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Let's Celebrate

This half term, the children have been learning about celebrations and festivals. Thank you for sending images of your child enjoying different family celebrations. They have enjoyed sharing these with their class and everyone was very respectful and asked lots of questions.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning the significance of performing a Nativity. The children have been practicing their songs and lines. They are very excited to perform on **Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am**.

Please drop your child off to school as normal. Once the hall is set up and ready you will be able to enter via the main office. It will be a spectacular show!



Linked to our learning the children had a wonderful visit to St Paul's Church where Reverend Nathan and other members of the community welcomed us with kindness and enthusiasm. The children enjoyed a tour of the church, sang songs together, and even shared a hot chocolate and biscuit. They showed such respect throughout the visit, asking thoughtful questions and listening carefully to the answers. It was a joyful experience that helped them understand more about their local community and linked to our curriculum learning about different celebrations.

16 Visit a place of worship

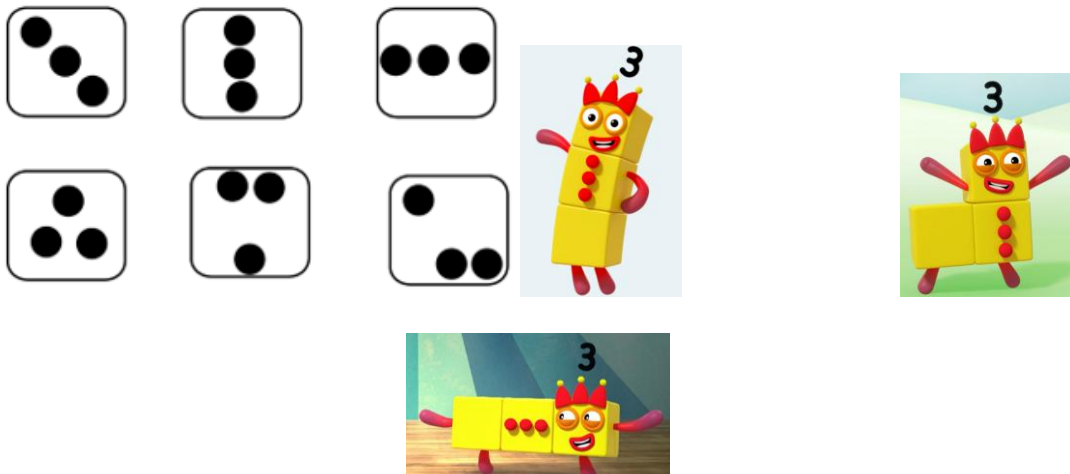


Maths

Recently, we have been focusing on the number 3. We looked closely at Numberblock 3 and noticed all of the things that were '3' about her, e.g. 3 buttons, 3 points to the crown. We noticed that her crown was made from 3 triangles, and we talked about how triangles have got 3 sides and 3 points. We also discussed words that begin with 'tri' such as triangle, triceratops and tricycle, and we found out how they represent 3.

We discussed how Numberblock 3 could organise herself into different arrangements, e.g. 3 vertically, 3 horizontally or a 2 part with a 1 part on top. We used cubes to make our own arrangements of 3. We have also read the stories 'The Three Little Pigs, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. All of these stories represent the number 3. We will be using the patterns of number 3 to make links with other numbers: for example, double 3 is 6.

We have been trying to subitise images and objects to three. Subitising is when you instantly know there are 3 without counting each object. Try the game on Seesaw called '3 or not 3'. Try to subitise the images and beat your highest score – have fun.



Theatre trip – 1st April 2026

Later next week, you will receive an email about our trip to the **Theatre Royal Plymouth on Wednesday 1st April 2026 to see the show 'The Enormous Turnip'**. The show is a mixture of both actors and puppetry. It will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to see live a performance of storytelling.

Below is a link to a trailer for the show. If you have any queries, please speak to a class teacher.

[The Enormous Turnip show trailer](#)





Rock Up and Read



On **Monday 15th December at 2.50pm** we would like to invite you to a 'Rock Up and Read' session. This will be an opportunity for you to come into the classroom to share the love of reading with your child. There will be lots of books available for you to read with your child. The children really enjoy reading for pleasure and they would be delighted to share the experience with you as well.

The adult collecting your child that day will be able to come into the classroom at 2.50pm (via the playground) to share some stories and then you will be able to take the children home at 3.15pm.

If you are unable to attend the session, please do not worry. Your child will still be able to enjoy reading for pleasure with their friends and the teachers in the class.

If you have any queries, please come and ask the class teacher.



Celebrations and festivals – Trip to Preston Community Preschool

We have been invited to visit Preston Community Preschool to watch their Nativity on Wednesday 10th December.

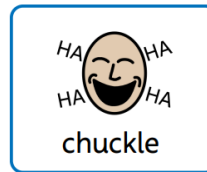
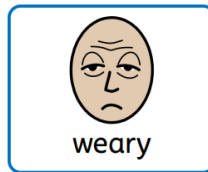
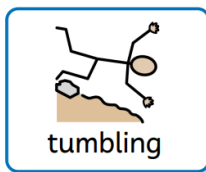
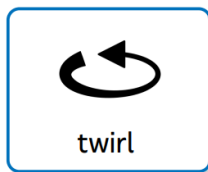
This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to watch a Nativity performance and be part of an audience.

We will walk to the preschool after lunch and will return in time for usual home time. There is no cost to you for this trip.



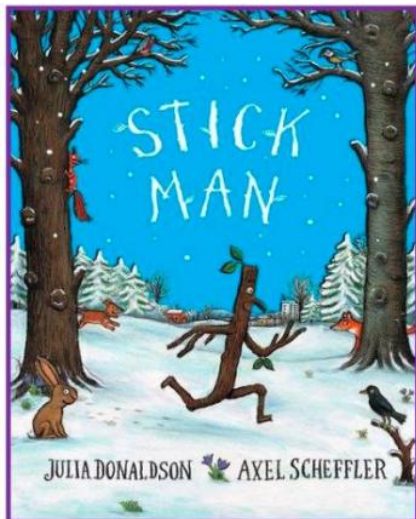
Literacy – Stick Man

We started exploring the popular story 'Stick Man'. The children have enjoyed joining in with the story and discussing their favourite parts. We will be exploring the vocabulary from the book: twirl, tumbling, weary, chuckle and doze.



Next week, we will be using the story of 'Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson to support our understanding of the four seasons. We will read the book, looking closely at the pictures to help notice that the Stick Man is actually away from the family tree for a whole year! For example, at the start of the story it is Spring – the leaves are green, there is blossom on the branches, and the swan is building a nest. Then it must be Summer, as it is hot enough for people to be swimming in the sea and playing on the beach. Later, there are signs of Autumn as the leaves on the trees have turned yellow and orange, and the children in the pictures begin to be wrapped up in warmer clothes. Then it snows and Father Christmas arrives, indicating that Winter is here.

We will use images from the story to create a seasons display. We will talk about how the seasons go in a 'cycle' and continually repeat the pattern each year.



Important Festive Dates

Monday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Swap

If your child has grown out of their Christmas jumper or they would like a different Christmas jumper they can bring one into school and swap it for a different one. (More details in the flyer at the end of the newsletter)

Friday 12th December – FOPPS (Friends of Preston Primary School) Christmas event

Children can come to school dressed in non-uniform. In exchange, we ask that parents and carers send in a bottle of something for the Christmas tombola stall. This can be a bottle of anything! Please bring your donations to the table at the top of the school drive in the morning.

The FOPPS Christmas event will take place on the KS2 playground straight after school. There will be a variety of stalls including bottle tombola, reindeer food, and a bouncy castle.

There will be entertainment from our school choir and a band. Food will be available to purchase

Please come and support the Christmas event. FOPPS have worked very hard to organise the event and all the money raised goes towards the school. Thank you.



Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December – Unit 3 and 4 Community Carol Services

Unit 3 and 4 will be holding their community carol services and you are very welcome to come along and enjoy the festive evening at St Pauls Church in Preston, 6-7pm.

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas lunch

Please make sure you order a Christmas lunch for your child via Arbor. Alternatively, your child can still bring their packed lunch for the day.

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Party in school – Option to wear a Christmas jumper with your uniform

Each unit will hold their own Christmas party throughout the school day. There will be music and games. Your child can wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform if they wish.

Home Learning

- Enjoy the story 'Stickman' on Seesaw - read by Mrs Bastin
- Try the game '3 or not 3' on Seesaw.
- Check your child's book bag or Seesaw for phonics activities and reading to complete at home.

Important Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th December – Christmas Jumper Swap in school.

Tuesday 9th December – Foundation Nativity at 9.30am in the school hall

Wednesday 10th December – visit Preston Community Pre School to watch their Nativity

Friday 12th December – Father Christmas visiting Preston Primary to see all the children

Friday 12th December – FOPPS Christmas event after school on the KS2 playground

Monday 15th December – Foundation Rock Up and Read 2.50pm


Wednesday 17th December – Christmas Lunch in School – please book via Arbor

Thursday 18th December – Christmas party in school - Children can wear Christmas tops/jumpers with their usual school uniform.

Friday 19th December – Last day of term

More whole school dates below

Kind Regards Mrs Bastin, Mrs Blatchford and the Foundation Stage Team



Christmas Jumper Swap

Has your child outgrown their Christmas jumper from last year? Do they need a festive top for this season?

Did you know that 1 in 4 Christmas tops are thrown away or never worn again? Our Eco-Committee want to change this by hosting their annual 'Christmas Jumper' swap shop.




How it works:

- (1) On **Monday 8th December**, your child brings in their 'old' top (age 4 up to small adults, clean and in good condition) and hands it to their class teacher.
- (2) The Eco-committee will organise the clothes into age groups.
- (3) Later in the day, your child will visit the 'Swap Shop' in school where they can select a different item to bring home.

Donations of tops will also be gratefully received - **ages 4 up to small adults**. Please send any extra tops in with your child.

Remember that your child can wear their 'new' Christmas top to school on:

- Friday 12th December - non-uniform day (FOPPS Christmas Event)
- Thursday 18th December - Unit Christmas Party Day.



PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL **2025 FESTIVE EVENTS**

Friday 28 th November	Choir performing at Blossoms Winter Concert at 6pm
Sunday 30 th November	Choir performing at the Salvation Army Carol Service
Thursday 4 th December	FOPPS Elfridges Shop (in school time)
Friday 5 th December	Barn Owls & Woodpeckers Rock Up & Read at 2:30pm
Monday 8 th December	Eco-Committee Christmas Jumper Swap Shop
Monday 8 th December	Reverend Nathan Kiyaga delivering an assembly for the children on the Christian importance of Christmas
Tuesday 9 th December	Foundation Stage Nativity at 9:30am
Wednesday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity at 9:30am and 2:30pm <i>*Due to capacity in the Hall, we can only accommodate a max. of two parents per family, so please only come to one performance (either the 9:30am OR the 2:30pm) OR have one person at each performance. Thank you.</i>
Wednesday 10 th December	Foundation Stage visit to St Paul's Preschool for nativity
Friday 12 th December	FOPPS Christmas Event on KS2 playground from 3:15pm. Father Christmas will be visiting the children in school that afternoon – there is no cost, and this has been organised by FOPPS. <i>*Children can come to school in non-uniform, and please bring a bottle for the tombola.</i>
Saturday 13 th December	Choir performing at Bay of Lights
Monday 15 th December	Unit 1 (FS) Rock Up & Read at 2:50pm
Monday 15 th December	Unit 3 Carol Service at St Paul's Church, 6-7pm <i>*Please can children wear school uniform and sit with parents/family groups throughout the Carol Service.</i>
Tuesday 16 th December	Unit 4 Rock Up & Read at 2:50pm
Tuesday 16 th December	Unit 4 Carol Service at St Paul's Church, 6-7pm <i>*Please can children wear school uniform and sit with parents/family groups throughout the Carol Service.</i>
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Christmas lunch
Wednesday 17 th December	Unit 3 Rock Up & Read at 2:50pm
Thursday 18 th December	Unit Christmas parties. <i>*Children can wear Christmas jumpers to school with their usual uniform – there is no donation required for this.</i>
Thursday 18 th December	Unit 2 Rock Up & Read at 2:50pm
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term – whole school Christmas assembly for the children.
Saturday 20 th December	Choir performing at Bay of Lights