



PROSPECT VALE GAZETTE

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A Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful sunshine as we break up for the holiday!

We have an absolutely jam-packed edition of the School Gazette for you this week. It is filled with some wonderful pictures from our recent events, including our **Eid celebration**, the trip to **Skipton Castle**, and our visits to the **Waterways Museum**.

However, we also have several highly important operational updates to share.

To ensure you don't miss them, I **have placed the "need-to-know" information right at the top of the newsletter**. Please take a close look at these top items so you know exactly what is happening in the weeks ahead, including:

- Staffing changes for the upcoming period
- **Building work** that is about to begin on site
- **Transition arrangements** for the children moving into their next year groups

Please note that we will not be back in school until Tuesday 9th June.



Please go through all of the information carefully. Thank you for your continued support, and I hope you all have a wonderful, sunny break!

Warm regards,

Mr Redfearn
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th June

- ★★ Inset Day – No children in school

Tuesday 9th June

- ★★ Phonics Screening this week for Year 1 and some Year 2
- ★★ Multiplication check this week for Year 4

Wednesday 10th June

- ★★ 3.30 Year 6 Classroom London Briefing for parents

Thursday 11th June

- ★★ World Cup Event
- ★★ Dynamo Cricket Event for some of KS2
- ★★ 3.30pm Final Cheer-leading Practice

Friday 12th June

- ★★ Year 3 Swimming
- ★★ Year 4 Recorder
- ★★ Year 5 Brass
- ★★ 3.45 KS2 Football Match at Etchells



Sunday 14th June

- ★★ Cheerleading Competition – Poynton Leisure Centre



Fond Farewells!

Mr Grix

As you may remember from a previous Gazette, today marks the final day at Prospect Vale for our wonderful caretaker, **Mr. Grix** (Tony).



Everyone at school is incredibly sad to see him go. For nearly 9 years, Tony has kept our school safe, our grounds beautiful, and our children happy. He has been an outstanding servant to our school community, always going above and beyond with a smile.

Today, the staff and children all had the chance to say a proper goodbye and wish him well. Tony is heading off on an incredible adventure to go travelling, with his journey taking him as far as Japan!

The children also had the opportunity today to meet our new caretaker, who will be officially joining the Prospect Vale team when we return after the break.

Thank you, Tony, for everything you have done for our school. Your hard work, kindness, and dedication have left a lasting mark on Prospect Vale, and we will never forget it. We wish you the absolute best on your travels!



Mrs Pammenter

We also have some further staffing news to share with you. At the end of this academic year, Mrs. Pammenter will be leaving her role in Year 5 to move on to an exciting new position at a different school.

Mrs. Pammenter is a deeply valued member of our team, and she will be greatly missed by colleagues, parents and children alike. However, there is no need for any goodbyes just yet! We still have a full half-term with her when we return after the break, and we are looking forward to making sure we send her off in style at the end of the summer term.

Thank you, Mrs. Pammenter, for everything you continue to do for our Year 5 cohort!



Warm Welcomes!

Following an extensive and highly competitive recruitment process—where we received over 80 applications for our teaching vacancies—we are absolutely thrilled to announce that we have successfully appointed two fantastic new full-time teachers to the Prospect Vale team.



- Miss Burns: We are delighted to welcome back a very familiar face! Miss Burns did exceptionally well throughout the recruitment process, and we are over the moon that she will be officially joining us full-time in about a month's time.

- Miss Leuty: We are also excited to welcome Miss Leuty to our school. She was incredibly popular with our Year 6 children during her lesson observation and interviewed superbly with the panel.



It was an incredibly competitive field of candidates, but these two shone through, and we can't wait for them to get started. I know you will all join us in giving them a massive Prospect Vale welcome!



Looking Ahead: Transition Plans for September

We know that with the upcoming changes to our staffing team, both parents and children are keen to know which adults will be working with each class next year. Please rest assured that we have a thorough transition plan in place to ensure everyone feels confident, prepared, and ready for September.

Here is what you can expect when we return after the half-term break:

- **Class Announcements:** We will be letting the children know exactly who their new teachers and teaching assistants will be.
- **Whole-School Transition Day (July 2nd):** On this day, all children will spend a full day in their new classrooms with their new staff team to get a real feel for the year ahead.
- **Enhanced Transition Support:** For some children who may find the change a little trickier, we will be running a gradual transition programme. This will include short, reassuring visits to their new classrooms and extra time with their new teachers before the main transition day.

Moving up a year group is always a very exciting time, and we can't wait to share all of this information with you very soon!

Major Building Work Starting Tonight

We are thrilled to announce that a major, long-awaited building transformation project is officially beginning **tonight!**

Over the next six months, Prospect Vale will be undergoing an extensive upgrade. This is a massive project with an estimated completion date of **February 2027.**

Here is a glimpse of the exciting changes underway:

- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Complete rewiring, brand-new energy-efficient lighting, and a fully modernised heating system.
- **School Improvements:** Ceilings will be replaced and new windows will be installed in our mobile classrooms the building.



- **Nursery Expansion:** An extension and renovation of our nursery/reception space to give our youngest learners even better facilities.

What to Expect When We Return

Because this project is happening in phases, there will be a steady mix of construction workers on-site during all school holidays and term times. When the children return after this half-term break, **things might not look quite right or fully finished just yet**. Please be completely reassured of the following:

- **Safety First:** The absolute safety of our children is our top priority. All construction zones will be strictly segregated and made entirely secure before pupils are back on site.
- **Cleanliness:** While heavy construction inevitably creates dust, the contractors have assured us that all learning spaces will be thoroughly cleaned and pristine for the children's return, even if the surrounding aesthetics are still a work in progress.

This is an incredibly exciting chapter for Prospect Vale that will give our children a much improved learning environment that they deserve. Thank you in advance for your patience and support as these phases get underway. If you have any immediate questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me.





Year 2's Historic Trip to Skipton Castle

Our Year 2 children had a truly magical time stepping back in history during their recent trip to Skipton Castle!

The children became knights and historians for the day as they explored the ancient watchtowers, wandered through the spectacular courtyard, and climbed down into the depths of the castle dungeons. They learned all about what life was like inside a medieval fortress, and our tour guides were incredibly impressed by the fantastic, thoughtful questions the children asked.

It was a wonderful day packed with hands-on history, and the children represented Prospect Vale absolutely brilliantly. Have a look at the Gazette photos below to see our young explorers in action!







Year 3's Make a Splash at the Waterways Museum

Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic, hands-on learning experience during their recent school trip to the National Waterways Museum!

The children dived straight into history, learning all about the fascinating world of Britain's canals and rivers. They got to explore historic narrowboats, discover how locks work to move boats up and down hill, and learn about the families who used to live and work on the water. The museum staff gave our pupils high praise for their excellent listening skills and enthusiastic participation in all the workshops.

It was a brilliant day out that brought their classroom learning to life. Check out the photos below to see our Year 3 crew enjoying their canal-side adventure!





Our Amazing Eid Celebration

We wrapped up our recent events with our spectacular school Eid celebration, and it was an absolutely amazing afternoon!

The school was bursting with joy, music, and community spirit. The children and families had a wonderful time enjoying the beautiful henna stations, the exciting toy sales, and a truly incredible spread of delicious food brought in by our wonderful parents.

We want to say a massive thank you to everyone who baked, cooked, donated toys, volunteered their time, or came along to support the event. It simply could not have happened without our incredible Prospect Vale community.

We are still in the process of counting up all the money raised from the stalls, but we will let you know the grand total as soon as we return. Please be assured that every penny made from this wonderful event will go straight back into the school to benefit our children.

Thank you all so much for making it such a memorable celebration!







Certificate Winners

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

Nursery	Amara
Reception	Sanvi
Year 1	Ollie
Year 2	Ruaridh
Year 3	Milenna
Year 4	Oliver
Year 5	Adil
Year 6	Amir

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.

Nursery	Melissa
Reception	Taymiyyah
Year 1	Abdullah
Year 2	Bailey
Year 3	Jad
Year 4	Teddy
Year 5	Adil and Adam
Year 6	Megan

Attendance

Well done to Year 3 achieving the highest attendance this week! Keep up the great work! Our weekly attendance was 95,9

This is below our weekly target of **96%** target. We need to try our best in the summer months to get back towards our 96% average!

Reception	96.6
Year 1	93.8
Year 2	97.9
Year 3	98.4
Year 4	91.3
Year 5	98.3
Year 6	94.3
TOTAL	95.9



