Friday 6th November October 2026

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week and to see them settle quickly into their learning. As always, their enthusiasm, positive attitudes and excellent behaviour have made for a fantastic start to the new half term.

With the colder weather now arriving and the days becoming shorter, please remember to send children to school with a warm coat each day and take care on your journeys to and from school.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week! ⭐ Keep shining! 🌟👏

Class	Star of the Week	Maths Star	Writer of the Week
Reception	Rosie	Erin	Etta
Year 1	Maahir	Kendal	Evelyn
Year 2	Sophie L-L	Harley	Ziyad
Year 3	Joseph	Tommy	Nelly
Year 4	Arthur	Olivia	Rory
Year 5	Matilda	Ben	Jorgie
Year 6	Stanley	Nehemiah	Marwa

Parking and Respect for Our Community

We have recently received concerns from local residents regarding traffic and parking on Carnoustie Close at the end of the school day. As the photograph below shows, the road is signed as "Access Only", meaning it should only be used by residents, visitors to properties on the street and other authorised vehicles.



Unfortunately, congestion at collection time can make it difficult for residents to access their homes safely and increases the risk to children and families walking nearby.

Please be considerate of our neighbours, follow local traffic restrictions and avoid blocking driveways or junctions. Thank you for helping us keep our children safe and maintain positive relationships with our local community.

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School Football Team

Congratulations to our school football team, who have progressed to the next round of the cup following a closely contested 2-2 draw and a successful penalty shoot-out. Well done to all involved for their determination, teamwork and resilience.

A special thank you to Mr Ridge for organising and supporting the team. Based on this cup run, I'm sure he would also be available to offer some advice to Preston North End should they need any help with their start to the season!

Attendance

Thank you for your continued support in promoting good attendance. The figures below show attendance from the start of the academic year to date.

Congratulations to **Year 2**, who are currently leading the way with an impressive **98.8% attendance**.

Please note: Reception children are not included in these figures, as some pupils are not yet of compulsory school age and attendance is monitored separately. Thank you for your continued support.

1st Sept – 6th Nov	
Class	Attendance
Year 1	94.5%
Year 2	98.8%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.7%
Year 6	96.9%
Whole school	97%

🎄 EYFS and KS1 Nativity

We are delighted to announce that our EYFS and KS1 children will be performing their Nativity on **Tuesday 8th December,** with performances at 2.00pm and 5.00pm.

The Nativity is always one of the most special events in the school calendar and we cannot wait to see our youngest pupils take to the stage.

🎶 KS2 Carol Concert

We are delighted to confirm that our **KS2 Carol Concert** will take place on **Wednesday 16th December**, with performances for parents and carers at **2.00pm and 5.00pm**.
This is always a special occasion and a wonderful opportunity for our children to share their musical talents whilst celebrating the Christmas season together. We look forward to welcoming families for an afternoon and evening of festive music, celebration and community spirit. 🎄✨🎄✨

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Prayer Room

Following requests from a number of pupils, we are pleased to introduce a new non-denominational Prayer Room. The Prayer Room will provide a quiet space for reflection, prayer and mindfulness and is open to children of all faiths and beliefs.

The Prayer Room will take place at 12.00pm in Miss Secretary's Year 4 classroom. Children who would like to find out more or get involved are encouraged to speak with Mrs Ahmed, who will be happy to provide further information.

We are proud to support opportunities that reflect the diversity of our school community and help our children develop respect, understanding and reflection.

Reception Open Days 2027

The final scheduled date for a tour is **Friday 13 November** at **9.30am** and **1.30pm**.
Please note that attending our Pre-School does not automatically guarantee a Reception place.

Parents' Evenings

We look forward to seeing families at Parents' Evenings this week. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so via the online booking system as soon as possible.

BBC Children in Need: A reminder that we will be supporting **BBC Children in Need** on **Friday 13 November**. Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and make a donation if they wish. As always, donations are entirely voluntary. Thank you for your continued support.

PTA Christmas Fair: This year's **Christmas Fair**, which will take place on **Friday 27 November from 4.30pm to 6.30pm**.
The fair is always a highlight of the school calendar and a wonderful opportunity for families, friends and the wider community to come together. We look forward to sharing more details over the coming weeks.

To support the Christmas Fair, we will be holding two non-uniform donation days:

- **20 November** - Rainbow Raffle Prize Donations (details to follow)
- **27 November** - Bottle and Chocolate Tombola Donations

Before and After School Club

To help us manage places fairly and sustainably, families requiring an occasional additional session should contact Laura Barnett, Harris Hub Manager, who will be able to check availability before confirming a place.

We would continue to encourage families to book regular sessions wherever possible. This enables us to plan staffing appropriately, maintain safe ratios and ensure the long-term sustainability of the club for all families who rely upon it.

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SEND Support Drop-In Sessions

Parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) are invited to attend the Lancashire Parent Carer Forum's monthly drop-in sessions at **Preston Family Hub, Stoneygate Nursery, 8a Lennox Street, Preston, PR1 3XU.**

The sessions offer an opportunity to access advice, speak with SEND services, meet other parent carers and ask any questions you may have. Drop in at any time between **9.30am and 11.30am**, with the next sessions taking place on **18th November** and **16th December**.

Thought for the Week: 🌺 *Remembrance Week*

This week, Mr Price led a thoughtful assembly exploring the meaning and importance of Remembrance. I will revisit this theme with the children on Monday as we continue to reflect on why remembrance remains so important.

At 11.00am on Wednesday, following morning break, the children will join schools, workplaces and communities across the nation in observing a one-minute silence to remember those who have served and sacrificed for others.

Whilst Remembrance has its roots in remembering those affected by conflict, November is traditionally a month when many people pause to remember loved ones who are no longer with us. Across different faiths and cultures, this can be a time for reflection, gratitude and remembrance.

As a Thought for the Week, perhaps we might all take a moment this month to remember someone special, share a favourite story, or speak fondly of a loved one who has passed away. In doing so, we keep their memory alive and continue to celebrate the impact they had on our lives.

For anyone who is currently grieving or remembering someone they have lost, I wish you strength and comfort on your journey.

With ambition, kindness and thankfulness,

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