

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – November 10th 2025



Welcome

We'd like to welcome Theo into our Reception class, and welcome his family to our school. We hope that you enjoy being part of our school community!



Anti-bullying week

Next week in school, our PSHE lessons will see all classes getting involved in the theme for this year's Anti Bullying Week; **Power for Good**. As always, the themes align with our core school values linked to equality and character. In an age appropriate manner, classes will consider what bullying is, how they can be upstanders rather than bystanders and feel empowered to speak out.

We will also consider how we can use our personal power responsibly and positively. We start our week wearing odd socks! Please take a look at our X (twitter) feed to see us engaging with this valuable national event and if you have any queries or questions please contact Miss Knowles through the school office.



Christingle

This half-term the choir are practising songs for our Christingle performance on Tuesday 2nd December at Christ Church in North Shields. The Christingle service starts at 6:30pm so if your child is in the choir, please arrive around 6:10pm to give enough time to drop your child off and find a seat inside the church. The service should last around an hour and you must collect your child from a member of staff following the service. The morning of the performance we will be going to the venue to practice the songs. A letter & permission slip will be sent out to parents of the choir this week.

Please note that even if your child is not in the choir, it is a lovely Christmas service, and all are welcome to attend. The service will start at 6.30pm. Thank you to Mr Whitenstall for practising with the choir for the event.



Grow To Eat

Following on from the success of A Splash of Colour, NTLT's intergenerational art project, I am excited to share with parents the first details of a brand new project which continues to develop meaningful intergenerational connections in our community.

Grow to Eat continues to work with North Tyneside Living schemes but this time the focus is on shared connections through the growing and eating of fruit and vegetables.

This is a new venture and we are thrilled that our Year 2 children will be taking part in this exciting project.

Unlike A Splash of Colour Intergenerational which all took place at Tamar Court retirement home, this project will run on a hybrid model with some visits and in-school work too. Please see the video on our Twitter account for more information about the project (@pg_primary)

We feel that by taking part in projects that involve the children working collaboratively with elderly residents from a retirement home, it offers children a wide range of valuable benefits. It helps them develop empathy, respect, and understanding for older generations, breaking down stereotypes and fostering a sense of community connection.

Through shared activities and conversations, children gain insight into the past, learning from the residents' experiences, stories, and life skills. These interactions can also build children's confidence, communication skills, and social awareness, while providing a sense of purpose and belonging. Overall, such projects enrich children's personal development, promote kindness, and strengthen links between the school and the wider community.

We are really excited about working with Tamar Court residents once again in the Spring term!

London visit to Parliament

Our Year 6 visit to Parliament will still go ahead on Tuesday 16th December as planned, and numbers are now final. The children will travel to London to enjoy a unique learning experience including an engaging curriculum-informed workshop in the Education Centre, and an unforgettable tour of the iconic Palace of Westminster. This visit to Parliament will enrich our curriculum and address the rule of law & democracy, two of the British values that our curriculum has to cover as part of the national curriculum. Information & travel arrangements about the visit to parliament will be sent out in due course.



Tipi

We are delighted that our tipi has been repaired and is now back in use. We are grateful to Mrs Smith our Business Manager for sourcing a company who could repair the tipi fabric without breaking the bank!



IMPORTANT advanced notice - pantomime

This year's whole-school trip to the pantomime will follow a clear procedure to ensure the safety and smooth running of the visit. All children are expected to return to school on the coach after the performance, rather than a few individuals being collected directly from the theatre.

Last year, handing individual children over to parents at the venue caused significant disruption and safety concerns, as staff must supervise around 200 pupils. For the purposes of the risk assessment, head counts, and allocated coach seating, **every child must travel**

back to school with their class before being collected by parents/carers at the agreed pick up location outside Morrisons near school. **Please note there are no exceptions to this.**

PE kit reminder

Please ensure that your child brings their PE kit to school. PE is an important part of the curriculum, and all children take part in two PE sessions each week. If a child does not have their own kit, they will be provided with a spare one from school. To avoid this, please make sure your child's PE kit is kept in school at all times and only taken home when it needs to be washed. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure all pupils are prepared and able to fully participate in their PE lessons.

Dates for your diary

Mon 10th Nov - Wear odd socks - Anti Bullying week
Thurs 13th Nov - Year 1 visit to Rising Sun
Thurs 13th Nov - Year 3 visit to Rising Sun
Fri 14th Nov - Children in Need (non-uniform - wear pyjamas)
Thurs 20th Nov - Netball training Y5 & 6 @JSCHS after school
Thurs 20th Nov - Year 4 visit Vindolanda
Tues 25th Nov - Panto Day! (PM)
Thurs 27th Nov - Nasal flu vaccinations
Tues 2nd Dec - Christingle practice at Christchurch 9-11.30am
Tues 2nd Dec - Christingle Service (time TBC)
Thurs 4th Dec - Y5 & 6 Netball @JSCHS after school
Thurs 4th Dec - Year 4 volcanoes virtual workshop
Thurs 11th Dec - Save the Children Christmas jumper day
Thurs 11th Dec - Netball @JSCHS Y5 & 6 after school
Fri 12th Dec - Nursery Christmas songs in Nursery classroom 11.15am
Thurs 11th Dec - Y3,4,5,6 performance 1.15pm
Thurs 11th Dec - Reception, Y1 & 2 performance 2.30pm
Fri 12th Dec - Reception, Y1 & 2 performance - 1.15pm
Fri 12th Dec - Y3,4,5,6 performance 2.30pm
Tues 16th Dec - Year 6 visit Parliament, London (VERY early start!)
Wed 17th Dec - All classes Christmas disco & party food (PM)
Thurs 18th Dec - Last day of Autumn term
Fri 19th Dec - TEACHER TRAINING DAY

NB. Children return to school on Monday 5th January 2026

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