



PROSPECT VALE GAZETTE

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A Buzzing Start to the New Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see our whole school community back together – with Nursery and Reception children settling in so well, Forest School sessions now underway, and clubs up and running, the school is already buzzing with activity.

Next week promises to be action-packed, so please do take a look at the calendar dates in this Gazette and keep an eye on our [online calendar](#) for events further ahead, including our Macmillan Coffee Morning and upcoming football tournaments.

We're also delighted to share that, following last year's successful trial in Reception, we have now rolled out the Little Wandle phonics scheme across the school from Nursery to Year 2. This proven programme, along with an intensive rapid catch-up for older pupils who need additional support, is already making a real difference. Parents of our new Reception children are warmly invited to a phonics workshop this week

– joining us will give you valuable insight into how best to support your child's reading at home.

Our PTA are also meeting this week, and we would love as many parents as possible to join and share ideas to help us make school life the best experience it can be.

Also, we will be recruiting for parent governors next Monday. Please keep an eye out for a nomination form being sent to you via School Spider on Monday.

And finally, please don't miss the piece later in this Gazette celebrating our incredible achievement last Saturday – we are absolutely over the moon!

With best wishes,

Mr Luke Redfearn
Headteacher



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Dates for your diary

Monday 15th September

- ★★ PM Hot Chocolate with Mr Redfearn for Star of the Week Certificate Winners
- ★★ Year 2 and Year 3: Cheer, Dance and Gym After-School Club
- ★★ PTA Meeting at 3pm-3.45pm in school (all invited)
- ★★ Parent Governor Nomination Sheets sent out
- ★★ 3.30-4.30 Reception/KS1 Futsal

Tuesday 16th September

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

Wednesday 17th 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 18th September

- ★★ 3.30-4.30 Cheerleading Club Year 4/5/6
- ★★ EYFS Book Fair 3.15 Playground (Weather Permitting!)

Friday 19th September

- ★★ Year 4 Recorder Lesson AM
- ★★ Year 5 Brass Lesson AM
- ★★ Year 4 Swimming AM
- ★★ 3.30-4.30 KS2 Futsal

A special mention to upcoming discos. Please check the calendar for discos coming up in the next few weeks. There's the KS1 Spooky Disco on Friday 17th October and KS2 Spooky Disco on Friday 24th October, both at 4pm.





We are the Champions!

As part of our recent fundraising drive, Prospect Vale joined a local Tesco community project to raise money for our Sensory Garden. Every time people shopped in Tesco stores across Heald Green and Stockport, they could place a token in one of three schools' boxes. The school with the most tokens after several weeks would win £1,500.

But then came some dramatic news... On Thursday, we were told that a special Golden Token event would take place on Saturday at 12pm. A bag of 100 tokens would be used, and whichever school received the Golden Token would secure a £5,000 prize for their project.

The excitement was huge – and so was the tension! We were sent to the wrong Tesco at first and had to race across Stockport to make it to the right store in time. Mr Redfearn and his two children tried their luck but pulled out only blue tokens. Miss Jones also had a go – still no gold!

Meanwhile, members of the public were also taking turns, quickly dropping tokens into one of the school containers (sometimes without even noticing which school they'd chosen!). An official adjudicator kept a close eye on the process to ensure fairness.

With just 20 tokens left, things were looking desperate. And then – in the final moments – Miss Cron's daughter stepped up and pulled out the GOLDEN TOKEN! The crowd erupted, golden confetti rained down from the ceiling, and Prospect Vale had done it!

We are absolutely over the moon with this incredible result. The £5,000 will go directly towards creating a brand-new Sensory Garden for our EYFS children – a space that will enrich learning, play and wellbeing for years to come. 🎉👏

Thank you so much to every single parent, family member and friend who supported us with tokens in the lead-up to this event. We couldn't have done it without you – and now we can't wait to get started!



Forest School Begins

We had our very first Forest School session this week – and what a great one it was! Our Reception and Year 1 children spent the day exploring the great outdoors: searching for animal habitats, relaxing in hammocks, playing hide and seek, and enjoying the freedom to discover and play in nature.

It was a joy to see the children so engaged and excited, and this is just the beginning. With more adventures planned, there are plenty of exciting times ahead. Watch this space!



Year 6 Visit Manchester City



Our children did a fantastic job representing Prospect Vale at Manchester City Stadium – what an experience! They showed real determination, teamwork and pride throughout the event. In particular **Elyon**, was absolutely incredible in goal stopping almost anything that came his way.

This year is already shaping up to be a brilliant season of football with these children. Their skill, sportsmanship and spirit on the pitch make us very excited for the season ahead. We're really looking forward to watching them grow together as a team and achieve great things in the future.





A Special Visit to Mr Redfearn's Office

Usually when children say they've been "sent to the Headteacher's office," it sounds a little worrying... but not this time! In fact, it was for the *best* of reasons.

This week we celebrated our very first **certificate winners** of the year. As a reward, they were invited to Mr Redfearn's office for a special treat – a hot chocolate and a piece of cake. The children absolutely loved their well-deserved celebration, and it was a wonderful way to recognise their hard work and achievements.

And this is only the beginning... each week, new certificate winners will enjoy their own special visit. We can't wait to see who will be joining Mr Redfearn next time! ✨



Certificate Winners

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| Year 1 | Lucia |
| Year 2 | Bailey |
| Year 3 | Hashir |
| Year 4 | Haniya-Noor |
| Year 5 | Naira |
| Year 6 | Mahnisa |

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.

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| Year 1 | Aaliyah |
| Year 2 | Noah |
| Year 3 | Saffia |
| Year 4 | Aayan |
| Year 5 | Ayaan |
| Year 6 | Adeena and Zain |

Attendance

Well done to Reception and Year 5.... 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!

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| Reception | 99.6 |
| Year 1 | 91.5 |
| Year 2 | 98.7 |
| Year 3 | 98.7 |
| Year 4 | 99 |
| Year 5 | 99.6 |
| Year 6 | 95.3 |
| TOTAL | 97.6% |



