PRESTON BULLETIN

'Living Life to the Full'

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very much looking forward to a special treat this afternoon, as our Key Stage 2 children from both schools come together at Preston to enjoy a performance of *Ada and the Code Crusader* by the English Touring Opera. The children have been busy learning some of the songs in advance and are ready to take part in audience participation during the performance. We are very grateful to FOPPS and FOSS for funding this exciting event.

On Wednesday, linking to our project theme of 'Adventures', I spoke to the children in Collective Worship about the London Marathon. Over the past year, I have been deeply touched by the incredible encouragement and support shown by the Federation community. It was really special to receive cards filled with kind messages and good wishes from the children. One message made us all smile, as a child shared their excitement at the possibility that I might meet Daddy Pig, who is also reportedly running the marathon!

As you know, I am running in support of Teenage Cancer Trust. This charity is particularly important to me, as it continues to support my family directly at this time. Thank you so much to everyone who has already sponsored me and offered words of encouragement — it truly means a great deal.

If you would like to support this cause, my fundraising page can be found here: https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/matt-walker

Wishing you a fantastic weekend.

Yours sincerely,
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TOGETHER
WE CARE
WE LEARN
WE ACHIEVE
WE CELEBRATE

Tas Valley Church Schools Federation

Living Life to the Full

Robins:	**Bea** for using excellent creative skills to make a 3D bird in art!
Goldfinches:	**Amelie** for participating enthusiastically in this week's Science investigations.
Skylarks:	**Edith** for giving persuasive advice to our book characters.
Swifts:	**Charlotte** for using hyphenated words effectively in her independent writing

VALUES

Demonstrating courage

Robins:	**Brody**
Goldfinches:	**Aiden**
Skylarks:	**Summer**
Swifts:	**Ronnie**

diary

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
Friday 15th May	FOPPS Disco
Monday 18th May	Y3 & Y4 to Gressenhall
Friday 22nd May	Break up for Half Term

Treasurer Needed!

FRIENDS OF PRESTON PRIMARY

We are on the lookout for a Treasurer to help keep things ticking along behind the scenes, If you like the idea of supporting the school, but don't have loads of time to spare, this could be just the thing!

Just 15 minutes a month!

What's involved?

- Updating a simple spreadsheet
- A quick monthly summary for FoPPS meeting that can be written or personally delivered
- Helping with payments online
- Yearly report for the AGM

No experience needed!

- Full support & handover provided
- Training included
- Simple Systems already set up

Without a treasurer, FoPPS won't be able to continue running events that raise vital funds for our school and children.

If you have any questions or are interested at all - please speak to Mrs Farley or Mrs Allison alternatively email tasburghfriends@tasvalley.org.uk

Swift Class News

HISTORY LEARNING

We are focusing on local history this half term. We have explored evidence of early settlers in the region and have found out about 'hoard finds' around our county.

We have looked at places such as Grimes Graves, local hillfort remains and the major hoard finds in Snettisham and Eaton.

The children considered which site they felt was the most significant and could argue their case with great enthusiasm!

ENGLISH LEARNING

We have started to read 'October October' by Katya Balen. So far, we have found out that our main character lives in the woods and she calls herself 'Wild'.

From this, we have been thinking about places we would consider as wild ourselves and have been using sense-based descriptions to bring these places to life in our writing.

SCIENCE LEARNING

This half term, we are finding out about living things and their habitats. We have started off our science learning looking at micro-organisms. The children created fact cards about bacteria, funghi and mould.

ADA AND THE CODE CRUSADERS

Today, we have been visited by the English Touring Opera and watched an interactive production all about Ada Lovelace; exploring the life, work and legacy of the world's first computer programmer.

ATHLETICS NORFOLK

funetics
run + jump + throw

FUNETICS MULTI-CHALLENGE

FUN • ACTIVE • EVERYONE WELCOME!

For children in School Years 3–6
Aged 7–11

The Funetics Multi-Challenge is a new England Athletics competition format for children. It focuses on fundamental movement skills—running, jumping and throwing—in a fun, safe and inclusive environment.

Come along, give it a go and have fun!

UNDER 10s (SCHOOL YEARS 3–4) AGED 7–9

- 50m Sprint
- 400m Run
- Standing Long Jump
- Vortex Throw

MATCH 1 IS ONLY OPEN TO U10s

UNDER 12s (SCHOOL YEARS 5–6) AGED 9–11

- 75m Sprint
- 600m Run
- Long Jump
- Vortex Throw

4 matches available for U12s to allow all U12s to compete in individual events within the County Championships in May – see our other event for entry to this event.

WHY TAKE PART?

- Fun, friendly and inclusive for all abilities
- Age-appropriate events that build key skills
- Team spirit and personal success

For info! Scan me

2026 MATCH DATES

1. Sunday 10th May – U10's ONLY
   Incorporated into the County Championships (Sunday morning)
2. Sunday 24th May – Great Yarmouth
3. Saturday 13th June – Sportspark Norwich
   To run alongside the Norfolk Schools Competition
4. Sunday 28th June – King's Lynn (West Norfolk AC)
5. Sunday 26th July – King's Lynn (Ryston Runners)

TYPICAL TIMETABLE*

From 9:30	Registration and number collection
9:50	Warm up
10.00 – 10.35	Rotation 1
10.35 – 11.10	Rotation 2
11.10 – 11.45	Rotation 3
11.45 – 12.20	Rotation 4
12.30	Medal/certificates presentation

*Timetable for 11th May & 14th June may differ slightly

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

Open to boys and girls in School Years 3–6 (aged 7–11) from schools, athletics clubs and community groups.

HOW TO ENTER

Go to www.linktr.ee/athleticsnorfolk for the lastest booking links

Crafts

Picnic Tea

come along to

Messy Church

Song

Story

Stratton St.Mary's
Saturday 25th April
4:00pm-5:30pm

This month's theme is:
The Good Samaritan

Strattonmessychurch@gmail.com

All children to be accompanied by an adult

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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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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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

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