) – please enquire at purbrookparkschoolptfa@gmail.com – there are limited spaces left, so get in quick!
- Providing a Raffle prize
- Donating to the Bottle or Chocolate Tombola

**Can You
Help?**

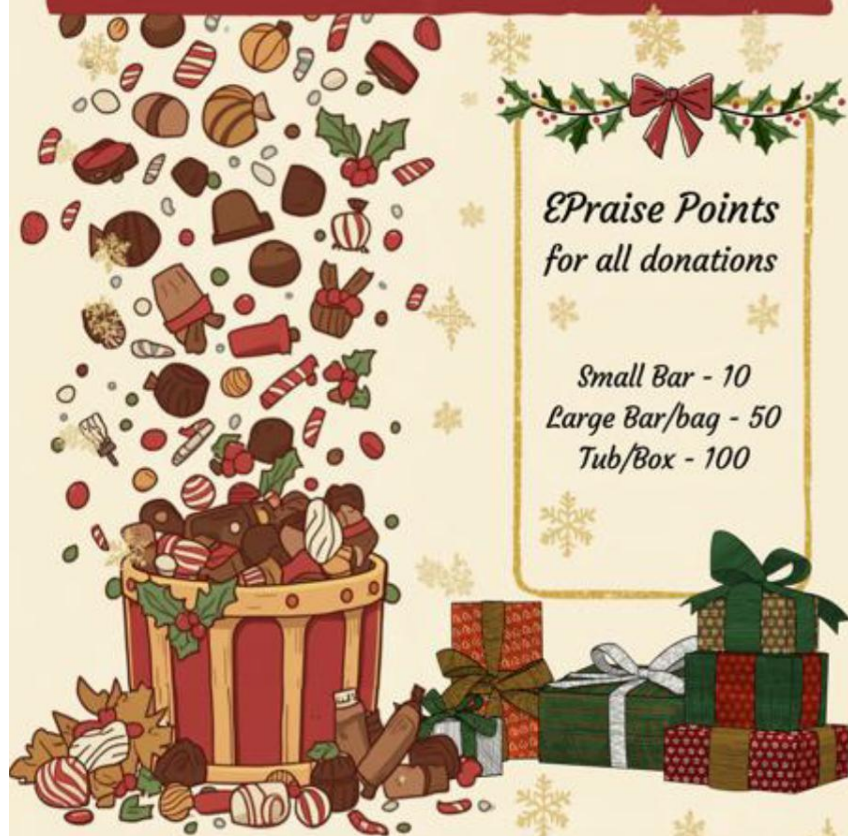


Bottle Tombola – For example: This can be shampoo, shower gel, bubble bath, soft drinks, alcohol, sauces or anything that comes in a bottle!

Pupils will be awarded **Praise points for donations**. Please bring these to Reception or your tutor, labelled with your name and tutor group so that praise points can be awarded. We really do appreciate your help.

If you have any questions, please email: purbrookparkschoolptfa@gmail.com or call 02392 370351

Chocolate Donations Wanted for Our Christmas Market Tombola!



*EPraise Points
for all donations*

*Small Bar - 10
Large Bar/bag - 50
Tub/Box - 100*

*Please bring your chocolate donations to
main reception.*

Donations requested **CHRISTMAS** **BOTTLE TOMBOLA**

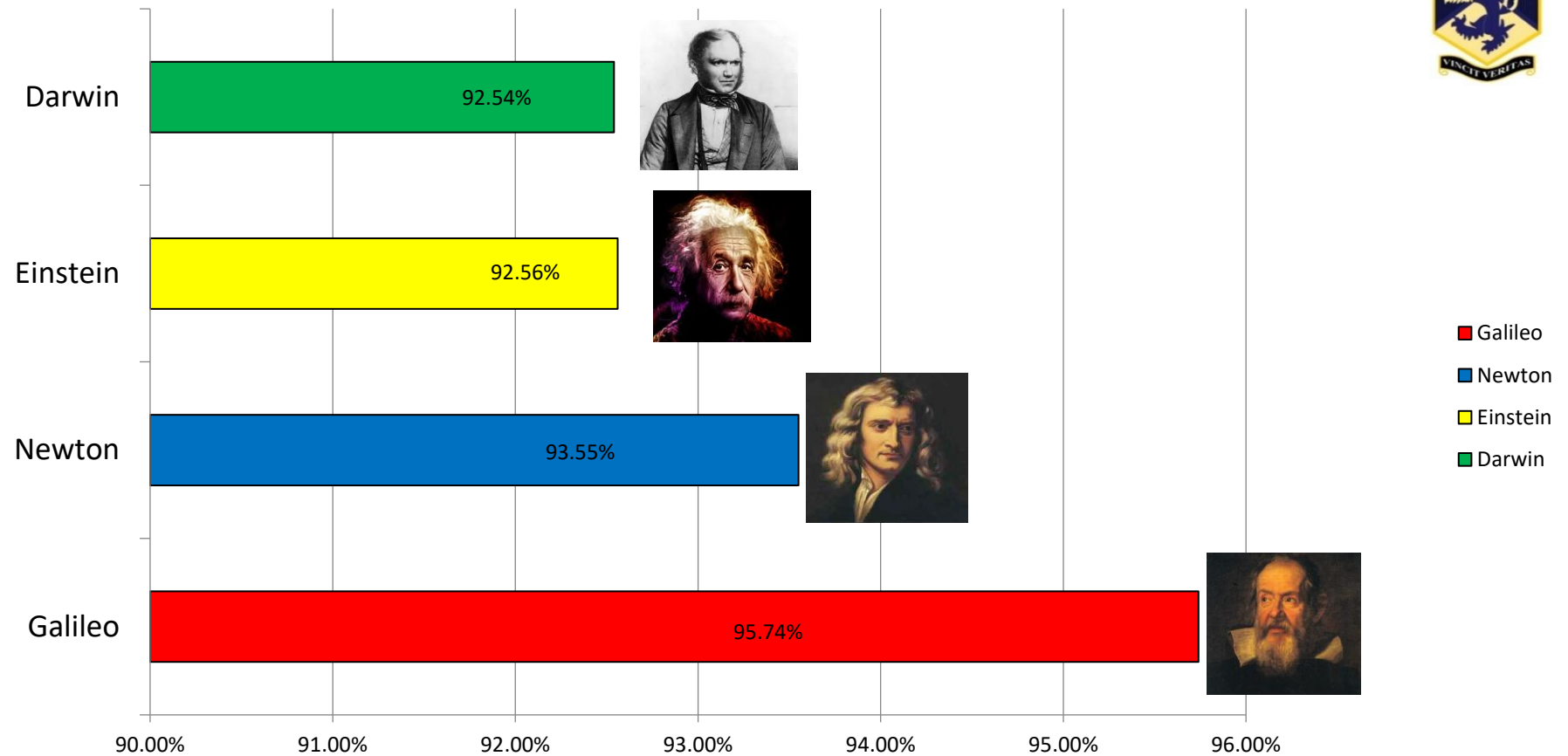


**EPRAISE
POINTS FOR
DONATIONS**

**SMALL BOTTLE
20 POINTS
LARGE BOTTLE
50 POINTS**

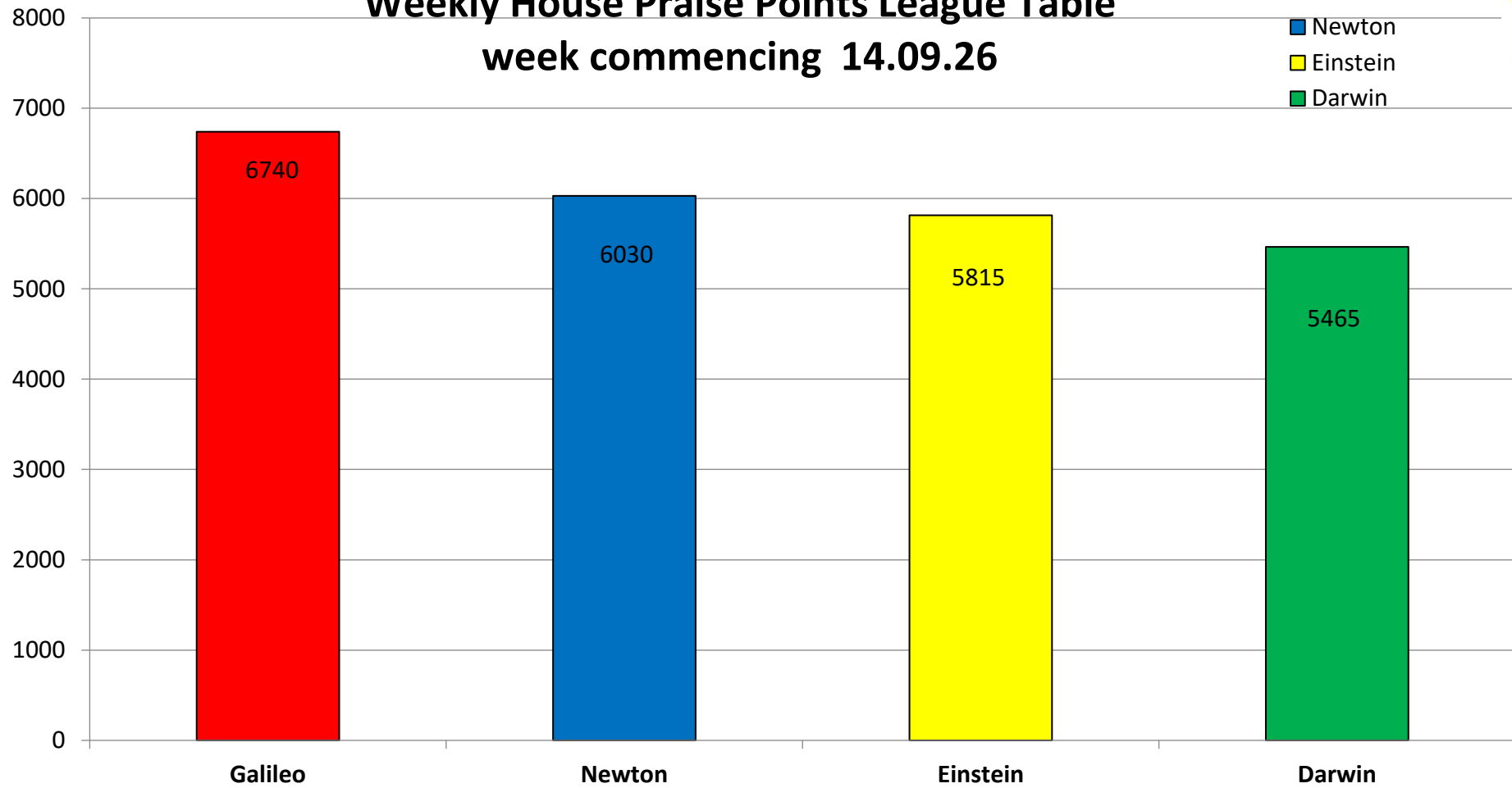
**PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO MAIN RECEPTION.
NOTE: ALCOHOL BOTTLES SHOULD BE BROUGHT
IN BY AN ADULT - NOT PUPILS**

Weekly House Attendance - 14.09.26 - 18.09.26



Weekly House Praise Points League Table week commencing 14.09.26

- Galileo
- Newton
- Einstein
- Darwin

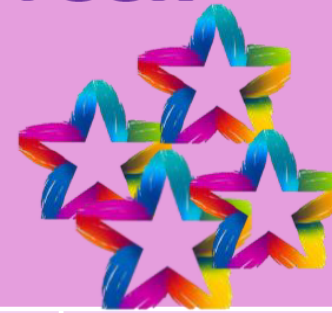


E- Praise Leaders This Week



Talent is a gift, but
character is a choice.

John C. Maxwell



Yr 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Austen KSH	Grace FMI	Grace EMI	Molly ATO	Dexter MBR
Dylan CST	Leila FMI	Oakley DBL	Brooke RHA	Isabelle BSO
River SWI	Shay FMI	Jake DBL	Henry AKO	Noah MWA

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

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Raising Resilient Children Online course

Mondays 28 September - 19 October
7pm - 9pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



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Positive Parenting Online course

Mondays 2 November - 30 November
7:30pm - 9pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957

