



OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER 2

24th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

This has been a fun half-term, even if it has seemed very long! We have squeezed so much into each and every day - Reception have started Forest School and enjoyed getting very muddy, Year 2 finished their final Beach School sessions with some wonderful art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and Year 1 have begun their visits to White Lodge. We hope you enjoyed our first stay and play sessions of the year for Years 1 and 2 and that you have a greater understanding of how we teach phonics across the school. Everyone really enjoyed the Pumpkin Discos – thank you to all who helped to make this a big success!

You may have noticed the new plants around school - especially in the planters by the front entrance. These were generously donated to the school by Ferring Nursery. You can see some photos of these on our new Facebook page which you can find by searching for East Preston Infant School.



We are sure you understand why we had to postpone Grounds Morning due to the awful weather. The new date is Thursday 13th November and it will be followed by two other dates in 2026. Thank you to everyone who helps us to keep our school grounds so neat and tidy.

Mrs New is returning to school after half term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding this half term.

Harvest Donation – Thank You

We would like to say thank you for all the donations for the Littlehampton Food Bank. These were collected on Thursday and the staff from the Food Bank were extremely grateful.



Punctuality and Safe Travel to School



We are all aware of the challenges being posed by the roadworks in Angmering and Rustington, as well as the train gates. Please can I urge you to allow some extra time when you are planning your route to school. We have had some mornings where 12 or more children have been late and for some of these children this is a regular occurrence. This has a big impact on the office team who have to deliver your child to class as well as your child's start to the day. We start each day with some fun small group activities that your child will miss out on if they are late. Please do try to be here **by 8.55am** when we shut the gates.

If you drive to school, please can you also park considerately, not over people's drives, never on double yellow lines or on corners. This is important so that our families are able to cross roads safely. Please **DO NOT** drop children off by the school gates - we have a few families who are able to access the car park for a number of reasons and stopping here hinders access to school and also blocks the traffic on Lashmar Road from flowing.



Reminder: Junior School Transfer/ Reception 2026

All Year 2 children will by now have received their Junior School transfer instructions to apply online. Please note that the **deadline for applications is 15th January 2026.**



For those of you who have younger children due to start school in September 2026 please make sure that you apply for your place by the closing date of **15th January 2026.** These deadlines are extremely important and we have had parents in the past miss out on places as their paperwork was not submitted on time.

Birthday Clothes!

We are really lucky because on our birthdays we can wear our own clothes for the day as part of the celebrations! If your birthday is on the weekend or in holidays you can choose a different day to wear your own clothes. In return, we ask that you make a £1 donation to school which goes to our School Council projects.



You can bring in cash or pay the on My Child at School app.

*From Albie, Felicity and Roman
School Council*

Armistice Day 11th November - Poppies for Sale

We are selling Poppies via the school office for a donation. The children will be able to wear Poppies in school up to and including Tuesday 11th November. We suggest that you write your child's name on the back of it so it does not get lost!

We will not be selling other products such as wristbands and pencils and we ask that children do not bring these into school if you have purchased them elsewhere. Thank you in anticipation of your support for this very worthwhile charity.



Children are invited to wear their uniforms from clubs such as Cubs, Beavers, Rainbows and Brownies on Remembrance Day, Monday 11th November.

Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day: Monday 10th November

The week starting 10th November is Anti-Bullying Week. This year's focus is Power for Good.



As part of our Anti-Bullying week focus, we will be inviting children to come in to school on Monday 10th November wearing odd socks along with their normal school uniform. These can be ones already in your drawer or more decorated versions.



This helps us to celebrate what makes us all unique - a core part of our school's Rights Respecting School ethos.

Children in Need: Friday 14th November

The end of the week is Children in Need Day (as well as the Fireworks non-uniform day) - children are welcome to wear their Pudsey ears. If you would like to donate to Children in Need please follow the link below:-

<https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Fireworks: Donations and the actual event

FEPIS have been busy working behind the scenes to prepare for the amazing fireworks event on Friday 14th November.



Don't forget we have two non-uniform days coming up on Friday 7th and 14th November. Please see the FEPIS letter for the donations list.

We are still looking for volunteers to offer help with setting up, manning stalls and clearing down so please click on the link to sign up <https://forms.office.com/e/6JPfzM7bhE>

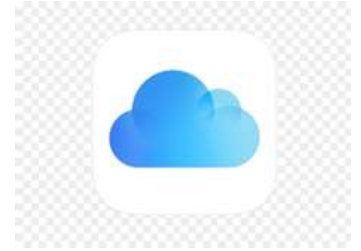
Repair Café

The East Preston Repair Cafe is now hosted here, in the school hall, on the second Saturday of each month. The next two dates are 8th November and 13th December. They try to fix your broken domestic items, including clothes repairs, toys, electrical faults, jewellery and general household items to stop them going to landfill. A knife sharpening service is also available. They request donations to cover their running costs. If you have any questions, please do contact eastprestonrepaircafe@gmail.com

Parent Consultation Evenings: Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November

Parent Consultations will be held online on the above dates and are available to book now.

Our parent consultations are a short 10-minute appointment to inform you about your child's current progress and attainment. We understand that sometimes parents have issues they would like to discuss which may take more time than this, and so in these instances we would ask you to contact the class teacher to make an appointment for a face-to-face meeting outside of these times.



Teachers are happy to talk with parents at any point during the school year, you do not need to wait for consultation evenings to discuss concerns. Your child's work is available for you to look at on Open Morning on 17th December and also following their year group assemblies, but again, if you wish to look at this at a time other than this, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Due to teacher availability, Robins have one on Thursday 27th November to replace Thursday 20th November.

Spotlight on Safeguarding: Children's Safeguarding Policy

Did you know that we have a children's version of our safeguarding policy?

We do not just have a safeguarding policy for staff but also one for children. It helps the pupils in our school know how they can keep themselves safe.

It covers:

- How they can tell if adults in school should be in school;
- What things may worry them;
- What to do if something worries them.

In our PSHE curriculum we teach children about trusted adults, who they can talk to if they have any worries. We teach children how to build relationships, what caring friendships are and how to recognise if they are feeling unsafe and what to do if they do not feel safe. We also talk about safety online and what to do if someone online makes them feel unsafe.

Children in Years 1 and 2 are also aware of ChildLine and how the NSPCC are there to help anyone who may need help.

We have attached a copy of the children's safeguarding policy for you to this newsletter. You can find out more information about safeguarding on our website [here](#)



Governors Corner

Have you been thinking about becoming a parent governor?

We currently have a vacancy at the school for a parent or carer, who has a child on roll at the school, who would like to contribute to the work of the governing body. If you are reflective, a good listener and can focus on the needs of all the children at the school, whilst also remaining a positive ambassador for the school, we would be interested in hearing from you. More information can be found on our school website [here](#)

If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office or the clerk to governors, Sharon Miller, at smiller@epinf.co.uk

Leanne Buckley-Thomson and Simon Wright
Parent Governors

Dates for your Diary

Attached are the dates for you to note on your calendar, please check each newsletter for any updates or amendments.

There are numerous events happening- stay and play Phonics sessions for Reception, Christmas plays and open morning when you can come and look at your child's books and around the school.

As this will be the last newsletter before half term, I would like to wish you all a relaxing and fun half term break!

Please remember that there is an INSET day Monday 3rd November and so the children return to school on Tuesday 4^h November. See you then!



Philippa Moulson
Deputy Headteacher



Diary Dates

Half Term – Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October inclusive	
Monday 3rd November	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th November	School restarts for pupils FEPIS second hand uniform sale all week
Wednesday 5 th November	YR Stay & Play Phonics – 9am
Thursday 6 th November	YR Stay & Play Phonics – 9am
Friday 7 th November	FEPIS non-uniform day for donations
Monday 10 th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance- children can wear club uniforms
Wednesday 12 th November	Open Morning for 2026/27 intake 9-30am – 11.30am
Thursday 13 th November	Grounds Morning- new date
Friday 14 th November	FEPIS non-uniform day for donations FEPIS firework display- ticketed event
Tuesday 18 th November	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm to 6pm
Wednesday 19 th November	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm to 6pm
Thursday 20 th November	Parents Consultations – 3.30pm to 6pm
Friday 21 st November	Hewson Enterprise visiting Y2
Tuesday 25 th November	Open Morning for 2026/27 intake 9-30am – 11.30am
Friday 28 th November	Flu Vaccinations – details have been shared
Tuesday 9 th December	9.30am – Y2 Christmas Play 2pm – Y1 Christmas Play
Wednesday 10 th December	9.30am – Y1 Christmas Play 2pm – YR Christmas Play
Thursday 11 th December	9.30am – YR Christmas Play 2pm – Y2 Christmas Play
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 th December	Christmas Services at St Mary’s Church -details to follow
Wednesday 17 th December	Open Morning for current parents – 9am to 10am
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch PM – Year Group parties
Friday 19 th December	Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty - Whole School School finishes at 3.15pm
Christmas holidays- Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026	
Monday 5th January	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th January	School restarts for pupils
Tuesday 13 th January	Open Morning for 2026/27 intake 9-30am – 11.30am
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February	February Half-term
Monday 23rd February	Inset Day – school closed to pupils



INSET DAYS:

Monday 5th January 2026
 Monday 23rd February 2026
 Monday 13th April
 Friday 22nd May 2026