



# Preston Primary

## Unit 1 Puffins and Penguins Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026



Love to  
Learn

Be a Good  
Citizen

Ready for  
Work



Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year.

It has been an honour to teach the children and be part of their school journey. What an incredible year it has been, we have so many fond memories. It is always hard to see them leave Puffins and Penguins, but we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved, and we know they will be amazing in Year 1.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful summer break.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bastin, Mrs Blatchford, and all of the Foundation Stage staff

### Transition to Year 1



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| Unit 1 | Foundation Stage |
| Unit 2 | Years 1 & 2      |
| Unit 3 | Years 3 & 4      |
| Unit 4 | Years 5 & 6      |

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week the children spent time with their new class and their new teacher. It was a very proud moment when they all went off confidently to spend time in their new classroom. We feel that this enhanced transition has made the children feel more secure and excited about the move to Year 1. The children came back to Puffins and Penguins at the end of each day excited to tell us about the activities they have taken part in. They have also made new friendships with the Year 2 children who will be in the classroom with them. It is an exciting time, and we have given the children many opportunities to talk about their feelings regarding the coming changes. This transition will make the first few days of September run smoothly as children will have already experienced their new class and met their new teacher.

## Sports Day

Thank you for your support on Sports Day. Puffins and Penguins thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces and the enthusiasm they brought to every event.



## Sports Festival

This week, Puffins and Penguins attended an exciting Sports Festival at Paignton Academy. The adventure began with a journey to the venue on a double-decker bus, which created lots of excitement!

The children took part in a carousel of activities led by the Academy's Sports Leaders. Some of their favourites included the agility run, basketball shoot out, and in particular the Sports Day story activity.

It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces throughout the afternoon. Puffins and Penguins demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, respect, and responsibility while learning a range of new skills.

Thank you to Paignton Academy for hosting such a fantastic event and providing another valuable opportunity for our children to develop their love of learning.



## **Beach Trip**

Puffins and Penguins enjoyed a wonderful seaside adventure during their visit to Preston Sands. The children demonstrated fantastic responsibility as they walked to and from the beach, remaining safe, sensible, and respectful throughout the journey.

Once there, they enjoyed digging, building sandcastles, and playing together on the beach. The visit was a well-deserved reward for their hard work throughout the year and their commitment to demonstrating our School Values.

Their excellent behaviour did not go unnoticed, with several members of the public commenting on how polite and well-mannered the children were. We were incredibly proud of them all, and the trip was a lovely way to celebrate a brilliant year together.



### Celebration Show

The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning with you during the Celebration Show. We were incredibly proud of their performances and delighted to see how much their confidence has grown throughout the year. They worked incredibly hard to learn their words, songs, and actions, and it was wonderful to see their enthusiasm shining through. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the occasion so special.



### Seesaw Access

During the summer holiday the Puffin and Penguin Seesaw classes will be archived. Thank you for all your engagement, it has been wonderful sharing your child's learning. In September you will receive a new code to access your child's new Seesaw account.

### Important Dates

- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – First day of Autumn Term

**From Mrs Bastin, Mrs Blatchford and the Foundation Stage Team**