



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 13 – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

### VE Day Assembly

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May the children joined a special VE Day Big Live Assembly. The children learned about the importance of Victory in Europe Day and the bravery shown during World War II. The children were deeply moved as they reflected on the sacrifices made for peace and freedom, recognising how the world they live in today was shaped by the courage of those who came before them.



### The Nest – 4 Days!

A reminder that we are now running our after school club 'The Nest' on Thursdays as well as our regular days (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and would love to see more attendees!

Booking is made via Scopay, please fill out an E-form if your child is new to the club. Booking closes 4 days prior to the booking date.



The E-form for The Nest can be found [here](#) or alternatively is available on our school website under 'Extended Day Care'.

For safeguarding purposes our gates are closed at the end of the normal school day. When collecting your child from The Nest please be prompt on arriving and buzz the gate to be let in.

### Woodpeckers Celebration of Learning

We were delighted to welcome parents of Year 2 and 3 on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for Woodpeckers Celebration of Learning. Thank you for attending and for your supportive comments.

### Healthy Lunches



The school actively supports the '5 a day' campaign to encourage children to eat 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day and our aims are to ensure that all aspects of food, nutrition and drink promote the health and well-being of pupils. Please ensure that if your child brings a packed lunch from home that it does not include chocolate, sweets, or crisps. During break time, KS1 pupils can choose fresh fruit provided by the school, and KS2 pupils may bring in fruit or vegetable snacks.

### Warm Weather

As the weather turns warmer, please make sure sun cream is added before your child comes to school. Likewise, please ensure all cardigans and jumpers are named so we can return them to their owners if they are removed during the school day.

Please also make sure your child has a named water bottle with them every day – these should contain water, not squash or juice. Many thanks for your support with this.

### Seatbelt Safety

The Road Safety Team are always shocked to hear how many children don't always wear their seatbelt, even as young as Year 5 pupils, so we are aware that this is such an important message and could save the children's and their families lives. Please visit the following link to see more information about the importance of booster seats and seatbelt laws:

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/W2NiLIKEtN5lyqms?ref=Link>

Love Hope Justice

## Assessments

12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May is SATs week for our Year 6 pupils.

KS2 SATs Timetable 2025	
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	English grammar, punctuation and spelling paper 1
	English grammar, punctuation and spelling paper 2
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	English reading
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mathematics paper 1
	Mathematics paper 2
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Mathematics paper 3

Children in other year groups will also have assessments after Half Term which will be for internal school use only:

Year 4 will be taking part in Times tables checks during the 2 week window of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 2 will be taking part in internal assessments in the 2 weeks prior to half term.

Year 1 will take part in the Phonics check from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

We aim to keep these assessments low key and use them to help inform our future teaching and learning. We are really proud of our children and their many wide ranging talents.

## Reminders from the Office...

### Absence Reporting

If your child is unwell, it is our school policy that you must leave a message on our absence phone line no later than 10am on every morning that your child is absent. The school admin office must be notified directly, for example by using our phone absence line.

If your child arrives at school late after their register they must make sure that they sign in at the office.

Only the Headteacher can authorise absences from school. Absence request forms must be returned to the school office at least 7 days prior to the requested date(s) in order for the Headteacher to review. It is vital, as part of our robust safeguarding procedures, that we are made aware of any planned absence well in advance. Term time holidays cannot be approved.

## After School Arrangements

We appreciate that last minute changes can occur to after school clubs and collection arrangements, however please can all parents aim to book clubs as far in advance as possible and make your children aware of their schedules. If a change occurs on the day please call into the school office instead of emailing as our admin email is not constantly monitored and updates can be missed.

Thank you all for your cooperation.

## PCSA Coffee Morning

Please see attached a flyer for an upcoming coffee morning run by the PCSA on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 9am in the music room. It would be lovely to see our EY/KSI parents who are newer to the school get involved with the Preston Candover School Association (PTA). Everyone welcome!

## Leader in Me (7 Habits)

### Leadership Awards

Charlotte C   Annie R   Billy M  
Malachy J   Gabriel P   Henry P



## Living the Values Awards

Children who have been recognised for living the school values of Love, Hope and Justice by demonstrating virtues such as respect, service, compassion, kindness, courage, and fairness.

Lucia G   Nickoy L   Ellie-Rose W



Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher



**Dates for your Diary**

**12<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May – SATs week (Year 6)**

**16<sup>th</sup> May – INSET DAY**

**20<sup>th</sup> May – PCSA Coffee Morning**

**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term**

**2<sup>nd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Times Tables Checks**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June – Phonics check for Year 1 and Year 2  
retakes**

**9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Week**

**11<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day**

**18<sup>th</sup> June – Whole School Photos**

**26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Class trip to Butser Ancient Farm**

**26<sup>th</sup> June – Yea R/1 Class trip to Hawk Conservancy**

**12<sup>th</sup> July – PCSA Colour Run**

**21<sup>st</sup> July – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET DAY**

**2024/25 Inset Days**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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

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