

Preston Grange Primary School

23rd October 2026



Chance to Dance

Thank you to all 210 of our families and children who came along last Friday to the Newcastle Eagles game. We had a great evening, our cheerleaders were absolutely fantastic and made us all really proud! If you still have an Eagles top at home, we'd be grateful if you could return it to school, thank you.



Ford Castle residential

Our Year 5 children will be offered the opportunity to attend a residential to Ford Castle next Summer term. There will be a google expression of interest sent out to families on Friday - we ask that this is returned by Monday 2nd November, thanks.



Instagram

After half term we will be moving from X to Instagram. On Monday 2nd November, we will launch our Instagram page. Thank you for your feedback which helped us select the most popular social media platform so that more of our parents are able to view our account.

Halloween discos

A HUGE thank you to the Incredible 8 and Mrs Smith who arranged the Halloween discos for the children. They made a profit of £504.57!!



Please can you nominate us?

There is a new Kellogg's and Tesco initiative that could provide additional funding for our school's breakfast provision. Through the Kellogg's x Tesco Breakfast Club Grants activation, 300 eligible schools across the UK will each receive a **£500 grant** to support the running of their breakfast club.

The promotion is open to state primary and secondary schools that already operate a breakfast club or similar breakfast provision. Members of the public can nominate schools during the promotional period, with successful schools selected at random from all valid nominations received.

We encourage you to share this opportunity with your school community and ask parents, staff and supporters to nominate your school. Nominations are open until the **26th October**.

For full details and to submit a nomination, please visit: https://www.kelloggs.co.uk/en_GB/our-story/breakfast-club-grant.html

Active North Tyneside - community activities



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North Tyneside Council

No Limits

FREE FOR KIDS ALL AGES

POOL SESSIONS

- Thursday at Waves**
6.20 - 7.20 PM
- Friday at Tynemouth Pool**
4 - 5 PM
- Saturday at The Lakeside Centre**
11 AM - 12 PM
- Saturday at Hadrian Leisure Centre**
2 - 3 PM

No Limits pool sessions are available in term time only. A valid easecard is required. Children and young people must behave in accordance with our Customer Charter. Pool admission policy applies.



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FREE FOR KIDS AGED 8-13 YEARS

- Monday at The Lakeside Centre**
4 - 5.30 PM
- Tuesday at The Parks Sports Centre**
4.30 - 6 PM
- Wednesday at Hadrian Leisure Centre**
5.15 - 6.30 PM

Activities include:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Table tennis
- Trampolining*
- Dodgeball
- Football

No Limits activities are available in term time only. A valid easecard is required. Children and young people must behave in accordance with our Customer Charter. *Available at the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions only.

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Parent governors

We currently have two vacancies for parent governors to join our governing body. Today the children will be coming home with a letter about the vacancies, along with a leaflet about the role of a parent governor. If you would like to be nominated, please call in at the school office to collect a nomination form.

E-scooters, EAPCs, E-bikes, and Motorcycles

Information for parents & carers



Road safety law is there to protect riders and other road users. In the event of a collision, the physical consequences can be devastating, life-changing and can ultimately result in the loss of life. Make sure that when your children ride on the roads they are doing so legally and safely with protective equipment such as helmets. Visit [THINK! Road safety](#) and [Road safety - Police.uk](#) for more information.

What does the law say?

E-scooters

NOT ROAD LEGAL
for ANYONE to use

It is illegal for ANYONE to ride a private e-scooter on public land – roads, pavements and cycle paths included. In law, they are treated as motor vehicles and, because they have no number plate, often don't have rear lights or signalling ability, **they cannot be used legally in public.**

[Read more here](#) about penalties and offences.

EAPC (electrically-assisted pedal cycle)

ROAD LEGAL
for those aged 14 and over. Helmet use is advised but optional

An EAPC must have pedals meaning that the bike can be used with or without the motor, and the fitted motor must cut off at a top speed of 15.5 mph (the speed of an average pedal cyclist)

[Read more here](#) and [here](#)

Electronically powered motorcycle – “E-bike”

Whether or not these are road legal depends on certain conditions (see below)

To be road legal an E-bike must have :

- A number plate
- Brake lights
- Indicators

An E-bike without these is **NOT ROAD LEGAL.**

Also, the rider is subject to the same licence requirements as those for a moped/scooter/motorcycle (see column to the right), and they must have insurance.

Mopeds, scooters and motorcycles

ROAD LEGAL
for those aged 16 and over with a motorcycle licence. Helmet use is mandatory

A provisional driving licence is required and compulsory basic training (CBT) must be completed. The age limit will depend on the type of motorcycle – [visit this link for details](#)

What's the difference between a moped and a scooter? Basically, it's all about engine size, but [read more about it here](#)

Why are rented e-scooters road-legal?

- Renters must have at least a provisional driving licence which has [category Q or P/M entitlement](#)
- The rental company provides insurance for the rider as part of the rental agreement
- They must be ridden in approved areas and only on the road

Read the following article for tips on how to [protect your motorcycle, moped or scooter from theft](#)

Match funding

We're looking into opportunities to raise additional funds for our school, and we'd love your help!

Match funding is a fantastic way to boost fundraising. Some banks, building societies and employers offer schemes where they match money raised by a charity or community group, helping to increase the total amount raised at no extra cost to those fundraising.

For example, if a school event raised £500 through fundraising, and an organisation agreed to match that amount, we could receive an additional £500, bringing the total to £1,000.

Do you have a contact at a bank or building society? If you work for, or know someone who works for, a bank or building society that might offer match funding, we'd love to hear from you. Even a name or an introduction could make a real difference.

Please get in touch if you think you might be able to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Recent attendance letters

At the coffee morning with parents I have been discussing attendance and the procedures in school.

Each half term a letter is generated if your child is either below our school target attendance of 96.5%, and a letter for if your child's attendance falls below 90%, which the DFE (Department of Education) refer to as persistent absentees. This does not mean that your child is persistently off school, it refers to the term that the DFE use. If your child falls into either of these categories, school has a duty to monitor their attendance more closely - particularly if they fall under 90%.

Due to it only being the first half term, the percentage shown is the % of this half term. If your child attends school regularly, their attendance percentage should rise. Please work with us to ensure your child stays above within the school attendance target of 96.5%. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary

NB. Children return to school on Monday 2nd November

Fri 23/10 - Break up for October half term

Mon 2/11 - Year 2 coffee morning

Tues 3/11 – Parent appointments to discuss your child's progress (PM & evening)

Tues 3/11 - Year 4 coffee morning 9-10am

Tues 13/10 Nursery stay and play 1-1:45pm (with parents)

Wed 4/11 - Individual school photos 8am start (more info to follow)

Thurs 5/11 - Reception class lunch with parents

Tues 10/11 - Year 5 educational visit to Jarrow Hall all day

Tues 10/11 - Open morning for prospective Early Years parents 9.45-10.45am

Thurs 12/11 - Year 5 coffee morning 9-10am (new date)

Wed 11/11 - Year 1 & 3 educational visits to the Rising Sun all day
Thurs 12/11 - Year 5/6 football @JSCHS 4-5pm
Fri 13/11 - Children in Need (non-uniform day: wear pyjamas)
Fri 13/11 - Reception class lunch with parents
Mon 16/11 - Anti-bullying week covered in assemblies & PSHE (wear odd socks)
Tues 17/11 - Year 6 synagogue educational visit AM
Tues 17/11 - Year 6 coffee morning 9-10am
Tues 17/11 - Nursery January starters stay & play (with parents) 1-1.45pm
Thurs 19/11 - Year 5 & 6 Netball training @JSCHS 3.45-4.45pm
Mon 23/11 - White Ribbon campaign - covered in PSHE this week
Tues 24/11 - Nursery coffee morning 11-11.45am
Thurs 26/11 - Whole school trip to the Theatre Royal Pantomime PM
Tues 8/12 - Welcome to Nursery meeting & stay and play for children 1-1.45pm

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