



PROSPECT VALE GAZETTE

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Welcome Back to a New School Year!

Welcome back, everyone! It has been fantastic to see so many parents on the playground each morning. Thank you for your patience as we have introduced some new routines – the children have settled in brilliantly. From Monday, we will also be making a few minor tweaks to our morning drop-off arrangements. Please read the section below carefully for full details.

It has also been a real joy to see a lot of our children in the **new school uniform**. The children look absolutely fantastic!

Our **school calendar** will be updated at the start of next week so that you can see everything we have planned right through until the end of the summer term.

A quick reminder: we have had some complaints from neighbours about inconsiderate parking. Please avoid parking over driveways, even for a moment – it causes real frustration and affects our relationship with the local community. Thank you for helping us to be good neighbours.

We're delighted to introduce a new reward for our **Star of the Week certificate winners**. Each week, they will be invited to enjoy hot chocolate and cake in my office on Monday afternoon. This idea came from our School Council and is a brilliant way to celebrate children who live out our school values.

Next week also sees the start of **Forest School** for Reception and Year 1. Don't worry – every child will get their chance to take part in these brilliant outdoor learning experiences across the year.

It's wonderful to be back and to feel so much enthusiasm across the school. Prospect Vale is going from strength to strength, and we have so much to look forward to this year.



Mr Luke Redfearn
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Monday 8th September

- *** Hot Chocolate with Mr Redfearn for Star of the Week Certificate Winners
- *** Year 2 and Year 3: Cheer, Dance and Gym After-School Club

Tuesday 9th September

- *** 3.30-4.30 – Boys Football Club
- *** 3.30-4.30 – Girls Football Club with SCFC

Wednesday 10th September

- *** Forest School for Reception AM
- *** Forest School for Year 1 PM
- *** Lacrosse for Year 3, PM
- *** Lacrosse for Year 5, PM
- *** 3.30-4.30 Lacrosse Club

Thursday 11th September

- *** Christians in School Assembly Year 1-6
- *** 3.30-4.30 Cheerleading Club Year 4/5/6

Friday 12th September

- *** Ten Year 6 Children to MCFC Academy
- *** Year 5 Brass Lesson AM
- *** Year 4 Swimming AM





Update: Drop-off routine

Thank you for your support with the changes to our drop-off arrangements this week. We are pleased to say they have been a success, helping children to settle quickly and ensuring a calm, safe start to the day.

Most things will stay the same, with just a few minor adjustments from Monday:

Things staying the same

- Nursery – drop off at classroom
- Reception – drop off at classroom
- Year 1 – drop off at classroom
- Years 2, 3 and 6 – Year 2, 3 and 6 drop off area

Adjustments from Monday

- **Years 4 and 5** – children can now be brought to the **Year 2, 3 and 6 drop-off area**. A member of staff will be stationed on the football playground, clearly visible as children walk around to the Year 4/5 classrooms.



- Parents of Year 4 and 5 children may drop their child at the playground area **at the Year 2, 3 and 6 area**, where they will be seen through safely.
- If arriving via the main entrance, **Year 4 and 5 children** can be dropped off just inside the school gates (without being walked round) as a member of staff will be on duty at the entrance.

Important reminder

Children must not be dropped off outside the school gates, particularly on Brandon Avenue. They should be brought at least onto the main playground or just inside the main entrance gates so that we can be sure all children are safely in school.

Tesco Golden Token – Get our school £5,000!

If you're around Stockport tomorrow (Saturday 6th September), please come along and support Prospect Vale in the Tesco Golden Grant campaign.

📍 Tesco Extra, Tiviot Way

🕒 Between 12 and 1pm

Here's what happens:

- A bag will contain 100 blue tokens.
- One of them is the golden token.
- Whoever picks it gets to choose which school project wins the £5,000 grant.

We're hoping our **Sensory Garden** will be the winning project. This would build on the £1,500 funding we're already in the running for through the regular blue token scheme.

I'll be there to try my luck – and it would be fantastic if as many Prospect Vale families as possible could join in. Once the golden token is picked, it's gone... so the more of us there between 12 and 1, the better our chances!

Fingers crossed for Prospect Vale! We would love a brand new Sensory Garden for our EYFS area!





Year 4 Dive into Rivers!

I had the pleasure of visiting Year 4 today and was amazed by their incredible display on rivers. Over the summer, instead of simply relaxing, our Year 4 children were busy producing some truly impressive homework on the topic – from facts and research to creative projects.

This hard work has given them a brilliant head start, and it's clear they already have a strong bank of knowledge to build upon. I know they will thoroughly enjoy their rivers topic this year and use what they've learned to launch into new and exciting adventures in Year 4.

Well done, Year 4 – a fantastic start!



Year 5 Take on the Romans!

Our Year 5 children are already buzzing with excitement about the learning ahead this year. Their topic focus is the Romans, and they have an incredible interactive display to inspire them as they begin their journey into this fascinating period of history.

This year we are also putting a strong emphasis on vocabulary – making sure it is front and centre across the curriculum, not just in reading lessons. The Roman topic provides a fantastic opportunity to develop subject-specific language that will deepen understanding and spark curiosity.

👉 Parents, you can help at home by quizzing the children on their Roman knowledge and vocabulary throughout the term. The more they talk about their learning, the more confident and knowledgeable they will become!



Library is Open and Ready for Business!

Update from **Mrs Holt**, our very own **school librarian**:

"It has been wonderful to see the library come to life again at the start of term. Children across the school are already excited about their reading and can't wait to discover all the brilliant books on the shelves. Many have proudly shared the titles they've borrowed this week, and new books will continue to be added throughout the year.



Year 6 have also come forward with a fantastic idea – they would like to take more responsibility for helping in the library. Mr Dudley and Mrs White will be asking for applications for Year 6 Librarians, giving pupils a chance to take on a real leadership role.

When visiting Year 3, we were delighted to hear that a number of children had completed the local library Summer Reading Challenge – with one child proudly showing their certificate. A huge well done to everyone who took part!

The love of reading is spreading across the school, with some Year 5 and 6 children even asking if they could use the library space at lunchtimes simply to enjoy their books. It's wonderful to see the enthusiasm our children have for reading – long may it continue!"



Certificate Winners

Year 1	Kooper
Year 2	Dottie
Year 3	Jack
Year 4	Eesa
Year 5	Minnie
Year 6	Zain

Dojo Certificates

Every day, children are awarded with dojo points that count towards a weekly total and an ongoing total. The weekly total winners for each class are displayed here. There are also opportunities to receive badges for children collecting dojos over time. This allows us to celebrate our school ethos at every opportunity.

Year 1	Hassan
Year 2	Eliana
Year 3	Noah
Year 4	Aahil
Year 5	Edith
Year 6	Zaynab

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 for achieving the highest attendance this week! Keep up the great work!

Let's try and get to our **96%** target when on our final week – we need to get above that **96%** for the year!

Year 1	91.9
Year 2	97.5
Year 3	97.9
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	96.4
Year 6	92.1
TOTAL	95.25%



