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Newsletter Spring 03 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back after the half-term break which I hope was a lovely and restful time for you all. Thank you for ensuring the children have returned looking so smart and ready to learn.

Last term was packed with fantastic activities at Preston Primary, and this half-term promises to be just as exciting. After enjoying a wonderful Year 3 play, we now look forward to seeing Year 4 take to the stage and showcase their acting talents. Additionally, we have a range of sporting events coming up, where we know our pupils will shine.

We are also excited to celebrate World Book Day on 6th March for which you should have already received a letter with details. Please do not feel the need to spend a lot on costumes; our priority is to foster a love of reading, which is so valuable for our pupils' learning and wellbeing.

We look forward to seeing you all at the end of term for Parents' Evenings, but if you have any concerns or questions before then, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

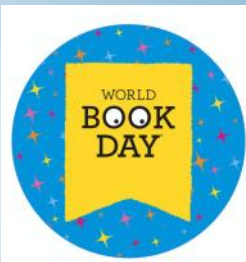
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

With very best wishes,

Mrs C Hodgson,
 Head Teacher.

Reminder—World Book Day (6th March)

Come dressed as your favourite book character, or to promote the idea of a bedtime story, you could come in your pyjamas! Don't forget the Scholastic Book Fair—Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th March between 3.20pm—4pm—entry via the side doors off of the playground.



Attendance Matters!

Regular school attendance is crucial for a child's development. Research shows that even a few missed days can significantly impact academic progress, with absenteeism linked to lower test scores and poor social development. Studies indicate that children who miss more than 10% of school days are more likely to struggle academically. As a school, we closely monitor attendance and have statutory obligations to address any concerns. If your child is facing any barriers to attending school, please contact us so we can work together to support their success.



Safeguarding

Worried about a child who could be in danger?

Please contact Children's Social Care by phoning **0300 123 2224** or emailing them at childrens@somerset.gov.uk. You can also contact the police on 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care what action should be taken.

If you would like to speak to a social worker outside of office hours, please phone the Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 23 27**.

You can also speak to our staff at school who will direct you to our safeguarding team.

Digital Detox Challenge

A huge well done to all our pupils who took part in our recent Digital Detox Challenge! It was fantastic to see so many stepping away from screens and discovering new hobbies, engaging in creative play, and spending quality time with their families. A huge thank you to all the parents and guardians who supported their children in this challenge – your encouragement has made a real difference!

We encourage all families to continue promoting healthy screen habits at home. Let's help our children develop real-world skills, strengthen relationships, and enjoy the benefits of a more balanced lifestyle.

Pictured—Maisie & Archie with their challenges.



PTA School Discos

Please be reminded that it is the PTA School Discos on **Friday**. If you would like your child to attend (and haven't already paid) please follow the link below. Once you have completed and submitted the form, please follow the link to pay. If you are unsure if you have paid, please let us know.

Link—<https://forms.gle/tQAU1A6xgsFLSUvUA>

Please be reminded that all children in **Reception, Year 1 & 2** can wear non-uniform on Friday, even if they are NOT attending the disco.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

PTA DISCO
FRIDAY 28. FEBRUARY 2025

RECEPTION
2.30- 3.10PM
YEARS 1 & 2
3.20-4.15PM
YEARS 3 & 4
4.30-5.45PM
YEAS 5 & 6
6.00-7.15PM

LOTS OF FUN AND CRISPS AND DRINK INCLUDED

Spring Term Dates



Tuesday 25th February	-	Mayor Visit to Year 3 & School Council
Friday 28th February	-	PTA School Discos
Monday 3rd March	-	World Book Day Assemblies
Wednesday 5th March	-	Year 4 Trip to Glastonbury Abbey
Wednesday 5th March	-	Book Fair (open to parents 3.20pm—4pm)
Thursday 6th March	-	World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character or in pyjamas)
Thursday 6th March	-	Book Fair (open to parents 3.20pm—4pm)
Friday 7th March	-	World Prayer Day
Monday 10th March	-	Rev Keen Assemblies
Monday 10th March	-	Year 3 Swimming (7 x sessions)
Wednesday 12th March	-	Science Fair (School Hall) - no hot school lunches
Thursday 13th March	-	Year 5 Victorian Workshop
Thursday 13th March	-	Year 1 Trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
Thursday 13th March	-	Step into the NHS Day —Key Stage 2
Thursday 13th March	-	Year 6 SATS & Kilve Residential Talk (3.30pm—4pm approximately)
Thursday 20th March	-	Year 6 Trip to Perrott Hill to watch Treasure Island
Friday 21st March	-	Year 3 Tea Party with Mrs Hodgson (selected pupils)
Monday 24th March	-	Cross Country—Mudford Recreation Ground, Yeovil (4pm—5pm)
Tuesday 25th March	-	Year 3 Trip to Dorset Museum
Wednesday 26th March	-	Reception Trip to Gore Farm
Wednesday 26th March	-	SCARF Workshops (Health & Wellbeing as part of PSHE)
Thursday 27th March	-	SCARF Workshops (Health & Wellbeing as part of PSHE)
Thursday 27th March	-	Mother's Day Tea Party for Reception
Monday 31st March	-	Parent Evening
Tuesday 1st April	-	Parent Evening
Tuesday 1st April	-	Year 4 Play to Parents
Wednesday 2nd April	-	Year 4 Play to Parents
Thursday 3rd April	-	Easter Assemblies (including Key Stage 1 for parents - 2.30pm)
Friday 4th April	-	Last Day of Term (non-uniform day)
Monday 7th		
—Thursday 17th April	—	Easter Holidays (School Closed)
Friday 18th April	-	Good Friday (Bank Holiday—School Closed)
Monday 21st April	-	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Tuesday 22nd April	-	Teacher Training Day (School Closed)
Wednesday 23rd April	-	Back to School
Monday 5th May	-	Bank Holiday (School Closed)

