



# PRESTON BULLETIN



*'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10*

Friday 21 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week.

On Monday, staff from both of our schools have spent the INSET time in discussion about the Behaviour Policy and the use of positive behaviour management strategies. We are planning to make some changes to our practice in the coming weeks; this will involve a departure from the current 'choice chart'. Once we have made some final adjustments, we will look forward to sharing our plans with pupils and parents/carers.

The term ahead is looking extremely busy, not least because of assessments for children in Year 2 and Year 6. Please look carefully at the diary dates within this week's bulletin.

Yours sincerely,  
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## PRESTON STARS OF THE WEEK

- Ladybirds: **Jaxson** for trying really hard on his letter formation and presentation when completing writing tasks.
- Bumblebees: **Evie-Mae** for trying her best to use mathematic vocabulary when reasoning about an answer.
- Grasshoppers: **Theodore** for a super attitude to learning this week.
- Caterpillars: **Bronte** for her confident work with tenths and hundredths in maths.
- Dragonflies: **Honey** for showing such a positive and mature attitude to her learning in her first week at Preston Primary School.



### TOP COIN EARNERS:

Year 2: Cordelia

Year 3: Ella

Year 4: Eliza

Year 5: Honey

Year 6: Jake P.

### LONDON MARATHON

One of our fantastic teachers, Mrs Elliot, is running the London Marathon in aid of Alzheimer's Society. Look out for Mrs Elliot on Sunday: her number is 23365!



As a school community, we are keen to support her. If you would like to sponsor Mrs Elliot, please see her JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/emmaelliot2023>

### NEU STRIKES

The NEU has planned further strike days for its members on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

Across the Federation, the majority of our teaching staff are NEU members, and as such, it seems likely that there will be some disruption on these dates. As we have previously explained, staff are not obliged to inform Headteachers of their decision to strike until the day itself.

We would ask you to start to consider your own contingency arrangements in the event of a full or partial closure on either or both dates.

We appreciate the inconvenience this will cause for some families, but thank you for your continued support and understanding in respecting the right of individuals to strike at this difficult time.

We will continue to keep you fully updated through the days ahead.

## DIARY DATES

Monday 24 April:	Reception PE morning (please wear PE kits)
Thursday 27th April:	NEU Strike Day
Friday 28th April	Year 2 PE morning (please wear PE kits)
Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd May	NEU Strike Day
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May: Y6 SATS WEEK	
Tuesday 9th May	How Hill Meeting for Parents/Carers, 3.20pm (at Preston)
Friday 12th May	FOPPS Disco
Monday 15th May	Indian Dancing Workshops
Monday 22nd May	Group 1 to How Hill (Year 3 and Year 4)
Wednesday 24th May	Group 2 to How Hill (Year 3 and Year 4)

## STATUTORY ASSESSMENT DATES

### Year 6 SATS

Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May 2023.

### Year 2 Assessments

Year 2 assessments are conducted throughout the month of May.

### Year 4 Multiplication Check

This is conducted during the three weeks following Monday 5 June.

### Year 1 Phonics Check

Year 1 Phonics Checks are completed during the week beginning Monday 12 June.



22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

This is a day to focus on what we can do to help the environment and protect our planet. The first Earth day was in 1970. It was set up by an American politician called Senator Gaylord Nelson because he thought it was important for children to be taught about the environment in school.

Here are some things you could do on Earth Day (and any other day):

- Walk or cycle to school instead of going by car or bus.
- Turn off lights when you leave the room.
- Turn off electrical appliances such as TV chargers and computers at the wall when you are not using them.
- Try not to use a computer, tablet or the TV at all for just one day!
- Get outside and find a green space to walk or play in - you don't have to have a garden or live in the country to do this. Find a square or a park and take time to look at the trees, plants, birds and insects.
- If you have space at home, why not do some spring planting?
- Ask your grown-ups if you can swap to more environmentally friendly cleaning products. Did you know that you can do a lot of cleaning using natural things such as vinegar, water and lemon juice?
- Remember to take a cloth bag or a 'bag for life' when you go shopping to avoid using a plastic bag.
- Take a refillable drinks bottle out with you instead of buying water or juice in plastic bottles.



**Hethersett & Tas Valley CC**  
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## **Play Cricket at Tas!**

**“One of the most beautiful cricket grounds in Norfolk”**



### **Ages 5 to 8 – ECB All Stars Cricket**

**Sunday mornings from 14<sup>th</sup> May to 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10:30.**

One hour of fun for little ones - the perfect intro to a great family game. Hugely popular and now into our 5<sup>th</sup> year. For more info or to register online go to <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/b585e94f-0731-4c29-87e4-e1446a976233>

### **Ages 7 to 17 – Club Junior Open Night**

**Every Thursday night from 27<sup>th</sup> April**

- 5:45 to 7pm      Years 2 to 6 – choose soft ball or hard ball cricket
- 7:15 to 8:30      Years 7 to 13 - coaching for our older juniors

### **Girls Only and Ladies cricket on Friday Nights from 28<sup>th</sup> April**

**Girls Soft Ball Cricket from 5:30 to 6:30**

- Girls Under 11s (Years 2 to 6 welcome)
- Kwik Cricket style games just like you play at school!

**Ladies Cricket - Soft ball (Kwik Cricket style) or Hard ball from 6:30 to 7.45pm**

- Join our friendly group of ladies for fun sociable cricket.
- No previous experience or equipment needed – all tuition provided

**For more information on any of the above call Sara Worley on 01379 677758  
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## PARENT SURVEY

Many thanks to all parents/carers who took the time to complete our recent parental questionnaire. We are delighted to have received such a positive response. We value your feedback and are taking into account specific comments as we plan for the future of the Federation.

Which school does my child attend?	Saxlingham 39.5% 34 responses	Preston 60.5% 52 responses
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	<b>Strongly</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Neutral</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly</b>
My child is happy at this school.	57%	27.9%	9.3%	4.7%	1.2%
My child feels safe at this school.	59.3%	31.4%	4.7%	2.3%	2.3%
My child is well taught at school.	48.8%	44.2%	7%	0%	0%
My child makes good progress at this school.	34.9%	48.8%	11.6%	3.5%	1.2%
My child's needs are met by the school.	37.2%	40.7%	14%	7%	1.2%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn through the year.	29.1%	55.8%	15.1%	0%	0%
The school has high expectations for my child.	24.4%	55.8%	18.6%	1.2%	0%
The school supports my child's wider development.	26.7%	50%	18.6%	4.7%	0%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	27.9%	43%	22.1%	4.7%	2.3%
This school is well led and managed.	31.4%	55.8%	11.6%	0%	1.2%
I know how to contact staff if I have a query or concern.	64%	31.4%	3.5%	1.2%	0%
The school responds promptly to any queries or concerns I raise.	55.8%	33.7%	9.3%	0%	1.2%
I am aware of the school's vision.	36%	43%	15.1%	5.8%	0%
The school's vision and values are reflected in the day-to-day life of the school.	24.4%	54.7%	19.8%	1.2%	0%
Collective worship gives time for my child to think and reflect.	10.5%	52.3%	33.7%	2.3%	1.2%
My child is learning respect for diversity and all faiths and cultures.	33.7%	59.3%	5.8%	1.2%	0%
As a parent/carer, I feel welcome and respected within the school.	50%	45.3%	2.3%	1.2%	1.2%