

# HARRIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Week ending 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear families,

what a wonderful first week back we have had at preschool after the Christmas break! The children settled back into routines beautifully and it has been lovely to see everyone reconnect with their friends and staff so confidently.

Our Book of the Week was ***The Little Snowflake***, which sparked lots of curiosity and discussion. Through the story, the children learned about how snow is formed and where it comes from. This learning was made extra special as it actually snowed this week, allowing us to explore snow, frost, and ice first-hand. For some of our children, this may have been their very first experience or memory of snow, making it a truly magical time.

We carried out simple investigations with ice, talking about what happens when it starts to warm up. This helped introduce the children to early science concepts such as states of matter and how materials can change from solid to liquid.

The children have been very busy with lots of creative and hands-on activities. They made shape snowmen by cutting and sticking a variety of 2D shapes, and they painted snowflakes onto tables covered in silver foil. We practised number recognition and quantity, placing the correct number of buttons onto snowmen, and explored repeating patterns by creating colourful paper scarves. The children also enjoyed sorting gloves into matching pairs, helping them develop their observation and matching skills.

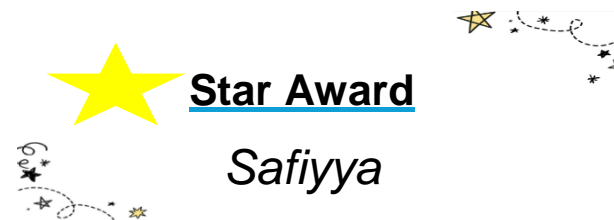
Some of the children had a go at ice writing this week, using silver paint and small brushes to practise painting the initial letter of their name, or even their whole name if they felt confident. This was a wonderful way to develop early writing skills in a fun and creative way.

We are so proud of how well the children have settled back in and how enthusiastically they have taken part in our winter learning. **Happy weekend! The Pre-School Team** 😊

### Things to Remember:

- *Please remember to pre-order your child's school dinner.*

**Don't forget to apply for a Primary School place for September 2026 via the Lancashire website:**  
[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



The EYFS Team can be contacted on the following email address:

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## SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting  
primary school in September 2026  
and living in Lancashire?**

**Closing date: 15 January 2026**

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school,  
or the school is linked to your child's nursery.

Apply for a school place now by scanning  
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,  
please check the guidance on our website, or call 01772 532109.

**HAVE  
YOUR SAY**

Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with  
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.  
To find out more please visit [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces)  
and click 'school admission policies'.

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## Primary School Admissions – Reception Intake September 2026

If your child is in their final year of pre-school or nursery\*, you  
can now apply for their primary school place for September  
2026 at:

 [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

The application process is quick and easy, and you'll receive  
an email confirmation once submitted.

- ☒ You must apply even if your child already has siblings  
attending the school.
- ☒ If you live in Lancashire, you can include out-of-area  
preferences on your online application.

 The closing date for applications is **23:59 on 15 January  
2026.**