

2025-26



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Preston Manor

Year 4 had a brilliant time at Preston Manor on Wednesday.

The children were under strict order and instruction by Miss Aida Brown, making sure that all the jobs were completed before the ladies got back to their house.



Y4 Preston Manor (continued)



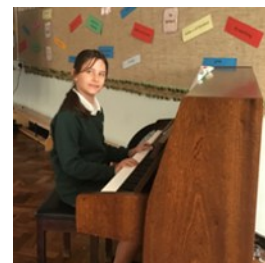
Mr Moutrey and Mrs Williams are incredibly proud of how well the Year 4 children behaved and really gave it their all! Well done Year 4! They would also like to thank the parents who helped support the trip.



What We're Building

In our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assemblies this week, we looked back on the successes of the term, taking inspiration from **What We'll Build** by Oliver Jeffers.

Just as the book explores creating something meaningful together, we reflected on how we are building our own strong and supportive school community.



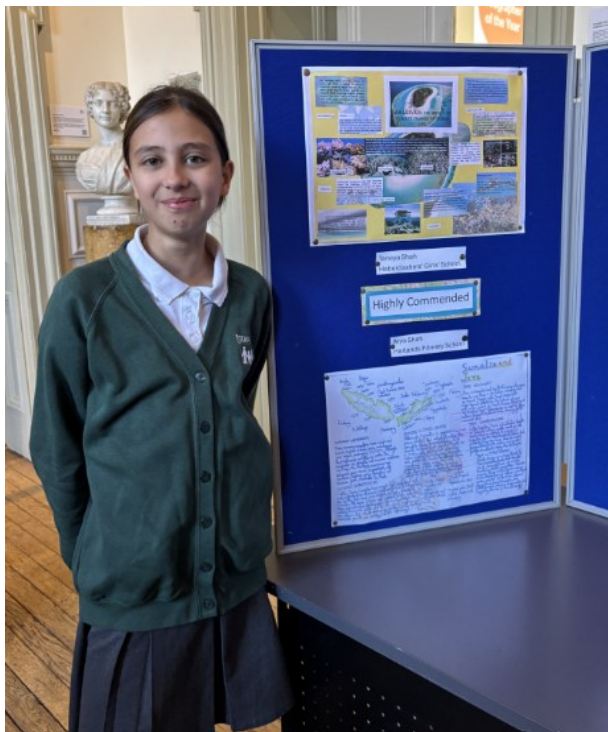
As part of our reflections, pupils shared ideas about how they can actively participate in school life—showing kindness, supporting younger pupils, taking responsibility, and living our school values every day. Many suggested ways they could help make our school even better, from joining pupil groups to leading activities or looking out for others on the playground.

We also celebrated the children who have already taken steps to strengthen our community by leading assemblies on topics important to them and sharing their interests and talents.

Geography Award

Attached are some photos from today's **RGS Young Geographer of the Year Awards** – it was a truly lovely morning celebrating young geographers from across the country.

We were delighted that **Arya** (Year 6) entered the competition alongside several other talented and hardworking Year 5 and 6 pupils from Harlands. We are incredibly proud of all of them for their enthusiasm, effort and creativity.



The event brought together pupils from Key Stages 2 to 5, with RGS Director Joe Smith describing the finalists as the “cream of the cream” after sifting through an exceptional number of entries.

Arya received a Highly Commended award in the Key Stage 2 category for her impressive work on the islands of Java and Sumatra. Joe Smith praised the depth and range of geographical knowledge shown in her poster.

It was a wonderful day for Arya and her family, and a real privilege for Jennie Doyle (Trustee) to also attend.

A Christmas Carol

In our Key Stage 2 assembly today, we reflected on ***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens, with several children reading out and sharing the story.



Together, we explored how Scrooge's journey helps him discover the true spirit of Christmas through kindness, generosity, and compassion.

Christmas Reminder

Tuesday, 9 December @ 9.30am—EYFS Nativity, maximum of two guests per child, *no need to book*, but guests will be checked into school.

Wednesday, 10 December @ 9.30am—Year 1 Nativity, maximum of two guests per child, *no need to book*, but guests will be checked into school.

Thursday and Friday, 11 & 12 December @ 9.30am—Year 2 Nativities, maximum of two guests per child for one performance only. *Arrangements to book have been shared, and any adjustments to bookings will be sorted out next week.*

Monday, 15 December @ 1.30pm at St Wilfrids' Church—KS2 Carol Service—a letter has been sent, requesting a response by e-mail. Thank you to those who have already responded—the deadline to do so is **Monday, 1 December**.

Please note that, especially for the EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 performances, it would be helpful if any younger siblings could be looked after elsewhere.

This year the **Christmas Post Box** will be out on the playground every morning from **Monday 8th—Friday 12th December**, with a final opportunity on Monday, 15th December if you would like to send Christmas cards to others within the school.

Please make sure the cards are addressed with the child's first and surname and their class. It would also help the Christmas Elves who sort the post if you could put cards for the same class in a rubber band! The cards will be distributed within school on Tuesday, 17th December.



REMINDERS

Parent Trustee—voting closes at 12.00noon on Monday, 8th December

School Photographer—orders need to be made directly with them by **Tuesday, 9th December**. Instructions for how to order are on the proof.

After School clubs—with the exception of Monday clubs, which finish on 8 December and Y1/2/3 Tekkers which has a session on Friday, 12 December to make up for a missed session this week, all clubs have now FINISHED for this term

Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Friday, 12 December. Children are invited to wear a seasonal jumper.

Diary Dates

Monday, 8 December
Tuesday, 9 December
Wednesday, 10 December
Thursday, 11 December
Friday, 12 December

Final Monday clubs
9.30am—EYFS Nativity
9.30am—Year 1 Nativity
9.30am—Year 2 Nativity (first performance)
9.30am—Year 2 Nativity (second performance)

Christmas Jumper Day

Final session of Y1/2/3 Tiny Tekkers
KS2 Carol Service—1.30pm at St Wilfrids Church

Monday, 15 December
Friday, 19 December
Monday, 22 Dec— Friday, 2 January
Monday, 5 January

INSET Day
Christmas Holiday
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Payment reminders: Y6 ongoing instalments for residential trip