

Preston Grange Primary School

15th September 2026



Welcome

I'd like to welcome two new children to school along with their families this term. Welcome to Kareem, who has started in Year 1, and Esme who started in Year 3. We hope that you enjoy being a part of our school community.

Non-uniform days

Autumn 1st half term

Jeans for Genes – This is covered in PSHE lesson this week – children to wear jeans and uniform on top - Friday 18th September

Show Racism The Red Card – This is covered in PSHE between 12th-16th October

Wear pink for Cancer – This is covered in assembly and children come to school wearing pink on Friday 23rd October

Autumn 2nd half term

Children in Need - Children wear pjs – This is covered in class on Friday 13th November

Anti Bullying Week – Children wear odd socks on Monday of the week 16th - 20th November covered in assembly and PSHE that week

White Ribbon Campaign – This is covered in a PSHE lesson on the 25th November

Christmas jumper day- Monday 14th December

Cauliflower Christmas cards

It's that time of year again! This term we have decided to participate in the annual 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards.

The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school. Your child has been creating his/her own Christmas design which can be professionally printed to produce personalised Christmas cards, gift labels and other items. Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see his/her work as a finished printed product, the cards themselves are great for sending a more personal greeting to friends and family at Christmas. Details of the website are found on the order form your child's artwork is attached to.



Orders and payment must be made online using the unique code located at the top of the pupil order form. Please refer to your order form for further instructions.

Please do not photocopy the form, share your code with other parents, or use the same code to place orders for siblings - every child must use their own individual form and code. **All artwork where online orders have been placed must be returned to school by: Tuesday 6th October.** Orders will be delivered to school by the beginning of December.

Pantomime whole school trip

This year we will be taking the whole school to the annual pantomime at the Theatre Royal on Thursday 26th November in the afternoon. This is an exciting trip that the whole school looks forward to every year. The panto this year will be Jack & the Beanstalk. We hope that every child will enjoy coming, but if your child does not wish to attend the trip, we would require notice of this ASAP so that ticket numbers may be amended. A google form will be sent out this week.



Connect Mental Health Support

We are a host school for a Connect Mental Health team at our school. Connect MHST invites Parents and Carers supporting children and young people with social, emotional, and mental health needs to a virtual support session.

The monthly session is held on Zoom on the last Wednesday of the month at 5.30pm.



September's support session topic will be 'Understanding Anxiety and Strategies to Support Your Child on Wednesday 30th September - 5.30pm

The virtual session is a place for parents and carers to get information and support from Connect on wellbeing topics identified by parents, share their experiences if they choose to, help and support each other and get information and advice to support them. Please click on the link below to register your interest and to receive the Zoom invite.

[Connect Virtual Support Group – September Registration](#)

Please register in advance of the Zoom meeting time as our emails are only accessible during office hours 08.30-16.30

Attendance - Guidelines for absence due to illness

At the start of term we always share information about the importance of good attendance at school, and highlight some guidance to learn about whether your child is able to attend when they are unwell.

All children must attend school every day unless they are genuinely ill. Children can attend school with a minor illness and we advise trying Calpol to help, school

works closely with NHS guidelines to help support children to attend school.

Common queries include,

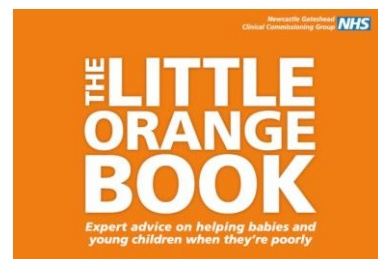
- Coughs and Colds: Fine to attend if they have no high temperature.
- Sore Throat: Fine to attend, unless accompanied by a fever.
- Conjunctivitis: No need to stay home, but inform the school.
- Head Lice: No exclusion required, but treat the hair immediately.
- Slapped Cheek Syndrome: Fine to attend once the rash appears, as they are no longer infectious.

When to stay at home

- Vomiting and Diarrhoea: Must stay off school for at least 48 hours after the very last episode of sickness or diarrhoea.
- High Temperature (Fever): Keep them home until the fever goes away and they feel well enough to return. This could be later in the day after Calpol if well enough.
- Chickenpox: Keep off school for at least 5 days from the start of the rash and until all spots have completely crusted over.
- Impetigo: Stay home until sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after starting antibiotic treatment.
- Scarlet Fever / Strep Throat: Keep home until 24 hours after starting the first dose of antibiotics.

We advise parents to refer to "THE LITTLE ORANGE BOOK" if there are any further queries. This is a book of expert advice from the NHS, you can also access

information on line from www.nhs.uk



Benedict's Law - Allergy safety in schools

Benedict's Law follows the death of Benedict Blythe, a 5 year old boy at his primary school in 2021. It is now law through section 34 of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026.

From this September, maintained schools, academies and PRUs must have an allergy safety policy, publish it on the website, review it annually, and have particular regard to the DfE statutory guidance.

Spare adrenaline pens and all-staff training are a strong expectation, but not yet statutory duties. Regulations follow early in 2027, when independent and non-maintained special schools also come into scope. Schools need to show how they are moving towards the standard.

For children with allergies, school will require updated and additional information about your child. This will be requested this week, thank you for your support.

Please note that, due to Benedict's Law, children are no longer permitted to bring cakes or sweets into school to celebrate their birthdays. Instead, your child may come to school in non-uniform on their birthday



Operation Encompass A reminder that we are an Operation Encompass School. Operation Encompass operates in all police forces across England. It helps police and schools work together to provide emotional and practical help to children. The system

ensures that when police are called to an incident of domestic abuse, where there are children in the household who have experienced the domestic incident, the police should inform the key adult (the designated safeguarding lead - Mrs Taylor) in school before the child or children arrive at school the following day. This ensures that the school has up to date relevant information about the child's circumstances and can enable immediate support to be put in place, according to the child's needs.

Flu Campaign

The flu vaccination programme will commence in the Autumn term for children in Reception to Year 6. You will have received a letter from the Flu Vaccination Team in June this year unless your child has just started at school in Reception. The date for our school is this Friday, 18/09/2026.

Please find all attachments below at the following link. The immunisation team would be grateful if you could complete this ahead of

Friday: <https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> Our school code is: NB108578.

Please complete a non-consent form if you do not wish for your child to be vaccinated by using the link above. If your child becomes wheezy or has their asthma medication increased after you have completed the form, please inform the immunisation service. Thanks for your support.



Parent Governors

We are looking to appoint two Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. Further information about the role and how to put yourself forward will be sent to parents next week.

If more than two eligible parents are nominated for the two available positions, a parent governor election will take place, giving parents the opportunity to vote for the two candidates they would like to represent them on the Governing Body.

Being a Parent Governor is a rewarding opportunity to play an active role in our school community, work alongside staff and other governors, and help support the best possible outcomes for our children.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please look out for the information next week and consider putting yourself forward. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Feedback from educational visits survey

Thank you to all families who responded to the google form survey about Educational Visits. I intend to write a separate letter to share the feedback from families and subsequent follow up actions that we will take. I will also explain to new Reception families and re-share the information that was sent out before Summer.

Mornings on the yard

You may have noticed that along with Miss Knowles (Deputy Head) I will be out and about around school each morning, taking the opportunity to say hello and connect with our families. We would love to hear from you, so please feel free to come and speak to us if you have any questions, concerns or issues you would like to raise. We are always happy to listen and help wherever we can!

Coffee mornings



I would love to invite families from each year group into school for a relaxed coffee morning, starting with our Reception families and then moving through the school, year group by year group, up to Year 6.

This will be an opportunity to get to know one another, ask any questions, find out more about school and share anything that may be helpful to you. Most importantly, it will be a chance to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a friendly chat.

I'm really looking forward to welcoming you into school and having the opportunity to spend some time together with families. Please find the dates below:

Reception - Tuesday 22nd September 9am
Year 1 - Tuesday 29th September 9am
Year 2 – Tuesday 6th October 9am
Year 3 – Tuesday 13th October 9am
Year 4 – Tuesday 3rd November 9am
Year 5 – Tuesday 10th November 9am
Year 6 – Tuesday 17th November 9am
Nursery – Tuesday 24th November 11am

Please note: A google form will be circulated to check who is able to make the coffee morning. If there are low numbers, some coffee mornings may be merged.

School office hours

A reminder that the school office is closed between 12.30pm and 1pm for staff lunch.

SEN (Special Educational Needs) Policy and information

Please find attached to the newsletter some information about our SEN Policy which may be found on our school website: www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk This is a summary and quick guide for families and we hope you find it useful.

Dates for your diary

Fri 18/9 – Jeans for genes (jeans bottoms & uniform top) non-uniform day

Fri 18/9 – Immunisation nurses in school AM

Mon 21/9 – Newcastle Eagles team in school Eagles Roadshow PM

Tues 22/9 – Cauliflower Xmas card art sent home

Thurs 24/9 – Sex Relationships Education meeting for Y5 parents 3.30pm

Tues 29/9 – Early Years Open Morning for prospective parents 9.40-10.40am

Tues 6/10 – SEN meetings AM

Tues 6/10 – **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS** due to staff training

Tues 6/10 - **DEADLINE FOR RETURNED ARTWORK** for Cauliflower card orders

Thurs 8/10 - SEN meetings AM

Mon 12/10 week – Show Racism the Red Card in PSHE lessons

Fri 16/10 – Chance to Dance Newcastle Eagles 6-9.15pm more info to follow

Mon 19/10 week – Wear Pink in PSHE lessons this week

Thurs 22/10 – Halloween discos (PM) more info to follow

Fri 23/10 – Wear Pink non-uniform day

Fri 23/10 – Break up for Half term

NB. Children return to school on Monday 2nd November

Tues 3rd Nov – Parent consultations PM