



PROSPECT VALE GAZETTE

We care, we strive, together we thrive

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Headteacher's Welcome

It has been a wonderful start to the new year, and our corridors are buzzing with the sound of learning and discovery. We have a busy term ahead and look forward to working together to support every child's progress.

Finding the Right Reading Challenge

Our school librarian is currently making a big push to ensure children, especially in Key Stage 2, are selecting the right books for their development. Finding a "perfect fit" is essential; if a book is too difficult, a child may struggle to follow the story, but if it is too easy, they may not fully engage with the vocabulary or themes. Please take a moment to speak with your child about what they are reading and check if they are remembering to return their books to the library. If you would like tailored recommendations, our librarian is available on Thursday mornings. Please just let Mr. Redfearn/Mrs Smithson/the office know if you would like to come in for a chat.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

We have a variety of activities planned for next week, so please review the schedule

below to see what is happening for your child's year group. On Tuesday, we invite our Nursery parents to join us to discuss how to give your child the best start in their journey toward a lifelong love of reading. We are also looking for more voices to join our PTA on Monday. If you would like to get involved in planning exciting events for our school community, please come along to this meeting.

Essential PE and Uniform Update

Finally, please ensure you read the important notice regarding PE kits and earrings located at the bottom of this newsletter. It is vital that everyone follows these guidelines to ensure the safety of all children during their physical education sessions. Thank you for your continued support.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 19th January

- ★ ★ 3.15pm PTA meeting in Mr Redfearn's office.

Tuesday 20th January

- ★ ★ Stockport Songbook Practice
- ★ ★ 3.30pm Parent Workshop for Nursery on Reading

Wednesday 21st January

- ★ ★ Forest School Year 5
- ★ ★ Forest School Year 4
- ★ ★ KS1 Choir
- ★ ★ Nasheed Choir

Thursday 22nd January

- ★ ★ 3.30pm-4.30pm Cheerleading Year 4, 5 and 6

Friday 23rd January

- ★ ★ Year 5 Swimming
- ★ ★ Year 4 Recorder
- ★ ★ Year 5 Brass



Our Young Potter Channel Ancient Greece

This week, our classroom was transformed into an ancient Athenian workshop! As part of our Year 4 history topic, the children have been stepping into the shoes of ancient artisans to create their very own Greek-style pottery.

It has been wonderful to see the children's pride as their clay creations took shape. Beyond the art, this project sparked brilliant discussions about how these vessels were used—from giant pots for storing olive oil to the elegant cups used at ancient feasts.







Christians in Schools Project

We were recently joined by the Christians in Schools project for a wonderful day of learning and creativity. As part of our RE curriculum, the children explored Christian beliefs and symbols through stories and art.

Every Child is Unique

The highlight of the session was when each child had the opportunity to design their own **unique fish**. This activity was a lovely way to celebrate the idea that while we are all part of one school community, every child brings something special and individual to our "school shoal."

Connecting to Our School Philosophy

This visit perfectly reflects our school philosophy that **every child matters**. We believe that:

- **Every voice is heard:** By celebrating our unique qualities, we build a community where everyone feels they belong.
- **Mutual Respect:** Learning about different faiths helps our pupils grow into respectful, well-rounded individuals who value one another.

It was wonderful to see the pride the children took in their creations and the supportive way they talked about their own and their friends' work.







Reaching New Heights: Gymnastics at Prospect Vale

We are incredibly lucky at Prospect Vale to have such excellent provision for Physical Education. Beyond our fantastic hall space and high-quality equipment, we are especially fortunate to have our dedicated PE teacher, **Mrs Hall**, whose expertise and passion truly bring our lessons to life!

This term, our pupils have been excelling in **Gymnastics**. It has been wonderful to watch them explore how to use different parts of their bodies to demonstrate:

- **Balance:** Finding stability through core strength and focus.
- **Poise:** Learning to move with control, grace, and confidence.
- **Coordination:** Testing their skills across a variety of floor exercises.

The children have also been putting our school **apparatus** to great use! From navigating benches to mastering movements on the mats and climbing frames, they are learning how to safely transition their skills from the floor to the equipment.





Important: PE Kit Reminders

To ensure our pupils can participate fully in their PE lessons while staying safe, we would like to share these essential reminders regarding school kit and jewellery. We follow the safety guidance provided by Stockport SHAPES, which is designed to prevent avoidable injuries, such as impact injuries or ear tears, during physical activity.

Staying Safe: Earring and Jewellery Guidance

We strongly recommend that earrings are not worn on scheduled PE days. If your child does wear them, please adhere to the following safety protocols:

Remove Before School To ensure your child doesn't miss out on valuable lesson time, please remove all jewellery at home on PE days. Children who are unable to remove their own earrings will unfortunately be unable to participate in certain physical activities for safety reasons.

Parental Support School staff should not be premitted to remove, replace, or tape over earrings for pupils. We ask that parents handle this responsibility before the school day begins.

Taping and Healing Times While taping is a temporary solution during the initial 6-week healing period following a new piercing, earrings must be fully removed for PE once that period has passed. This ensures maximum safety during high-energy movement and contact sports.

Style Restrictions For the general safety of all children during play and sport, **large or hooped earrings must not be worn** in school at any time. Only small, plain studs are permitted for those with pierced ears.

The Correct PE Kit

Having the appropriate kit is essential for movement, support, and hygiene. Please ensure your child has their full kit in school every day of the week to account for any timetable changes:

Indoor PE Kit The required indoor kit consists of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts or leggings, and black pumps. In some sessions, children may be asked to participate in bare feet for better grip on mats.

Outdoor PE Kit For outdoor sessions, children should wear a white T-shirt, black tracksuit or jogging bottoms, and a plain black jumper or zip-up top.

Footwear Requirements Standard school shoes often lack the necessary grip and ankle support needed for outdoor sports. Suitable trainers are essential for safe movement on the playground and field.



Essential Labelling

Please ensure that every item of clothing—especially jumpers, trainers, and coats—is clearly labelled with your child's name. This allows us to return any lost items to their rightful owners quickly and prevents unnecessary costs for families.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping our PE lessons safe, inclusive, and enjoyable for every child.



Year 2 Discovery: A Journey Through Islam

Our Year 2 classrooms have been transformed into hubs of theological discovery this term! As part of our RE syllabus, the children have been immersed in the study of Islam, exploring the rich traditions and values of the faith.

The culmination of this learning is truly a sight to behold. Each child has produced a magnificent double-page spread detailing the Five Pillars of Islam. From the discipline of *Salah* (prayer) to the generosity of *Zakat* (charity), the level of detail and care in their work is exceptional.

The children haven't just memorised facts; they have exemplified their understanding through beautiful illustrations and thoughtful commentary. We are incredibly proud of their curiosity and the respect they have shown for another culture and faith.



Certificate Winners

Well done to our certificate winners this week. You went above and beyond in exemplifying our school ethos!

Reception	Arabella
Year 1	Eliza
Year 2	Zahara
Year 3	Abdul
Year 4	Safa
Year 5	Adam
Year 6	Grace B

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.

Reception	Tamiyyah
Year 1	Abdullah
Year 2	Sarrinah
Year 3	Ella
Year 4	Anaya
Year 5	Minnie D and Adil
Year 6	Maira

Attendance

Well done to Year 2 for achieving the highest attendance this week! Keep up the great work! Our weekly attendance was 95.2%

This is below our 96% target. We need to make an improvement next week. Let's try our hardest next week everyone!

Reception	89
Year 1	92.4
Year 2	99.3
Year 3	97.4
Year 4	94.5
Year 5	96.1
Year 6	96.7
TOTAL	95.2%



