

THE PREP WEEKLY ★

Friday, 16th January, 2026



A message from Mrs Hughes

Its been another fantastic week in Prep with learning in full swing. Our week started with an assembly from Mrs Young. She talked all about her hobby of kayaking! The children heard funny stories, learned about the kit and equipment needed and how many different kayaks there are!

On Wednesday, girls from Prep 5 and 6 played a netball fixture against Stover school. This was the girls first match of the season and they did brilliantly coming away with a 2-0 win!

EYFS and Key Stage One enjoyed dance in their sport lesson this week- ask them to show you how they mirrored dance moves to music! In Outdoor learning, Prep 3 and 4 are learning how to build fires independently- we are hoping for a dry week ahead so they can have a go in groups! We have had children on taster days this week and have been impressed with how welcoming our lovely Prep children have been, making them feel settled from the moment they arrive. Enjoy a lovely weekend and please see notices about events on dates here and on Dojo!

The Week Ahead! ★

Monday 19th

- no Tutoring lessons today

Tuesday 20th

- no events

Wednesday 21st

- U11 5 a side Football vs Stover and St Christopher's @Trinity, 2pm. All boys playing, all parents welcome

Thursday 22nd

- no events

Friday 23rd

- no events

U11 Netball Fixture Trinity vs Stover

This week the girls played their first Netball fixture of the season against Stover school for a home match.

It was a fantastic afternoon for all our girls to play, demonstrating great team spirit and enthusiasm at the beginning of the season. All the children played as part of two teams and should be super proud we ended the afternoon with a 2-0 win!

Players of the match selected by Stover pupils were Grace and Lilia!



Prep Life!





Art Club!

On Mondays Mrs Moffat hosts Art club for Key Stage 1 children.

This week the children enjoyed listening to 'Oi, Frog!' by Kes Gray. The children listened out for the rhyming patterns.

The children then made their own frogs who HATE sitting on logs!



Well done to Lily, Daisy, Harry and Sophie for a wonderful literacy inspired Art club to start the week!





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WOW!

Workers of the Week

Lilia
Eira
Sam
Dante
Henry
Annabel
Ralph
Ben
Jacob
Elijah
Stanly
Harry
Tabitha

**House Point
Winners...
Powderham!**



TRINITY



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Around the classes

The Lodge

By Mrs Bryant

This week's topic has been frozen. The children started with making their very own penguin using a variety of resources such as paint, glue and card. The children first used a sponge to dab the paint on. They then placed eyes, beak and feet on the penguin. We have also been looking at different sized objects in the tuff tray with a wintery theme. This week's book of the week is "Henry's holiday". This followed the story about Henry the penguin who was always cold. He wanted to go on somewhere hot. Henry wasn't as happy as he thought he would be in a hot place. We have also decorated our very own penguin cupcakes. We used different coloured icing and a piping bag to make different marks. We have had a very busy week.



The Stables

by Mrs Wray-Chance

We have continued our Winter theme this week with a very icy feel! Our home corner has been transformed into an Ice Kingdom where ice creams have been served at the table and princesses have danced amongst the snowflakes! The children have played with real ice castles in the small world tuff tray with Disney Frozen figures and been talking about what has been happening to the ice as the castles have been inside in the warm. At the writing table, the children have followed the step by step pictures to draw their very own snowflakes in various colours and adding details to their drawings. At the maths table, the children have been using the dice to tell them how many fish to feed the hungry penguin and have shown the correct number of fingers to represent the number they have identified on the dice. What a fun week!



Reception

By Mrs Ganner

Reception have been learning about 'Light and Dark'. Our focus text has been 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark', by Jill Tomlinson, and we have developed our language skills through taking turns in conversation to share what we like or dislike about the dark. We have also identified various light sources and solved some misconceptions, regarding light reflectors, and found out about Thomas Edison who invented the first light bulb. We have explored light and dark through continuous play provision around the classroom too!



Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

Prep One were creative with junk boxes in their Art lesson this week. In pairs, they planned a model with 3D shapes and then discussed the best materials and methods for fixing cubes, cuboids, and cylinders together. There was lots of discussion, teamwork and trial and error. The models will be finished next week.



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

In PSHME we thought about what 'gratitude' meant and then discussed what we feel grateful for. We placed all our ideas in a gratitude jar and can add more whenever we like. The children have been issued with a gratitude challenge to notice all the big and small things that are amazing in our lives and to say thank you for them.

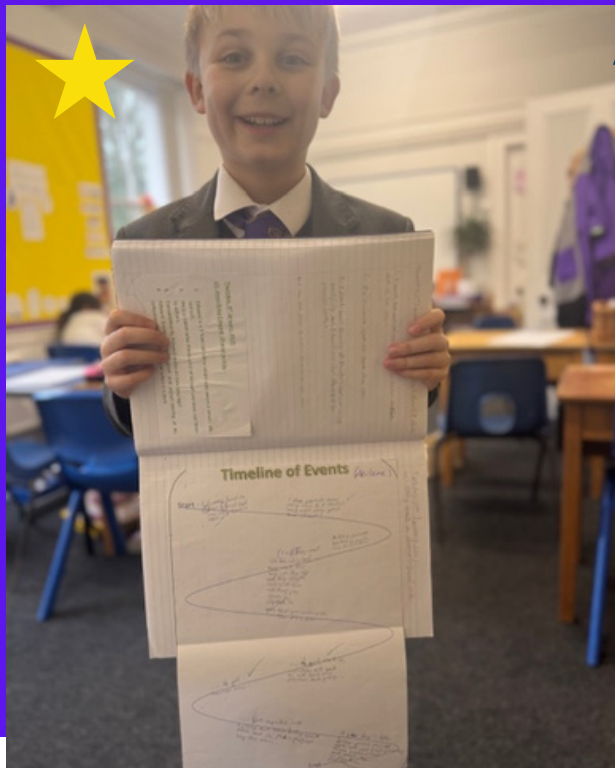


Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in science Prep 3 have been learning about forces. The class investigated friction by attaching a newton metre to an object. They pulled the newton metre horizontally across a surface at a constant speed, recording the pulling force (in Newtons) when it just began to move. Fantastic work Prep 3!





Around the classes

Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

Prep 4 have loved a week of reading our class text. They have read a substantial amount of text and written a storyline of events learning about chronological order and summarising. They have planned a new chapter in the book which is a challenge to write in the style of an author. The class have loved this and really tried to create an adventurous chapter that could easily be added to the story. Excellent work Prep 4.



Prep 5

By Mrs Sutton

Prep 5 have been rather rude and offensive this week: all in the name of conveying character through language in our English lessons! They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to create a diary entry in the style of Uncle Vernon from Harry Potter for the day we first meet him in The Philosopher's Stone.

Vernon Dursley may struggle to make friends, but Prep 5 learned some useful techniques in PSHME this week and used 'chatterboxes' to break the ice and find out more about their classmates, especially those they don't know so well.



Prep 6

by Hugo Magill



We have been learning about the physical geography of Brazil. We are learning about the different species and the different areas of Brazil. There are 5,600 different species of fish! There are 450 different species of mammals and 400 species of reptiles.