PRESTON BULLETIN

'Living Life to the Full'

Friday 6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today is **NSPCC Number Day**, and the children in both schools have been working in vertical groupings (YR-6) on maths-focused activities. The children look amazing 'dressed for digits' and some of our children have been battling against children from other schools in a Times Tables Rockstars Challenge. It's not too late to donate to the NSPCC via our JustGiving page: https://www.justgiving.com/page/tasvalleyfederation-numberday2026

On Wednesday, it was lovely to welcome pre-school children from both schools at our latest **Stay and Play** session. The children and parents joined our Reception children for an active afternoon. We will send out details of the next session after half term.

On Tuesday this week, children from both schools took part in **Shakespeare Ambassador training at the Norwich Theatre** Royal as part of the Royal **Shakespeare Company Associate School Scheme**. It will be exciting to see how the children bring their learning back to the classroom.

Maisie the cockapoo has been to school again this week and enjoyed meeting many of the parents/carers on the gate, as well spending time in classroom. One of her highlights of the week was listening to Sparrow Class practice for the Spring Awakening Concert next week.

We wish you all a restful weekend!

Yours sincerely,
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Robins:	**Elodie** for fantastic sentence writing about what she has learnt from our 'Winter Sleep' book.
Goldfinches:	**Ben** for his excellent home learning, including an amazing Maya head dress, brilliant bird fact file and detailed work on the digestive system!
Skylarks:	**Benji** for great ideas and astute observations in Guided Reading.
Swifts:	**April** for being an excellent role model to her peers and ALWAYS being the best she can be.

VALUES

Demonstrating friendship

Robins:	**Thalia**
Goldfinches:	**Jasper**
Skylarks:	**Ivo**
Swifts:	**Ionà**

DIARY DATES SPRING 1

Wednesday 11th February	Goldfinch Class to Spring Awakening at Norwich Cathedral
Friday 13th February	FOPPS Cake Sale

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.

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Skylarks Class

Project: Our Wonderful World

Our history lessons this term have been focused on the Ancient Maya. We have been finding out about how this civilisation began from the depths of the rainforest in Central America, and how they established a thriving population.

The Skylarks were surprised to learn that they invented rubber, the calendar, and chocolate!

They had a go at designing their own Maya City State, inspired by some of the ruins in Mexico and Guatelmala.

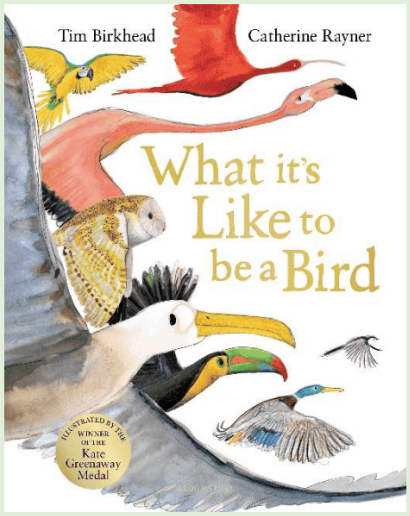
Our Federation is in the second year of the RSC Associate Schools project. This means that the class will be involved in Shakespeare activities this year, based around the play, The Tempest.

Six of the Skylarks, along with a group from Saxlingham, took part in Ambassador training at the Theatre Royal this week, promoting a love of theatre. Later in the year, pupils will be able to audition for a Tempest scene which will be performed at Hellesdon High School in July, along with other local schools.

In Music, Skylarks have been learning to play the recorder this half term. They have each borrowed a school recorder to practise at home and delight their families!

As well as working on controlling their breath and playing consistent notes, they have been starting to read music and play as a class ensemble.

Well done to all for your rapid improvement. Mrs Hill in the office, who shares a wall with us, was also grateful for how quickly you overcame the squeaky phase!

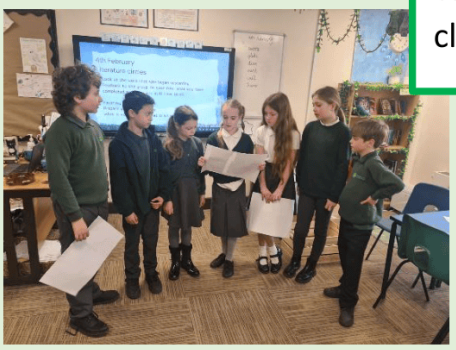


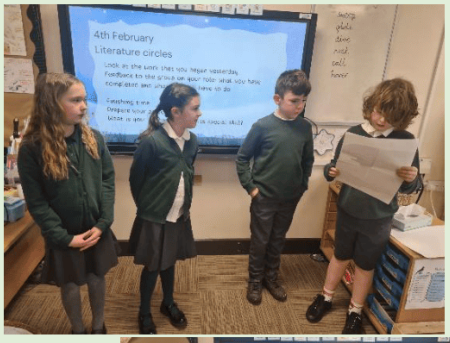
Our book we are studying in English is the beautifully illustrated information text, 'What it's like to be a bird'.

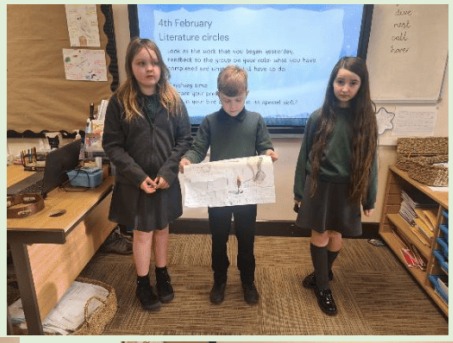
Its poetic style brings to life the habits and skills of twenty remarkable birds.

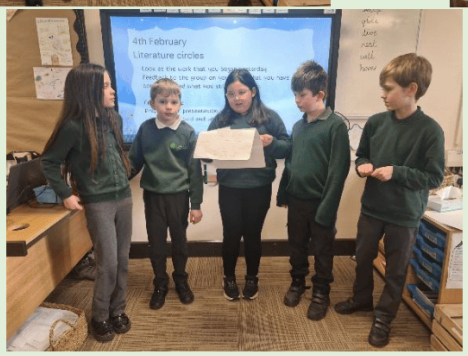
This week, the Skylarks have been working in teams called 'literature circles'. Each team has studied a text about a different bird and has been doing collaborative research, with every member having their own role.

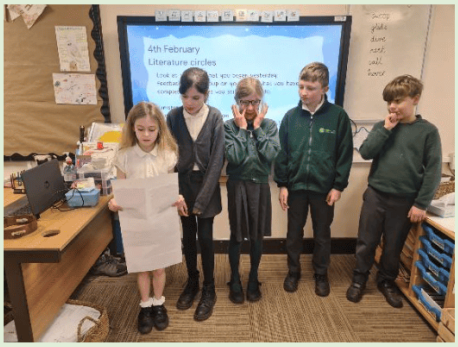
They presented their findings back to the class in some excellent presentations.











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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)
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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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