



Purbrook Park School Purbrook Park Newsletter



Week commencing Monday 12th October 2026
WEEK A

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*Purbrook Park Performers
Winners of the 'Creative Choreography award' at the UK dance awards*

1. Notes from the Headteacher

Huge congratulations to our exceptional Performing Arts Team, who have won a national “Creative Choreography Award” at the UK Dance Awards – please follow the link for more information.

<https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/your-world/purbrook-park-school-performers-celebrate-national-dance-award-win-9276145>

With best wishes,

Paul Foxley

2. Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 12.10.26	Staff Briefing – 3.10pm – 3.20pm Department Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Tuesday 13.10.26	Dance Performance Squad auditions – 3.00pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 14.10.26	School Day
Thursday 15.10.26	Year 7 'Restart a Heart' day
Friday 16.10.26	Year 8 I-Construct Careers event - CETC Fareham College Staff Flu Vaccination – 2.00pm – 3.15pm
Saturday 17.10.26	Musical Con - Excel, London – 7.00am – 8.00pm

3. Messages

Year 9 & 10 Drama Workshops	Two fantastic Drama workshops were led by Kerry from the Splendid Theatre company last Thursday. Thank you for an energetic and inspiring day for all our pupils. Key Drama practitioners were covered and GCSE techniques developed throughout the day, which pupils will incorporate into their own practical and theory exam work in lesson time.  Mrs Shepherd - Teacher of Drama
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Performing Arts Update



UK Dance Awards

Purbrook Park won the 'Creative Choreography award' at the UK dance awards (pictured on the front of the newsletter). We were one of eight finalists up against some big names and were the only secondary school amongst a room full of top colleges, industry professionals and private dance schools. It's a huge achievement and we would like to thank every single one of our pupils who danced our pieces exactly how we imagined them in our heads. This is SO important for dance in education! Purbrook Park Performers at their very best.

Diary Dates

Monday 12th October	Run through	All in act 1
Tuesday 13th October	Elite Dance auditions More of him to love song and Oompa Loompas Guitar Club	Anyone Augustus, Mrs Gloop, and Oompa Loompas. 3-4 Music department
Wednesday 14th October	All bucket shack scenes Rock Band	All grandparents, Charlie and Mrs Green 3-4 Music department
Thursday 15th October	Scene 9: Strike that reverse it	All main parts in the factory (not Oompa)
Friday 16th October	Choir Club	2:20-3:20 Music department
Saturday 17th October	'Musical Con' Excel London	Pupils to meet at the back of school 7:00am. Please check Edulink for updates and messages.

'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' Tickets

Tickets will be available to purchase on **Friday 9th October 2026, from 6:00pm**. Please choose the date and scan the relevant QR code or click on the link below/overleaf:

Tuesday 1st December 6:30pm

<https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school/t-vxjrlzi>



Wednesday 2nd December 6:30pm

<https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school/t-oevgnpm>

**Thursday 3rd December 6:30pm**

<https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school/t-ejqpgvj>

**Year 11 GCSE Drama exam - Tuesday 13th October**

Tuesday 13th October P1 and P2 - GCSE Drama Exam Component 1
Devised performance. Pupils should come straight to CM2 to register.

Mrs Brook – Performing Arts Technician**Science –
Celebrating
Success****Sparx**

The top three Science Sparx users in each year group for the week beginning 28th September 2026 were as follows:

Year Group	1 st Position	2 nd Position	3 rd Position
7	Belle (TEV)	Abbi (CST)	JJ (KSH)
8	Archie (FTU)	Isla (FTU)	Alex (API)
9	Taiya (SSR)	Felix (CSI)	Oliver (JHE)
10	Tilly (NSD)	Oliver (JMS)	Jacob (NSD)
11	Savannah (MBR)	Nelly (TGO)	Dolce (FCO)

Each of the above have been awarded 25 Praise Points for their efforts. This academic year pupils have completed 1,183 hours of personalised learning on Sparx Science.

Scientists of the Week

The following pupils have been nominated as “Scientist of the Week” by Mr Evans for their continued hard work and sustained effort within lessons and have been awarded 50 Praise Points: Riley (8FMI) and Dexter (11MBR).

Homework

Sparx homework is set on a Thursday and due the following Wednesday for all year groups. Occasionally additional homework may be set to help consolidate knowledge, for example in preparation for an end of topic assessment.

STEM @ PPS

The Royal Society of Biology are hosting again this year their BioCraft art competition. In this competition, participants create a biology-inspired 3D artwork from recycled or other materials. The competition is open to anyone in the UK and internationally. Entries are free of charge and the competition is open to all ages. <https://www.rsb.org.uk/biocraft-competition.html>

Mr Evans – Lead Teacher of Science

Food Practical Reminders

FOOD PRACTICAL LESSONS

9C Pin wheels 12.10.26 & 13.10.26

8Z Mac and cheese 12.10.26

8X Mac and cheese 13.10.26

7X Yorkshire puddings 14.10.26

7Y Scones 15.10.26

SWEET OR SAVOURY PIN WHEELS 9C



12.10.26 MAKE YOUR DOUGH READY

13.10.26 ADD FILLINGS AND ROLL

PLEASE BRING IN ALL THE INGREDIENTS THAT YOU WILL NEED AND A CONTAINER. THESE CAN BE SWEET OR SAVOURY. BE CREATIVE. THINK OF DIFFERENT FLAVOURS AND COLOURS THAT YOU CAN ADD TO YOUR DOUGH.

Ingredients

- 250g Strong White flour
- Extra flour for dusting
- 1 packet of yeast
- 1 tsp of sugar or salt
- 10g Butter
- 125ml warm water
- Sweet or savoury ingredients of your choice for the filling

MAC, VEG 'N' CHEESE METHOD



Ingredients

- 100g Macaroni
- 100g Frozen mixed veg
- 40g Cheddar Cheese
- 25g Butter
- 25g Plain flour
- 250ml Semi-Skimmed Milk
- Black Pepper
- 1 tsp Mustard or Mustard Powder

METHOD

1. Bring a saucepan of water to the boil, and then add the macaroni. Cook for about 10-12 minutes, until al dente. The frozen vegetables 5 mins before the end.
2. Grate the cheese.
3. While the pasta is cooking, make the sauce:
 - place the fat, flour and milk into a small saucepan;
 - bring the sauce to a boil, whisking all the time until it has thickened;
 - stir in 25g of the grated cheese and mustard or mustard powder;
 - simmer for 2-3 mins.
4. Preheat the grill.
5. Drain the boiling hot water away from the macaroni using a colander over a sink.
6. Stir the macaroni into the cheese sauce and add a few twists of black pepper.
7. Pour the macaroni into a hot tin/glass.
8. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the top.
9. Place under a hot grill until the cheese is bubbling and golden brown.

YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS METHOD



Ingredients

- 175g plain flour
- 2 eggs (280ml/7fl oz)
- 100ml milk
- sunflower oil, for cooking
- gravy

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 230C/fan 210C/gas 8.
2. Drizzle a little sunflower oil evenly into Yorkshire pudding tin, and place in the oven to heat through.
3. To make the batter, tip 175g plain flour into a bowl and beat in 2 eggs until smooth.
4. Gradually add 100ml milk and carry on beating until the mix is completely lump-free. Season with salt and pepper.
5. Pour the batter into a jug, then remove the hot tin from the oven. Carefully and evenly pour the batter into the holes.
6. Place the tins back in the oven and leave undisturbed for 20-25 mins until the puddings have puffed up and browned.

SCONES METHOD



Ingredients

- 45g (unsalted) Butter (solid/cubed)
- 125g Self-Raising Flour (plus extra for dusting)
- 25g Caster Sugar
- 125ml Lemon Juice
- 100ml Milk
- 125g Vanilla Extract
- 1 Egg (for glaze)
- 40g milk choc chips

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/425F and place a lined baking tray in the oven to preheat.
2. Tip the flour, salt, baking powder and butter into a bowl and mix together until it resembles bread crumbs. **Pre-heat the oven!**
3. Add the sugar and stir in the lemon juice and add alternative ingredients.
4. Gradually add the milk and mix the flour mixture until it is moist. **Don't add too much milk!**
5. Heat the Milk in the microwave or on the hob as its warm but not hot - microwave will take about 30 seconds - you don't want it too hot!
6. Add the vanilla to the milk and mix.
7. Make a well in the dry mixture and add the liquid - stir with a spatula as it will be very wet at first - but it'll soon dry out as the liquid is incorporated.
8. Beat the wet surface with some flour and tip the dough onto it - fold the dough over a few times so it is smooth but do not over work it.
9. Roll the dough and lift it is about 1cm thick.
10. Flip a knife round and cut the dough into 8 equal pieces and cut out the scones - you will probably get four out of the first get repeat this until you have up all the dough.
11. Take the tray out of the oven carefully and place the scones onto it - **brush the tops with the beaten egg so its glazed** and bake in the oven for 10 minutes - leave to cool slightly when baked.

ADT/YEAR 11/ NEA 1 EXAM DATES

- 11D- MISS CUMBO TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER
- 11B-MRS ARMSTRONG WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
- YOU MUST HAVE A UP TO DATE PORTFOLIO AND PROVIDE YOUR OWN INGREDIENTS FOR THE EXAM
- 1 WEEK TO GO!



Mrs Armstrong – Teacher of Food Technology

Lockers

During the summer holidays we emptied lockers that were no longer being used, according to our list. We found a lot of PE kits, trainers, football boots and coats left in them!

If you have found items missing from your locker since returning to school, please come to Reception to check if we have them.

Items not claimed by October half term will be added to our spare uniform supplies or donated to charity if appropriate.

Admin Team



Brinsbury College	10/10/2026	10am to 1pm
Itchen College	10/10/2026	10am to 1pm
Richard Taunton college	13/10/2026	6pm to 8pm
SHCG Eastleigh	13/10/2026	5pm to 7pm
Burgate 6th Form	14/10/2026	6pm to 8pm
COPC Highbury	14/10/2026	4.30pm-7.30pm
COPC North Harbour	14/10/2026	4.30pm-7.30pm
COPC Portsmouth	14/10/2026	4.30pm-7.30pm
UTC Portsmouth	14/10/2026	4.45pm-7.30p
COPC Highbury	15/10/2026	4.30pm-7.30pm
COPC North Harbour	15/10/2026	4.30pm-7.30pm
COPC Portsmouth	15/10/2026	4.30pm-7.30pm
Oaklands 6th Form	15/10/2026	5.30pm-8pm
SHCG Fareham	15/10/2026	5pm to 7pm



BAE Systems Apprentice Open Evenings

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Apprentice Open Evenings

BAE Systems Maritime Defence Solutions – Portsmouth Naval Base

Tuesday 3 November 2026, 18:00 – 20:00

Wednesday 4 November 2026, 18:00 – 20:00

If you're aged 14+ and thinking about your future, come and discover where an apprenticeship with BAE Systems Maritime Defence Solutions could take you.

Whether you're interested in engineering, digital technology, radar, manufacturing, business or planning, you could develop your skills while contributing to some of the technology and services supporting the people who protect the UK.

Come along to an Apprenticeship Open Evening at Portsmouth Naval Base and meet the people already doing it. Chat with apprentices, engineers, digital technologists and business professionals, explore the opportunities available, and discover how you could become part of the team at our sites in Portsmouth.

Apprenticeship opportunities are available from age 16+, so this is a great chance for students aged 14+ to start exploring their options.

BAE SYSTEMS

Medicine WEX Opportunities

Pupils interested in healthcare careers can sign up to join four online medical experiences live or catch up with the recordings afterwards. Free registration and further information are available via the link: <https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/free>

In-person medicine work experience opportunities for pupils are also available. Pupils can attend individual days, with young people from across the UK taking part:

LONDON

24 October 2026 – A&E & GP

London South Bank University

25 October 2026 – On-Call Doctor

London South Bank University

7 November 2026 – Surgical Skills Explorer

King's College Hospital

MANCHESTER

14 November 2026 – A&E & GP

Wythenshawe Hospital

15 November 2026 – Ward Round & Radiology

Wythenshawe Hospital

21 November 2026 – On-Call Doctor

Wythenshawe Hospital

Each experience is designed to give pupils considering medicine the opportunity to explore the profession through practical, interactive activities and medical scenarios. **Full details & booking:**

London Dates - <https://www.premedprojects.co.uk/course/medicine-work-experience-day-event>

Manchester Dates - www.premedprojects.co.uk/course/manchester-hospital-work-experience-1-day-courses

Mrs Akhtar – Careers Advisor

**Year 11 ADT
Deadline**

ADT ANNOUNCEMENT	
YR 11 DEADLINES -	
FINAL OUTCOME SKETCHBOOK HANDED IN	DUE OCTOBER 12TH DUE OCTOBER 23RD
2 WEEKS // 4 LESSONS TO GO	
	

Mrs Sanderson – A, D & T Technician

English Update

Word of the Week:

SIGNIFICANT
adjective
important or having a noticeable effect

important • notable • meaningful • considerable
"The discovery was significant for the whole field."

ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

HISTORY
The invention had a significant impact on society.

GEOGRAPHY
A significant rise in sea level affects coastal areas.

SCIENCE
The results show a significant change in temperature.

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

WHEN THE WORLD DIVIDES, WORDS CONNECT

AWESOME PRIZES TO BE WON:

1ST PRIZE: BEATS HEADPHONES & £100 AMAZON VOUCHER
2ND PRIZE: KINDLE
3RD PRIZE: £50 GIMMIX VOUCHER

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

Entries closing on 16th October at 5pm

See Ms Evans for Entry Form

Ms Evans – Assistant Lead Teacher of English

October Half-Term Activities

ROYAL NAVAL SAILING ASSOCIATION YOUTH CREW

Book Now for October Half Term!

FREE RYA Sailing Week in Portsmouth for 8-17 year old children of Serving and Reservists Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Fleet Auxiliary Personnel

Non-Residential Courses for Beginners & Improvers at Andrew Simpson Centre, Eastern Road

Book Online Today
rnsayouthcrew.org.uk

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SCAN ME

POPEY IN THE COMMUNITY

Held at Bedales School
9am - 3pm | 5-12 years
Indoor Football
Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th
pompeyitc.co.uk | 023 9272 8899

Pastoral Team

Sparx Legends of the Week

Year 7 – Evie (7CST)

Year 8 – Jonah (8FMI)

Year 9 – Declan (9EMI)

Year 10 – Maddison (10TKE)

Year 11 – Lily (11GEV)

**50 Praise Points for
each Winner!**

ENGLISH:

😊 Pupils of the week 😊

Year 7 – Alithea S (7SWI)

Year 8 – Jack Y (8HDO)

Year 9 – Georgia H (9CBR)

Year 10 – Millie W (10RHA)

Year 11 – Reggie H (11GEV)

Week commencing 05th October 2026

Historians of the Week!



Congratulations to...



Year 7 – Tilly. C

7NMI



Year 8 – Stanley. P

8LWA



Year 9 – Taya. I

9SSR



Year 10 – Harry. H

10JMS



Year 11 – Jacob. L

11FCO



FAITH & FESTIVALS THIS WEEK

10 OCTOBER – 16 OCTOBER 2026

10 OCTOBER

PITRU PAKSHA • HINDUISM

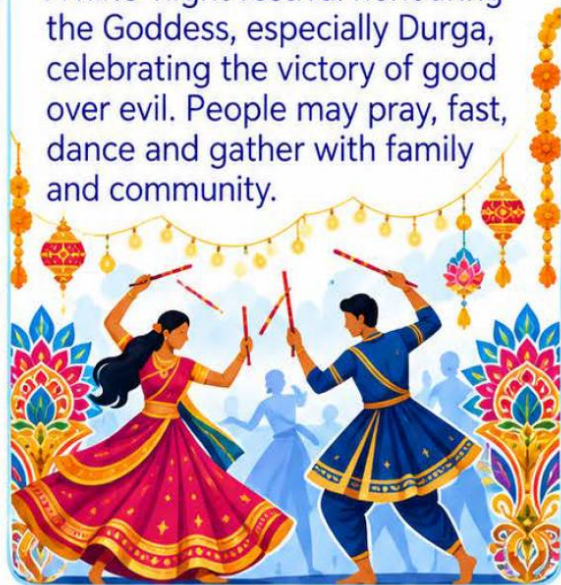
The final day of a period when many Hindus honour and remember their ancestors, often through prayers, offerings and acts of charity.



11 – 16 OCTOBER

NAVARATRI • HINDUISM

A nine-night festival honouring the Goddess, especially Durga, celebrating the victory of good over evil. People may pray, fast, dance and gather with family and community.



16 OCTOBER

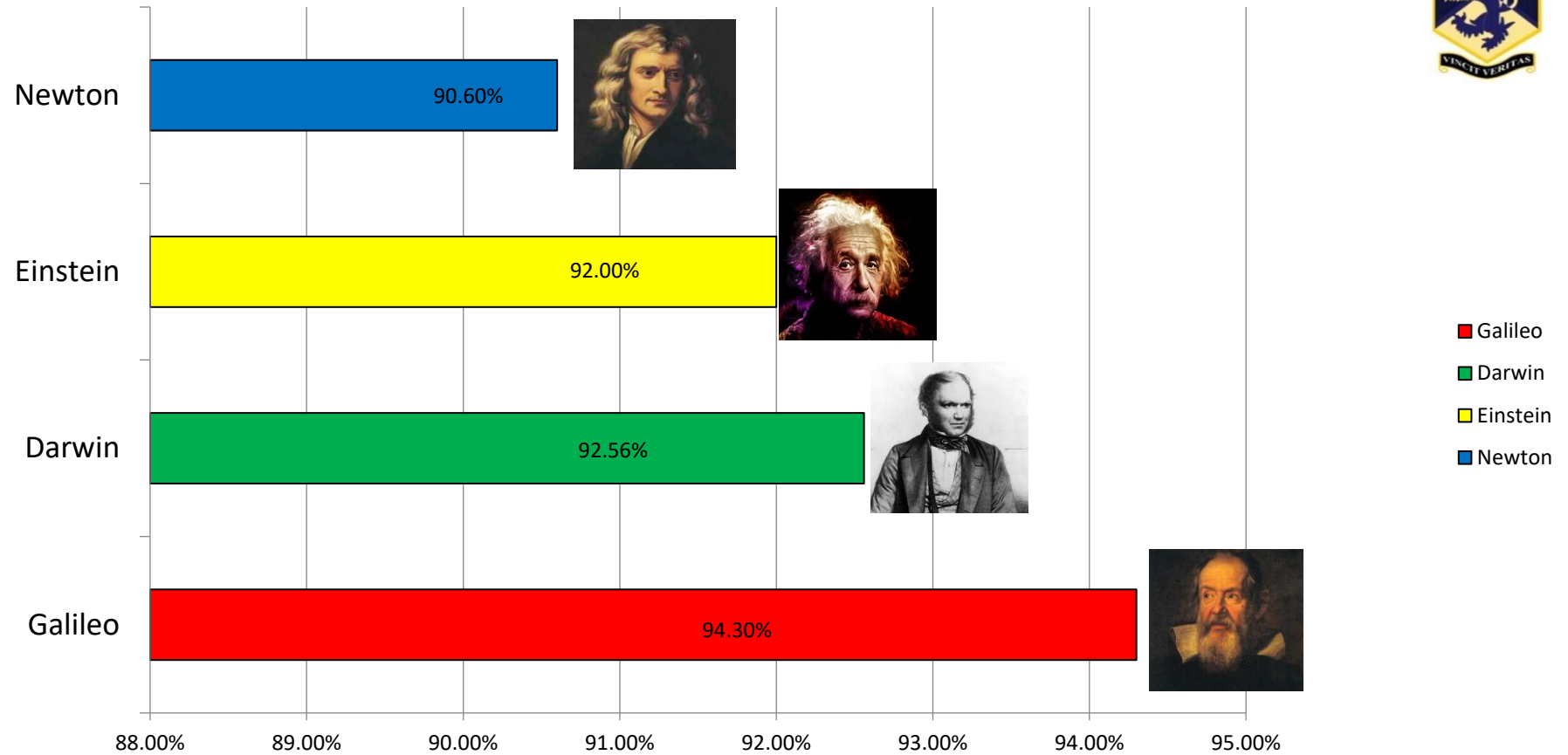
DURGA PUJA • HINDUISM

A major celebration, especially associated with the worship of Goddess Durga. Communities may create decorated images or shrines, offer prayers, and enjoy music, dance and food.



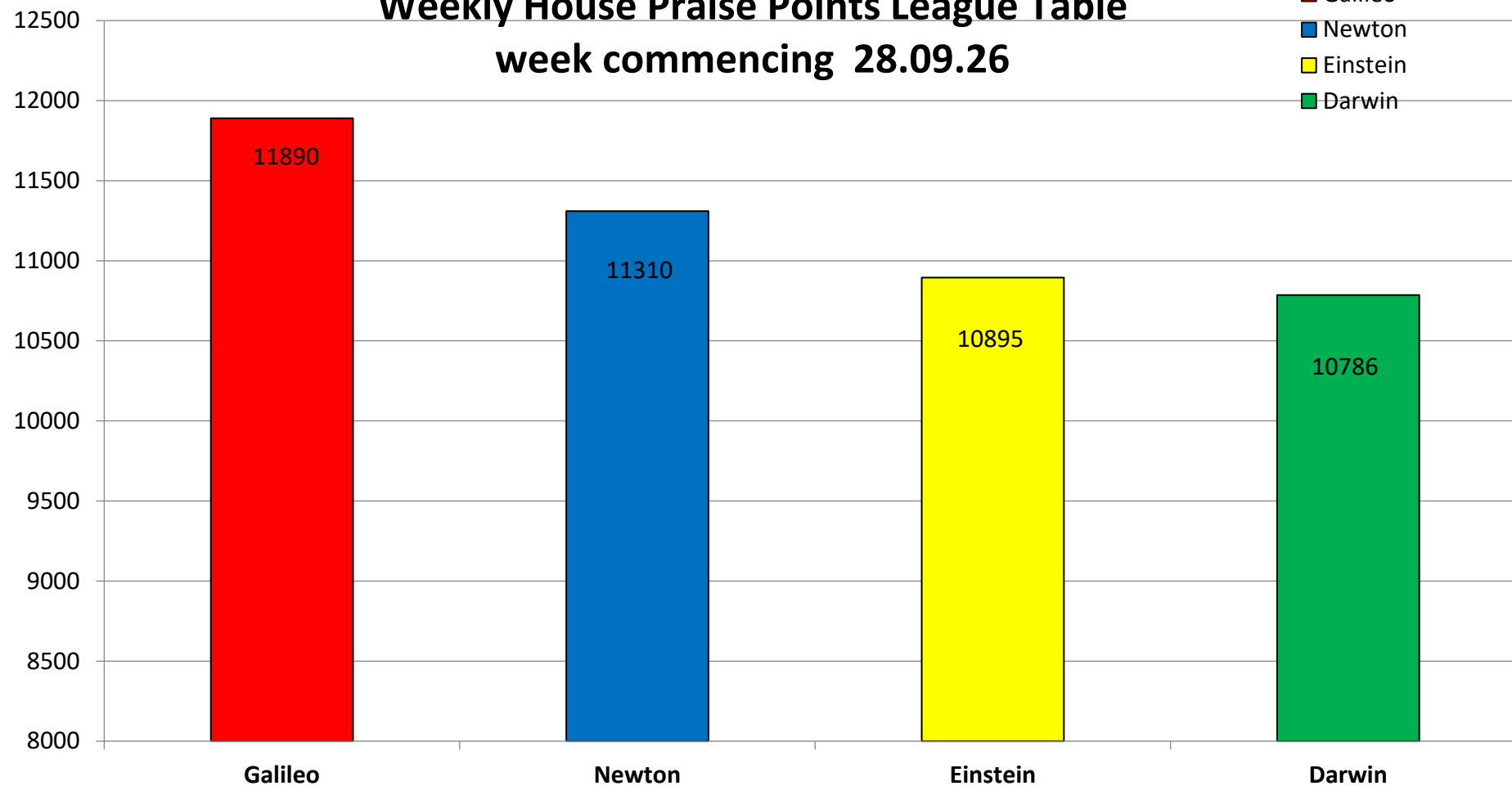
Festival dates and customs may vary between communities and local calendars.

Weekly House Attendance - 28.09.26 - 02.10.26



Weekly House Praise Points League Table week commencing 28.09.26

- 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
Myles NMI	Emma LWA	Spencer NBO	Alana ATO	Beth TGO
Parker TEV	Anthony LWA	Stan LBA	Ashton TKE	Rosie BSO
Willow KSH	Freya LWA	Alice LBR	Molly ATO	Dexter MBR

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



Win 100
Praise
Points
for your
House

Please
bring
your
donations to
His 3 -
Mrs
Walsh's
room

Support
the
Xmas
Fair

All
items
to be
new
and in
your
House
Colour

Win 3000
Praise
Points
for your
House

Support
the
Christmas
Market

All
items
to be
new
and in
your
House
Colour

Please bring
your
donations to
His 3 -
Mrs Walsh's
room

Deadline for
items to be
given to Mrs
Walsh
is Friday 20th
November

PURBROOK PARK Christmas Market

21 November 2026

11am - 3pm

We will have:



Gift and
craft stalls



Games



Christmas
carols



Meet Father
Christmas
in his grotto



Christmas Raffle
drawn at 2.30pm



Chocolate and
Bottle tombolas



Purbrook Bowmen
- Archery



Refreshments

Everyone Welcome!



PRE-LOVED PROM DRESS SALE

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2026

1PM - 4PM

CASH PAYMENTS PREFERRED

VENUE: BISHOP LUFFA SCHOOL, PO19 3HP
ENTRY VIA WESTGATE

BUY OR SELL YOUR PROM DRESS -
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
US VIA THE EMAIL BELOW

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