# Purbrook Park School
# Purbrook Park Newsletter

## Week commencing Monday 9th November 2026
## WEEK B

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### 1. Notes from the Headteacher

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:*
*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*
*At the going down of the sun and in the morning*
*We will remember them".*

An extract from "From the Fallen", by Laurence Binyon, first published in September 1914.

With best wishes,

**Paul Foxley**

## 2. Calendar

| Date | Event |
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| **Monday**<br>09.11.26 | Rome Residential Trip<br>Staff Briefing – 3.10pm – 3.20pm<br>Department Meetings – 3.20pm – 4.20pm |
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| **Tuesday**<br>10.11.26 | Rome Residential Trip<br>Year 9 iMedia Digital Careers Day |
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| **Wednesday**<br>11.11.26 | After School Staff CPD (2) – 3.10pm – 5.10pm |
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| **Thursday**<br>12.11.26 | School Day |
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| **Friday**<br>13.11.26 | Children in Need - fundraising activities all day<br>Year 7 & 8 EFL Utilita Girls' Cup - John Jenkins Stadium – 9.30am – 1.30pm<br>Choir Evening Rehearsal - Thornden School |
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| **Saturday**<br>14.11.26 | Twickenham Rugby trip - England vs Japan – 11.30am – 9.00pm |

## 3. Messages

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| **Hampshire County Council Surveys** | **Food Habits Survey**<br>Hampshire County Council, in partnership with the Hampshire Food Alliance, are looking for people to complete their survey on food and cooking habits. The results of this survey will be used to inform their work around access to food and sustainability. It should take about 10 minutes to complete and will close on Monday the 30th November at 11:59pm. Please follow this link to complete the survey:<br>https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/ow-food-management<br><br>**School Transport and Post-16 Transport Policy Consultations**<br>Hampshire County Council has launched two consultations on its current School Transport Policy and its Post-16 Transport Policy for 2027-28. Parents are invited to feedback on a number of proposed updates designed to make the policies clearer, more transparent and easier to understand.<br>School Transport Policy consultation<br>Post-16 Transport Policy consultation<br><br>**Hampshire County Council Budget Consultation 2027/28**<br>The consultation seeks views on further efficiencies, generating income, changing how services are delivered, reducing or stopping some services, introducing or increasing charges, council tax increases, delaying spending, one-off use of reserves and additional Government support. Parents can find out more and take part: www.hants.gov.uk/budgetconsultation<br><br>**Pastoral Team** |

**Christmas Market Raffle Tickets**

This week all pupils have been given raffle tickets via their tutor for the upcoming Christmas Market, which is being held on Saturday 21st November. There are lots of wonderful prizes, including £100 cash, Christmas Hampers, complimentary tickets for Airsoft, Alpacas walks, Exbury Gardens, Fishers Farm, Funland, Head Spas, Mottisfont Gardens, Skoolkit, Stansted House and Park, Waterlooville Golf Club and Wonder Play centre, along with vouchers for driving lessons, gym memberships, pamper parties, haircuts, pilates and spa treatments.

The PTFA would like to thank everyone who has donated a raffle prize, details of which are on the poster included in the newsletter. Please show your support by purchasing raffle tickets. Every penny raised goes toward our pupils' enrichment and you will also be entered for a chance to win some wonderful prizes. You do not need to be at the Christmas Market to win, but of course, we'd love it if you can pop in, to listen to our wonderful choir, pick up some Christmas gifts and enjoy the Christmas Market too. You've got to be "In it, to Win it!

If you would like additional tickets, please contact the school or ask your child to visit Reception, and we can issue additional books as required. Please return raffle ticket stubs and cash in a sealed envelope, labelled with your child's name and tutor group - the tutor group who sell the most raffle tickets will win a Pizza Party!

**Could we also ask that any unsold tickets are returned to school, so they can be used at the Market**. Thank you so much, in advance for your help and support!

**Purbrook Park School PTFA**

**Science – celebrating Success**

**Sparx**

The top three Science Sparx users in each year group for the week beginning 19th October 2026 were:

| Year | 1st Position | 2nd Position | 3rd Position |
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| **7** | Jack (DAR) | Hugo (DAR) | Teddy (TEV) |
| **8** | Izzy (HDO) | Noursine (SGR) | Tommy (LBR) |
| **9** | Lola-Marie (DBL) | Kris (SSR) | Harriet (JHE) |
| **10** | Annabelle (RHA) | Tilly (NSD) | Oliver (JMS) |
| **11** | Bethany (TGO) | Savannah (MBR) | Scarlett (JHD) |

Each of the above have been awarded 25 Praise Points for their efforts. This academic year pupils have spent an amazing 287,123 questions have been answered correctly on Sparx Science.

**Scientists of the Week**

The following pupils have been nominated as "Scientist of the Week" by Mr Kent for their continued hard work and sustained effort within lessons and have been awarded 50 Praise Points: Gabriel (7DAR) and Laila (7SWI).

**Mr Evans – Lead Teacher of Science**

**Careers Update**

## Open Events and Opportunities

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| Chichester College | 07/11/2026 | 10am to 1pm |
| HSDC Havant | 07/11/2026 | 10am to 1pm |
| HSDC South downs | 07/11/2026 | 10am to 1pm |
| Sparsholt | 07/11/2026 | From 9.30am |
| UTC Portsmouth | 07/11/2026 | 10.30am-12pm |
| SHCG CEMAST | 10/11/2026 | 5pm to 7pm |
| Steve Willis Training Portsmouth | 14/11/2026 | 9am to 1pm |







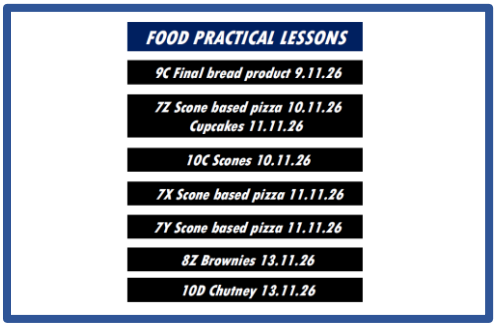
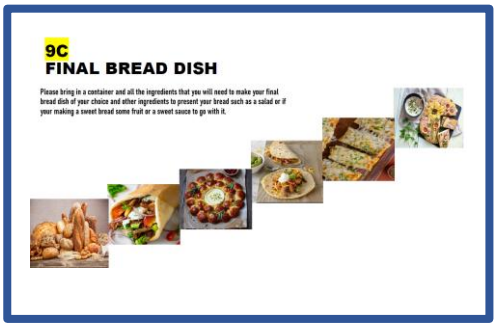
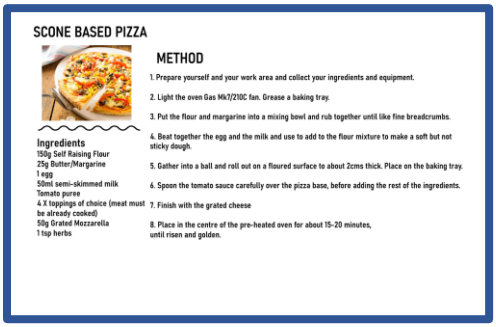
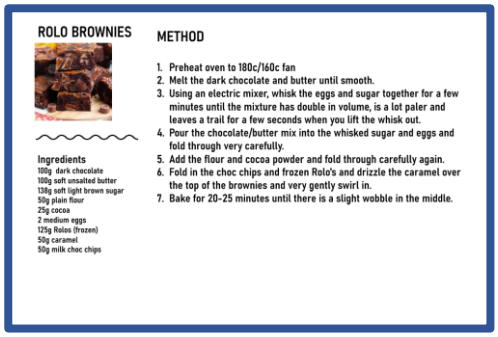
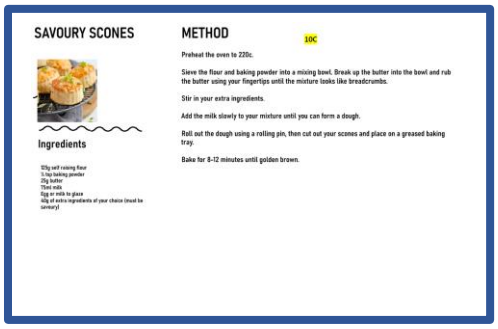
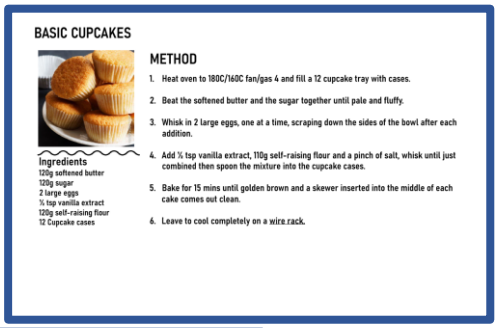
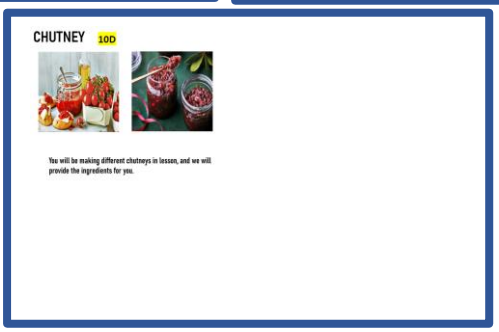
## Free Apprenticeship Webinars for Pupils and Parents







**Mrs Akhtar – Careers Advisor**

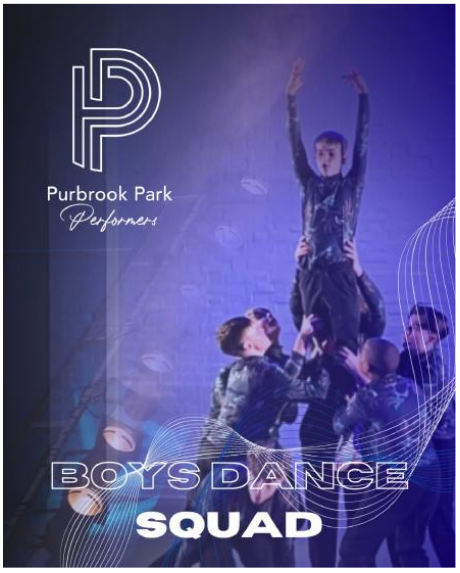
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| **Food Practical Reminders** | <br><br><br><br><br><br><br>**Mrs Armstrong – Teacher of Food Technology** |
| **Performing Arts Update** | **‘Charlie & the Chocolate Factory’ Tickets**<br>Tickets are selling fast for our production. Use the link/QR code to book/choose from all three performances for ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’. https://www.ticketsource.com/purbrook-park-school |

**Diary Dates**

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| **Monday 9th November** | **Scene 12: The nut room and Queen of Pop**<br>All in factory except Augustus, Mrs Gloop, squirrels.<br>All in Queen of pop<br>Backstage team |
| **Tuesday 10th November** | **Act 2 so far: 3:00-4:30**<br>All in factory<br>Backstage team<br>(Those not in the nut room can leave at 4pm)<br><br>**Elite Dance Squad** - dance studio 3-4<br>**Guitar Club** 3-4 |
| **Wednesday 11th November** | NO REHEARSALS AND NO CLUBS TEACHER CPD TRAINING |
| **Thursday 12th November** | **Act 1 and Act 2** - Whole cast and backstage |
| **Friday 13th November** | **No Choir Club**<br>**Boys dance squad** - 2:20-3:20<br>**Musical Theatre Rehearsal** - Chandlers Ford - 4:30-7:00pm . Be round the back of school by **3:30pm** we will return 7:50-8:00pm. |

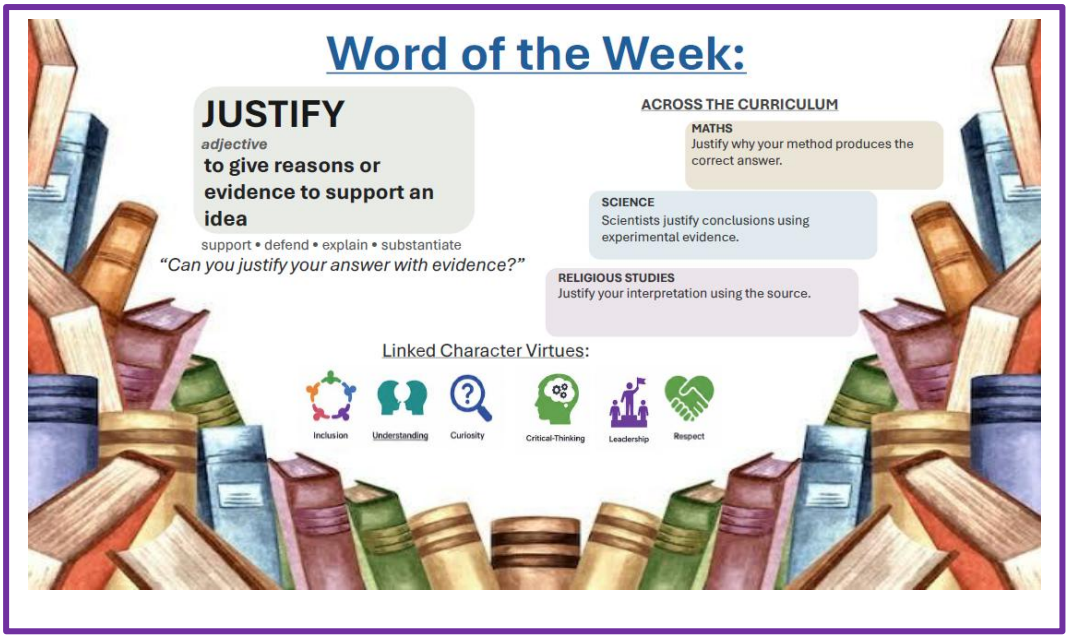
**Musical Theatre rehearsal**
**Thorndon Hall, Chandler's Ford - Friday 13th November**
Meet at the back of school car park by minibuses at 3:30pm in non-uniform, with a packed tea and musical notes. We will leave just after 7pm and should return approx. 8pm.

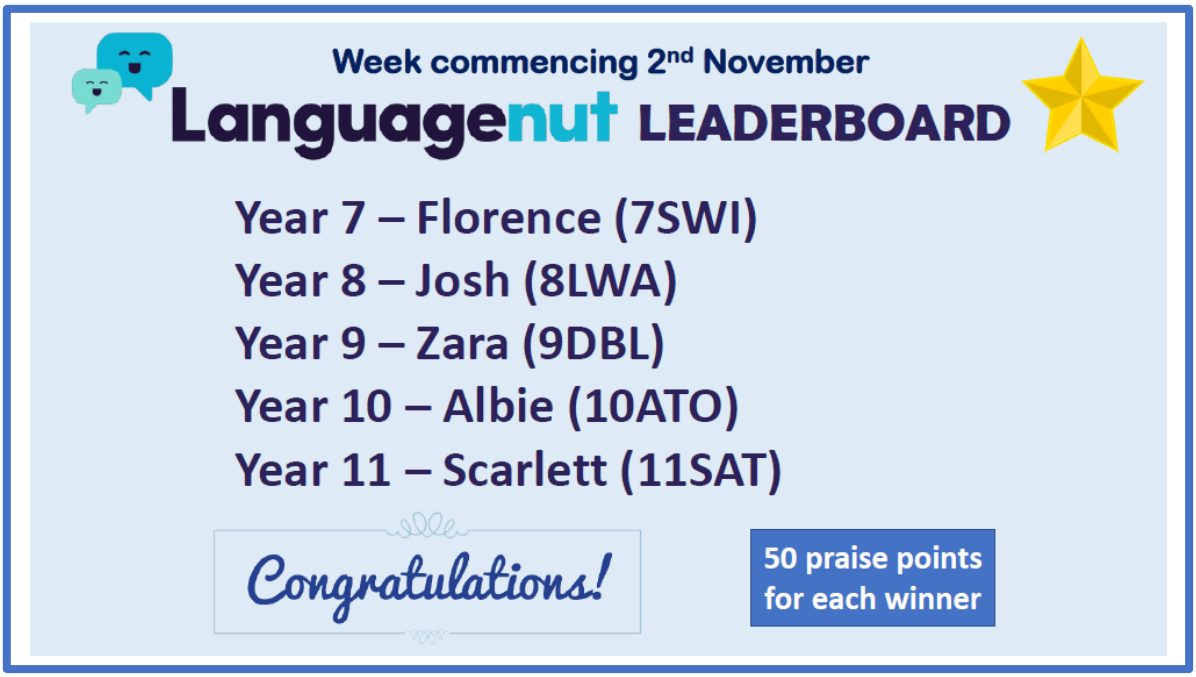
**Boys' Dance Squad**




**Mrs Brook – Performing Arts Technician**

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| **Pupil Safety** | We have been made aware of an incident involving a member of the public near Shaftesbury Avenue this week, which has been reported to the police. Please remind pupils to walk with friends wherever possible, remain aware of their surroundings, and avoid approaching strangers. If they see anything suspicious or feel unsafe, they should seek help from a trusted adult.<br><br>**Pastoral Team** |
| **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.<br><br>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.<br><br>Reminders of these dates and deadlines will be sent to parents by text message. https://purbrookpark.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/<br><br>**Mrs Davies – Lead Practitioner KS3 Achievement** |
| **E Scooters / Bikes** | We would like to remind everyone that E scooters or standard/electric bikes cannot legally be ridden on pedestrian pavements in the UK, unless a specific section is clearly marked as a shared-use cycle path. It is illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (also known as an 'e-scooter') in public, for example on pavements, on roads or in parks. You can only ride a privately owned electric scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner.<br><br>**Please could you ensure that your child is aware of these conditions.** We encourage walking and cycling to school wherever possible. This is beneficial to wellbeing and physical health and also reduces congestion around the school. Thank you for your support with this matter.<br><br><br><br><br>**Pastoral Team** |

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| **English Update** | <br>**Ms Evans – Assistant Lead Teacher of English** |



## *Sparx Legends of the Week*

**Year 7 – James (7EHA)**

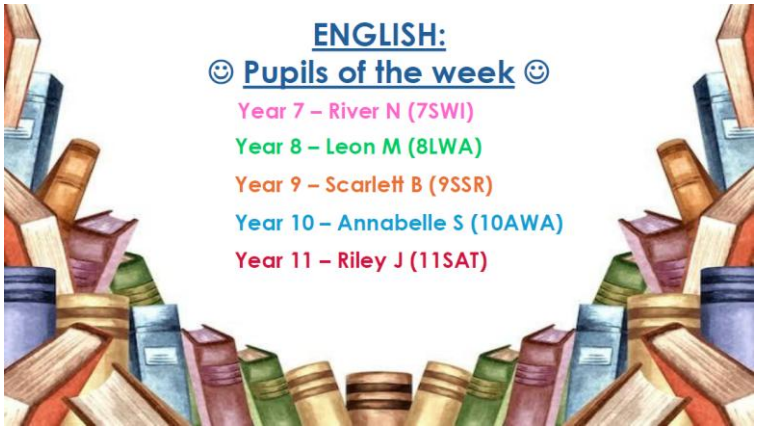
**Year 8 – Jenson (8WBO)**

**Year 9 – Dev (9NBO)**

**Year 10 – Hattie (10AWA)**

**Year 11 –Larissa (11BSO)**

**50 Praise Points for each Winner!**



**ENGLISH:**

☺ **Pupils of the week** ☺

Year 7 – River N (7SWI)

Year 8 – Leon M (8LWA)

Year 9 – Scarlett B (9SSR)

Year 10 – Annabelle S (10AWA)

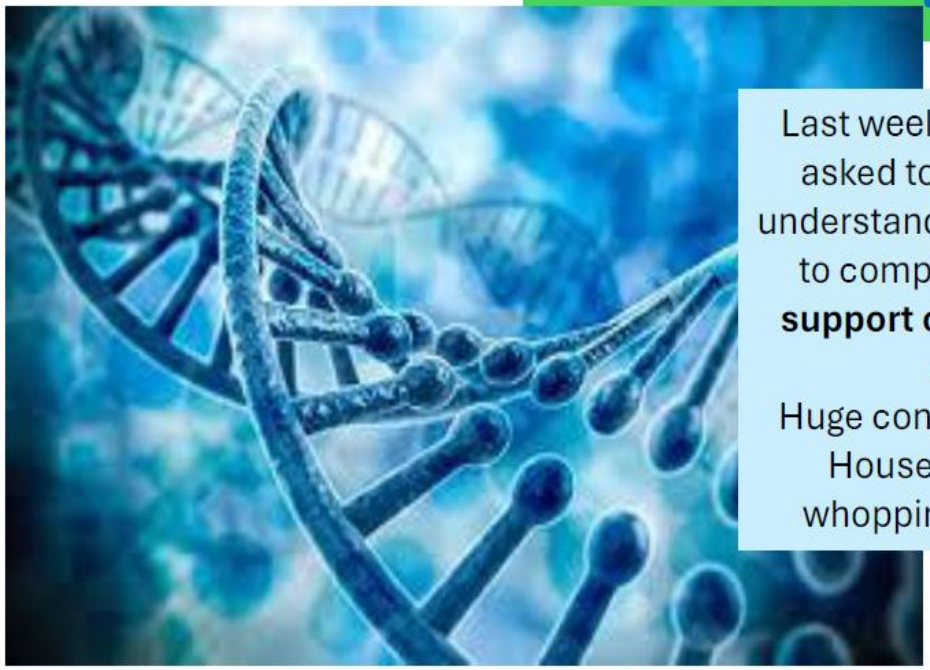
Year 11 – Riley J (11SAT)


Purbrook Park School
Performing Arts
certify to all that
Angel (7LGU) Amber (7LGU)
has received the award for
For being amazing members of our backstage team. Super creative and great at solving problems


FAITH & FESTIVALS
THIS WEEK
7–13 NOVEMBER 2026
8 NOVEMBER
DIWALI • HINDUISM / JAINISM / SIKHISM
Diwali, the Festival of Lights, celebrates light over darkness and good over evil. Families may light diyas, decorate homes, share sweets and spend time together. Traditions vary between Hindu, Jain and Sikh communities.
8 NOVEMBER
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY • NATIONAL
Remembrance Sunday is a time to remember those who have served and sacrificed in war and conflict. People may wear poppies, attend services and observe a two-minute silence.
9 NOVEMBER
JAIN NEW YEAR • JAINISM
Jain New Year follows Diwali and marks a time of renewal, reflection and peace. Jains may visit the temple, pray, show kindness and begin the year with a focus on non-violence and right living.
8–9 NOVEMBER
SIGD • JUDAISM
Sigd is celebrated by Ethiopian Jewish communities. It recalls the renewal of the covenant and the importance of the Torah. People may gather for prayer, reflection and community celebration.

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



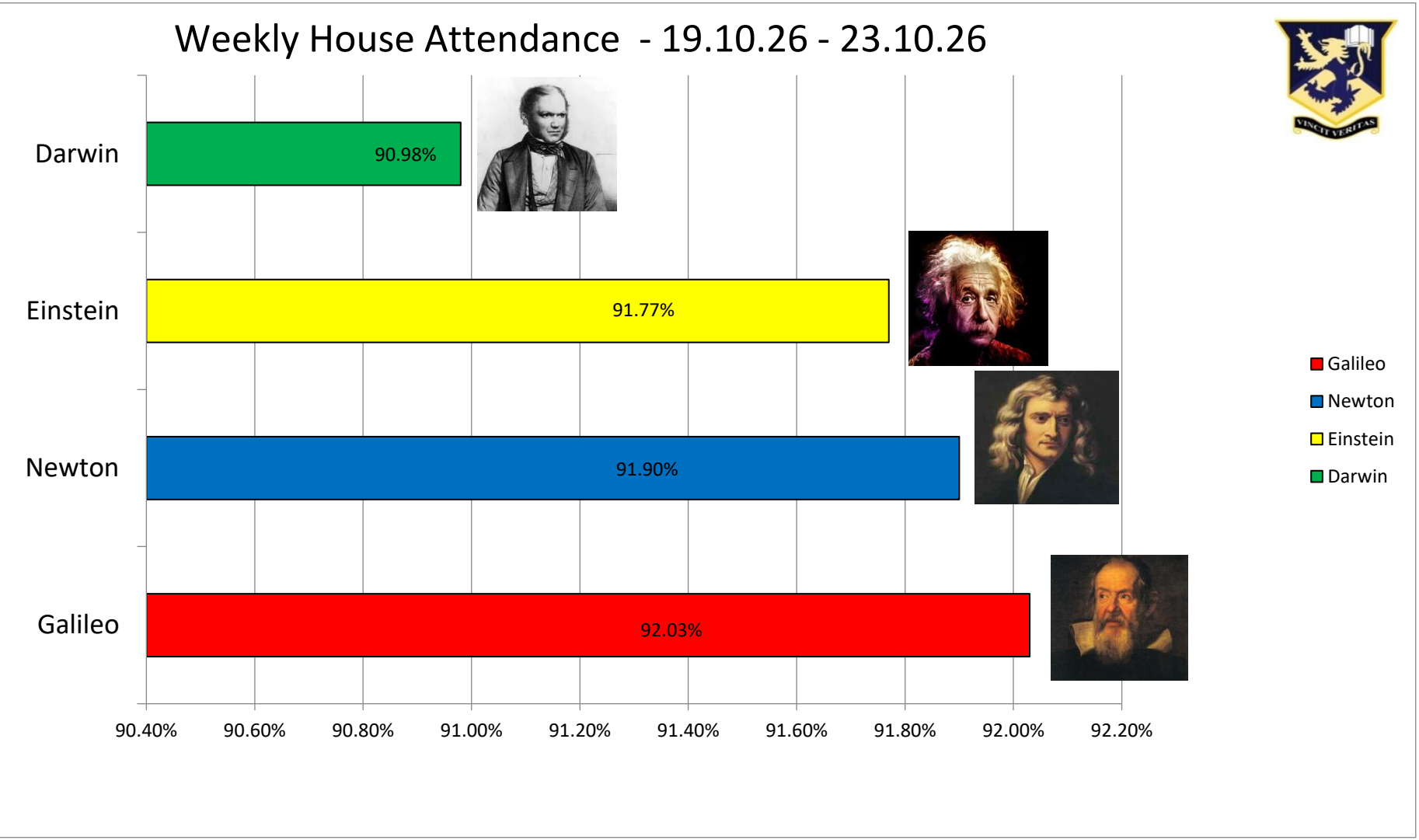
Last week the Tutor groups were asked to use their knowledge, understanding and teamwork skills to complete **a Biology Quiz in support of the Royal Biological Association.**

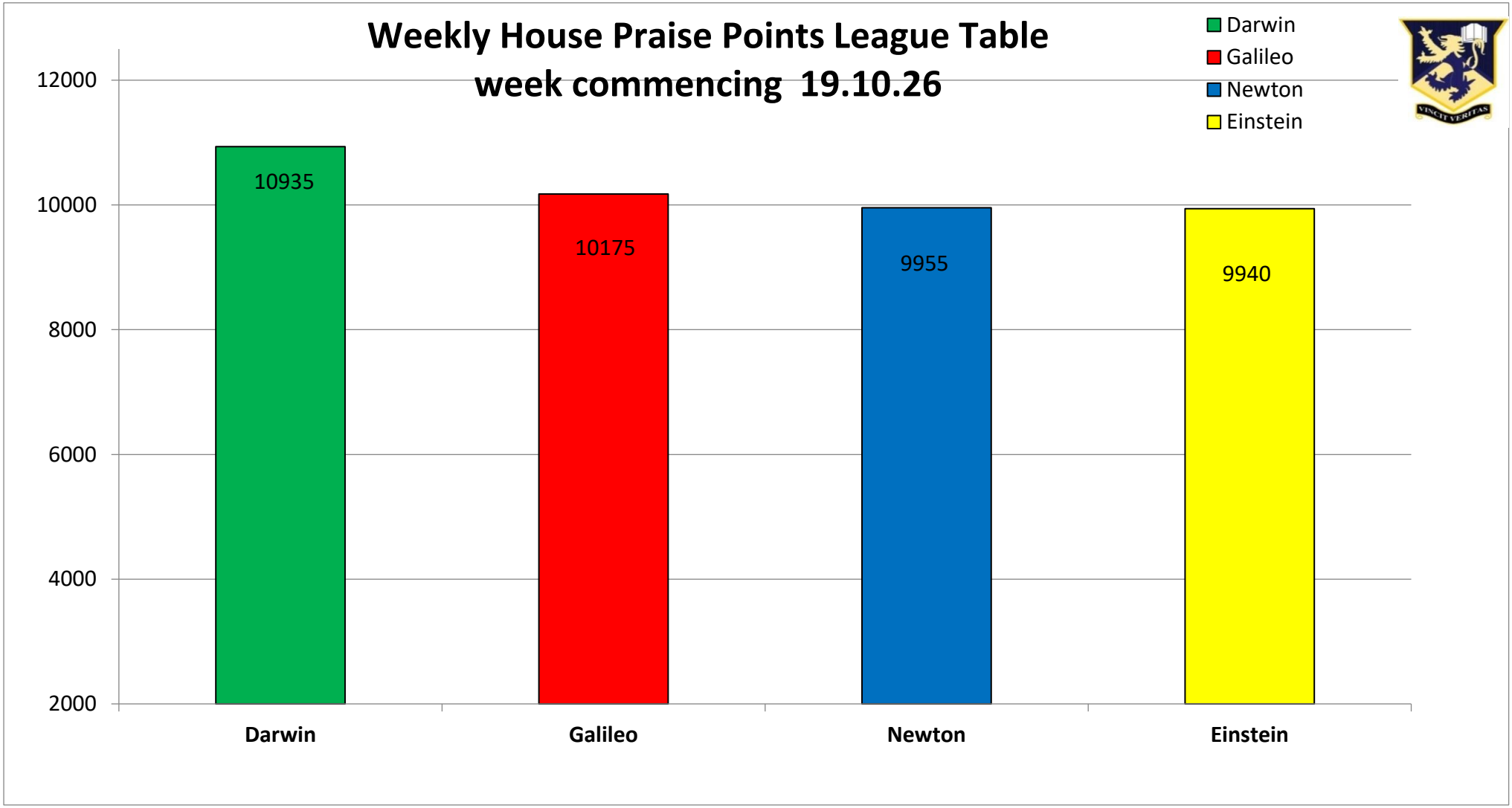
Huge congratulations to Newton House who have earned a whopping 1000 praise points.




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

# Weekly House Attendance - 19.10.26 - 23.10.26




Weekly House Praise Points League Table
week commencing 19.10.26
Darwin
Galileo
Newton
Einstein
12000
10000
8000
6000
4000
2000
10935
10175
9955
9940
Darwin
Galileo
Newton
Einstein

# E- Praise Leaders This Week




| Yr 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
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| Evie<br>CST | Jack<br>API | Scarlett<br>CSI | Elliot<br>JMS | Pyper<br>BSO |
| Gabriel<br>DAR | Jenson<br>WBO | Mia<br>CSI | Maddie<br>NSD | Isabelle<br>BSO |
| Austin<br>CST | Maddie<br>API | Oscar<br>LBA | James<br>AWA | Natalya<br>GEV |

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

# PTFA CHRISTMAS MARKET MESSAGES

## Pre-Loved Books




If you have any great condition preloved books you wish to donate for resale at the Christmas Market, please bring these to Reception by Friday 20th November.

We appreciate your support

**Purbrook Park School PTFA**







**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 PTFA**

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## CHRISTMAS MARKET RAFFLE PRIZES

- £100 Cash, donated by DP Services
- £75 Cash donated by the Health & Fitness Barn
- £25 Cash donated by the Health & Fitness Barn
- Andy's Airsoft Voucher for 2 people
- Calm at the Cabin £35 Treatment Voucher
- Continue Arcades, Chichester £25 voucher
- Elevation Training Club Membership
- Fairytale Boutique Pamper Party
- Fishers Farm Family Pass
- Hayling Funland 2 Wristbands
- Hair OTT £10 Gift Card
- Horizon Leisure Centre Pass
- 4 House Colour Themed Hampers
- Mottisfont Trust Family Entry tickets
- Petlake Alpacas Visit Voucher
- Mercedes Wicker Hamper
- Paint and Chill Canvasses
- Pilates with Louise £15 Voucher
- Ritual Aura Head Spa Voucher for 2 x 60-minute Japanese Head Spa Treatment
- Skoolkit £20 Voucher
- Stansted House Family Tickets
- Stansted Park Summer Fayre Family ticket
- The Village Hotel and Gym – B&B Hotel Stay with 2 Gym passes
- Toucan Driving School Free 2-hour Driving Lesson
- Waterlooville Golf Club - Round of Golf for 4 People
- Wonder, World of Imaginations Fareham Play passes
- Luxury Christmas Gift Sets
- Bottles of Champagne and Spirits

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thank you

Tickets £1 each

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