



Newsletter 4 – Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A Great Start to the Year

What a fantastic first half term it has been! The children have settled brilliantly into their new classes and routines and have approached their learning with enthusiasm, determination and a positive attitude. Across the school, we have been incredibly impressed by the focus, resilience and hard work shown by our pupils. Classrooms have been busy with purposeful learning, children have risen to new challenges and there has been a real sense of pride in the quality of work being produced.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for attending our recent Parents' Evenings. We hope you found the meetings informative and useful and that they provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements and discuss their next steps in learning. Strong home-school partnerships play an important role in ensuring every child reaches their full potential.

Praizin' Hands

On Friday 16th October the junior classes had some great visitors in to share some important messages about their wellbeing and the importance of looking after their mental health. Praizin' Hands local puppet group came in to share a fun and engaging presentation which got the children thinking about how they prioritise exercise, healthy eating, getting a good night's sleep and talking to people about their feelings. It encouraged them all to think about how they respond to things that make them feel down and gave them some good reminders about positive actions they can take. We're grateful that they came in and shared such an important message with us.



Visit From Creature Teachers

On Wednesday 21st, Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed an exciting visit from Creature Teachers as part of their science learning about animals. The children had the opportunity to observe and carefully handle a variety of fascinating creatures, including a bearded dragon, python, ferret and hedgehog.



Archie and Atlas were especially lucky, as they were chosen to have a barn owl land on their arms. The children also enjoyed observing a scorpion safely within its tank and were amazed to discover that it changed colour from black to a vibrant turquoise when illuminated with a UV light. It was a memorable experience that brought their animal studies to life and inspired lots of curiosity and excitement.

'Mrs. K, this is really going to help our learning in Science.' Leah

'The lizard was a bit spikey and bumpy.' Philip

'The snake's tummy was scaly!' Amirah

'The ferret was really, really, really fluffy. It smelt of stinky socks!' Harlow

'The hedgehog was 100g heavier than the barn owl!' Seb

'The scorpion glowed my favourite colour, turquoise.' Otis



Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Report by Sophie and Millie

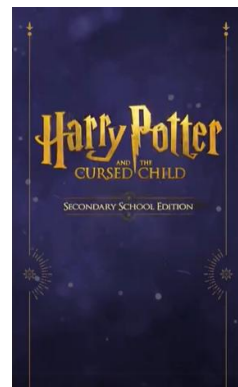
On Wednesday the children in Year 6 got to go to Priestlands to see a performance of Harry Potter and the Cursed Child. It was so much fun!

When we arrived, we had lunch and then they sat us in the sports hall ready to watch the most amazing play ever! When it started, some of us had never seen or read Harry Potter before and some of us really love Harry Potter, so were all really excited about it even if we had or hadn't seen it.

Here are some quotes from year 6 who went to watch it:

'My key highlight was how all the actors acted like the people in the real film.'

'My key highlight is that I got to watch the ending because I'm reading the book. We noticed some familiar faces from Beaulieu. The main roles in the play were Ron, Harry, Hermionie, Ginny, Draco, Albus, Scorpius, Rose, Delphi, Amos, Diggory, Voldemort, Dumbledore.





We want to say thank you to Priestlands for an amazing day and for an excellent presentation. Also we want to say a massive thank you to Mr T for getting us a minibus for the day and to Brinley's dad for helping. Thank you.

Year 7 Applications Reminder

For families with children in Year 6, please remember that the deadline for submitting secondary school (Year 7) applications is **31 October 2026**. We encourage parents and carers to ensure their application is completed and submitted by this date to secure consideration for their preferred school choices.

And finally...

Have a lovely half term. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Best wishes,

Michelle Hale

Headteacher

Sport Report by Mr Toomer

Spectacular Gymnastics Showcase at Priestlands Secondary School!

Our Year 3 and Year 4 gymnasts had an incredible time at the recent Gymnastics Event hosted at Priestlands School!



The children took to the floor with fantastic energy and determination to showcase a brand-new 2-minute routine. The performance was packed with impressive elements, including beautifully controlled individual balances, dynamic movement transitions and clever group balances that demonstrated brilliant teamwork.

A special thank you goes to our fantastic Sports Captains, Alex and Millie, who worked tirelessly to help the pupils choreograph and refine their routine. Their leadership and encouragement made a huge difference and the team performed amazingly on the day!

In addition to performing their routine, the children had the exciting opportunity to explore Priestlands' sports facilities. They got to bounce, flip and jump while trying out the trampolines, air tracks and vaults under expert guidance.

We are so proud of everyone who took part—you represented our school brilliantly! Well done, team!



Diary Dates 2026- 2027

Day	Event	Notes
Friday 23 rd October	INSET Day	
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Autumn HALF TERM Holiday 2026	
Monday 2 nd November	INSET Day	
Thursday 5 th November	Beaulieu's Best with Year 3 Home Achievements	2.45pm in the Village Hall
Wednesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service	
Thursday 12 th November	Beaulieu's Best with Year 2 Home Achievements	2.45pm in the Village Hall
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need 2026	Children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation to the charity
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th November	Anti-Bullying Week	
Monday 16 th November	Odd Sock Day	Children are invited to wear odd socks to school
Thursday 19 th November	Beaulieu's Best with Year 1 Home Achievements	2.45pm in the Village Hall
Thursday 19 th November – new date	Be Bright Be Seen Day	Children are invited to wear bright clothes to school to highlight the importance of being seen in the dark on winter evenings.
Friday 20 th November	Portraits - Make Photography	Family photos available from 8am in the school hall
Friday 20 th November	Sailing Assembly at 2.30pm in the Village Hall	Parents of the children who attend sailing sessions are invited to celebrate the children's achievements.
Thursday 26 th November	Beaulieu's Best with Year R Home Achievements	2.45pm in the Village Hall
Wednesday 2 nd December	Cyber Protection Training for KS2 children	
Thursday 3 rd December	No Beaulieu's Best assembly today	
Thursday 10 th December	Praizin' Hands Puppet Group Christmas Show for KS1	
Thursday 10 th December	No Beaulieu's Best assembly today Work Sharing from 2.45pm – 3.30pm in classes	
Thursday 15 th December	Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday 16 th December	Christingle Service	Dress rehearsal at 10am Service at 6pm - Beaulieu Abbey
Thursday 17 th December	No Beaulieu's Best assembly today	
Friday 18 th December	Christmas parties	During the afternoon



Monday 21 st December – Friday 1 st January	CHRISTMAS Holiday 2026	
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February	Spring HALF TERM Holiday 2027	
Monday 22 nd February	INSET Day	
Tuesday 9 th February	Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 10 th February	Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day	Children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character.
Thursday 25 th March	Work Sharing from 2.45pm – 3.30pm in classes	
Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	EASTER Holiday 2027	
Thursday 6 th May	Year Group Photos	
w/b Monday 10 th May	KS2 SATS week	
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Summer HALF TERM Holiday 2027	
w/b Monday 7 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	
Tuesday 8 th June	House Sporting Events	Children need to wear their PE kits today
Thursday 10 th June	Sports Day	Events start at 10.15am followed by a family picnic lunch on the field
w/b Monday 14 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check	
Thursday 17 th June	Work Sharing from 2.45pm – 3.30pm in classes	
Thursday 22 nd July – Tuesday 31 st August	SUMMER Holiday 2027	

New dates