



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 10 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Its wonderful to have some sunshine! The children have been enjoying the field and using their imaginations!



### Extra-curricular sports activities

As a school we are very proactive in organising wider sporting opportunities with our partner schools and work hard to offer as many of these as possible. In order to make the most of these opportunities, please support the school by returning your slips in good time.

### Perins Taster Days

Perins School are offering Taster Days for Year 5 pupils on the following days. Please use the links below to register your child's attendance:

[Year 5 Taster Day Registration Form - Monday 29th June – Fill in form](#)

[Year 5 Taster Day Registration Form - Monday 22nd June – Fill in form](#)

### Alternative Sports Festival

A brief reminder that pupils in Years 3-6 are invited to attend an Alternative Sports Festival at Eggars School, on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May after school. The

event will give pupils the chance to try a range of non-traditional sports. An email has been sent with further information.

### Spelling Bee 27<sup>th</sup> March

It was fantastic to see the school really engaged with learning their spelling words for the spelling bee! Competition rounds took place in class this week to narrow it down to 3 finalists per year group. These 3 children in Years 1 to 6 then took part in the Spelling bee grand final. Winners were – Year 1- Gray Year 2- Wilf Year 3- Ayan Year 4- Theo

Year 5- Florence Year 6- Sophie R and Eloise joint winners. It was particularly close in Year 5 and 6- with it coming down to the last word in the year 5 final and in Year 6 there were also joint winners. It was lovely to see the children congratulate each other for the effort and success of others as well as themselves. A big well done everyone!

### RE talk with Kingfisher Class

In March, Kingfisher Class welcomed a visitor, as part of our RE curriculum, which helps pupils learn about a range of world faiths and beliefs. Imam Ghaffar spoke to the children about the Hajj pilgrimage and the concept of a rite of passage, helping pupils understand why these are important within the Islamic faith. The visit supported pupils in developing understanding, respect and reflection, linking to shared values which are explored across different religions and worldviews.

One of our pupils reflected that they enjoyed learning about another faith and understanding the importance of respect and equality as values shared by many beliefs.

**Love Hope Justice**

*Encourage each other and build each other up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)*



## Jewellery and Uniform

A reminder that only small stud earrings are allowed in school and must be removed or taped for PE. We only permit analogue watches in school and Smart watches should not be worn to allowed.

## Tick aware

As families are spending more time outdoors in the warmer weather, please see the attached guidance on being tick aware:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1057949/Tick\\_awareness\\_A5\\_leaflet.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1057949/Tick_awareness_A5_leaflet.pdf)

## Attendance

The School has a duty to encourage good attendance for all of our pupils.

There is a strong correlation between a child's attendance level and their achievement in school and beyond. Please help us by supporting your child to attend school on time and with the correct uniform and equipment. This is an important term in the year as the children will be applying their learning more independently so the teachers can assess what they have learned over the year.

Thank you for your support.

## Reminder: Inset Days

Please note the following INSET days, when school will be closed to pupils:

Monday 1st June 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

## Upcoming Trip – Sparrows

A reminder that Sparrows' class trip takes place on Tuesday 19th May. Please see the earlier letter for drop-off and pick-up times and full details. Children will need a named water bottle and a healthy packed lunch in a small rucksack (no nuts, sweets or fizzy drinks). This will be a great opportunity for the pupils to experience history brought to life.

## Leader in Me (7 Habits)

### Leadership Awards

Ellie-Rose W	Ella H	Zahra B
James P	Austin H	Malachy J
Theodore S	Hestia G	Wilfred W
Gabriel R	George W	Anna L
Alice R	Thalia J	Henry P
Sara S	Elodie S	Wilkie C
Archie G	James D	Nathan P
Nancy B	Eloise T	Ayda H
Max B	Gray H	

## Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice.

Penelope M	Evelina Z	Evah P
Camilla G	Jocelyn R	Charlotte H
Ottilie A	Charlie E	Kehlani W
Jocelyn R	Matilda M	

Well done to the children who joined me for a special Tea. We had great conversation and they were super company!

Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteache

### Dates for your Diary

W/C 11<sup>th</sup> May – SATs week

19<sup>th</sup> May – Sparrows class trip

25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half term

1<sup>st</sup> June - INSET DAY

8<sup>th</sup> June – whole school and class photos

12<sup>th</sup> June – School Sports Day and picnic lunch

11<sup>th</sup> June - Kingfishers class trip

26<sup>th</sup> June – Winchester Cathedral Leavers Service

### 2025/26 Inset Days

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

*A list of 2025-26 Hampshire and school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.*



