PRESTON BULLETIN

'Living Life to the Full'

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we were delighted to welcome **Maisie the cockapoo** for her very first visit to our schools. Children and staff were excited to meet her and she quickly became a firm favourite!

Maisie settled exceptionally well into the school environments and we are very much looking forward to welcoming her back for more visits in the future.

We are excited to announce that the federation will be taking part in **NSPCC Number Day** on **Friday 6th February**.

On this day, children are invited to **"Dress for Digits"**. This means they can come to school wearing:

- Clothes with numbers, patterns or shapes
- Maths-themed outfits
- Or even clothing that represents a favourite number (for example, a football shirt, repeated patterns, or creative homemade designs)

During the day, children will be organised into **mixed-age groups** and will take part in a range of exciting maths-based activities, encouraging collaboration, problem-solving and enjoyment of mathematics across the federation. We kindly invite families to support this important cause by making a donation via our JustGiving page:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/tasvalleyfederation-numberday2026

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Matt Walker
Executive Headteacher

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Robins:	**Harvey** for excellent estimating on a number line to 20.
Goldfinches:	**Erin** for her excellent explanation about the digestive system.
Skylarks:	**Robyn** and **Meredith** for excellent subject knowledge and enthusiasm about birds in English.
Swifts:	**Amira** for her excellent information text about Kielder Water

VALUES

Demonstrating friendship

Robins:	**Sienna**
Goldfinches:	**Lily**
Skylarks:	**Malie**
Swifts:	**Flynn**

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

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DIARY DATES SPRING 1

Wednesday 4th February	Toddler Stay and Play at Preston
Thursday 5th February	Information meeting about Bawdsey residential or parents/carers in Year 5/6, 3.30pm
Friday 6th February	NSPCC Number Day and Dress for Digits
Wednesday 11th February	Goldfinch Class to Spring Awakening at Norwich Cathedral

CERTIFICATE

OF APPRECIATION

This certificate is awarded to the Staff and Pupils of

Tas Valley Federation

Presented by 'Sugar for Shelters" for collecting sugar for the homeless in East Anglia.

Christmas 2025

January 2026

DATE

Sugar for Shelters

Helen Lamb

CO-ORDINATOR

PANATHLON

On Monday, a group of children from Preston and Saxlingham entered a Panathlon sports event at Long Stratton High School.

They tried their hand at a range of sports, and very much enjoyed working as a team. They tried their children were so proud to come back to school and show us their medals.

Thank you to Mrs Newson and Mrs Allison for supporting them!

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TAS VALLEY FEDERATION

TODDLER STAY AND PLAY

Is your child of pre-school age?

Come and join us for a completely free afternoon of play and story time.

Make new friends. Join in the fun!

BOOKING DETAILS

To book your spot, please email:

officepreston@tasvalley.org.uk

with your child's name and the number of people attending.

To find out more about what we offer as a federation, please scan here!

SESSION INFORMATION

Wednesday 4th February 2026

1.30pm - 2.45pm

Preston CEVC Primary School,
Henry Preston Road,
Tasburgh,
NR15 1NU

AFTER-SCHOOL ART CLUB

TERM TIME WEDNESDAYS 3:15 – 5:30

I am offering after-school art provision for YR-Y6 children who attend Preston Primary School. The programme of activities will be designed to extend their skills in many areas of the art & design curriculum, with projects based around drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, paper engineering and more...all whilst socializing and having fun!

Sessions will be every Wednesday from 3:15 and pick-up is between 5:15-5:30. The price for each child is £10 per week, which includes a drink and snack (food intolerances will be checked with the school office in advance). Payments are for half-termly blocks and are non-refundable, so please make sure it is something that your child/children would really enjoy.

Dates for the first block:

Wednesday 25th February

Wednesday 4th March

Wednesday 11th March

Wednesday 18th March

Wednesday 25th March

(5 sessions total £50 per child)

Each session will begin with socially interactive games (with a bit of art theory thrown in for good measure). Then we will settle down with snacks for a story which leads us into our art for the rest of the session. During each session, every child will be supported 1:1 or within small groups to work on a piece or artwork with me, whilst there is a choosing bay for others to explore their own creativity. Each half term, our young artists will bring home framed artwork, greeting cards or other beautifully crafted wares.

Many of you are already familiar with me as a regular supply teacher at the Tas Valley Federation. My university degree was in graphic design & illustration, before returning to train as a primary school teacher, leading art and design technology for over twenty years before becoming a supply teacher and freelance artist.

If your child has a keen interest in art and they would love to explore their creative side even further, please contact me for details.

Patricia Peers info.thepaintingparty@gmail.com

Join the fun at

KiDS CaMP

Returning for February half term!

16 to 20 February

Sessions available at Wymondham Leisure Centre and Long Stratton Leisure Centre starting from just £22.50!

Book now at southnorfolkleisure.co.uk

Leisure South Norfolk

Holiday Club

February Half Term

Forest School for Life

In partnership with:

talk: WILDLIFE

Forest School Den

9-4 | £50 per day

Monday 16th February

Wednesday 18th February

Talk: Wildlife

9-4 | £60 per day

Tuesday 17th February

Thursday 19th February

ages 5-14

Book via WhatsApp:
07830 379520

Please provide:
- Name of child
- Age of child
- Chosen sessions

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Breaded Chicken in a Wrap with Steamed Rice and a Dip	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Spaghetti (v)	Homemade Bean Burger in a Wrap with Steamed Rice and a Dip (v)	Plant Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Tex Mex Chilli Loaded Wedges (v)	Spanish Omelette and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Salad Sticks	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Cocoa Mousse	Jam Sponge with Custard	Chewy Krispie Bar	Apple Crunch with Greek Yogurt	Cocoa Oatcake with Orange Wedges
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Mousse	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Salad Sticks, Jam Cupcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Chewy Krispie Bar	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Cocoa Oatcake

Week One: 3 Nov | 24 Nov | 15 Dec | 19 Jan | 9 Feb | 9 Mar— Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Chicken Burrito Bake with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie with Gravy (v)	Plant Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
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Served with	Salad Sticks	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Baked Beans	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Cocoa Orange Cupcake	Shortbread with Apple Wedges	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Jelly	Iced Sprinkle Cake
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Orange Cupcake	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Apple Wedges, Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Oaty Cookie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Iced Sprinkle Cake

Week Two: 10 Nov | 1 Dec | 5 Jan | 26 Jan | 23 Feb | 16 Mar— Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Pork Chilli Loaded Wedges	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Chinese-Style Chicken with Noodles	Breaded Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans	Jacket Potato with Cheese and/or Beans
Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Salad	Carrots and Peas	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Flapjack and Apple Wedges	Cocoa Sponge with Cocoa Sauce	Peach Crunch with Greek Yogurt	Vanilla Ice Cream	Carrot Cake
Packed Lunch	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Apple Wedges, Flapjack	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Cocoa Cupcake	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Sultanas, Fruit Portion, Ice Cream	Ham or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Carrot Cake

Week Three: 17 Nov | 8 Dec | 12 Jan | 2 Feb | 2 Mar | 23 Mar— Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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