



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 8 – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to school. We hope that you and your families enjoyed the Christmas break and feel rested and ready for a new term. The snow has certainly contributed to an exciting start for the children!

We are very proud that Preston Candover School is rated the top primary school in Hampshire for academic performance. We may be a small school but we have big dreams and achievements. It is our ambition that we continue to go from strength to strength as a school.



As a school team we have worked incredibly hard on developing and embedding a strong ethos and curriculum alongside character enhancing leadership programmes like Leader in Me for all of our pupils.

We want to celebrate with you another wonderful achievement for the school which is the Global Neighbours Award for global citizenship.



Global Neighbours isn't just about raising money or picking up litter; it is about gaining a deeper understanding of global issues and how we can all play a part in creating a more just and sustainable world. Please see the separate letter attached for more information.

### Careers Fair – 24<sup>th</sup> January

Thank you so much to the parents that have already volunteered to speak to the children about their jobs. We still need a couple more volunteers and would be very interested to hear from you. It

is important for the children to hear about varied and diverse opportunities in the world of work so please donate your time if you can. Grandparents and other family members would also be very welcome if they would like to talk about their work life. Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer:

[admin@prestoncandover.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@prestoncandover.hants.sch.uk)

### Royal Academy – Young Artists' Summer Show

The Young Artists' Summer show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged between 4-18 years of age.

Our school has been registered with the Royal Academy so that parents can submit their child's artwork directly. Please follow the below link: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> Here you will find guidance and ideas. Please register yourself as a parent/guardian, select Preston Candover School and submit your artwork online. The deadline for submission is 3th March 2025. Good luck and we can't wait to see what our talented artists create!

### After School Clubs

After school sports clubs start back next week. Soccerschools clubs can be booked via the below link:

[www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking](http://www.soccerschools-uk.com/booking)

MONDAY – Basketball (SoccerSchools)	KS2
TUESDAY – Football (SoccerSchools)	EY, KS1, KS2
WEDNESDAY - Netball	KS2 (After half term)
THURSDAY – Multiskills (SoccerSchools)	EY, KS1, KS2

Love Hope Justice



### **After school care**

The Nest is available for sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Early Birds is available from 8am on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. Information and the link to register your child can be found on the school website.

### **Other reminders from the School Office...**

#### **Year R Admissions Deadline**

Please be aware that the deadline for submissions for Year R places in September 2025 is midnight on **Wednesday 15th January 2025**. Please follow the below link and do not hesitate to contact the school office should you have any questions:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

#### **Absence**

Please be aware that it is important that we are informed each day of your child's absence. Please leave a message on the absence line in the first instance. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **Bus timetable**

It is very important for the children's safety that we have a clear and consistent timetable for when the children are to use the bus. Last minute changes can cause confusion and need to be kept to a minimum. If you have made any changes this term to the days that your child will be taking the bus home then please inform the office.

#### **Coats**

As we are in the middle of winter and the weather is very cold, please make sure your child brings a named coat with them every day.

#### **Travel and roads**

For those of you who live further away, please allow enough time to travel with care to school, especially with the colder conditions and icy roads. Please also park with consideration.

I hope that 2025 is a year of happiness, good health and success for everyone in our school community.

With best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**17<sup>th</sup> January – Robins Celebration of Learning, 9:15**

**24<sup>th</sup> January – Careers Fair for Year 5/6**

**29<sup>th</sup> January – KS2 Cross Country at Perins**

**5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5/6 Athletics at Perins**

**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February – Parent Consultation Evenings**

#### **2024/25 Inset Days**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**

**+1 day TBC**

*A list of 2024-25 Hampshire school dates, including holidays can be found on the school website.*