



PROSPECT VALE GAZETTE

We care, we strive, together we thrive

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Headteacher's Welcome

And just like that, the half-term is over! It has been a really exciting term, filled with fun and festivities. The pace certainly isn't slowing down, though; before you know it, we will be back and Year 1 will be heading off on their trip to Staircase House on our very first day!



It has been a whirlwind of a week. Please see below for some of the fantastic activities that have taken place, from skateboarding to cake baking. We even had some Year 5 trips that were so action-packed we couldn't fit them into this week's edition! A huge well done to Year 5, who visited The Kingsway for the Science Unleashed event to learn all about DNA.

We also have some exciting things to show you regarding our half-year 100% attendees when we return. We'll be celebrating those achievements as soon as we get back—watch this space!

Ramadan Mubarak

As many of our families prepare for the start of Ramadan, I want to send my very best wishes to you all. I know there is a lot of excitement and preparation involved in welcoming the holy month, and we look forward to hearing all about it from the children when they return.

Have a Wonderful Break

Whatever you have planned, I hope you have a wonderful half-term break and find some time to relax. I will be looking after my three children while my wife is at work—so I will certainly be excited about coming back to school for a bit of a rest!

Have a fantastic week and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed for the new term.



Mr Redfearn
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd February

- ✪✪ Back in School
- ✪✪ Year 1 Trip to Staircase House
- ✪✪ 3.30-4.30 Year 2 and 3 Cheer
- ✪✪ 3.20 – 4.15pm Baking Club

Tuesday 24th February

- ✪✪ Parents' Evening Appointments go live at 4pm
- ✪✪ KS2 Choir
- ✪✪ 3.30-4.30pm Boys and Girls Football Club
- ✪✪ 3.15-4.15pm Recorder Club

Wednesday 25th February

- ✪✪ Forest School Nursery

Thursday 26th February

- ✪✪ Chess Club
- ✪✪ 3.30-4.30 Year 4,5 and 6 Cheer

Friday 27th February

- ✪✪ Year 5 Swimming
- ✪✪ Year 4 Recorder
- ✪✪ Year 5 Brass



He Was a Skater Boy...

The reason I am a little delayed getting the newsletter out this week is that I simply cannot stop looking at all the skateboarding superstars we have in school!

A huge thank you to **Mrs Hall** for arranging these fantastic sessions. The children have had an absolute blast, showing incredible resilience and "steeze" (that's skater-lingo for style and ease!).

- **Our Younger Riders:** Our Foundation and KS1 children took to the playground on scooters, mastering their balance and navigating obstacles with huge smiles.
- **The Big Shredders:** Our older pupils took on the challenge of actual skateboards. As anyone who has tried will know, this is **not** easy! It was inspiring to see them "keep at it" after every tumble, proving that Prospect Vale pupils truly have a growth mindset.

Whether they were kick-flippin' for the first time or just learning to push and glide, the energy on the playground was electric. It's been a wonderful way to burn off some energy before the half-term break.

As the legendary Tony Hawk once said: *"Skateboarding teaches kids a lot about self-discipline."* We certainly saw plenty of that—and a lot of fun—this week!











Growing Together: The PV Patch Project!

As many of you will know, we are in the early stages of a major project to transform our outdoor area for EYFS, and we want **you** to be a part of it!

Our vision is to create a rich, engaging outdoor environment where children can learn, play, and thrive in all weathers. Our first big focus is breathing new life into our allotment space, **The PV Patch**.

How can you help?

To make this vision a reality, we are reaching out to our talented school community. We would be incredibly grateful to hear from anyone who can offer:

- **Green Fingers:** Helping with gardening tasks like trimming bushes, planting, or general maintenance.



- **Building Brilliance:** Joinery or building skills (even if it's just helping us assemble flat-pack outdoor furniture!).
- **Materials & Resources:** We are currently looking for donations of compost, seeds, and any spare gardening items. * **Business Connections:** Do you have links with businesses that could support us? We are particularly on the lookout for a donation of **astro-turf** to ensure the area can be used year-round!

Here is a "snapshot" of our vision for the area. Any contribution, big or small, would make a huge difference to the children.



If you can lend a hand, offer a skill, or have some spare materials, please speak to a member of staff or get in touch via the school office. We are so excited to see what we can create together!



The Gift of Reading: New Books Arrive!

It may feel like quite a while ago now, but the impact of our Scholastic Book Fair is still being felt across the school!

Thanks to your fantastic support during the fair, we earned a significant amount of "Scholastic Rewards" commission. We have finally put that to good use by purchasing a brand-new selection of high-quality titles for our library and classrooms.



Our reading heroes have been busy unboxing and promoting these new arrivals this week. It's wonderful to see the children so excited about fresh stories and new adventures. A huge thank you again to everyone who purchased a book from Scholastic—you have directly helped us to keep our school's "reading for pleasure" culture thriving! Also, another big shout out to Mrs Holt, our school librarian, who is the engine behind developing our school's love of reading at every stage!



Great British Bake Off: Year 3 Edition!

There has been a delicious smell wafting through the corridors this week thanks to **Year 3**, who have been busy putting their Design and Technology (DT) skills into action!

The children have had a fantastic time baking right in the classroom. It wasn't just about the tasty results, though; they've been practicing their measuring, following complex instructions, and learning about food hygiene. Just look at these pictures of our budding chefs in action—great work, Year 3!





Attendance

Well done to Year 1 for achieving the highest attendance this week! Keep up the great work!
Our weekly attendance was 93.8%

This is below our weekly target of 96% target. Let's try and get up to 96% for next half-term!

Reception	86.6
Year 1	98.6
Year 2	96.9
Year 3	92.6
Year 4	94.2
Year 5	92.2
Year 6	96.7
TOTAL	93.8%

