



# PRESTON BULLETIN



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

Friday 28 April 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we have organised two mornings for children across the Federation to get together to share in some learning. On Monday, the Reception children from Saxlingham visited Preston in the minibus to share in a dance morning organised by Premier Education, Today (Friday) Year 2 from Preston joined the Year 2 Bumblebees for a morning of Archery, which was also hosted at Preston. On both days, the children thoroughly enjoyed their time together, learning new skills, and sharing in playtime. Thank you to Mrs Newson for organising these opportunities, and for all the staff who made this run so smoothly.

As we go into the weekend, may I remind you that Monday 1st May is a Bank Holiday and that we are anticipating partial closures at both schools on Tuesday 2nd May in view of the NE|U Strike.

Yours sincerely,  
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## PRESTON STARS OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds: **Erin** For thinking of super adjectives when describing the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk.

Bumblebees: **Isabelle** For putting her hand up lots to answer questions and using key vocabulary when giving reasons.

Grasshoppers: **Violet** For working hard and setting a wonderful example to her peers all week.

Caterpillars: **Ozzi** For his enthusiastic participation in our science experiment.

Dragonflies: **Mia** For excellent reasoning in Maths.



### TOP COIN EARNERS:

Year 2: Cordelia and Meredith

Year 3: Ella and Freya

Year 4: Natalie and Eliza

Year 5: Honey and Oscar

Year 6: Tabitha and Jake P

### NEU STRIKES

The NEU has planned a further strike day for its members on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023. At the present time, we anticipate that Owl Class, Hedgehog Class and Dragonfly Class will be open. All other classes will be closed.

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.



The Flourishing Families Tool was launched on 19 April 2023 on the Just One Norfolk website . The tool offers families insight into the wide range of support available, whether it's healthy eating, fun activities or financial management, and this tool was developed to help you work out what you're already doing well, and help you find support when and if you need it. In just five minutes parents and carers can find out about the support that's available for their family to help them thrive together:

<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/flourishing-families/>

## DIARY DATES

Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2nd May	NEU Strike Day
Friday 5th May	Number Kit Reward afternoon—more details to follow
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 9th May	FOPPS Cake Sale
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.

## CALLING PARENTS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2

Please complete this short [survey](#) about Little Wandle letters and Sounds:





**Hethersett & Tas Valley CC**  
**Station Road, Flordon NR15 1LX**



## **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**

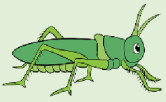
**Girls Soft Ball Cricket from 5:30 to 6:30**

- 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  
or email [sara.worley@norfolkcricket.co.uk](mailto:sara.worley@norfolkcricket.co.uk)**



# Grasshopper News



Our project for this term is Power, Glory and Conflict. We have started to look at how powerful our Earth is and will continue to look at things such as volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

So far, we have looked at the formation of Earth itself. We found out that there are different layers to our planet: the inner core, outer core, mantel and crust. To remember the order, we sing/chant them and use our hands to do actions.

Each layer is very important! We also looked at the different tectonic plates as this will help us when we move onto our learning about earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis.



Inner Core

Outer Core



Mantel



Crust





In aid of



**Every  
cupcake  
counts!**



# Fundraising Tea & Cakes

Date: Saturday 29th April

Time: 2pm-4pm

Location: Tasburgh Village Hall, Grove Lane, NR15 1LR

Tea, Coffee, Home-made cakes & scones

Name the (Toy) Guide Dog Puppy Competition

Decorate your own Dog-shaped Biscuits

Raffle

Thank-you for your support, Rebecca Orford



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## FOPPS DISCO

The Discos are taking place on Friday 12 May.

Ladybirds & Bumblebees 3.15-4.30pm

Grasshoppers, Caterpillars & Dragonflies 4.15-5.30pm. £3 per child.

A booking form has been emailed to all parents.



## CAN YOU HELP? LADYBIRDS OUTDOOR AREA

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are wanting to make our Ladybird class outdoor area more inviting to enhance the children's learning. We were wondering if anyone has any of the following items they would like to donate to us to make this happen:

- artificial grass
- planks of wood
- wood paint
- plastic pipes for our water area
- tarpaulin
- any resources to make a fairy garden
- water/ sand toys

We would be very grateful to any donations!

With very best wishes,

Mrs. MacLennan, Miss Walker & Mrs. Frost



# Badminton Sessions

Framingham Earl Sports Centre on Saturdays

**10.00 – 10.55 am - For children aged 8 to 11 (Primary School Year groups 4, 5 & 6)**

Learn how to play in a small group includes coaching and fun games.

**11.00 – 11.55am - For children aged 9 – 14 improvers.**

Develop skills and game tactics.

**12.00 – 1.00pm - For women and girls aged 14 + years.**

A sociable session with coaching, practice and games

Coached by Sarah Farquhar, Badminton England Registered Level 2 Coach, DBS checked

Contact: [Sarah@dodifferent.co.uk](mailto:Sarah@dodifferent.co.uk) mobile 07740983275



[www.tasburghbadmintonclub.co.uk](http://www.tasburghbadmintonclub.co.uk)





# Bumblebee News

The Bumblebees have been very busy with their learning since returning from their Easter break!



Last week, we listened to an extract from our new Power of Reading text. It described an egg box dragon!

We listened really carefully to the description which the author had written and used our mind's eye to imagine what the egg box dragon looked like.

We drew what we imagined and added key word labels that we had heard in the text.



We thought about what our own egg box dragons might look like and drew our designs.





We spent a morning turning our designs into real egg box dragons.



We used lots of different art materials.



It was lots of fun and very messy!



The children have also been starting to build their castle structures in their D&T lesson this week!

