



PROSPECT VALE GAZETTE

We care, we strive, together we thrive

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Headteacher's Welcome

Hello everyone! As we navigate the final stretch of the term, we are quickly approaching the busy and exciting Christmas weeks. To ensure you don't miss out on any of the magic please make sure you check the school calendar immediately to mark your dates! 📅 [School Calendar](#)

There is a huge amount happening across the school right now, with children throwing themselves into learning and all the opportunities ahead. I want to point you toward a few of the most important things and how you can get involved to support the school.

Following the success of last year's Children in Need video, our dedicated staff have taken to the big screen again for a fantastic performance to remember! This time, we are raising money to resource and train our very own **ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant)** in school. This is an invaluable role that will support children's social, emotional, and mental wellbeing, making a real difference to our pupils.

If you haven't already, please watch the video here: 📺 [ELSA Video](#)

You can find details on how to **donate below**—thank you for your support in making this essential role a reality.

We are thrilled to announce that our annual **Book Fair** starts next week! This is a fantastic opportunity for children to discover new books and foster their love of reading. Last year, we successfully raised over **£900** for the school, and we hope to surpass that target this year, putting the money straight back into purchasing new resources.

We have a **special enrichment** on Monday – can children please come dressed in their PE kit if possible. (Earrings must be removed or taped over please.)

Finally, we have an important **PTA Meeting** coming up. If you are able to help in any way, big or small, or would like to make a contribution to the school community, please do come along or let us know how you can assist. Your involvement is always greatly appreciated.

Warm regards,
Mr Redfearn
Headteacher



Dates for your diary

Monday 17th November

- ★ PE Enrichment Day – Please come dressed in PE kit
- ★ PTA Meeting, 3.15pm, All parents welcome
- ★ Cheerleading for Year 2 and Year 3 at 3.30pm–4.30pm

Tuesday 18th November

- ★ 3:30 Phonics Meeting for Year 1 and Year 2 Parents
- ★ 3.30–4.30 Boys and Girls Football Club KS2

Wednesday 19th November

- ★ Forest School for Year 2 and Year 3
- ★ Choir practice at lunchtime

Thursday 20th November

- ★ AM Year 5, Christmas Decoration Workshop at TKS
- ★ 3.30–4.15pm Recorder Club
- ★ 3.30–4.30pm Cheerleading
- ★ 3.30 Book Fair Launch in Dining Hall – Card Only

Friday 21st November

- ★ Year 4 Swimming
- ★ Year 5 Brass



Remembrance Service – A Tradition Begins

This year, for the first time in our school's history, we held our annual Remembrance Service outdoors, and it was an incredibly moving and powerful experience for everyone involved.

The atmosphere was deeply respectful as the entire school gathered together. Each class had diligently created a unique wreath, which we laid during the service. This collective act allowed us to remember and honour all the brave individuals who have protected us and served our country over the years.

It was a profound experience to be part of something so important, knowing that children and adults were taking part in the same act of remembrance up and down the country at the very same moment, creating a tangible sense of connection and shared respect. The children conducted themselves wonderfully, making the service a fitting tribute.





Forest School Fun!

Our Year 2 and Year 3 students have been having a fantastic time fully embracing the great outdoors during their recent Forest School sessions! It is wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they engage in hands-on activities, which will include building intricate dens and shelters using natural materials as well as mastering new knots and learning essential fire safety skills. The children love the freedom of exploring the woodland environment, which encourages teamwork, problem-solving, and resilience as they navigate challenges and collaborate on projects. This week, we have Year 2 photos. Check back next week for Year 3 photos!





Year One's Time Travel Adventure at Ordsall Hall!

Year One had an absolutely fascinating trip back in time this week to discover how the **Radclyffe family** lived! Lady Radclyffe and her servant, Nancy, were wonderful guides, showing us the vast differences between the lives of the wealthy family and their staff. We explored the grandeur of the house, seeing **Lord Radclyffe's armour** and visiting the elegant **lady's chambers**. The children even got to play with historical **wooden toys** that rich children would have enjoyed. It was a brilliant, hands-on experience exploring a past era right here in our local history.

The tour also gave us an eye-opening glimpse into the lives of the household **servants**. Nancy demonstrated the hard work involved, showing us how water was fetched from the **River Irwell** and how food was prepared. We were amazed to see the **servants' quarters** at the top of the house, where up to **30 servants slept in each room**, and learned that some children started working as young as **five years old**. We also discovered how the Radclyffe's entertained in the **great hall** and the types of food they ate, including the surprising fact that some poor merchants had to resort to eating bread made with horse manure and hay when grains were scarce (though thankfully, the Radclyffe's ate much better!). This trip brought history to life and highlighted the very different standards of living that existed in the past.





ELSA – Urgent Appeal for Donations

It was fantastic to see so many parents enjoying our ELSA comedy video. We desperately want to have most well-resourced Elsa, so please make any donation you can either through parent pay or by online transfer.

Please watch the video regardless of whether you can make a donation: this is best enjoyed on a big screen, with a box of popcorn to share. Many thanks to our incredible team for making this such an entertaining watch!

You can watch the video on our Facebook page, here: [ELSA Video](#)





Book Fair this Thursday – let's raise some serious money!

We have the scholastic book fair coming to school! This Thursday, please make sure you bring a card to buy a book and make some money for our school!

You can come after school to make a purchase at 3.30pm but please be aware that we can only take card payments.



Certificate Winners

Our Star of the Week certificates weren't given out in assembly today, as we had our ELSA assembly. Don't worry, you'll still get your hot chocolate next week and you'll be in next week's newsletter!

Well done everyone!

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 | Ollie |
| Year 2 | Harjas |
| Year 3 | Eesa |
| Year 4 | Eisa and Ayaan |
| Year 5 | Edith |
| Year 6 | Rhaima and Mehek |

Attendance

Well done to **Year 4** for achieving the highest attendance this week! Keep up the great work! Our weekly attendance was **93.8%**

This is below our **96%** target. Let's try harder next week to get our children over that 96% mark!

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| Reception | 91.4 |
| Year 1 | 93.5 |
| Year 2 | 92.7 |
| Year 3 | 94.7 |
| Year 4 | 98.7 |
| Year 5 | 94.1 |
| Year 6 | 91 |
| TOTAL | 93.8% |

