

Preston Grange Primary School

Newsletter – June 9th 2025



Pedestrian gate

We are pleased to have fitted a new self-closing pedestrian gate at the entrance to school. The gate cannot be propped open, which is why we have had this fitted. This gate will be 'manned' by Mr Toward at points across the school day, and at all other times, please press the buzzer to be let onto the school site. Thanks for your support with this matter.

Assessments summer term

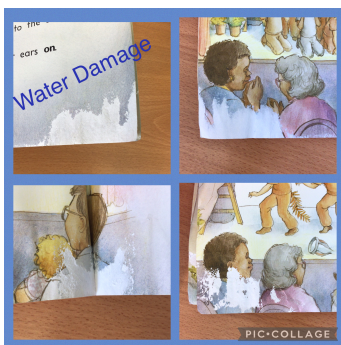
This year we are delighted that our Year 6 class showed such resilience and positivity throughout their Key Stage 2 SATS before half term. A huge thank you to Mr Russell-Thompson for the fantastic year that Year 6 children have had so far this year. They were extremely well prepared, but also very relaxed about the assessments during the week. As a thank you, each of the children will receive a voucher from school for their hard work!

The results of the KS2 SATS will be shared with school on July 8th; we like to share the results with each Year 6 child, and then send home confirmation of their grades that same day to parents. Please note if your child is on a high school transition day, you will have to arrange to collect the results from school on that day - or wait until the next day.

Year 1 children will sit the phonics check and Year 4 will sit the multiplication check in the next two weeks. If you would like to further support your child at home, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Year 6 end of year arrangements

Parents should have received a letter with a QR code, outlining the full range of leavers activities.



Reading Folders

We have lost far too many valuable books from our reading stock due to water damage this year. These carefully selected texts, not available in shops, can only be purchased and replaced as part of a £40 set.

Teachers have spoken to classes and reminded pupils, but we need your support from home too. We ask that you please promote respect for all books and remind your child regularly about careful storage. We ask that the children do not use their book bag for their water bottle, as they often leak. Thank you for

your support with this matter.

Preston Grange Has Talent

Each year we have held a talent show for the children, which they really enjoy. This year, we have moved this to Autumn term when there is more space in the school calendar to be able to do this.

Teatowels

The Friends of Preston Grange have planned and organised a school tea towel, with pictures drawn by each child in school, in order to raise funds for school. More information from the Friends will be sent home shortly.

Annual reports

The children's annual reports will be sent home on Monday 7th July, following parent appointments on Monday 30th June.



Sports Day

We are looking forward to celebrating Sports Day on Wednesday 18th June from 1.15pm weather permitting. Our sports day will take place from 1:15pm until around 3:15pm. As you arrive you will find a place to sit. Chairs will be provided and placed on the field in between the KS1 and KS2 sections of

the event. Staff will then bring the children out in their classes to begin.

There will be two tracks marked out on the KS2 field. Reception, Y1 and Y2 on one track and Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 on the other track. Chairs will be available between both tracks for visiting adults to watch, and teas and coffees will be served.

Please note that the only entry to school will be through the main entrance on Chiltern Road. The gate at the field end of the school will be locked.

The children should come to school wearing their red school PE shorts, castle colour T-shirt and trainers. Children will also need a sun hat, sun cream and water bottle. Please ensure your child also has a waterproof in case of poor weather conditions. We ask that the children wear a T-shirt in their castle colours. The colours are as follows:

Alnwick – Blue

Bamburgh – Pink/purple

Chillingham – White

Dunstanburgh – Green

Newcastle – Red

Warkworth – Yellow

In order to ensure smooth running of the event, we ask that parents do not approach their children with food or drinks. Children will be required to stay on the mats and staff will supervise toilet visits.

At the end of the event, children will return into school to get the rest of their belongings and will be dismissed to parents who have attended sports day, likely slightly earlier but from the normal collection points. If you are not attending, the children will be dismissed at the end of the day at the usual time. Let's hope the weather stays fine for it!

Scooters & bikes

Can we remind families that children should walk and push their bike or scooter as soon as they come through the school gates, and then park it in the scooter & bike rack, thank you.





Dear Year 1 families - A message from Mrs Udberg

Please could we ask you to have a hunt at home for any Lending Library books your child may have brought home. There will be a Lending Library sticker on the inside cover.

Please could you help your child to remember to bring these books back to school every Friday so they can join in with our book browse session and choose a new book. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 9/6 Year 1 phonics statutory check all week
 Mon 9/6 - Y4 multiplication check week
 Mon 9/6 - Vision screening for Reception
 Wed 11/6 - Angels of the North choir @ The Glasshouse all day & performance (evening)
 Wed 11/6 - Year 6 ceilidh session
 Fri 13/6 Year 4 - den building Longsands AM
 Fri 13/6 - Northumbria Police cyber crime Y6
 Wed 18/6 - SPORTS DAY starting 1.15pm
 Thurs 19/6 - Y5 & 6 rounders @JSCHS PM
 Wed 25/6 - Girls football @JSCHS AM
 Thurs 26/6 - Year 1 Centre for Life trip all day
 Thurs 26/6 - Reception Rockpool school trip
 Fri 27/6 Year 4 obstacle course
 Fri 27/6 - Classes & teachers for next year shared with families
 Mon 30/6 - Parent appointments
 Mon 30/6 - onwards from today Year 6 to wear their leavers hoodies
 Wed 2/7 - Year 6 ceilidh session
 Thurs 3/7 - Nursery starters for September- meeting with parents 9am
 Fri 4/7 - Move up day - children spend time (AM) with new class teacher
 Mon 7/7 - Last week of after school clubs
 Mon 7/7 - Annual reports out today
 Wed 9/7 - Year 6 to Escape Room & the beach
 Wed 9/7 - Year 6 sleepover in school
 Thurs 10/7 - Year 6 film & BBQ
 Thurs 10/7 Nursery starters for September Stay & Play (children only) 1.30-2.30pm
 Mon 14/7 - Year 6 mini-sports tournament eg. rounders
 Tues 15/7 - Year 6 karaoke & disco
 Wed 16/7 - Board games day Y6
 Thurs 17/7 - Y6 Leavers Assembly then outdoor games for Y6

Fri 18/7 **BREAK UP FOR SUMMER**

Mon 1/9 - TEACHER TRAINING DAY

NB. Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd September

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