



Perryfields Junior School

The Friday Flyer

Week 9 – November 2025

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've enjoyed a truly fantastic week here at school, filled with exciting learning and special events!

Year 3 had an amazing time visiting Layer Marney Tower as part of their Stone Age topic. The children loved stepping back in time to discover how people lived thousands of years ago, exploring ancient artefacts and learning about early ways of life. It was a hands-on experience that really brought their classroom learning to life and helped them imagine what life might have been like in the Stone Age. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers — these wonderful trips simply wouldn't be possible without your support!

Our Year 5 Harvest Festival was another highlight, enjoyed by both pupils and parents alike. The singing was absolutely outstanding, and it was wonderful to see the children performing with such confidence and enthusiasm.

Our Change 4 Life (C4L) members also had a brilliant afternoon at Writtle College, taking part in the C4L Festival. They represented our school superbly, showing great teamwork, energy, and sportsmanship. Be sure to check out some photos from the event on the Headteacher's Blog.

Today, we carried out our lockdown drill, and the children were absolutely fantastic. They listened carefully, remained calm, and followed all instructions exactly as practised — a great effort from everyone!

Continuing with the theme of safety, we've received reports of vehicles being parked irresponsibly and blocking roads, driveways, and access points. This kind of parking isn't just inconvenient; it poses a real safety risk. When roads are obstructed, emergency vehicles such as fire engines and ambulances may be unable to reach those in need. Please ensure your vehicle is parked safely and legally at all times so that our community remains both accessible and safe for everyone.

As we approach Remembrance Sunday, many of us will be taking time to honour this important occasion. On Tuesday, our whole school community will gather on the playground at 11:00 am to observe a two-minute silence in remembrance of those who have served and sacrificed.

Mr Robertson and the brilliant School Council led our Anti-Bullying Week Assembly on Thursday to get us ready for next week and it was an absolute triumph, centred on the dynamic theme: "Power for Good". Crucially, the council made an important distinction: Bullying is defined as repeated acts of unkindness, aggression, or harm. They reminded students that while one-off acts of unkindness happen and we learn from those mistakes, true bullying involves persistent, repetitive behaviour that targets the same person. The assembly challenged everyone to recognise their own strength and use it to foster a supportive and safe school environment.

We'll also be celebrating diversity and individuality by encouraging everyone to wear odd socks on Monday, 10th November. This simple act reminds us of the importance of kindness and embracing what makes each of us unique.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs S Edwards



Pupil of the Week

Cowell: Farib
Seuss: John
Dahl: Shanelle
Lewis: Oscar GS
Walliams: Elodie
Rowling: Jaxx
Tolkien: Penny
Morpurgo: Ananya
Pullman: Muhammad

Mrs Siddall's Attendance Award
Walliams Class – 98.1%

Award for
Outstanding Manners
Aneesh – Cowell Class
Aadiya – Lewis Class

PE Award
Callum – Pullman Class

Spellers Award
Morpurgo Class

Random Act of Kindness
Aadhira – Seuss Class
Isla – Morpurgo Class

ATTENDANCE

The national expectation for attendance is 96%. The government has clarified the position regarding the term 'regular' attendance. It means children must be in school **EVERY DAY**. Every second counts at Perryfields. We **must** work together to improve attendance and punctuality even more.

Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	95.2%
Year 6	96.9%



Coming Up Next Half Term

Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day – email sent 4/11/25
Friday 14 th November	Year 3 Enterprise Day – email sent 4/11/25
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need – email sent 6/11/25.
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fayre – details to follow. Volunteers needed
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day – details to follow
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Panto (Aladdin) – email sent. Please pay through your ScoPay account
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 4 Christmas Service to parents – details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 4 Christmas Service to parents – details to follow
Friday 19 th December	End of Term – School finishes at 1.30pm

Reminders/Notices

PE Kits: Children should have a pe kit in school every day. Children should be able to remove earrings on their own.

Please see below our new menu!

Please note that we can also provide a packed lunch if your child would prefer this. This will be either the baguette, wrap or soft roll and also includes a drink, fruit, cucumber sticks and the dessert of the day.

There will be a change to Monday and Friday. Please see the email sent today, Friday 7th November.

				
Main course	Meat	Cheddar and Chicken Pasta Bake	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Sausage Casserole
	Vegetarian	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Quorn Bolognaise	Roasted Vegetable Casserole
	Gluten Free	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake	Spaghetti Bolognaise	Sausage Casserole
	Jacket Potato	Beans & Tuna	Tuna & Cheese	Cheese & beans
	Side Dish		Garlic Bread	Mash Potato
	Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn Salad Bar		Peas Salad Bar
	Packed Lunch	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Wrap (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)	Baguette (Tuna, Cheese or Ham)
	Dessert	Iced Sponge Cake	Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Brownie
	Drinks	Water/Milk	Water/Milk	Water/Milk



FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2025

This year for children in Need we are asking if your child could wear spotted clothing or non-uniform to support Children in Need.

If your child wishes to participate, donations can be made via your Scopay account or in cash in the collection buckets.

We would also love to hear about any additional fundraising for Children in Need that you do outside of the school to celebrate in assembly.

Thank you in advance!

School Council





November Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Raising Self Esteem	3 Nov 10am
Decreasing Depression	3 Nov 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	4 Nov 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	4 Nov 7pm
Improving Family Communication	10 Nov 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	10 Nov 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	11 Nov 10am
Supporting A Child with ADHD	11 Nov 7pm
FREE ADHD kids & Homework	13 Nov 7-8pm
Understanding Anger	17 Nov 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	17 Nov 7pm
Facing Defiance	18 Nov 10am
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	18 Nov 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	24 Nov 10am
Anxiety Explained	24 Nov 7pm

The 7 **SUPERPOWERS** of smartphone-free kids

01. More time

Based on UK kids' average usage, they could get over 35 hours a week back to use in the real world.



02. More freedom

More space to grow into themselves – without pressure from likes, trends, or group chats.



03. Real social skills

They build confidence and vital skills by talking, listening, and laughing together – face to face.



04. Better mental health

Less time scrolling means less anxiety, fewer comparisons, and more joy in the everyday.



05. Digital resilience

They learn to use tech intentionally – creating, thinking, questioning, not just scrolling endlessly.



06. Focused learning

Without constant distractions kids can focus, think clearly and get in the zone – in and out of school.



07. Proper sleep

No late-night scrolling means deeper rest, brighter moods, and a brain ready for tomorrow.



Join hundreds of thousands of families delaying smartphones and social media – together.



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