



Preston Candover CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and carers,

We have had a busy beginning to the new school year, with some exciting trips and visits.

Harvest Donations and visit from The Winchester Beacon

On Friday 3rd October we were joined by Geoff from Winchester Beacon for a special assembly. He spoke to the children about the work that the charity does in helping the homeless.



A huge thank you for the generous contributions that you and your children have donated for our chosen charity, the Winchester Beacon (Night Shelter).

A Special Visit from the Rabbi

On Thursday 18th September, we were thrilled to welcome a Rabbi to our school for an inspiring afternoon of learning about the Jewish faith. Doves Class enjoyed a fascinating session focused on the concept of belonging and how Jewish people express their faith and identity as a community.

We learned that Jewish people follow the Old Testament and that the story of creation is very important. The Rabbi ended the day with a whole-school assembly, telling us a story of the importance of expressing regret after wrong choices, leaving us all feeling inspired and grateful.

Stubbington Residential Trip

Kingfishers class thoroughly enjoyed their residential week at Stubbington Study Centre and were very lucky to have the whole place to themselves!

The week was kicked off by shelter building and amazon adventures which tested their teamworking skills. The children also took part in pond dipping, where they found lots of newts and small fish. The highlight of their trip though was definitely their time in the hide where they spotted badgers and foxes!



Love Hope Justice



School photos

You should have received a flyer from Creative Klick with details of how to order your child's school photo. Please be aware that the deadline for free delivery to school is **5th October 2025**.

Inset Day

We will be having an Inset on Monday 3rd November, after half term. This Inset will be for staff first aid training.

Extended Day Care

We run extended day care before and after the school day in the form of 'Early Birds' and 'The Nest'. Our morning club Early Birds runs on Tuesday and Wednesday, from 8:00am until the start of the school day with 5 spaces max.

Our after-school club 'The Nest' runs Monday to Thursday with sessions from 3:10-4:10, 4:10-5:00 or 3:10-5:00.

More information about signing up, booking, and attendee guidance can be found on our school website under Extended Day Care [here](#).

Voluntary Contributions

A big thank you to those who have already made these contributions to the school. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated and will benefit the enrichment provision for the children. Please find the letter that was sent out on our school website under Newsletters 2025-26, donations can be made via Scopay under *Trips and Events/Voluntary Contributions 2025-26*.

Open Mornings for Prospective Parents

We are inviting new parents in on October 21st and November 4th for the opportunity to tour the school and meet with the Leadership team for September 2026 admissions. Please contact the school office to book a place.

Reminders from the Office..

Water Bottles

Due to a few instances of wet school books we are asking parents to please send your children's water bottle in separately from their main bag.

Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Max B Eloise T Anhelina D



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.

Cody A Gray H Nancy B
Evah PP Lily F Gabriel R
Leo N Nico R



Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

22nd Sept – 5th Oct – Fairtrade Fortnight

8th October – Tag Rugby @ Perins, 4.00-5.30pm (KS2)

15th October – Parents Consultations

16th October – Parents Consultations

21st October – Open Morning for Prospective Parents (10:45-11:45am)

22nd October – Year R Autumn born and Year 6 Height and Weight checks

23rd October – Flu Immunisations

w/c 27th October – Half Term

31st October – Deadline for secondary school application

15th January 2026 – Deadline for Year R application

2025/26 Inset Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Wednesday 22nd July 2026

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