



PROSPECT VALE GAZETTE

We care, we strive, together we thrive

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A Week of Wonder at Prospect Vale

What a week it has been! If you've noticed your children coming home a little more tired—but a lot more inspired—this is why. From the Industrial Revolution to Ancient Greece, we have travelled through time and across continents without ever losing sight of our goal: bringing learning to life.

Some of our highlights:

- **Year 6 at Quarry Bank Mill:** Our oldest students stepped back into the grit and gears of the Victorian era.
- **Year 1 at Knowsley Safari Park:** A wild day of discovery that turned our youngest learners into budding zoologists.
- **World Book Day:** Inspired by *Stanley's Stick*, our children became explorers of Stockport, producing some truly incredible writing that proved a simple stick can lead to an infinite imagination.

Why We "Do": The Power of Immersion

We don't visit Quarry Bank Mill just because it's "fun"—though it certainly is! We go because it contextualises the curriculum. It's one thing to read about a factory; it's another to hear the roar of the machinery and feel the scale of the history.

Our Year 4 Greek Day was a perfect example of this. When the children spent the day in togas, they weren't just playing dress-up. They were stepping into the shoes of the past playing the role of anxious Athenians at the sight of the approaching Spartan army. They didn't just learn about the rivalry; they felt the tension of a city-state under threat.

The Prospect Vale Vision

This is what we are all about. By making the curriculum **real**, we ensure our children don't just memorise facts—they develop a hunger for knowledge and a depth of understanding about the world around. Only by doing this can we ensure we achieve our school vision, which is at the heart of our school, "Together, we thrive."



Mr Redfearn
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 9th March

- ★ ★ 3.30-4.30 Year 2 and 3 Cheer
- ★ ★ 3.30-4.15 Baking Club

Tuesday 10th March

- ★ ★ KS2 Choir
- ★ ★ Druhm Day – Parents invited to 9am session and ALL children to come in their PE kit please!
- ★ ★ 4pm-7pm Parents' Evening
- ★ ★ 3.15-4.15 – Recorder club

Wednesday 11th March

- ★ ★ Forest School Nursery
- ★ ★ 3.30pm-6pm Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th March

- ★ ★ Year 5 Trip to Jodrell Bank
- ★ ★ Christians in School Workshop
- ★ ★ Year 1 at Cricket Festival
- ★ ★ Chess Club at lunchtime
- ★ ★ 3.30pm-4.30pm Cheerleading Year 4, 5 and 6

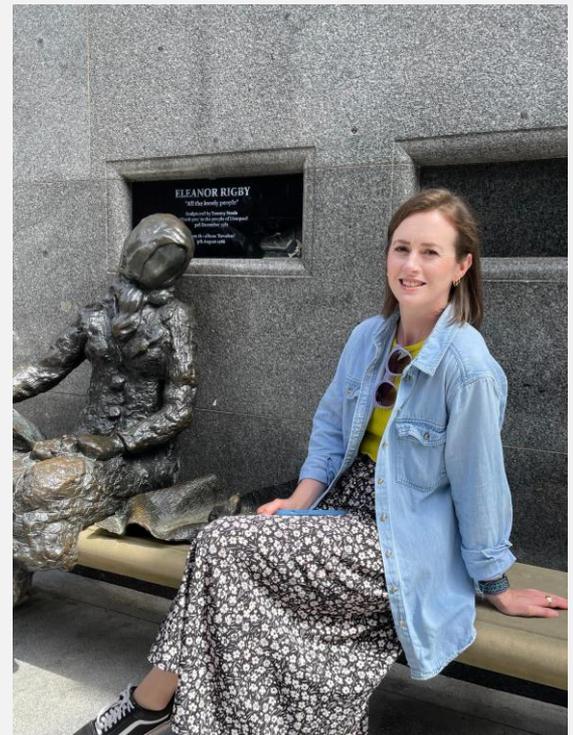
Friday 13th March

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



Goodbye Miss Burns!

Unfortunately, I have some sad news to pass on to our school community. Miss Burns, who has been teaching in Year 1 this year, will have her last day here today. Miss Burns has been successful in securing a teaching position in a local primary school and we are all devastated that she will be going, as I'm sure the children will be too. I speak for everyone in our school community: children, staff and parents, when I say that Prospect Vale has been so lucky to have you as part of our team. The energy, enthusiasm, positivity and vibrancy you have brought to our school has never wavered: it will not be the same without you here and I really do hope our paths cross in the future.



Miss Burns would like to say:

"It's time for my next adventure! I have loved being part of the Year 1 team and will truly miss our daily chats and the incredible creativity the children bring to the classroom.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your children's learning journey. To the pupils: keep working hard, being kind, and reaching for the stars! To the parents and staff: thank you for your kindness and support throughout my stay."

As many of our Year 1 parents already know, we have recently recruited a teacher for Year 1 called Miss Brown, a very experienced Year 1 teacher with an aptitude for phonics who I am sure will fit wonderfully with our school community. She has been getting to know the class today, having a thorough handover with Miss Burns. Please do introduce yourself if you haven't already. Welcome to the Prospect Vale family, Miss Brown.



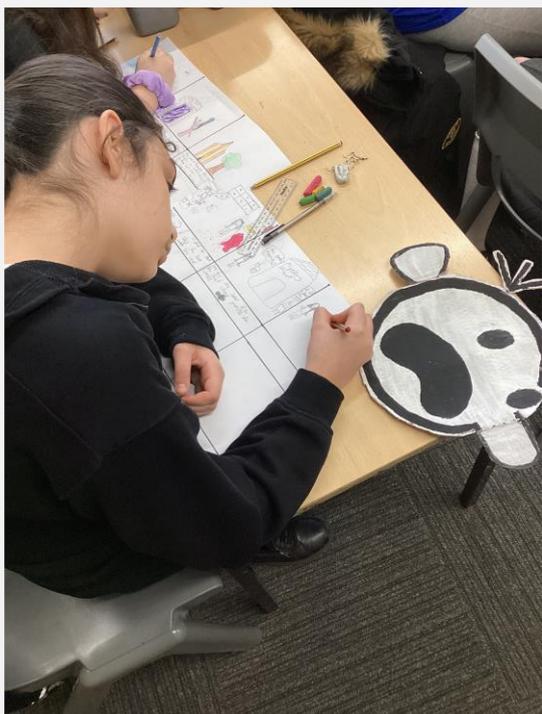
World Book Day

This year, we decided to do something a little bit different. We wanted a day that was deeply meaningful, so we united the entire school through a single story: **Stanley's Stick**.

As Stanley explored Stockport, our students explored their own creativity. By the afternoon, the school was buzzing with inspired writing:

- **Comic Strips** bringing Stanley's adventures to life.
- **Persuasive Advertisements** addressed to Mr. Redfearn, requesting extra Dojos to "purchase" their very own magical sticks!
- **And lots more!**

It wasn't just about the costumes (though our explorers looked fantastic!); it was a day where the whole school community was truly **immersed in a book**.



The "Book in a Box" Competition



The creativity didn't stop with the writing. Our **Book in a Box** entries were so high-quality that we had a difficult problem on our hands—the entries were simply too good to pick just three! Therefore, we **extended the prizes to four winners** to celebrate the incredible effort put in.

The Prize: Each winner had a private session with Mrs. Holt, our school librarian to browse our online library catalogue and hand-pick **ANY** book they wanted. What a way to build a personal library!

Thank you to everyone who took part and made the day so memorable. You can see our four talented winners and their masterpieces above.





Quarry Bank Mill

Our Year 6 students stepped back in time this week to the grit and gears of Quarry Bank Mill. This wasn't just a trip; it was a full immersion into the Industrial Revolution.

From the roar of the heritage machinery to the strict discipline of a Victorian schoolroom, the children experienced life as "pauper apprentices." They explored cramped dormitories and learned about the gruelling roles of child "scavengers." As always, our children represented Prospect Vale superbly, returning with a deep, real-world understanding of their history curriculum. A truly enlightening day for our budding historians!





Drum Fun Next Week! Parents invited

We are so excited to bring the rhythm BACK to Prospect Vale this half term with an intensive Drumming Enrichment session for the children! These high-energy sessions are all about immersion, focus, and—most importantly—having a blast while learning a new skill.

Parents, you're invited! We've already had a fabulous turnout, and we'd love for you to join the noise. This picture is from last year – this could be you! Meet me in the hall immediately after drop-off for a 9:00 am start. It's a 20-minute "taster" session designed to get your heart racing and start your Tuesday with a bang!

Important Prep for Tuesday:

To make sure we have a fast turnaround and get every class behind the drums, we need the children ready to move:

- Wear full PE kit to school
- Suitable trainers are a must
- No jewellery, please (safety first when the drumsticks start flying!)

Come and get involved—let's make some noise together!



KS2 Footballers Shine at Tournament

Our football team showed immense character at this week's tournament. Facing the eventual winners, **Oaktree**, in their opening game, the team stayed resilient despite a narrow 2-0 loss. They quickly bounced back to secure a hard-earned **1-1 draw** against Cheadle Hulme Primary.

The afternoon ended on a high with a clinical **3-0 victory** over Thorn Grove. The highlight was undoubtedly an exceptional individual goal by **Zain**, showing incredible skill and composure. We are incredibly proud of the team's sportsmanship and progress. Well done to everyone involved for representing Prospect Vale so brilliantly!



Greek Day in Year 4

Year 4 was a sea of togas and tunics this week as we dove headfirst into our **Greek Day**. From fierce Spartan warriors to deep-thinking philosophers, the children looked incredible and truly embraced the spirit of the ancient world.

The day was filled to the brim with activities designed to bring history off the page and into the hall. We explored the legends of the gods and heroes, noting that while the Greeks had **Heracles** and the Romans called him **Hercules**, in the 21st century, Prospect Vale has its very own "HARRYcles"!

Spot the Hero

Take a look at the photos below and see if you can find our resident demi-god. You'll likely find him standing near an excellent **Achilles**—though looking at that famous heel, he might be due a trip to the school first aid station!

It was a fantastic day of immersion that left the children (and staff) thoroughly enthused about the wonders of the ancient world.





A "ROARING" Success at Knowsley Safari Park!

From majestic lions to cheeky baboons, our young explorers saw it all. The children were brilliant ambassadors for Prospect Vale, showing huge excitement throughout the tour. We suspect our coach driver might have been a little nervous about the lions, though, as he certainly didn't linger towards the end! A huge thanks to the staff and volunteers for making this wild adventure possible.





Certificate Winners

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

Nursery	Khadija
Reception	Sanvi
Year 1	Abdullah
Year 2	Ruaridh
Year 3	Maaz
Year 4	Teddy
Year 5	Reja
Year 6	Megan

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	Zain
Year 1	Panashe
Year 2	Bailey
Year 3	Saaliha
Year 4	Eisa M and Laaibah
Year 5	Adam
Year 6	Amir

Attendance

Well done to Year 6 for achieving the highest attendance this week! Keep up the great work! Our weekly attendance was 96.8%

This is just above our weekly target of 96% target! Well done everyone! Let's try and keep up to 96% for our last week of term.

Not long to go until we select our cinema afternoon winners!

Reception	94
Year 1	96.7
Year 2	94.8
Year 3	97.1
Year 4	97.7
Year 5	98.1
Year 6	99
TOTAL	96.8%



