



# PRESTON BULLETIN

*'Living Life to the Full'*



Friday 21 July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a FANTASTIC year it has been! So much has happened during the last 12 months and I am extremely proud of how much we have achieved across the Federation.

This week has been very much about celebrating the achievements of our Year 6 children. In both schools, we have all been treated to two fantastic productions: 'Cinderella Rockerfella' at Preston and 'Fleeced' at Saxlingham. I was really struck by how the children and staff approached the task as a strong and supportive team, with beaming smiles on their faces, encouraging one another, and celebrating in successes - both individually and collectively. We have also held leavers' assemblies, where the children have had opportunities to reflect on their time at primary school, recalling happy memories which illustrate them **'living life to the full.'** Thank you to Rev Austin and Rev Dawn for organising the presentation of the leavers' Bibles to mark this special transition to High School. It was also a lovely opportunity for staff and pupils to thank each child for their individual contribution to the Federation. For me, this week has really emphasised the strength of our Federation community. **Together we care, we learn, we achieve, we celebrate!**

On behalf of all the staff at Preston and Saxlingham, we wish you a happy and healthy Summer break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 6th September.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Walker

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## PRESTON STARS OF THE YEAR

### Ladybirds

Class voted Bobby  
Teacher voted Aiden

### Bumblebees

Class voted Ollie  
Teacher voted Albert

### Grasshoppers

Class voted Violet  
Teacher voted Bella

### Caterpillars

Class voted Bronte  
Teacher voted Emily

### Dragonflies

Class voted Izzy  
Teacher voted Charlotte



**RECEIVED A CERTIFICATE FOR THEIR  
TTRS ROCK STATUS**

**Y5 - Jenson**

### STAFFING UPDATE

We are saying a fond farewell to two members of staff.. Mrs Hughes will be leaving Preston at the end of this term after 23 years. She is looking forward to new adventures travelling the world! Mrs Grieve will also be leaving at the end of this term. We wish them both all the very best of luck for the future.



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



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# SUMMER Space

## Tuesdays

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
9.30am - 12noon

**St Mary's Church Newton Flotman**

- Immersive Bible Stories
- Church Trail
- Coil clay pots
- Bracelet making
- Crochet
- Sewing machine skills
- Painting
- Biscuit decorating
- Cafe
- Bell ringing
- Eco church crafts
- Hunt for artefacts
- Pre School Music session  
Suitable for 0-5s and carers
- Tower tours\*
- Knitting
- Prayer space

**For all ages - share and learn new skills or just chill!**

*Activities and timings of activities may vary from week to week – see updates on  
Newton Flotman Village or Tas Valley Families Facebook group*

*No charge but donations invited for materials used*

*\* Conditions apply*



**SignWise Tuiton**  
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## Would you like to learn British Sign Language?

SignWise Tuiton is a specialist Sign Language provider based in Norwich. SignWise offers British Sign Language Level 1, 2 and 3 Courses, both children and seniors groups, Sign and Study Groups and Social Events for Signers of all levels.

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 no better place  
 to learn BSL  
 Learn it!  
 Sign it!  
 Love it!*

# SignWise Juniors

**An after school club  
 where your children  
 can learn to sign BSL**

### NEW LEVEL 1 COURSE

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023**  
**7pm - 9pm**  
**Term time only**  
**Cost: £380**

*With SallyAnn  
 Glanfield-Smith*

**Thursday - term time**  
**3.45pm – 4.45 pm**

**These sessions are £5  
 each and run during  
 term**



The course runs for 30 weeks during school term time and is accredited by 'Signature'

**Venue: Hempnall Mill Centre, Mill Road, Hempnall NR15 2LP**



For more information/to enrol, contact: [signwise.tuition@gmail.com](mailto:signwise.tuition@gmail.com)



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# Tasburgh Scarecrow Trail 2023

**Organised by**  
**Tasburgh Allotment Society**  
**With refreshments in aid of Preston Primary School**

**29<sup>th</sup> September-8<sup>th</sup> October**

**For details on how to enter a Scarecrow  
 email:**

[Simon.orford@jic.ac.uk](mailto:Simon.orford@jic.ac.uk)

**Cost £5 per entry**

**Winning Scarecrow (as voted by public) and trail competition  
 win a luxury hamper**

**(If you live outside the village your Scarecrow can be positioned at the Tasburgh Allotments or School)**



charity reg no 1047225

## A thank you from Friends of Preston Primary School (FoPPS)

As the school year draws to a close, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your support.

At the time of writing this, the Leavers' Play performances are still yet to take place but even without the money that we hope to raise from the raffle and refreshments we have raised a massive £1,770 during the school year. There have been the ever-popular cake sales; we ran the refreshments stall at the village fete; at Christmas there were elf doors, Christmas cards and Secret Santa; you will have noticed that we will do refreshments and run a raffle whenever given the opportunity, we even tried a 'rag bag' collection.

We enjoyed the nice things too, the James D disco at the end of SATS week is always popular with the children and the Easter bingo was a great family night out with lots and lots of chocolate.

It has been wonderful to use the money raised to support the school, we've funded coach travel for school trips, an Indian dance workshop, class resources, a book for every child for Christmas and book bags for the new starters, all of this wouldn't have been possible without your support.

As a reminder, we have a stock of second-hand uniform. We don't really see this as a fundraiser, it's more about it being the right thing to do for the environment and to help each other (but if you wanted to make a small donation then it is always welcome!). If there is anything you need, drop us an email and we will see if we can help – [friendsofprestonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofprestonprimary@gmail.com). Just be aware that the stock is stored at school so we may not be able to look until September.

FoPPS is a registered charity and run by small, dedicated team of volunteers. We are always looking for new members, the commitment is not huge and new ideas are always welcome, please get in touch – [friendsofprestonprimary@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofprestonprimary@gmail.com).

Finally, a thank you to my fellow committee members, you've all been brilliant!

Julie King  
Chair, Friends of Preston Primary School

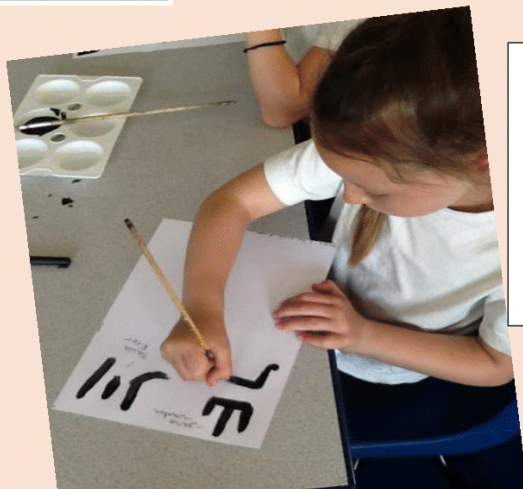
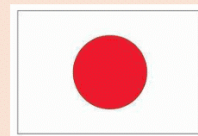


Preston CEVC Primary & Saxlingham Nethergate  
CEVC Primary  
has achieved the **Bronze School Games Mark**  
award for their commitment, engagement  
in the **School Games for 2022/23.**



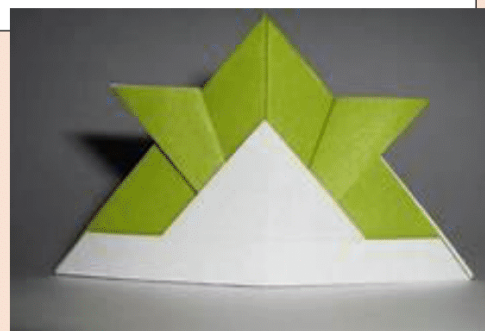


# Japanese Club 2023



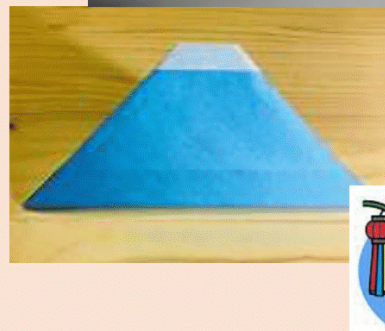
## Writing in Japanese

We used black paint to write mountain, river, sun, moon, fire and moon. All the children worked hard on drawing the lines in the correct order!



## Origami

We made a samurai helmet and Mount Fuji. We folded the paper accurately and were very proud of our efforts! Miss Braddock gave us a special piece of origami paper from Japan.



## Tanabata

A Japanese festival celebrated on 7<sup>th</sup> July. We made a tanzaku. A decoration that is hung on bamboo with hopes and wishes written on. We also listened to the song they sing at this time.

## Cherry Blossom

Japan is very famous for its cherry blossom trees. We painted our own version and thought about 'Wabi Sabi' – knowing that 'Imperfection is Perfection' A philosophical end to our club!

