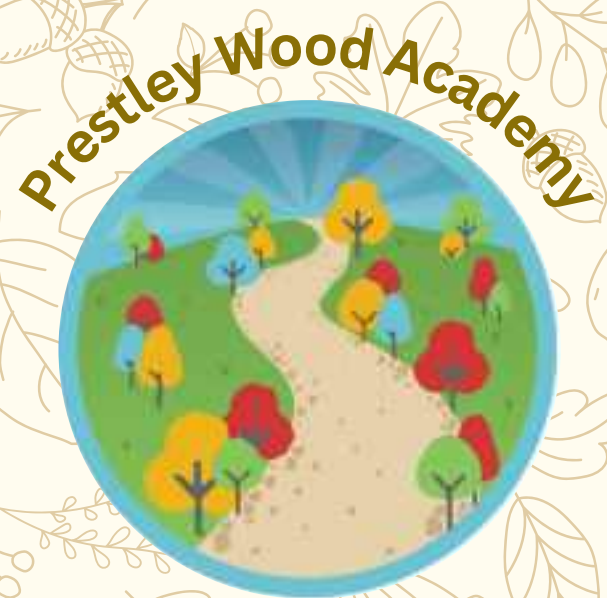
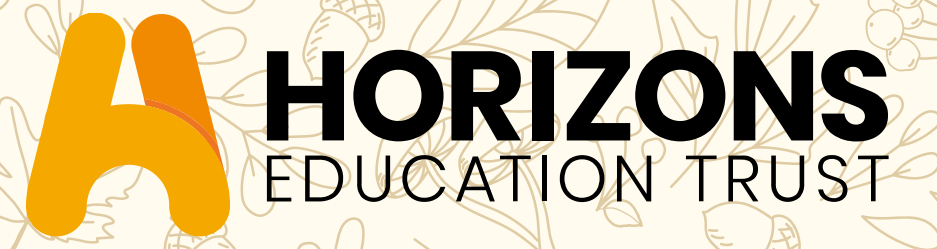


# PRESTLEY POST

Autumn Term - 19.12.2025



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## *A message from Caroline*

### Welcome to our Festive Newsletter for the Autumn Term

This season is always a highlight in school life—Christmas Jumper Day, the visiting pantomime, Santa’s pop-up grotto, the Christmas silent disco, and of course, the aroma of festive treats and a traditional Christmas dinner! Our classes have been busy in seasonal activities, and many pupils have enjoyed trips to celebrate the festivities within our local community, including adapted cinema screenings, carol singing at a local care home, visiting garden centre grottos, the Christmas Tree Festival at Peterborough Cathedral, and joining our friends at the RDA for their Christmas gymkhana. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for making these experiences possible.

It was wonderful to come together as a community for the Christmas performance, and we extend our gratitude to all families who supported our KS3/KS4 Enterprise stall by purchasing festive goodies. Your contributions not only support the school but also help teach our students valuable financial and ‘World of Work’ skills.

Looking back, 2025 has been a memorable and rewarding year. We’ve welcomed many new families into our growing school, and it’s been fantastic to see everyone settle in and become part of the Prestley community. Meeting so many of you at events such as the Makaton workshops and the Macmillan Coffee Morning has been a real highlight, and we look forward to spending more time together in the new year.

As the holidays approach, we hope you find time to relax with loved ones and create special memories.

Thank you for your kindness and support throughout the year—it means so much to us. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2026 when pupils return on **Monday, 5th January. Warmest wishes,**

**Caroline**

## *Community Outings*



## *KS2 Football Festival*



Testing out their football feet, against other local School Teams.



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# Fitness Suite

# Duxford



We are excited to announce that two Sports Ambassadors have been chosen to promote sports and fitness across the school!

Learners have been working hard on strength, flexibility, coordination, and cardiovascular fitness.

Our trip to Duxford was part of our Explorers: Air & Space topic. We have been learning about the history of flight, including the Wright Brothers and Concorde. At the museum, we stepped inside a Concorde, saw the original cloth from the Wright Flyer, and even handled a replica. We experienced interactive exhibits in the History of Duxford building and finished the day watching vintage planes take off.



# Children In Need

We're thrilled to announce that our school raised £68.00 for Children in Need! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this wonderful cause.

Thank you



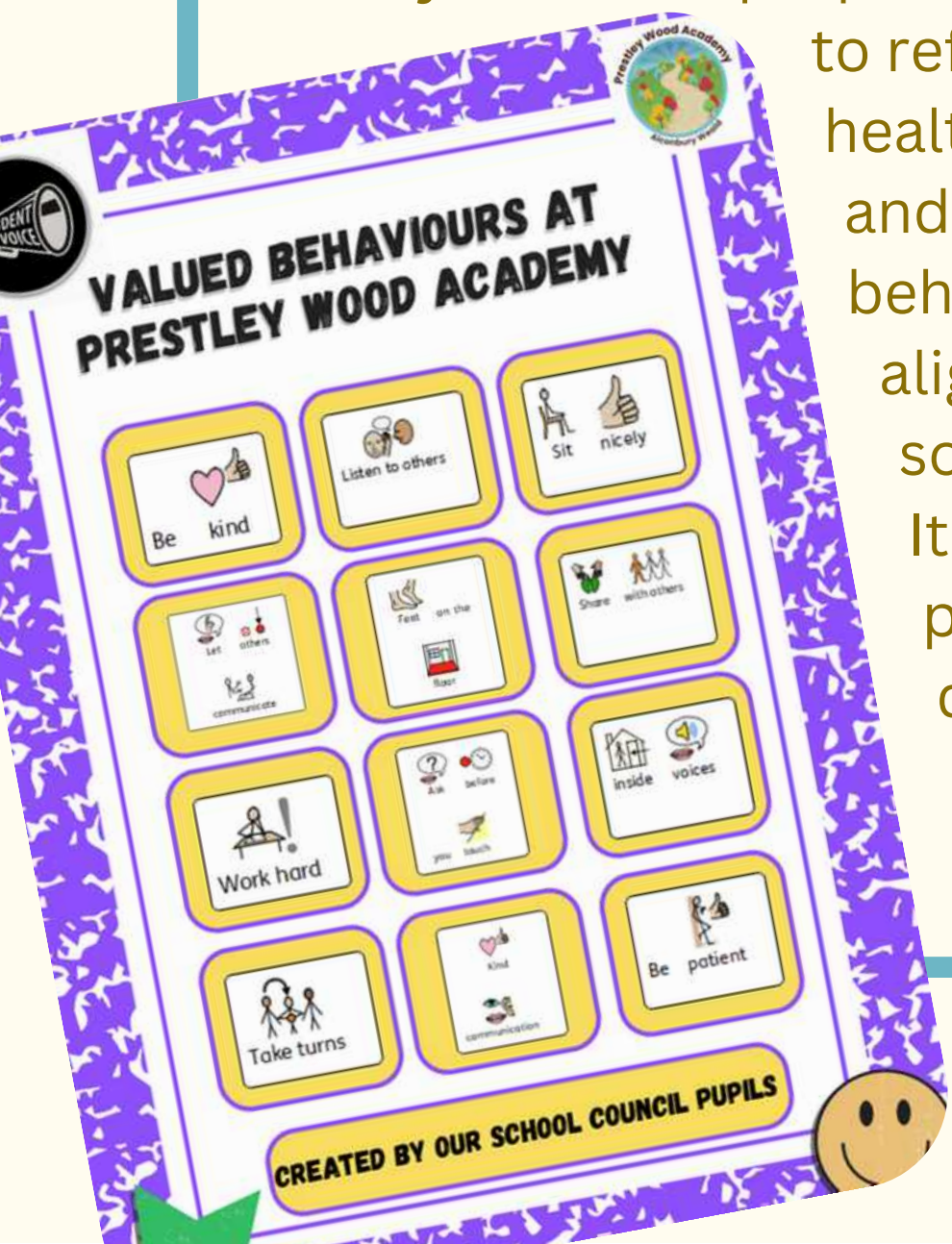
# Park Pedals

Silver Birch and Sycamore class have been visiting Hinchingsbrooke Park for Pedals sessions again this year. We are able to use a variety of bikes such as hand cycles, side-by-side tandems and trikes. We have also learnt about different wildlife whilst in the park including herons, swans, ducks, moorhens and squirrels. One of our students took the opportunity to engage in some nature photography by taking this photo of a swan with their cygnets.



# School Councillors

This poster, created by our School Council, highlights the positive behaviours we promote at Prestley Wood Academy. The council chose the yellow and purple colour scheme to reflect mental health awareness and identified behaviours that align with our school values. It is now proudly displayed in every classroom!



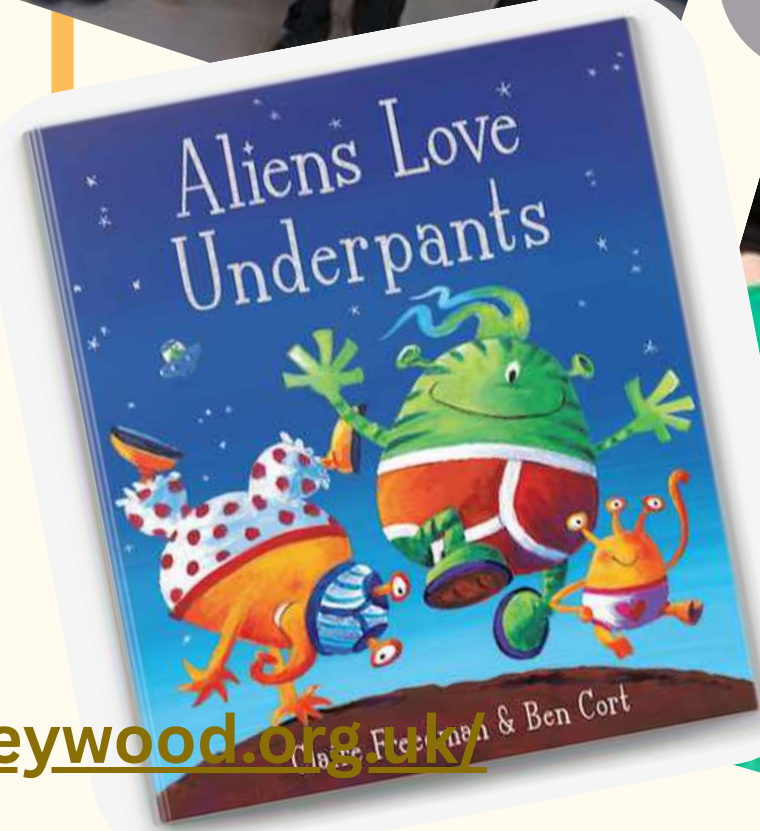
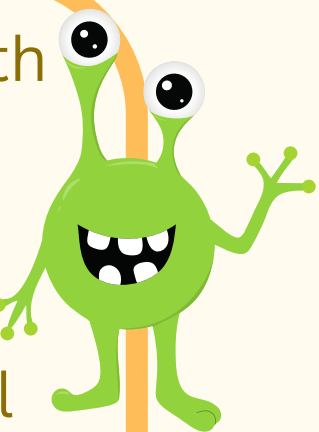
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# Indoor Athletics



# World Science Day 2025

We celebrated World Space Day with space-themed activities! Children learned about planets and astronauts, enjoyed Aliens Love Underpants, and created colourful aliens and space scenes, a perfect mix of learning and creativity.



# Forest School

# Getting Creative

As part of My Creativity, learners made salt dough decorations. They followed instructions, shaped their designs with different tools, then baked and painted them beautifully.



# Our Four legged Friends

Our learners have built strength, balance and confidence through horse riding with the RDA this term. They've made friends and memories that will last a lifetime. We're so proud of their achievements!



## School Residential

A Key Stage 3 class has been awarded a grant for a three-day residential at Grafham Water Centre! Students will participate in activities like high ropes, archery, climbing, boating, and team challenges.

This trip will help them build resilience, communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills—while stepping out of their comfort zones. It's a chance to grow in confidence, support each other, and create lasting memories in a safe, inspiring outdoor environment.



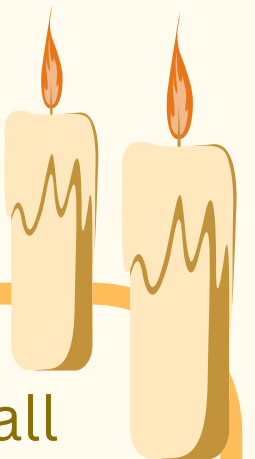
## Duke of Edinburgh Award

We're Official!  
We're thrilled to announce that we are now a licensed DofE Centre! We're launching our first year of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award with four amazing learners.



Watch this space for updates as they begin their exciting journey!

## Our World



Magnolia Class have been learning all about Christingle as part of the curriculum topic "Our World". The learners created some of their own. We talked about what each part of the Christingle represented.



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If you're 14+ and on your GP's Learning Disability Register, you can get a free annual health check! Not on the Register yet? You can ask to be added - just check with your GP. Find out more through the links or QR codes.

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## Governor Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

I know many of you know me as Apple Class teacher but you may not be aware that I am also on the governing body for our wonderful school. Each term, governors are invited into school to meet with Caroline and discuss school operations at a strategic level. The role of the governing body is to be a supportive but critical ally, drawing upon our individual skills to question, challenge and assist leaders to strive for the best outcomes for our pupils.

Due to my interest in supporting pupil wellbeing, I have taken on the role of safeguarding governor. I am writing firstly to introduce myself as another point of contact for parents/carers but also to keep you informed of how the governing body has supported the school with its safeguarding strategy this year:

- Termly meeting with safeguarding lead including discussing Key focus on staff training, quality of recorded concerns and promoting digital safety.
- Safeguarding audits, are valuable discussions helping to highlight safeguarding as a strength for our school, as well as identifying areas for development and opportunities for governors to provide extra support.
- Shirelle, our Computing lead, is leading on implementing a Digital Champions scheme this year, in which some of our older learners will be responsible for promoting digital safety across the school. A Digital Safety coffee morning for parents/carers next term, which I will attend as governor.
- All staff complete annual safeguarding training, but this year extra focus has been given to the quality of recorded concerns. There is now a printed guide displayed alongside the safeguarding laptop, meaning the messages shared at annual training are retained in daily practice.

Other issues governors have discussed this year are budgeting, attendance and behaviour. As our school expands we are looking to invite more participants into our governing body. It is a voluntary position which requires a time commitment during one school day each term. If you, or anyone you know, has skills which you think may be useful, please feel free to contact the school office to find out more.

I look forward to meeting some of you at the Digital Safety coffee morning.

Warm regards,

**Amy Dabo**



# Save the Date! - Spring 2026



- 5/1 - Spring Term Opens**
- 9/1 - Hep B - Second Vaccinations
- 22/1 - KS1/2 Panathalon Festival
- 23/1 - Parent/Carer Makaton Workshop (10-11am)
- 28/1-30/1 - Grafham Water Residential
- 3/2 - Parent/Carer SALT Workshop (2-3pm)
- 4/2 - Parent/Carer SALT Workshop (10-11am)
- 10/2 - Safer Internet Day
- 10/2 - Pancake Flipathon
  
- 16/2-20/2 - Half Term**
  
- 23/2 - School Closed - Inset Day**
- 24/2 - Pupils Back to School**
  
- 5/3 - World Book Day
- 9/3 - Parent/Carer Coffee Afternoon with Guest (TBC) 2-3pm
- 17/3 - Parent/Carer Evening
- 20/3 - Red Nose Day & World Down Syndrome Day
- 23/3 - Autism Awareness Week
- 26/3 - Easter Enterprise Stall in the Community
- 27/3 - Parent/Carer Engagement Afternoon
- 27/3 - Last Day of Term**

