Purbrook Park School
Purbrook Park Newsletter

Week commencing Monday 19th October 2026
WEEK B

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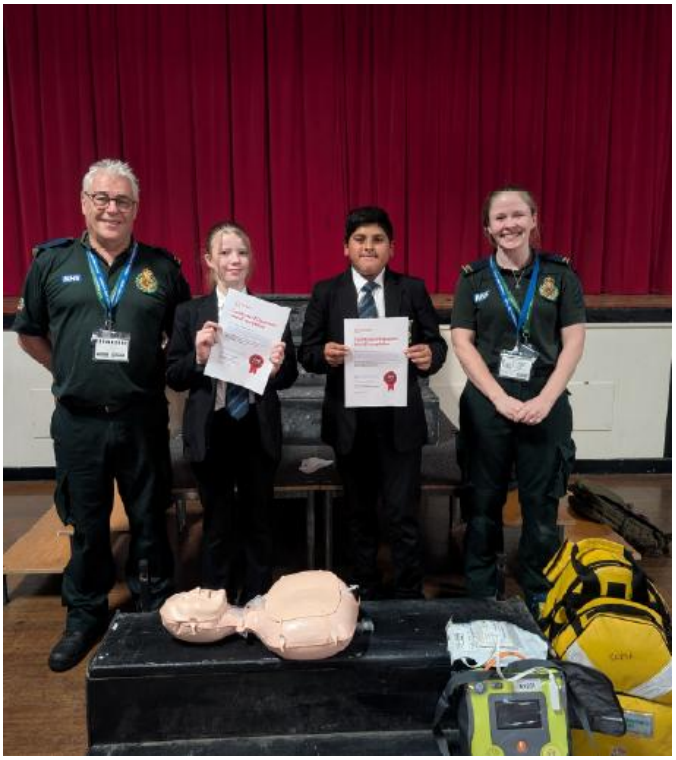


Year 7 'Restart a Heart'

1. Notes from the Headteacher

Save the date!

Our ever-popular **Christmas Market** will take place here at Purbrook Park on **Saturday 21st November from 11am – 3pm** – more information below.

With best wishes,

Paul Foxley

2. Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 19.10.26	Staff Briefing – 3.10pm – 3.20pm Department Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Tuesday 20.10.26	Year 11 GCSE Food NEA1
Wednesday 21.10.26	Year 11 GCSE Food NEA1
Thursday 22.10.26	School Day
Friday 23.10.26	Choir - Musical Theatre rehearsal with Hampshire Music Service – P3
26.10.26 to 30.10.26	AUTUMN HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

3. Messages

Science – celebrating Success

Sparx

The top three Science Sparx users in each year group for the week beginning 5th October 2026 were as follows:

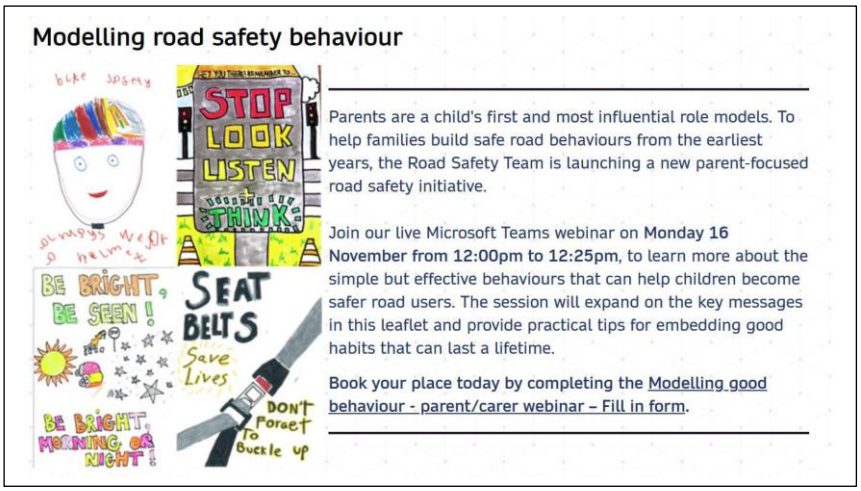
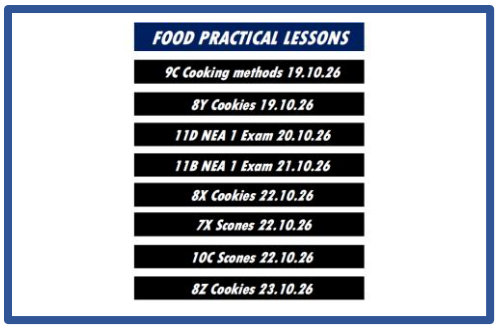
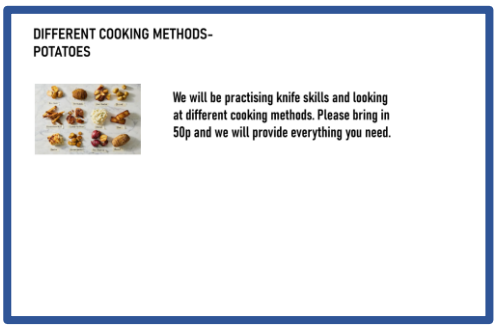
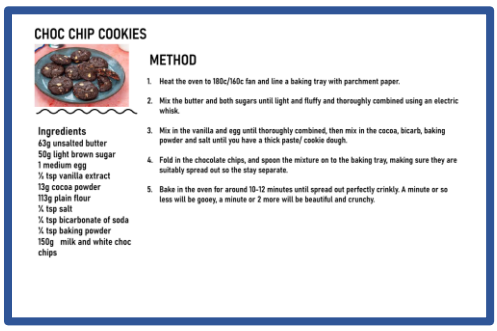
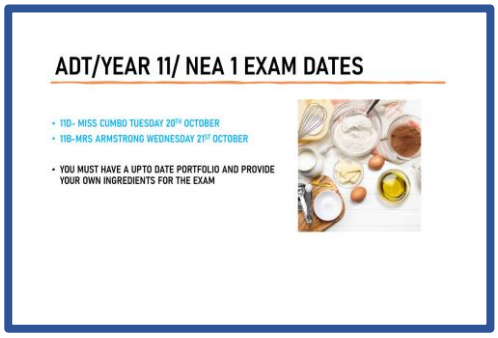
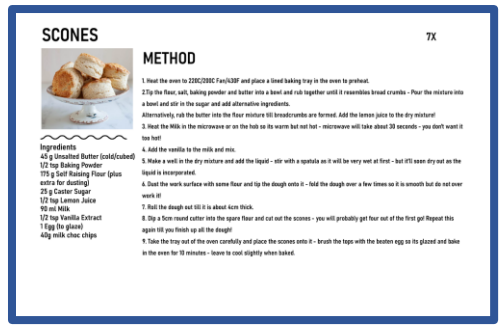
Year Group	1st Position	2nd Position	3rd Position
7	Alyssa (NMI)	Keira (KSH)	Felicity (EHA)
8	Regan (LBR)	Pixie (LBR)	Izzy (HDO)
9	Oakley (DBL)	Felix (CSI)	Lucas (LBA)
10	Tilly (NSD)	Isabelle (NSD)	Alex (AKO)
11	Savannah (MBR)	Bethany (TGO)	Rose (TGO)

Each of the above have been awarded 25 Praise Points for their efforts. This academic year pupils have correctly answered an amazing 198,071 questions within Sparx Science!

Scientists of the Week

The following pupils have been nominated as “Scientist of the Week” by Mrs Davies for their continued hard work and sustained effort within lessons. They have been awarded 50 Praise Points each: William (11SAT) and Darcey (11SAT).

Mr Evans – Lead Teacher of Science

Modelling Road Safety Behaviour	The leaflet via the link below highlights road safety messages and promotes a free parent webinar, being hosted during Brake's Road Safety Week in November. **Modelling road safety behaviour – parent/carer leaflet**  Modelling road safety behaviour Parents are a child's first and most influential role models. To help families build safe road behaviours from the earliest years, the Road Safety Team is launching a new parent-focused road safety initiative. Join our live Microsoft Teams webinar on **Monday 16 November from 12:00pm to 12:25pm**, to learn more about the simple but effective behaviours that can help children become safer road users. The session will expand on the key messages in this leaflet and provide practical tips for embedding good habits that can last a lifetime. Book your place today by completing the Modelling good behaviour - parent/carer webinar – Fill in form. **Pastoral Team**
Food Practical Reminders	 FOOD PRACTICAL LESSONS 9C Cooking methods 19.10.26 8Y Cookies 19.10.26 11D NEA 1 Exam 20.10.26 11B NEA 1 Exam 21.10.26 8X Cookies 22.10.26 7X Scones 22.10.26 10C Scones 22.10.26 8Z Cookies 23.10.26  DIFFERENT COOKING METHODS- POTATOES We will be practising knife skills and looking at different cooking methods. Please bring in 50p and we will provide everything you need.  CHOC CHIP COOKIES METHOD Ingredients 63g unsalted butter 50g light brown sugar 1 medium egg ¼ tsp vanilla extract 13g cocoa powder 113g plain flour ¼ tsp salt ¼ tsp bicarbonate of soda ¼ tsp baking powder 150g milk and white choc chips 1. Heat the oven to 180c/160c fan and line a baking tray with parchment paper. 2. Mix the butter and both sugars until light and fluffy and thoroughly combined using an electric whisk. 3. Mix in the vanilla and egg until thoroughly combined, then mix in the cocoa, bicarb, baking powder and salt until you have a thick paste/ cookie dough. 4. Fold in the chocolate chips, and spoon the mixture on to the baking tray, making sure they are suitably spread out so the stay separate. 5. Bake in the oven for around 10-12 minutes until spread out perfectly crinkly. A minute or so less will be gooey, a minute or 2 more will be beautiful and crunchy.  ADT/YEAR 11/ NEA 1 EXAM DATES • 11D- MISS CUMBO TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER • 11B-MRS ARMSTRONG WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER • YOU MUST HAVE A UPTO DATE PORTFOLIO AND PROVIDE YOUR OWN INGREDIENTS FOR THE EXAM  SCONES 7X METHOD Ingredients 45 g Unsalted Butter (cold/cubed) 1/2 tsp Baking Powder 175 g Self Raising Flour (plus extra for dusting) 25 g Caster Sugar 1/2 tsp Lemon Juice 90 ml Milk 1/2 tsp Vanilla Extract 1 Egg (to glaze) 40g milk choc chips 1. Heat the oven to 220C/200C Fan/430F and place a lined baking tray in the oven to preheat. 2.Tip the flour, salt, baking powder and butter into a bowl and rub together until it resembles bread crumbs – Pour the mixture into a bowl and stir in the sugar and add alternative ingredients. Alternatively, rub the butter into the flour mixture till breadcrumbs are formed. Add the lemon juice to the dry mixture! 3. Heat the Milk in the microwave or on the hob so its warm but not hot – microwave will take about 30 seconds – you don't want it too hot! 4. Add the vanilla to the milk and mix. 5. 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. 6. Dust the work 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! 7. Roll the dough out till it is about 4cm thick. 8. Dip a 5cm round cutter into the spare flour and cut out the scones – you will probably get four out of the first go! Repeat this again till you finish up all the dough! 9. 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. SWEET OR SAVOURY SCONES 10C Choose your own sweet or savoury fillings to make your scones. Ingredients: 45 g Unsalted Butter (cold/cubed) 1/2 tsp Baking Powder 175 g Self Raising Flour (plus extra for dusting) 25 g Caster Sugar 1/2 tsp Lemon Juice 90 ml Milk 1/2 tsp Vanilla Extract 1 Egg (to glaze) 40g additional ingredients of your choice **Mrs Armstrong – Teacher of Food Technology**

Year 8 Progress Evening	Year 8 Progress Evening is taking place on **Thursday 26th November 2026, from 4.00pm to 8.00pm.** This evening will be intended primarily to meet the parents of pupils for whom we feel there are inconsistencies or concerns over progress. All Year 8 parents should log into the Parents' Evening system on Thursday 12th November 2026 to see if any of your child's teachers have requested to see you and make appointments as appropriate. Any remaining appointments will become available to book for all parents from 5.00pm on Thursday 19th November 2026. Reminders of these dates and deadlines will be sent to parents by text message. https://purbrookpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/ **Mrs Davies – Lead Practitioner KS3 Achievement**
Pre-Loved Uniform	**Has your child grown out of their school uniform?** Purbrook Park School Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) are looking for donations of Pre-loved School Uniform to support our environment through an eco-friendly way to dispose of outgrown uniform and offer good quality pre-loved uniform to our school community. Donations can include: • **Any Branded School Uniform - (Blazers, Ties, PE Kit)** • **Non-Branded School Uniform - Blouses / Shirts, Trousers and Skirts** • **Shoes – School shoes, trainers or football boots** Please make sure that all items are in GOOD condition, have been freshly laundered and name labels are removed. Donations can be made at Reception. The PTFA run Pre-Loved Uniform sales throughout the school year and will advertise dates in advance. **The NEXT PRELOVED SALE will be held on Saturday 21st November between 11am and 3pm at the Christmas Market.** Cash and card payments can be made, although cash is the preferred form of payment. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you in advance for your support **Purbrook Park School PTFA**

Performing Arts Update	

Diary Dates

Monday 19th October	Scene 9: Strike that reverse it	All main parts in the factory -not Oompa Loompas
Tuesday 20th October	End of scene 9 &10 Pure Imagination (p56) Guitar Club	All main parts AND Oompa Loompas
Wednesday 21st October	End of scene 9 &10 Pure Imagination (p56) Rock Band	All main parts AND Oompa Loompas
Thursday 22nd October till 4:45pm	Run everything	Whole Cast Backstage club
Friday 23rd October	Evening of Musicals rehearsal 11-12 Music practice room Choir Club	Evening of musicals group

'Charlie' permission slips

If you are in our production of 'Charlie', then you need to return your permission slips - this tells us how you will be collected after the the shows and confirms costume numbers. Slips should be returned by half term please. Letters have been handed out and and sent via Edulink.

Choir permission slips

Please return your choir permission slips so I can allocate which pupils are visiting local care homes to perform. Slips should be returned by half term please. Letters have been handed out and and sent via Edulink.

'Charlie & the Chocolate Factory' Tickets

Tickets are now available to purchase. Please choose the date and scan the relevant QR code or click on the link:

Tuesday 1st December 6:30pm

https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school/t-vxjrlzj

Wednesday 2nd December 6:30pm

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

Thursday 3rd December 6:30pm

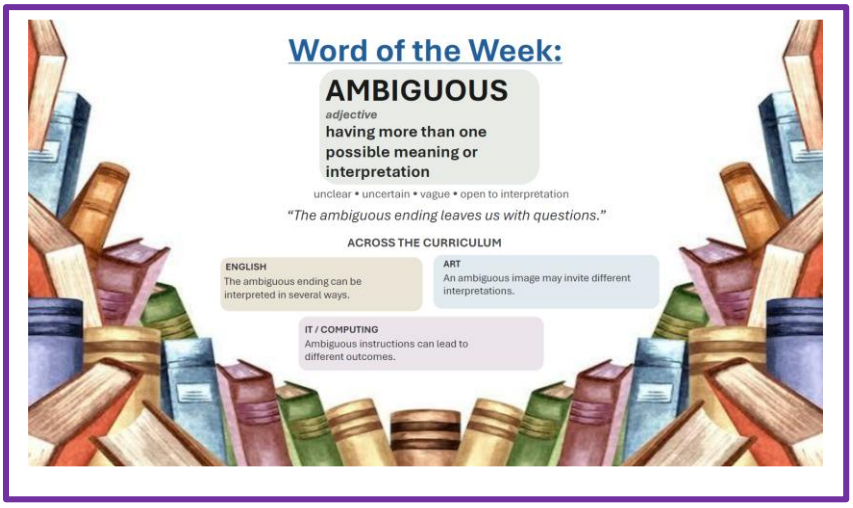
https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school/t-ejqpgvj

Music Tuition lessons

We currently have one guitar lesson space available if any pupil wishes to learn guitar. Please email jbrook@purbrook.hants.sch.uk

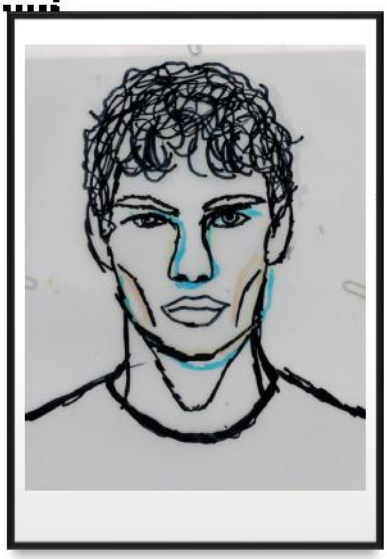
New DJ Enrichment Club

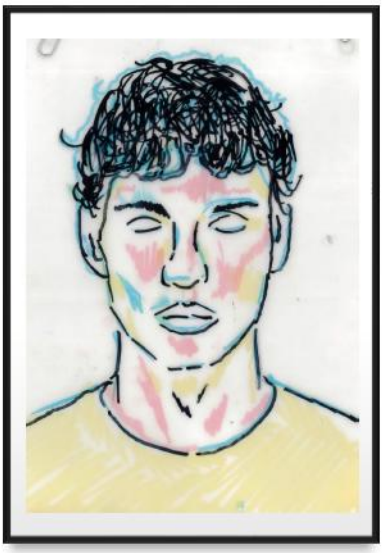
We are hoping to start a new DJ club after school - the first session is free then there will be a cost involved. If your child is interested, they can collect a letter from Mrs Barge in music or register interest vai the link: https://www.nextgenmusic.org/workshop

	<u>Evening of Musicals - Tuesday 24th November</u> To purchase tickets, please see ticket link below: https://www.thorndenhall.co.uk/whats-on/from-west-end-to-broadway-an-evening-of-musical-theatre Pupils need to start collecting their costumes: Smart black trousers no leggings, black shoes if possible and plain black t-shirt or PP performers black t-shirt (can be purchased from PA office for £5) **<u>Optional Accessories for songs</u>** All other songs are blacks • Queen Medley - Yellow Accessory (a nod to Freddies iconic yellow jacket) • 'Sit down you're rocking the boat' – something blue for the sea • Grease Medley – pink or black accessories for the Pink Ladies and T Birds Don't forget **<u>Friday 23rd October 11-12pm</u>** we have Nick coming into school for a rehearsal with us. Please register P3 then bring your belongings to the end practice room. **Mrs Brook – Performing Arts Technician**
Year 11 A, D & T Deadline	 **Mrs Sanderson – A, D & T Science Technician**
English Update	 **Ms Evans – Assistant Lead Teacher of English**

Careers Update	**<u>Understanding T Levels: Free Webinar for Parents</u>** **<u>AFC Portchester Academy Programme Open Evenings</u>** AFC Portchester offer a post-16 study option for boys and girls ages 16-19 who are wanting to pursue a career in the sports industry, whilst also continuing their football development with specialist coaches and tutors. **Mrs Akhtar – Careers Advisor**

-YR 9 ART ROTATION -





ADT WORK of the WEEK

Week commencing 19th October

Languagenut LEADERBOARD

Year 7 – James (7EHA)

Year 8 – Izzy (8LWA)

Year 9 – Harley (9NBO)

Year 10 – Charlotte (10AWA)

Year 11 – Scarlett (11SAT)

Congratulations!

50 praise points for each winner

Sparx Legends of the Week

Year 7 – Billie (7LGU)

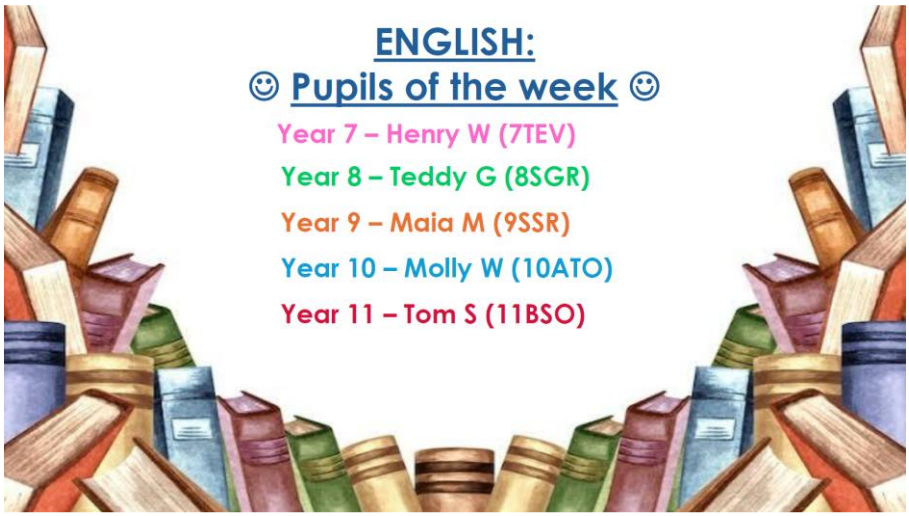
Year 8 – Finlay (8HDO)

Year 9 – Jack (9CSI)

Year 10 – Frankie (10ATO)

Year 11 –Louie (11BSO)

50 Praise Points for each Winner!



ENGLISH:

☺ Pupils of the week ☺

Year 7 – Henry W (7TEV)

Year 8 – Teddy G (8SGR)

Year 9 – Maia M (9SSR)

Year 10 – Molly W (10ATO)

Year 11 – Tom S (11BSO)

Week commencing 12th October 2026

Historians of the Week!

Congratulations to...

Year 7 – Callum. D 7DAR

Year 8 – Freya. A 8LWA

Year 9 – Amyana. C 9DBL

Year 10 – Sam. H 10AWA

Year 11 – Jacob. W 11GEV

FAITH & FESTIVALS THIS WEEK

17 OCTOBER – 23 OCTOBER 2026

17 – 20 OCTOBER

DURGA PUJA • HINDUISM

A major Hindu festival honouring the Goddess Durga. Communities may pray, visit decorated shrines or pandals, offer flowers and food, and celebrate with music, dance and time together.

18 OCTOBER

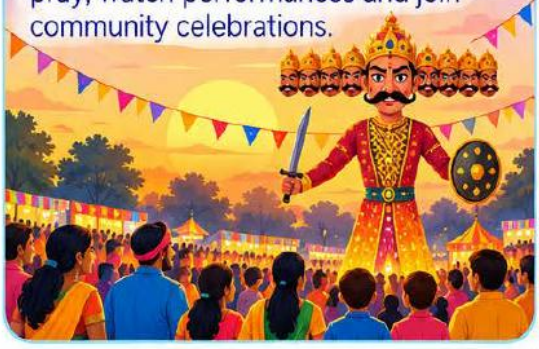
ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST • CHRISTIANITY

Christians remember St Luke, traditionally believed to be the author of Luke's Gospel and Acts. He is often linked with healing, compassion and care for others.

20 OCTOBER

DUSSEHRA • HINDUISM

Also called Vijayadashami, this festival celebrates the victory of good over evil, linked with Rama defeating Ravana and Durga defeating evil forces. People may pray, watch performances and join community celebrations.



20 OCTOBER

INSTALLATION OF THE GURU GRANTH SAHIB • SIKHISM

This marks the Guru Granth Sahib being recognised as the eternal Guru of Sikhism. Sikhs may gather at the gurdwara, listen to readings, pray and share langar.

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

The PTFA Christmas Market is coming soon:

Saturday 21st November 11am-3pm

This is the PTFA's biggest money raising event of the year and is extremely popular. It features a wealth of craft and gift stalls, games, archery, Christmas Raffle, Father Christmas Grotto, Carol singing, Preloved Uniform, book stalls and much more...

All money raised from the event goes toward Purbrook Park School pupils' enrichment and **we need your help to ensure success**.

Can you help in any of the following ways?

- **Volunteer to help run a stall on the day (this could be just for one hour or for the whole event - the choice is yours!)**
- **Help with refreshments - Serving food, hot and cold drinks**
- **Help setting up the Market in the morning or clearing up at the end of the event**

- **Donate a raffle prize**
- **Donating to the Chocolate tombola or Bottle/Jar Tombola – Praise points will be awarded to pupils who donate**

- **Donate to the House Colour Hampers – Praise points and a Pizza party for the winning House!**
- **Share the event with friends, families and on social media**

- **Donate any Pre-loved Uniform towards the uniform sales**

- **Donate good condition preloved books for the Christmas Market**

If you can contribute in any way or would like to join our friendly PTFA, please contact: purbrookparkschoolptfa@gmail.com. Please donate to school via tutors or the school reception. We REALLY appreciate any help you can offer.

Purbrook Park School PTFA

A Snapshot of Year7 – Personal Development Learning (Tutor Time)

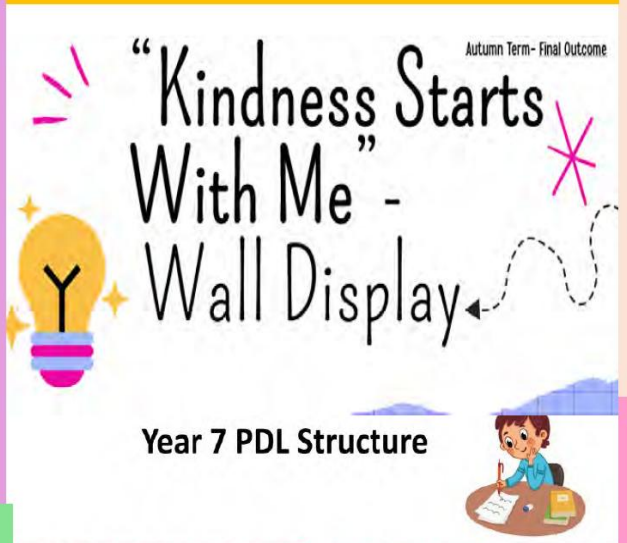
Did you know... that all schools in the UK must do some form of character education? These are sometimes known as soft-skills or employability skills; the idea being to help them become the very best versions of themselves as they grow.

Did you know? ... that in our most recent OFSTED visit the inspectors were very impressed with how PPS incorporates Character Education via PDL and in lessons.

Our Character Virtues.
We cover these aspects of Personal Development across the Five Years at Purbrook.

The Character Virtues Focus for the Autumn Term in Year 7 are; **Kindness and Friendliness.**

During PDL pupils will be asked to work often in groups and teams. There will be fortnightly competitions to take part in too. They will be expected to reflect on their own personal growth across the term.



Tutor activities focus on a range of skills;

- *Literacy based tasks*
- *Creative tasks*
- *Thinking about their futures*
- *Thinking about the world around them*
- *Social, Moral, Spiritual and Cultural aspects of the Character Virtues.*

Pupils will have Year group assemblies every fortnight with their Year Leaders and will sometimes be asked to host an assembly.

Week A

Mon- Pupil Bulletin and Newsround
Tues- Yr 7 Assembly
Weds – PDL Project
Thurs- PDL Project

Week B

Mon- Pupil Bulletin and Newsround
Tues- PDL Project
Weds – House Competitions
Thurs- PDL Project

During PDL tutors will engage with tutees about uniform, equipment, attendance and pastoral matters as well as PDL. **Your child's tutor should be your first point of contact.**

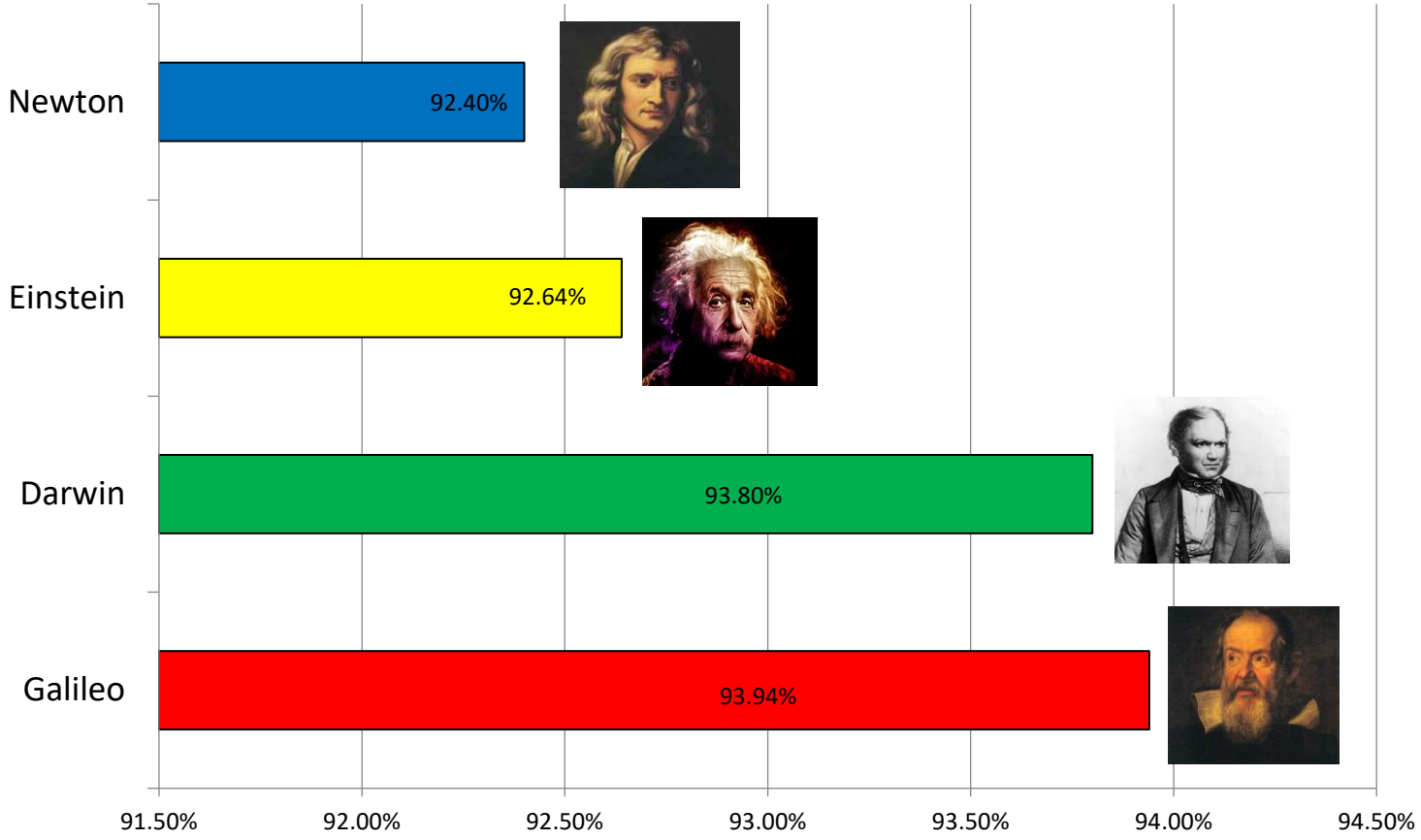
Every Wednesday of Week B at PPS we will be taking part in House Competitions during the PDL session to encourage our tutees to work as a team in their Houses and to boost their competitive spirit. See below for the winners of the second PDL House Competition this academic year who have been awarded 1000 praise points to their house total!

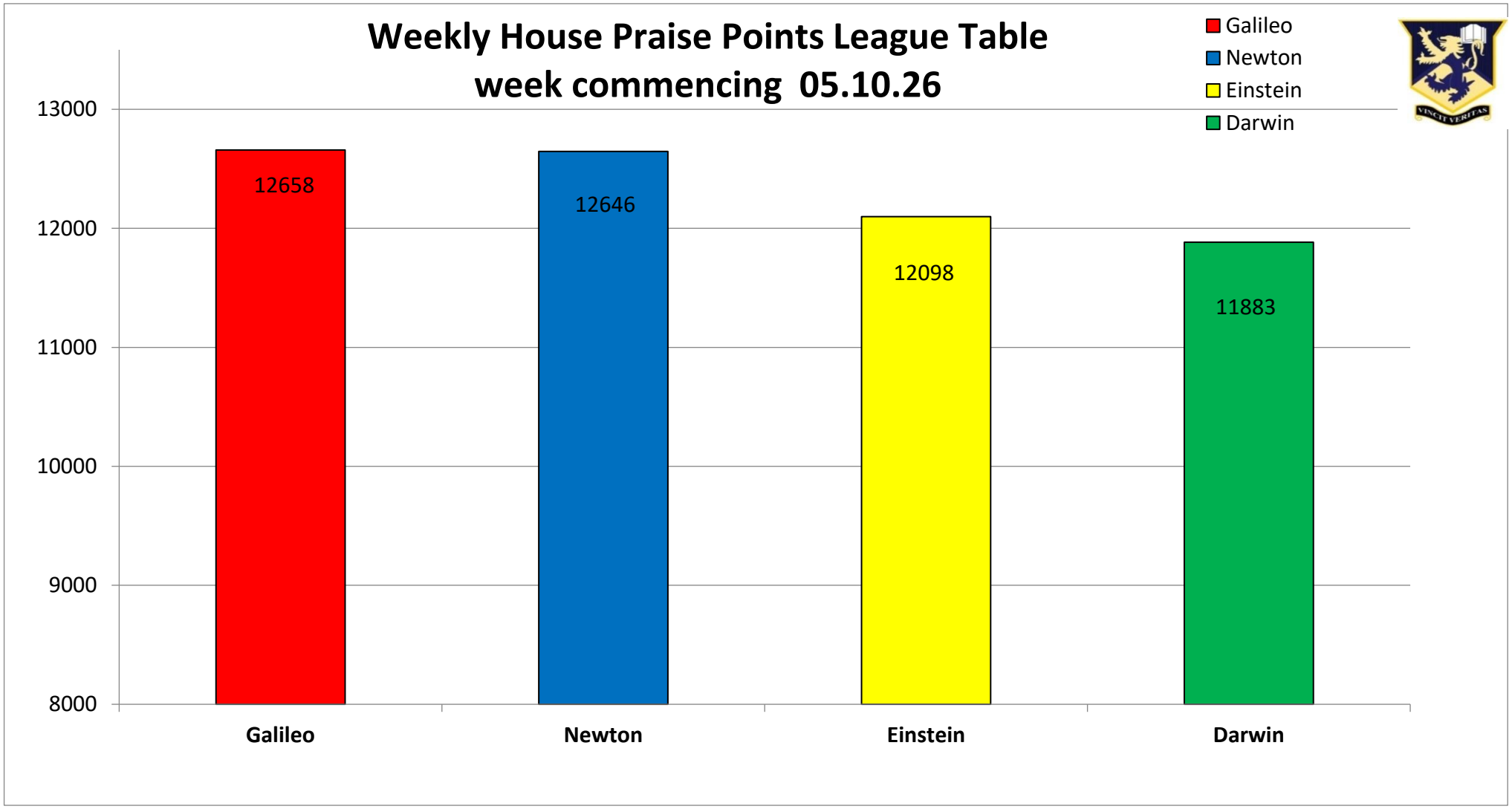
House Competitions 2026-7

Last week the Tutor Groups were asked to use their knowledge, understanding and teamwork to show off their European Language Skills. Huge congratulations again to Galileo House who have earned a whopping 1000 praise points.

1.	Galileo
2.	Newton
3.	Darwin
4.	Einstein

Weekly House Attendance - 05.10.26 - 09.10.26




Weekly House Praise Points League Table
week commencing 05.10.26
Galileo
Newton
Einstein
Darwin
13000
12000
11000
10000
9000
8000
12658
12646
12098
11883
Galileo
Newton
Einstein
Darwin

E- Praise Leaders This Week

Yr 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Edison KSH	Alice LWA	Felix CSI	Maddie NSD	Lily GEV
Alethea SWI	Maddie API	Oakley DBL	Elliot JMS	Frazier JHD
Sophie KSH	Finley FMI	Teddy JHE	Kiara MBU	Larissa JHD

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

Chichester College

CCG Chichester College Group

Parents and Carers Transition Event

24th November 2026
Chichester College
17.00-19.00

This event is aimed at parents and carers of supported children and young people (CYP) who are exploring the possibility of starting their studies in September 2027.

Join us for an informative event that will explore the support available to your CYP. You will learn more about the resources, guidance and assistance on offer to help ensure a smooth transition into college life.

CHICHESTER COLLEGE - SEND PARENT EVENING EVENT

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