

# Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – December 4th 2025



## Christingle Service

This week our children took part in the Christingle Service at Christ Church in North Shields. We're really proud of their beautiful singing, lovely reading and thank you to all of our families that attended. A special thank you to Mr Whitenstall for all of his hard work in preparing the children for the Christingle service, we hope you all enjoyed it. Lastly, thank you to Miss Wright who has attended and helped to prepare children for this event for 10+ years now!

## Attendance this week

Our school target attendance is 96.5% for children in school. Year 2 are our attendance star trophy winners with a total of % for last week, and earn Timmy the Attendance Owl for a week.

Whilst we appreciate that school is currently being hit by a sickness virus, we ask that children return to school 48 hours after a sickness bug, and as soon as possible following general illness, thank you.

If your child is feeling unwell and you are unsure about them being in school, the NHS have a page of guidance on the subject, which you can find by clicking on this link: NHS Is My Child Too Ill For School? <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>. If you have any questions about your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Spowart, as our Attendance Lead.




## Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**  
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qcrc.de/minfec>.



Year group	% attendance this week
Reception	94%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	97.5%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 5	95%
Total school %	96.7%

## Uniform Policy

We would like to remind families that Preston Grange has a strict no-jewellery policy for children, with no exceptions. Please ensure that your child does not wear any jewellery to school. In line with our school policy, children will be asked to remove earrings, retainers, or any other jewellery if they arrive at school wearing them.

While this may feel frustrating, it is essential for pupil safety. If a child wearing an earring is bumped by another child, the earring post can cause injury behind the ear— this unfortunately has occurred in school this week. In a previous school, I also had to deal with a torn earlobe at playtime caused by earrings. To prevent such incidents, we must insist that no earrings, retainers, or jewellery are worn in school.

These expectations are the same as those followed by many sports clubs and dance schools outside of school. Please visit our school website to view our updated Uniform Policy at: [www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk](http://www.prestongrangeprimary.co.uk).

Thank you for your support in keeping all children safe.



## Christmas Performances

For our Christmas performances, each child will be allocated two tickets. Tickets go on sale on Monday 8th December, between 8:30am and 9:00am, and tickets will allow parents to attend one of the two performances.

To make this fair for split families, we will initially allocate one ticket per parent, and any spare tickets will then be available on a first-come, first-served basis until they run out.

Any remaining tickets will be available on Tuesday 9th December in the school hall between 8:30am and 9:00am. We cannot reserve tickets by email, so if you cannot attend in person, please ask someone else to buy them on your behalf.

## Dates for your diary

Thurs 4th Dec - Y5 & 6 Netball @JSCHS after school

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Thurs 11th Dec - Save the Children Christmas jumper day

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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 - there is no teacher training day.**

Tracey Taylor, Headteacher