



# PRESTON BULLETIN



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

Friday 23 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been another busy week within the Federation, with our program of summer visits kicking off with the Preston KS2 visit to High Lodge Thetford. There are a number of other visits planned for the weeks ahead, as well as many in school events, so please look out for email updates and make a note of diary dates in the newsletter. Separate letters have been emailed today giving full details of our Sports Days, which are due to take place on Tuesday 27th June at Preston and Thursday 29th June at Saxlingham.

This week, members of our Governing Board have visited both schools to learn about our EYFS provision within Squirrels and Labybirds. We were really impressed with the provision in both schools, and it was wonderful to see the children enjoying their learning, and fully engaged in such a wide range of activities.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Yours sincerely,  
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## PRESTON STARS OF THE WEEK



- Ladybirds: **Aiden** for his excellent use of story language when narrating his Gingerbread Man puppet show
- Bumblebees: **Fynn** for always treating others with kindness and respect.
- Grasshoppers: **Bethany** for working hard to support her peers this week.
- Caterpillars: **Harry and Aiden B.** for producing an excellent piece of writing that captured the character's feeling of fear.
- Dragonflies: **Orton** for being a star helper in Ladybird Class!

### DIARY DATES

Tuesday 27 June	Sports Morning (please see the letter dated 22.6.23 for details)
Tuesday 4 July	Meeting for new parents in Reception, 6.30pm
Thursday 6 July	Bumblebees and Ladybirds to Dinosaur Park
Monday 10 July	Year 6 to Crucial Crew
Wednesday 12 July to Thursday 13 July	Long Stratton High School Transition Days
Thursday 13 July	Transition Morning
Tuesday 18 July and Wednesday 19 July	Leavers' Plays
Thursday 20 July	Year 5 Taster Day at Long Stratton High School
Friday 21 July	End of Term

### CRICKET SUCCESS

Well done to the Tas Valley Federation Cricketers! Our girls from Saxlingham and Preston formed a Federation team, and qualified for the Norfolk County finals which took place on Wednesday 21 June at Horsford CC. Our girls had a brilliant day, and out of 16 teams from across the county, we finished a fantastic 5th place! Congratulations to you all, and a huge thank you for your exemplary attitude and sportsmanship. Mrs Newson and Mrs Richardson were very proud of you all!



## NEU Strike Days

The NEU has planned further strike days for its members on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 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. Staff are not obliged to inform Headteachers of their decision to strike until the day itself, however, they are likely to inform Mr Walker of their intentions in the coming days.

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.

FOPPS (Friends of Preston Primary School) will be selling drinks at sports morning - Tuesday 27th June.

Drinks available - Tea, Coffee, Squash, Water



Please bring a travel mug or lidded cup/bottle if you can 🥰



## KEY STAGE TWO TRIP TO HIGH LODGE, THETFORD

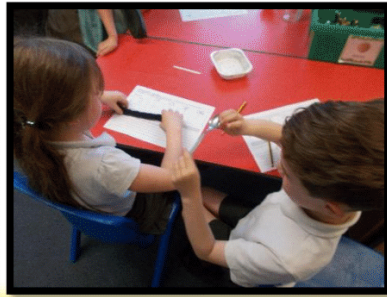
Our KS2 children had a fantastic day at High Lodge on Wednesday 21st June. We enjoyed exploring the forest habitats, the music and nature trails, and playing in the trees. A great time was had by all!



**High  
Lodge**  
Thetford Forest

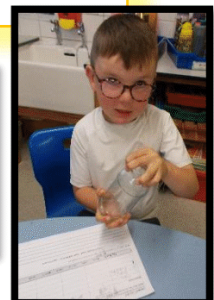
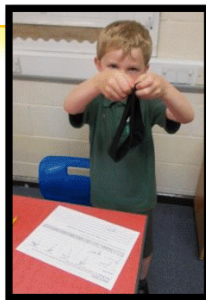
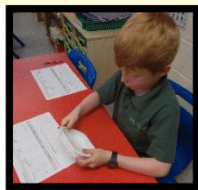
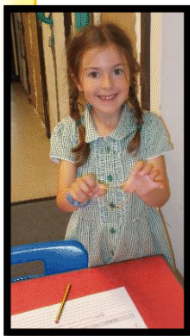


# Bumblebee News



This week, we have been exploring materials and their properties.

We investigated how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching.



In maths, we have been learning about time.

We have been learning how to read, make and draw the time on an analogue clock.





This week, we have also been collecting data about mini-beasts!



We used flow diagrams to help us to identify the mini-beasts that we saw and then we recorded the data we collected as a tally chart.



We are going to be using this data to create some digital graphs.

