PRESTON BULLETIN

'Living Life to the Full'

Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made a very positive start to the new term across the Federation. The children have settled back into school routines well and are getting to grips with the new whole-school project, **'Adventures'**.

This week, our Reception children from both schools hosted a **Stay and Play session** for pre-school children. It was lovely to welcome some new faces into school, and we hope that all families felt warmly welcomed and enjoyed spending time learning and playing alongside our pupils.

We are pleased to share that planning permission has been granted to **install solar panels** at **Saxlingham**. This important work will be fully funded by the **DfE Energy Efficiency Grant**.

Work is also continuing on the **construction of the log cabin at Saxlingham**. This is an exciting development and we look forward to watching this project progress as it takes shape.

Over the Easter break, we learnt that we have **not been successful in securing capital funding** through the Department for Education's **School-Based Nursery Grant** to proceed with the proposed EYFS Unit based at Preston. This funding round was highly competitive, with only **two schools in Norfolk** being successful.

As a result, we are unable to proceed with the establishment of the EYFS Unit at this time. However, we will continue to monitor future funding opportunities and, should circumstances change, we would of course review the feasibility of developing early years provision at the school again in the future.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to **all our Key Stage Two children coming to Preston** for a performance of *Ada and the Code Crusader* by the **English Touring Opera**. This promises to be a memorable cultural experience for our pupils, and we are extremely grateful to **FOPPS and FOSS** for kindly funding this event.

Wishing you all a restful weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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Robins:	**Max** for excellent contributions in Geography about looking after our world.
Goldfinches:	**Isaac** for working hard on his handwriting this week.
Skylarks:	**Bobby** for conscientious work in Maths lessons.
Swifts:	**Jasper** for an excellent start to the Summer Term.

VALUES

Demonstrating courage

Robins:	**Willow**
Goldfinches:	**Max**
Skylarks:	**Rose**
Swifts:	**Ionà**

MARATHON UPDATE

There is just over a week until Mr Walker takes on the **London Marathon on Sunday 26th April**.

Mr Walker is running for Teenage Cancer Trust, a charity which has provided invaluable support to the Walker family over the past year, and continues to do so at as we move forward. Thank you for all your kindness, support and sponsorship! It means a great deal! Mr Walker's story

diary

Friday 24th April	KS2 to watch Ada and the Code Crusader (English Touring Opera) - funded by FOPPS and FOSS
Wednesday 29th April	Y2 to Old Hall Farm
Thursday 7th May	Reception & Y1 to Old Hall Farm
Monday 11th May	Y6 SATs Week
Tuesday 12th May	Goldfinch Class to High Ash Farm
Monday 18th May	Y3 & Y4 to Gressenhall
Friday 22nd May	Break up for Half Term

KS1 CRICKET FESTIVAL

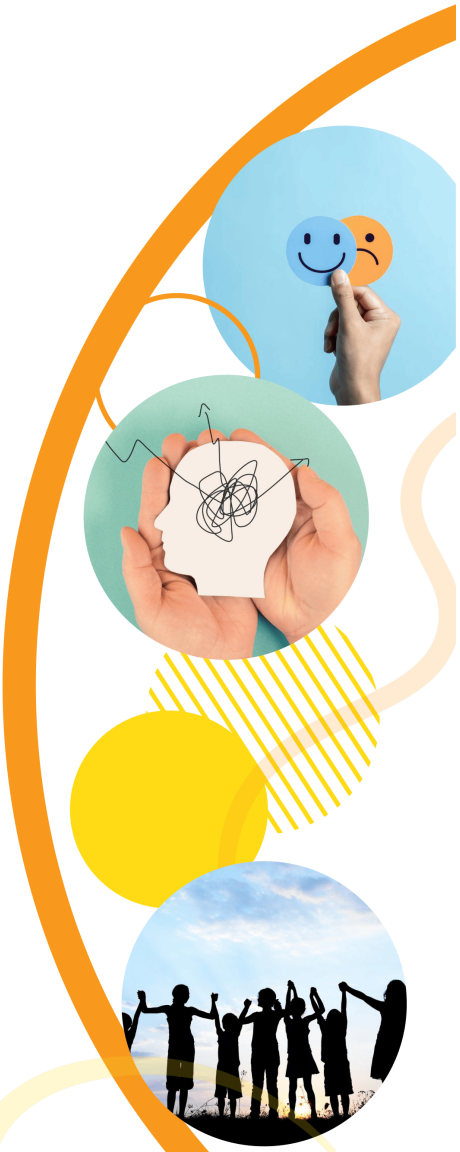
On the first day of term, children from Sparrow Class and Robin Class visited Tas Valley cricket Club for a festival of cricket. Lots of new skills were developed, through the coaching provided by students from Long Stratton High School. The staff were extremely impressed by the children's enthusiasm and determination to succeed!

Supporting Children's Anxiety

Date: Monday 20th April 2026
Time: 1pm-2:30pm
Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

An introductory workshop for parents to understand children's anxiety and learn strategies to support this.

Please email ccs.mhstsouthnorfolk2@nhs.net to register your interest, so the teams link and additional resources can be sent to you.



More information:

https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/our-services/mhst/

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Chicken in Tomato Sauce with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork Bolognese with Pasta Twists	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Chinese-Style Plant Balls with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie with Gravy (v)	BBQ Loaded Bean Bake (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Served with	Mixed Salad	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Summer Berry Cupcake	Vanilla Ice Cream	Beetroot Brownie with Orange Wedges	Fruit Jelly	Lemon Shortbread with a Melon Wedge
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Summer Berry Cupcake	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Sultanas, Vanilla Ice Cream	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Beetroot Brownie	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Jelly	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Melon Wedge, Lemon Shortbread

Week One: 13 Apr | 4 May | 1 Jun | 22 Jun | 13 Jul | 14 Sep | 5 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Chicken Curry with Steamed Rice	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	BBQ Shredded Chicken in a Wrap with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Potato Wedges (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel and Chips (v)
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Served with	Sweetcorn	Mixed Vegetables	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Salad	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Fresh Fruit Platter	Marble Shortbread	Summer Berry and Apple Slice with Greek Yogurt	Orange Cupcake	Apple Flapjack
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Fruit Portion	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Pizza Finger, Orange Wedges, Marble Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Summer Berry and Apple Slice	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Fruit Portion, Orange Cupcake	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Apple Flapjack

Week Two: 20 Apr | 11 May | 8 Jun | 29 Jun | 31 Aug | 21 Sep | 12 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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Hot Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Hot Dog with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mashed Potato and Gravy	"Build your Own" Chicken Taco with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Tex Mex Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Plant Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges and Tomato Dip (v)	Vegetable Pastry Plait with Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	"Build your Own" Vegetarian Taco with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Frittata and Chips (v)
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Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Mixed Salad	Broccoli and Carrots	Sweetcorn	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Banana Muffin	Shortbread	Apple Crumble and Greek Yogurt	Oaty Cookie	Chewy Krispie Bar with Orange Wedges
Packed Lunch	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Banana Muffin	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Shortbread	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Melon Wedge, Flapjack	Cheese and Tomato Pasta, Salad Sticks, Sultanas, Oaty Cookie	Ham, Tuna or Cheese Sandwich, Salad Sticks, Orange Wedges, Chewy Krispie Bar

Week Three: 27 Apr | 18 May | 15 Jun | 6 Jul | 7 Sep | 28 Sep | 19 Oct — Fresh Fruit Available Daily