



# Preston Primary School

## HALF-TERMLY NEWSLETTER



ISSUE 6: JULY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another wonderful school year draws to a close, I would like to extend my sincere thanks for your ongoing support throughout the year. Your partnership has played an important role in helping our school community thrive, and it has been a pleasure to see the children develop academically, socially, and personally.

This year has been filled with memorable experiences, from special events and educational visits to the many successes achieved in the classroom each day. The children have consistently demonstrated our School Values showing Determination, Respect, and Responsibility, and they should be immensely proud of everything they have accomplished.

I would also like to express my appreciation to our dedicated staff, whose hard work and commitment make such a positive difference every day. Together with the support of our families, they have helped create a caring, inclusive, and inspiring environment in which every child can flourish.

A huge thank you to our PTA, FOPPS (Friends of Preston Primary School), for organising another fantastic Summer Fair. It was wonderful to see so many families and members of our local community come together to enjoy the event, creating a fantastic atmosphere in the sunshine.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Hazel, a HLTA in Unit 3. We would like to thank her for the 7 years she has dedicated to Preston. During her time with us, she has supported many children in their learning development. She will be greatly missed, and we wish her all the very best for the future.

I hope you all enjoy a relaxing and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 3rd September for another exciting year of learning, discovery, and success.

Warmest wishes, Mrs Oliver (Headteacher)

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### Enriching Our Curriculum

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**Unit 2** Year 2 children had a splendid sleepover in the school hall. They ate hotdogs, toasted marshmallows and popcorn on the campfire, and played out late with their friends.

**Unit 3** children were excellent ambassadors when they visited Make Southwest in Bovey Tracey. The children participated in a willow weaving workshop with a local artist, showing their creativity and determination as they created their own woven fish out of local willow branches. This trip is a great example of number 13 of our 30 Ways to Connect, learning from a local artist.

**Unit 4** Year 5 had a fantastic secondary school taster day at Torquay Academy, enjoying an exciting range of hands-on workshops across a variety of subjects. During their science lesson, pupils created the ever-popular elephant toothpaste experiment, while in food technology they baked delicious cookies. Meanwhile, another group of Year 5 pupils visited Churston Grammar School, where they took part in a series of engaging workshops. Activities included investigating 3D shapes in mathematics, exploring the features of effective writing in English, and designing, building and testing rockets. Our strong partnerships with our local secondary schools provide valuable opportunities like these, helping to broaden our pupils' horizons, build their confidence and give them an exciting glimpses into the learning experiences that await them in the future.

**Unit 4 eSports Workshop** A group of Year 5/6 children had a wonderful day at South Devon College, diving into the world of eSports. The children had an opportunity to take part in friendly gaming sessions featuring Rocket League and Mario Kart and studied Video Games Design. The enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and teamwork shown by the children was outstanding and embraced our School Aim 'Ready for Work'.

**Preston Primary Choir** performed at Blossoms Choir Summer Concert on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at Upton Vale Church, Torquay. The choir were outstanding, delivering two fantastic new performances filled with confidence, beautiful singing and impressively polished dance moves. The children successfully achieved 'representing our school' as part of 30 Ways to Connect.



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## Music

### Music Curriculum This Term

This term, the children have enjoyed exploring a wide range of musical activities designed to develop their listening, performing, composing, and responding skills. Across the school, pupils have learned how music can communicate ideas, tell stories, express emotions, and bring people together. Through singing, playing instruments, listening to different musical styles, and creating their own music, the children have developed their understanding of key musical concepts while building confidence, creativity and enjoyment in music-making.

### Unit 1 – Everyone!

Children explored a variety of musical styles through listening and discussion activities. They developed their understanding of the key elements of music and enjoyed learning and singing nursery rhymes, songs and action songs. Pupils also began improvising simple musical ideas and playing classroom instruments. Throughout the Unit, they had opportunities to share and perform their learning, helping them to build confidence as young musicians.

### Unit 2 – Do Songs Tell a Story?

In this Unit, children discovered how music can be used to tell stories and express feelings. They explored how different musical features, such as loud and soft sounds, fast and slow tempos, and smooth or detached melodies, can help communicate emotions and ideas. Pupils listened to a range of songs and considered the stories they might be telling, while also learning how different instruments can create different moods and effects.

### Unit 3 – How Does a Composer Compose Music?

Children learned about some of the building blocks that composers use when creating music. They explored the idea that melodies often have a note that feels like “home”, known as the tonic or home note. Through listening, singing, and playing instruments, pupils developed their understanding of how melodies are organised and how music can feel complete and resolved. They also began to think about how composers structure and create memorable musical ideas.

### Unit 4 – How Do We Create Music That Is Harmonically Interesting?

This Unit focused on harmony and the use of chords in music. Children explored how chords can add depth and interest to a piece and how they can be used to accompany a melody. Through listening to and responding to pieces such as *La Bamba*, pupils identified how harmony supports musical ideas and contributes to the overall character of a song. They also experimented with composing and arranging music using chords to create their own accompaniments.

We are very proud of the enthusiasm and musical progress shown by all pupils this term. Through listening, performing, composing and evaluating music, the children have developed valuable musical skills while growing in confidence and creativity. We look forward to building on these experiences next year as pupils continue their musical journey and discover even more ways to enjoy, create and share music.

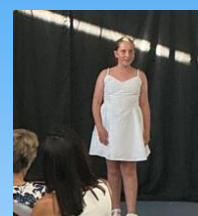


## Preston's Musical Gala

On Tuesday 14th July, the Preston Primary School Choir, along with some of our talented musicians, took to the stage for the Preston Primary Musical Gala, building on the success of last year's much-loved event.

The choir delighted the audience with a selection of songs they have worked tirelessly to perfect throughout the year. They were joined by an array of talented young musicians from across the school, making the evening a wonderful celebration of musical achievement, dedication, and creativity.

The gala was a memorable occasion for performers and audience members alike, showcasing the incredible talent within our school community. It also raised valuable funds for the school's music department, helping to provide even more enriching musical opportunities for our children in the future.



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## History

As we reach the end of the final half term of the Summer Term, we would like to congratulate all children on their fantastic efforts in History this academic year. Throughout the year, they have shown great enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination as they have developed their skills as young Historians. This half term, children across the school have continued to build their understanding of the past through a range of exciting historical enquiries and learning experiences.

**Unit 1** have continued their exploration of personal timelines and the passage of time. They have strengthened their understanding of chronology by making links to their learning about the lifecycle of a caterpillar, helping them to recognise how things grow, change, and develop over time.

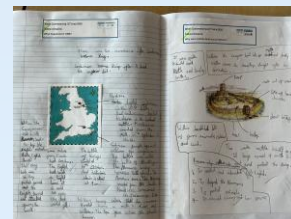
**Unit 2** – *What were people doing for fun 100 years ago?*

**Unit 3** – *Why is there a castle in Totnes?*

**Unit 4** – *What were the achievements of the early civilisations?* (with an in-depth focus on Egypt).

Across the school, children have continued to think like Historians by asking questions, exploring evidence, and drawing conclusions from what they have learned. Unit 2 have enjoyed discovering how leisure activities have changed over time and comparing pastimes from the past with those enjoyed today. Unit 3 children are now confidently using chronology alongside historical evidence to discuss the Battle of Hastings in 1066, William the Conqueror's rise to power, and how the Norman Conquest changed life in England in the years that followed with a focus on Totnes and the castle that dominates the landscape. In Unit 4, children have been developing their ability to answer historical questions using source material to justify their thinking. They have excelled in understanding the chronology of ancient civilisations and exploring the remarkable achievements of Ancient Egypt.

We have been delighted by the thoughtful conversations taking place in History lessons, with children confidently justifying their ideas, asking insightful questions, and explaining their understanding. History continues to be a wonderful subject for developing storytelling, curiosity, and oracy skills, and we encourage families to continue discussing the past and exploring local history together over the summer break. We are incredibly proud of all the children for the fantastic progress they have made as Historians this year.



## Enrichment Day

Recently, the whole school enjoyed an Enrichment Day, spending time in their School Houses— Broadsands, Goodrington, Livermead, and Meadfoot. The Enrichment Day perfectly captured what makes Preston so special. It was a fantastic opportunity for children of all ages to work alongside one another, strengthen friendships, make new connections, and develop an even greater sense of belonging within our school community.

Throughout the day, the children rotated through a variety of exciting activities, including den building in the Woodland Camp, sports, art, and a scavenger hunt. Every activity encouraged teamwork, creativity, communication and problem-solving, while giving children the chance to learn in different ways and celebrate each other's strengths.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing older and younger pupils supporting and encouraging one another. It was wonderful to see children taking on leadership roles and working collaboratively. There was a real sense of house pride throughout the day, with smiles, laughter and enthusiasm wherever you looked.

These activities also linked brilliantly to our 30 Ways to Connect, including #6 Build a den, #9 Take part in art or fixing and #28 Go on a scavenger hunt. Through these shared experiences, children strengthened relationships and deepened their sense of belonging within the school community. The Enrichment Day perfectly captured what makes Preston so special. By learning, exploring and achieving together, our children created lasting memories while further nurturing the strong sense of community at the heart of our school. A huge thank you to the staff for organising such a memorable day, and to the children for embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and positivity.



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## Celebrating a year of Art

This year, thanks to your generous art contributions, our children have enjoyed an exciting and enriching journey through three inspiring art enquiries: Printing, Drawing, and Mixed Media. These enquiries have given every child the opportunity to develop their creativity, learn new artistic skills and explore the work of a range of talented artists from around the world.

Throughout the year, children have experimented with different materials, techniques and processes, building confidence in expressing their own ideas whilst learning from professional artists.

We are incredibly grateful for the support of our families. Your contributions have helped provide inspiring resources, opportunities and experiences that have enriched our art curriculum and enabled children to develop not only artistic skills, but also curiosity, resilience, and a lifelong appreciation of creativity.

Please enjoy the photographs of the children's artwork, artist inspiration and memorable experiences from this fantastic year of learning in Art.

### Year 1 and 2 explored:

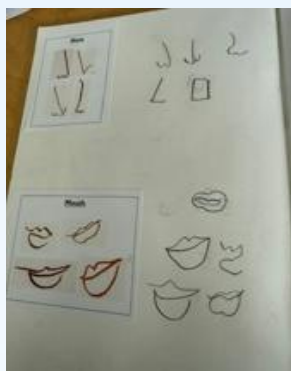
- Enquiry Question: How can I create a relief pattern? Relief patterns inspired by *Sarah Joe Qinuajua*



- Enquiry Question: How can I create a collage? Collage techniques influenced by *Brian Pollard*



- How can I create a portrait using line? Portrait drawing using line inspired by *Henri Matisse*



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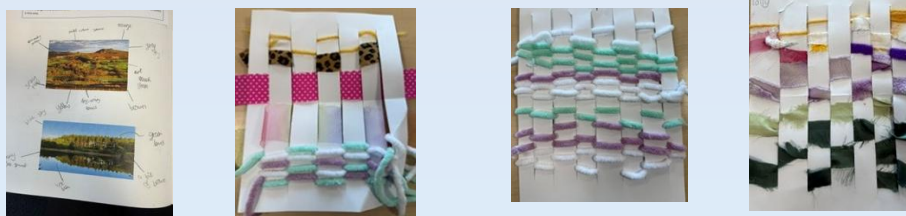
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**Year 3 and 4** investigated:

- How can I create a mono print? Mono printing through the work of *John Piper*



- How can I create a weave? Weaving techniques inspired by textile artist *Sheila Hicks*



- How can I create a portrait using tone? Portraits using tone and shading influenced by *Pablo Picasso*



**Year 5 and 6** developed their skills through:

- How can I create a block print repeating pattern? Block print repeating patterns inspired by *William Morris*



- How can I create an appliqué? Appliqué textile work linked to *Jan Kilpatrick*



- How can I create a portrait using personal style? *Anatol Knotek*



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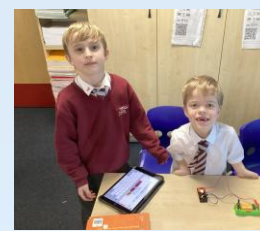
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## Celebrating a Year of Design and Technology!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and families for your generous donations towards resources for both Art and Design and Technology. Your support has made a real difference to the opportunities we can provide for our pupils. The funding has enabled children to explore a range of Design and Technology experiences, helping them to develop creativity, problem-solving skills, and practical understanding across different areas of the curriculum. Being able to access a variety of quality materials, tools, and equipment has enriched learning and allowed pupils to gain valuable hands-on experience. The resources purchased through your donations have been instrumental in supporting children to develop and refine their practical skills over time. Through working with different media, tools, and equipment, pupils have grown in confidence and independence while applying their learning in meaningful and engaging ways. We are incredibly grateful for your continued generosity and support in helping us provide these enriching experiences for all our children. Thank you.

Please enjoy the photographs of children from Foundation Stage to Year 6 creating wonderful dishes, electrical systems, structures, mechanical systems, and working with computer aided design. We are looking forward to what the children will make next year!



Thanks to your generous donations, children across all Units have been able to benefit from a wide range of new Design and Technology resources.

Children in every Unit have used or will use our new kitchen equipment, including child-safety knives, peelers, graters, mixing bowls, baking trays, and blenders, to learn how to prepare food safely and confidently. Donations have also helped to provide play dough for practising food preparation skills and the ingredients needed for creating their final dishes.

Children in Units 2, 3, and 4 have explored a variety of mechanical systems. Unit 2 created moving pictures using levers and sliders, Unit 3 investigated wheels and axles to design and build cars, and Unit 4 explored pulley systems while creating fairground rides. To support this learning, children haven been able to use a range of materials and tools, including card, fabric scissors, split pins, wood, and various joining materials, enabling them to design, test and create their own mechanisms. Many of these resources were also reused by Unit 2 when constructing windmill structures.

Children in Unit 3 have also benefited from our new electrical components, including batteries, wires and bulbs, which allowed them to investigate simple circuits and design and make their own torches.

Your donations have provided valuable hands-on learning experiences, helping children to develop practical skills, creativity, problem-solving abilities, and confidence in Design and Technology.

# Celebrating a Year of Sporting Success

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What another fantastic year it has been for sport and physical activity at our school. At Preston we believe that physical activity plays a vital role in supporting children's health, well-being, and learning. Children who are physically active are better able to concentrate, remember information, and engage positively in their learning. Whether through PE lessons, active playtimes, clubs, or simply walking to school, every opportunity to move contributes to healthier, happier, and more successful learners. Below are some sporting highlights from this year:

## Sponsored Swim Success!



What an unforgettable week! Our Sponsored Swim 2026 brought together every child across Preston Primary in a fantastic celebration of determination, teamwork and community spirit. From our youngest swimmers in Foundation Stage to our oldest pupils, every child took to the water challenging themselves to swim as many lengths as possible while contributing to our collective goal to swim as many crossings of Torbay as possible. Over the five-day challenge, the children collectively swam 6,445 lengths, the equivalent of an impressive 12 crossings of the bay! This is an incredible achievement, and we are so proud of every single child. A special mention must go to Mrs Bastin for her drive and tenacity in organising this wonderful event. (see the next page for the total amount of money raised)

This term, it has been wonderful to see every child making the most of our school pool. Whether they were taking their very first strokes, developing new techniques or growing in confidence in the water, the progress and enthusiasm shown by the children has been fantastic.

## Sports Festival Fun

This year, every class had the exciting opportunity to take part in a Sports Festival hosted by Paignton Academy. These events gave children the chance to explore new activities, develop their skills, and most importantly – have fun! With a strong focus on participation and enjoyment, the festivals encouraged children to step outside their comfort zones and celebrate being active together. The Sports Festivals are a wonderful reminder that sport is for everyone, regardless of ability or experience. Taking part in these festivals also contributes to our school's '30 Ways to Connect' initiative, giving pupils the opportunity to represent our school.



## A Fantastic Sports Day

We were delighted to enjoy a fantastic Sports Day, filled with enthusiasm, determination, and encouragement. Every child had the opportunity to take part, represent their school house, and enjoy a range of races and team challenges. It was wonderful to see pupils cheering one another on and demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. Our Barn Owls children also enjoyed a circuit of adapted physical activities, ensuring every child could participate, experience success, and be part of the celebration. Sports Day was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our sense of belonging, with children proudly representing Boodsands, Goodrington, Livermead, and Meadfoot while contributing to a shared team effort.

A huge thank you to our House Captains and helpers for their excellent leadership, to FOPPS for running the refreshment stall, to our staff for organising such a successful event, and to all the families who came along to support.



## Team Spirit and Competition

It has been wonderful to see so many children proudly representing our school in a wide variety of sporting events this year – including football, rugby, cricket, tennis, and netball. Our teams have demonstrated outstanding commitment and enthusiasm, competing in numerous matches and tournaments throughout the year. With teamwork, determination, and plenty of support from the sidelines, our players have been excellent ambassadors for our school, consistently demonstrating our values of determination, respect, along with perseverance and sportsmanship.



# Sponsored Swim Success...Thank you!



## OUR CHALLENGE:

The stretch across the bay  
from Torquay to Brixham  
(approx. 4 miles)



SO FAR, TOGETHER WE HAVE RAISED

# £9,098!

AND IT'S STILL  
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THANK YOU!  
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# SPONSORED SWIM

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This term, it has been wonderful to see every child making the most of our school pool. Whether they were taking their very first strokes, developing new techniques or growing in confidence in the water, the progress and enthusiasm shown by the children has been fantastic. Seeing every child benefit from this unique facility has reminded us just how special our pool is and why it is so important that we continue to invest in its future.

We have been completely overwhelmed by the generosity of our families, friends and wider community. The support shown through sponsorship has been nothing short of incredible and we cannot thank everyone enough for getting behind the children and helping us raise vital funds for our school pool. We are absolutely thrilled to reveal that, so far, together we have raised an amazing **£9,098!** Sponsorship money is continuing to come in so this total is expected to grow even further. A huge thank you goes to our wonderful children for their enthusiasm, perseverance and resilience throughout the week, to our families and supporters for their incredible generosity, to FOPPS for their continued support and to all the staff and volunteers who helped make the event run so smoothly.

The money raised will play a vital role in helping us upgrade and improve different areas of our pool, ensuring it continues to provide opportunities for both current and future pupils. We will continue to keep our school community updated on the improvements these funds will make possible. Thanks to the kind donation received last year from Roslin Hall Endowment House, Torquay, we were able to purchase two new circulation pumps at the start of this season which proved vital to the successful running of the pool this year. This latest fundraising success will allow us to continue investing in this much valued facility.

This has been a truly memorable event that perfectly reflects the strength of our school community. Together, we have achieved something very special and we couldn't be prouder of everyone involved. Our fundraising efforts are far from over and we are delighted that members of our wider community have already been in touch to express an interest in supporting future fundraising for our swimming pool. We look forward to sharing more exciting updates with you in the months ahead.

Thank you once again for your incredible support. Together, we are helping to secure the future of our much loved school pool for generations of Preston children to enjoy. ♥



LET'S KEEP MAKING A SPLASH – TOGETHER!

Every length makes a difference. Every donation helps our pool thrive.  
Thank you for being part of our amazing Preston community!

# Goodbye and Good Luck, Year 6!

Goodbye and good luck – the future is yours!

As we reach the end of the academic year, we also bid a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. It has been a privilege to see them develop into confident, caring, and capable young people, and they have made a lasting contribution to life at Preston. We are immensely proud of everything they have accomplished and know they are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that secondary school will bring. Although they are moving on, they will always hold a special place in our Preston community, and we wish them every success and happiness for the future.

## Year 6 Residential

The Year 6 children attended a residential at 'Skern Adventure' in Bideford this half term. The children had a fantastic time, despite the warm weather, participating in activities such as high ropes, archery, paddleboarding and kayaking. The children demonstrated a real willingness to challenge themselves with new and adventurous activities and showed great determination and positivity. It was wonderful to see them develop their teamwork, resilience, and independence, whilst strengthening and building friendships. The children have also completed number 27 out of our 30 Ways to Connect – take part in a water sport.



## Year 6 Production

Our Year 6 pupils delivered a truly memorable performance of *The Greatest Show*, showcasing their confidence, enthusiasm, and talent. They dedicated themselves to rehearsals, spending time both in school and at home learning their lines, songs, and routines. Their teamwork, commitment, and creativity shone throughout the production, resulting in a fantastic performance that entertained the audience from start to finish and had everyone laughing along!



## Year 6 Civic Award Celebration

A huge congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils who attended their Civic Award Presentation and Celebration Evening at Cuthbert Mayne. During the event, the children were presented with their final certificates in recognition of their hard work and achievements throughout the programme.

We are incredibly proud of the dedication and effort that has gone into completing their folders, demonstrating our School Values of Independence and Responsibility. Through their commitment to helping others, contributing to their community, and making positive choices, they have truly embodied our School Aim to Be a Good Citizen.

Well done to everyone on this fantastic achievement!



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# Pupil Achievements



Celebrating children's personal successes and achievements is important to us at Preston as we know it helps to develop their character, such as building self-esteem and confidence. Well done to these children for their wonderful achievements. We have some very talented pupils!

Please email into [admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:admin@preston.torbay.sch.uk) with a photo and information, if you are happy to share your child's achievements outside school, and it may feature in our Half Termly Newsletters.

## Harlie, Year 4

Well done to Harlie, who has recently passed her Grade 2 on the drums and achieved a merit. This is a fantastic achievement!



## Stephanie, Year 3

Stephanie has had amazing success in dance. She has been offered a place as a Royal Ballet School Online Associate and has also been placed on a short waiting list for Junior Associates at the Royal Ballet in Stroud. Stephanie was successful out of 1160 applicants! This is an impressive achievement, and we are all very proud.



## Frankie, Year 5

Well done to Frankie who received an award for gymnastics recently. Frankie was chosen for the Coaches Choice award for hard work and amazing progress. Brilliant determination, Frankie!



## Jacob, Year 6

Congratulations to Jacob, who was awarded the Sponsors Player of the Year at the end of season presentation. Jacob was praised for his dedication and determination. Well done, Jacob!



## Elliot, Year 4

Elliot is celebrating a fantastic football achievement where his U9 team competed at the ESF26 Grand Final at St George's Park. Elliot showed great Determination, Teamwork, and skill, and his team finished an incredible 3<sup>rd</sup> in the country following a brilliant weekend of football.



## Freya, Year 5

Freya attended the BMC Youth Climbing Festival, which is a two-day competition designed to test climbers across both bouldering and roped climbing, incorporating strategic climb selection and difficulty-based scoring. Freya came second in the bouldering section, 4<sup>th</sup> in the roped section against 11 competitors from across the country. This is an incredible achievement, Freya, and a fantastic demonstration of Determination!



## Grace & Errin, Year 4, Alex, Year 5, and Maya, Year 6

Congratulations to Alex, Maya, Grace, and Errin who recently took part in the Rowcroft Hospice Sleep Walk and raised over £800 for the charity. They walked 8 miles along the coast with no complaints! A fantastic achievement, well done.



## Gigi, Year 1

Congratulations to Gigi, who recently achieved her level 4 green award in gymnastics. An amazing achievement, Gigi!



## Matilda, Year 3

Matilda recently completed the Rowcroft Sleep Walk to raise money for Rowcroft Hospice. Matilda was a trooper and completed all 8 miles with barely a moan! We are all very proud of Matilda, well done – another wonderful example of our School Values.





# Diary Dates



KEY DATES FOR THE HALF TERM · ALL DATES ARE ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE CALENDAR [Calendar at Preston Primary School](#)

| DATE                                                             | EVENT / INFORMATION                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tues 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>   | Non-Pupil Days                                                                              |
| <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>                        | Children are back to school (Autumn 1) – FOPPS Tea & Tissues at drop off for new FS parents |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>                          | SEND/Pastoral Drop In for parents from 9-10am                                               |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>                          | Bikeability Level 1 (Year 3/4)                                                              |
| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>                          | Respect Assembly for the children from Reverend Nathan Kiyaga                               |
| <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>                         | Unit 4 Parent Information Meeting at 2:45pm                                                 |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>                       | Unit 2 Parent Information Meeting at 2:45pm                                                 |
| <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>                        | Unit 3 Parent Information Meeting at 2:45pm                                                 |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>                          | Flu Immunisations                                                                           |
| <b>Mon 21<sup>st</sup> – Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>      | Bikeability Level 2 (Year 5/6)                                                              |
| <b>w/c 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>                             | Activity Clubs begin                                                                        |
| <b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>                        | M&M Theatre Productions – Alice in Wonderland                                               |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>                          | Tempest Photography – individual pupil photos                                               |
| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>                          | Harvest Assembly for the children with Reverend Nathan Kiyaga                               |
| <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>                         | KS2 (Units 3 & 4) Maths Parent Workshop 5-6pm in the Hall                                   |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>                       | Foundation Stage Parent Phonics Workshop 2:40pm in the Hall                                 |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>                           | New intake tour for prospective FS parents at 9:30am                                        |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>                           | Kestrels Sports Festival – Tag Rugby                                                        |
| <b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>                           | KS1 (Unit 2) Maths Parent Workshop 5-6pm in the Hall                                        |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>                            | New intake tour for prospective FS parents at 9:30am and 3:30pm                             |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | SEND/Pastoral Drop In for parents from 2-3pm                                                |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | Starlings Sports Festival – Tag Rugby                                                       |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | Foundation Stage child-led tour for Foundation parents at 2:50pm                            |
| <b>Tues 13<sup>th</sup> &amp; Weds 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | FS (Puffins and Penguins) Parents Evening Meetings 3:30-6pm                                 |
| <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | New intake tour for prospective FS parents at 9:30am                                        |
| <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>                            | Unit 2 Parent Book Look at 2:45pm                                                           |
| <b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>                           | Unit 3 Parent Book Look at 2:45pm                                                           |
| <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>                         | Unit 4 Parent Book Look at 2:45pm                                                           |
| <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>                          | FOPPS Disco & Non-Uniform Day                                                               |
| <b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>                            | Non-Pupil Day                                                                               |
| <b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> October – Sun 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> | Half Term                                                                                   |
| <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>                            | Back to school (Autumn 2)                                                                   |



# Notice Board

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES



## Summer Holiday Camps



Saints Southwest will be running holiday camps over the Summer break. This is available to all children agreed 5-11 years and will be running on Tuesdays (21/7, 28/7, 4/8, 11/8, 18/8, and 25/8) from 10am until 3pm. Please book using this link:  
<https://pbbl.uk/41Sobpw>

## PRESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

IMPRESSIVE

Whole School  
attendance

96.6%

Weekly  
attendance  
is improving!

This term,  
Starlings has  
the highest  
attendance!

Livermead 96.9%

Goodrington 96.25%

Broadsands 95.36%

Meadfoot 94.17%

Did you know.....  
The NHS have published  
guidelines to help  
parents determine  
whether your child is  
too ill for school. These  
can be found online or  
our recent attendance  
letter.

Talk to our  
attendance  
team if  
you have  
a problem

Mrs Oliver Mrs Johns

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

## Parent Fundraising for our Pool

One of our parents is kindly fundraising for our school pool by running the Torbay Half Marathon! They are hoping to raise some vital funds to go towards the upkeep of our school pool. Thank you, Mr Drouge. This is the link to the JustGiving page:  
[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/max-drouge-1?utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/max-drouge-1?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)  
Thank you for your support.

**TORBAY**  
HALF MARATHON & 10K

## Wild Week

Paignton  
Zoo

Wild Week is a summer holiday club  
like no other - perfect for kids who  
love animals and the outdoors!

Wild Week - Ages 7-11  
Wild Rangers - Ages 12-16

- Up-close animal encounters
- Team challenges
- Outdoor adventures
- Creative projects and practical skills

Hands-on days packed with  
animals, exploration, and creativity.

Dates from 27 July-28 Aug  
10am-4pm 4-5 days a week

Book Now!



## GIVE BRASS A GO

Come along and try out a brass instrument  
Everyone welcome of all ages and abilities  
Refreshments provided  
Drop in and stay as long as you like  
Children must be accompanied by an adult

**FREE ENTRY**

SATURDAY 25 JULY | 10:30-13:00

St Andrew's Methodist Church Shiphay  
[www.baybrass.co.uk](http://www.baybrass.co.uk)



Preston Primary School

**Uniform  
swap shop**

YOU DON'T NEED TO DONATE TO TAKE

Pre-loved school uniform  
available in the Pastoral office  
every Friday 3-3:15pm.

Just pop in or e mail Lisa Shepherd:  
[lshepherd@preston.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:lshepherd@preston.torbay.sch.uk) to arrange an  
alternative time.

**SWISCO**

A Torbay Council Company

Recruiting local heroes now!

**Help Torbay's school  
children cross safely**

Up to 10 hours per week (term time)  
Uniform provided

01803 207678

[highways@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:highways@torbay.gov.uk)





# Notice Board

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FAMILIES



## Torquay Tennis Club Family Fun Weekend

Come and join us at Torquay Tennis Club for two days of 'Fast Fours' Tennis, Kid's Tournaments and Social Tennis, on Bank Holiday weekend: **Saturday, 29th & Sunday, 30th August.**

There will be **taster sessions** for Pickleball, Padel, Pétanque and Table Tennis. Followed by a **barbeque with live entertainment!** There will be stalls here over the weekend where you can purchase family and sports products, some of which will be up for grabs in our **raffle**, along with other **fantastic prizes!**

Our newly renovated Clubhouse will be open from 9am serving delicious meals, as well as a variety of beverages, baked goods and ice cream!

If you don't know our club, check us out here:

<https://torquaytennisclub.co.uk/>

**The Kids Fast Four's tournament is free to enter;** there is a **£5 fee per pair for the adult tournaments** with beautifully engraved Trophies for all the winners. **Pay on the day.**

Please follow the Ticket Taylor link below to register and get your free tickets. This is so we have an idea of how many of you will be joining us!

<https://buytickets.at/torquaytennisclub1/2287705>

**We are really looking forward to welcoming you and your family for a great fun weekend at Torquay Tennis Club!**



## School Age Basic (6–12 years)



### Helping Families Build Stronger Connections

#### 😊 What is it? 😊

A nurturing and supportive parenting programme for families with children and young people aged 6–12 who may be finding behaviour, emotions, or relationships a little challenging at times.

This programme is particularly suited to parents and carers of children who may have ADHD or similar needs. It is not designed for children with autism.

Across **12 weekly sessions (2 hours each)**, you'll be welcomed into a friendly group of parents and carers. Together, in a relaxed and non-judgemental space, you'll share experiences, build understanding, and explore new ways forward with the support of our Incredible Years practitioners. There will be time to reflect, connect, and celebrate even the smallest steps of progress.

#### 😊 What you'll take away: 😊

- Gentle, practical ways to encourage positive behaviour
- Support in setting clear, calm boundaries
- Ideas to help your child or young person understand and manage their emotions
- Approaches to strengthen connection and relationships within your family
- Growing confidence in responding to everyday challenges

#### Why join?

Because parenting can feel overwhelming at times — and you deserve support too. This programme offers a safe, respectful space where you can be heard, understood, and encouraged, alongside other families on a similar journey.

#### Interested?

**Start date:** 11/09/2026 (*no sessions during October half term*)

**Time:** 10:00am – 12:00pm

**Venue:** The Beehive Family Hub, Paignton, TQ3 3DR

**Email:** [Tanya.Bryne-Giltrow@Torbay.gov.uk](mailto:Tanya.Bryne-Giltrow@Torbay.gov.uk) – questions welcome, self-referral available, looking forward to meeting you 😊