



# PRESTON BULLETIN



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

Friday 30 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is quite amazing how quickly the weeks are flying past. Next week, we will be into July, and the calendar is becoming increasingly busy as transition events, leavers' productions and assemblies, and school trips all get under way!

This week, Preston's Sports Day went ahead successfully, and we were fortunate to have cool weather. It was lovely to share the event with parents/carers; thank you to everyone who came to support the children and staff! Unfortunately, the Saxlingham event had to be postponed due to heavy rain on Thursday morning. Although it was disappointing, it was a relief that we did actually receive the heavy downpours that the weather forecast had promised! We have managed to reschedule the event to Tuesday 4th July, and a letter has been sent out to parents/carers at Saxlingham giving them full information.

I am currently reading through all the children's reports. As we draw near to the end of my first full year at the Federation, it is lovely to be able to write a personal comment on every report, as I can recognise how much progress each child has made during the course of the year. We look forward to sharing the reports with you in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely,  
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Tas Valley Church Schools Federation



## PRESTON STARS OF THE WEEK

- Ladybirds: **Connor** for enthusiasm and participation in our music learning!
- Bumblebees: **Jack** for adding super expression to his reading to make the story exciting for the listener.
- Grasshoppers: **George** for working hard to write a newspaper report about the wolf attack in our class book.
- Caterpillars: **Skyla** for well thought out contributions to discussions about our class book, The Last Wild.
- Dragonflies: **Lewis** for a mature attitude to First Aid learning.

### DIARY DATES

|                                       |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Tuesday 4 July                        | Meeting for new parents in Reception, 6.30pm  |
| Tuesday 4th July                      | <b>NEW DATE: Non-School Uniform Day—Instead of a cash donation please bring a Raffle Prize for FOPPS. E.g. Reception/ KS1 children bring in something for a kids' hamper and KS2 children an item of food or drink for an adults' hamper.</b> |
| Wednesday 5th July                    | <b>NEW DATE: Full School Closure due to Strike Action</b>   |
| Thursday 6 July                       | Bumblebees and Ladybirds to Dinosaur Park   |
| Wednesday 5th July                    | <b>NEW DATE: Partial School Closure due to Strike Action (Dragonfly Class will be open)</b>   |
| 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  |
| Wednesday 19 July                     | <b>NEW DATE: Leavers' Assembly, 2.15pm</b>  |
| Thursday 20 July                      | Year 5 Taster Day at Long Stratton High School  |
| Friday 21 July                        | End of Term   |

## 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.

Whilst the situation could continue to change up to the very last minute, it seems highly likely that we will have insufficient staff to open the schools as normal on either of these dates, and consequently I would ask you to start to consider your own contingency arrangements for your children.

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

At the present time, Hedgehog Class and Owl Class will be open but all other classes across the Federation will be closed.

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

At the present time, Hedgehog Class, Owl Class and Dragonfly Class will be open but all other classes across the Federation 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.



**RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE FOR THEIR**

**TTRS ROCK STATUS**

**Y2 – April**

**Y2 – Meredith**

**Y5 – Liam**

**Y2 – Robyn**

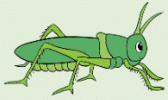
**Y3 – Amira**

**Y3 – Gracie**

**Y4 – Aiden S**

**Y6 – Tabitha**





# Grasshopper News



In music, Grasshoppers have been using bucket drums to learn popular songs. We have been practicing reading music, making sure we play our instrument in the correct place and our notes are played for the correct length of time. Our sheet music also has rests, and we are learning the importance of these when performing.



Our current song is 'I'm Still Standing' by Elton John. We have used careful listening skills to compare recorded and live performances, including his recent Glastonbury one! Grasshoppers made comparisons about the different styles he performs the songs in, acknowledging the 40 year difference between them.



In our performance, we have to improvise. We have looked at different ways in which we can improvise, making sure we use the pulse to help us. Hopefully, we will add some singing to our performances over the next few weeks!





In maths, we have been looking at telling the time. We focused on telling time on an analogue clock, before transferring our understanding to a digital clock.



**Raffle**

**CHURCH FETE**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**12.00am till 3.00pm**

**Fun & Games**

**Plants & Produce**

**Refreshments & Cake**

**Bottle Stall**

**Bric-a-Brac**

**Burgers**

The poster features a red border and two strings of colorful triangular bunting. The top string has red, purple, yellow, green, blue, and pink flags. The bottom string has blue, green, orange, purple, yellow, and red flags. Text is arranged around the central title and date, with some words following the curve of the bunting.

**Hughes**

**hughes.co.uk**

The Hughes logo is displayed in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a white outline. Below it, the website address 'hughes.co.uk' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The entire logo and text are set against a solid black background.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Hughes, for supporting our school community with a new oven for our cookery room. Many thanks to Darren Clements, General Manger of Hughes.



# Spring-board Nursery School

The Village Hall, Steward Close, Saxlingham Nethergate, NR15 1AN.



**OPEN DAY**

We would love you to join us on 5th of July 1-2:30  
Bring your little one along to our free nursery open day!

Here at Springboard Nursery, we welcome 2, 3, and 4 years old.

Funded and unfunded spaces available. Our team of highly qualified and experienced staff work closely with your children and family in a safe, secure environment that allows for learning through play, using a child centred approach.

Find out more at [www.springboardnursery.com](http://www.springboardnursery.com)  
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