



# Preston Candover CE Primary School

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## Newsletter No. 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

### Your Time to Shine

On Friday 21st November, our Junior Road Safety Officers, Eloise and Leo, led a fantastic assembly all about staying safe on the roads, especially now that the winter months have arrived and the days are getting darker. They reminded everyone how important it is to Be bright and to Be Seen when walking, cycling, or scooting near roads. They also explained that wearing bright or reflective clothing, using lights on bikes, and staying on well-lit paths helps drivers spot us more easily in the dark. They worked hard to prepare their assembly, and it showed! Their clear messages and brilliant teamwork helped everyone understand how to stay safe during the darker winter days.



### Reverend Wright Visit to School

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we were visited by Reverend Jennifer who enjoyed the 'Open the Book' team in Collective Worship. She also visited Kingfisher class for a discussion on the differing birth narratives of Jesus from Luke and Matthew. Reverend Jennifer said what a wonderful morning she had, with 'some very interesting and deep questions being asked' by the pupils.

### Events coming up....

#### EY & Year 1 Nativity

Parents of Year R & 1 are invited to attend this years Nativity performance on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets were sent home to parents on Monday, we look forward to seeing you there!

#### PCSA School Disco

This year's disco will be taking place after school next Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December and will be run by members of the PCSA. EY & KS1 disco will be 3:10 4:10pm and KS2 disco will be 4:30-5:30pm. A raffle for the christmas class hampers will be taking place at 4:20pm in the interval between. A letter has gone out regarding ticket price and collection information.



#### Christmas Class Hampers



A letter has gone out regarding the Christmas prize hampers that each class is once again putting together to be raffled off by the PCSA. This year the theme is 'The Joy of Christmas Colour!'; please check the letter for your classes colour scheme as well as a list of donation examples, and a reminder that the deadline for donations is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you to everyone who has already donated festive goodies!

#### Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

This year's Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day will be taking place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Please see attached the menu for this year's Christmas Lunch. If your child would like a Christmas lunch, please make sure there is enough funds on your child's Sco-pay account to cover this at £3.20 per meal. Alternatively, your child can, of course, bring a packed lunch. The Christmas Lunch is always a wonderful festive occasion, which is enjoyed by everyone.

Love Hope Justice



If your child would like to wear their favourite festive jumper over their uniform, we are suggesting a £1.00 donation per child. All money raised will be donated to 'Save the Children'.



### Carol Service KS2 – 17<sup>th</sup> December

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, KS2 (Doves, Robins, Kingfishers) will be taking part in a carol service at St. Mary's church. Afterwards, parents are invited to come back to the school for tea, coffee, and mince pies.

### Reminders from the Office...

#### The Nest – School Disco

We would like to remind parents that our after school club 'The Nest' will be running during the night of the school disco until 5pm. Please do make sure to book in good time to ensure a place – this would be a great chance for any KS2 children wanting to stay on before their disco begins. Make sure that they bring their change of clothes to school with them!

#### Early Birds and The Nest Spring Term

As we start to approach the last few weeks of term we would like to remind parents to think about booking requirements for next term as we encourage booking *half termly*. If your child has not attended The Nest before, a sign up e-form will need to be completed *before* Christmas Break to allow the office time to process to enable booking for the New Year. Online booking closes *4 days* before the desired session. Same day bookings come with an added cost and will need to be made via the school office. Please do make use of our morning session. Provision can only be offered if it is financially sustainable and we may need to reassess this service if not enough bookings are made.

#### Suitable Clothing

Please make sure that all children bring a named coat to school each day. The weather is very changeable and the children should be able to learn and play outside, whatever the weather.



#### Footwear

We are seeing an increasing number of trainers in place of school shoes; a reminder that school shoes **must** be black, and not boots or trainers.

#### Sports Clubs Spring Term 2026

SoccerSchools will be running a number of clubs for us next term and details of these, together with how to register your child can be found at the link below.

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

### SSUK Christmas Camp

Please see attached a flyer from SoccerSchoolsUK for their upcoming Christmas Camps on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

### Leader in Me (7 Habits) Leadership Awards

Leo N                      Austin H                      Violet P  
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.

Zahra B                      Persephone L-H  
Harrison A                      Ottile A                      Mariam B  
Adam B                      Theo S-B



### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

This year, you helped to raise **£136.01** through your generous donations for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you!



### Music Mark 2025-2026

We are delighted to share that once again we have received the Music Mark of Recognition for dedication and improvement in music education. A big thank you to Mrs Meier, our music school lead!



We look forward to seeing you at one of the school events over the next couple of weeks.

Best wishes,

Mrs Simrit Otway  
Headteacher

**Dates for your Diary**

**9<sup>th</sup> December – EY/Year 1 Nativity**

**10<sup>th</sup> December – PCSA School Disco (EY & KS1 – 3:10**

**12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch**

**16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Carols @ St Marys Church**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term (Lunchtime finish)**

**20<sup>th</sup> December to 4<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas Holidays (School closed)**

**5<sup>th</sup> January – INSET (School closed)**

**6<sup>th</sup> January – Back to school, Start of Spring term**

**15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 – Deadline for Year R 2026 applications**

**2025/26 Inset Days**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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

**+1 day TBC**

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