

*Prendergast C. P. School*

# Newsletter

## Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you're all keeping well and settling comfortably into the new term. It's been a lively few weeks here at Prendergast, and we wanted to share some highlights—as well as a few polite reminders about how we can continue working together to support our children.

### What We've Been Up To Lately

Our learners have thrown themselves into their inquiries with great enthusiasm. We are grateful to our many community partnerships and recent activities which have been facilitated by the Darwin Centre, Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum and Haverfordwest Town AFC who have provided hands-on experiences for our pupils, it's been fantastic to see the children so engaged and proud of their learning.

Despite the unpredictable weather, classes have made good use of our outdoor spaces. Whether it's exploring the Wild Garden and Prendergardd, P.E. activities, or outdoor learning challenges, the children have enjoyed being active and curious. Again, our strong link with our neighbouring school, Haverfordwest High is benefitting our year 5 and 6 pupils with early transition experiences through weekly P.E. lessons.

Many of our learners have had the opportunity to meet with the First Minister, Eluned Morgan and Henry Tufnell, MP, who have visited our school on separate occasions to gather the views from children and staff about the work of the school in meeting National Priorities.

### Working Together – A Few Important Reminders

As always, we greatly value the partnership between home and school. A strong, positive relationship makes a world of difference to children's success. Here are a few ways we can continue supporting each other:



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## Attendance & Punctuality

Our current attendance is - Nursery to Year 6 = 93%  
Nursery to Reception = 91%  
Year 1 to Year 6 = 93.3%

Welsh Government guidance for attendance is 95%

Regular attendance is essential for learning. Please help your child arrive on time and ready for the day so they can start smoothly with their classmates and not miss out on curriculum time.

## Communication

If you have any concerns—big or small—please do reach out. Our staff are here to help, and it's always best to catch things early. We'll continue to keep you updated through messages on Class Dojo, and conversations at the gate.

## Home Reading

A little practice at home goes a long way. Reading together, talking about schoolwork, and encouraging positive routines all make a noticeable difference. Remember the school library is open until 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and there are also a variety of books located in the school foyer for children to borrow. This year is National Year of Reading and we wish all our learners to be confident readers.

## Respecting Our School Community

We want school to be a safe, calm, and welcoming environment for everyone. This includes being mindful of how we speak to staff and one another, especially during busy times at drop-off and pick-up. Please be vigilant and help us to maintain our effective safeguarding practices.

## Digital Safety

Please continue supporting your child in using devices responsibly. We're reinforcing online safety in school, and your partnership at home helps keep all our learners secure. We are mindful of the recent news coverage regarding possible changes to guidance for young people accessing



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social media and, in the meantime, remind our learners regularly to report any concerns to their parents/carers or staff.

### Asymmetric Week

To support our self-evaluation practices, we need your views about the asymmetric week model, which we follow along with many schools in our Cluster and Local Authority, therefore please complete the attached questionnaire: [Asymmetric Week - Parent/Carer Survey - Spring 2026 – Fill in form](#)

### Thank You

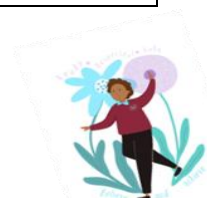
A huge thank you to all families for your continued support, patience, and positivity. It truly makes our community stronger and helps our children thrive.

Ms. Louise John  
Headteacher

Diary Dates: September 2025/26	
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET 1 - School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET 2 - School closed to all pupils
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School reopens for all pupils
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Weekly lunchtime football sessions with Haverfordwest AFC
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Visit to Haverfordwest Castle - Year 6 Pupil Group
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Weekly swimming sessions for Year 5 until Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Big Bocs Bwyd Meeting Join Mrs Edwards after school from 3.30 p.m. for refreshments - All welcome
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Ein Senedd Ysgol/Our Senedd School Meetings start for all pupils in year 3 - 6
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Interviews for Head & Deputy Head Boy, and Head & Deputy Head Girl
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Weekly Parent and Toddler Group 9.15 - 10.45 a.m.
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Dave Edwards, Respiratory Nurse Practitioner available for meetings with families to discuss asthma health plans from 9.30 -12. Please contact



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	the school office, 01437 771580 to book an appointment.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Launch Day for New Mental Maths Activity. Pupils across the school invited to dress as a gaming character
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Finesse Photography - Individual and sibling photographs
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Friends of Prendergast Meeting from 2 - 2.45 p.m. All welcome
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September (1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> October)	After School Clubs for Year 4 - 6
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 visit to St Brides
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	MacMillan Coffee Event (Donations of cakes and volunteers welcome)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	National Teaching Assistants' Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Bike Check - Year 6
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET 3 - School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Staff Open Event from 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Haverfordwest Cluster Schools' Singing Event at HHVCS 8.45 - 12 p.m. for Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Flu Vaccination Programme for Reception - Year 6 Pupils
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Urdd Mixed Tag Festival for Year 3 & 4 Teams at Narberth RFC
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Meeting for Year 5 Parents - Residential Visit to Urdd Campas, Cardiff
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Cycling Proficiency for Year 6
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends of Prendergast PTA Meeting 2pm - 2:45pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Shoctober - 999 Lifesaving Skills for Year 5 & 6 Pupils
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day Children invited to wear something yellow to school
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Prendergast School Choir singing at the opening of the new pedestrian bridge in Haverfordwest 4pm - 5pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	CogUrdd and PobUrdd Competition 9am - 11.30am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	SSCE Cymru Forces Festival
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Diwrnod Shwmae - Shwmae Day - Children invited to wear red/white/green clothes to school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration 1.30 p.m.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Urdd Rugby for Year 5 & 6 Teams at Neyland RFC
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 6 visit to Spitfire Museum, Havergardd, Cenotaph War Memorial



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Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Open Evening at Haverfordwest High VC School - 4.30pm to 7pm
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Pembrokeshire Hogspital to visit Reception
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Pembrokeshire Outdoor Schools' Celebration STEM Group. Postponed due to weather warning.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half - term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Weekly swimming sessions for Year 6 until Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Dosbarth Druidston to Carew Cheriton
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Dave Edwards, Respiratory Pharmacist to visit school. Please contact school if you would like an appointment
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of Prendergast PTA 2pm - 2.45pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Dosbarth Whitesands to Carew Cheriton
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Crucial Crew for Year 6 - Year 5 will swim for this session
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Meetings with Parents
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Scholastic Book Fayre
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly 1.30 p.m.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Our school Choir will be singing at the switching on of the Christmas Lights in Haverfordwest
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Performances for Year 1 & 4 from 6 p.m.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Performances for Year 1 & 4 from 1 p.m.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Dinner & Sparkle Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	No Parent and Toddler Group
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert Practice at St. David's Church, Prendergast for Year 4 - 6, Oak Trees - 1.30 - 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert Practice at St. David's Church, Prendergast for Nursery - Year 3, Acorns & Saplings - a.m.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Prendergast PTA Annual General Meeting at 1.45pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Residential Visit for Year 5 to Cardiff
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent and Toddler Christmas Party
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Official Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert for Nursery & Reception, Acorns at St. David's Church, Prendergast 10 - 11 a.m.



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Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 to 6 visit to Palace Cinema to watch a Christmas Themed film
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert for Year 1 - 3, Saplings at St. David's Church, Prendergast 10 - 11 a.m.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert for Year 4 - 6, Oak Trees at St. David's Church, Prendergast 10 - 11 a.m.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Choir Carol Singing @ Tesco's Store
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn Term Non-school uniform day - Christmas Jumper Day in school
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	INSET 4 - Haverfordwest Cluster Schools
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	School reopens to all pupils for Spring Term
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Weekly swimming sessions for Year 4 until Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Superheroes Launch Day for Reception
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Kerbcraft for Year 1 - until March
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	PBuzz for Year 4
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Inventors' Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Friends of Prendergast PTA Meeting @ 2pm - 2:45pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	School Cross Country - Years 3 - 6
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Reserve Day for School Cross Country
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Science Event
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Space Workshop with Darwin - Dosbarth Druidston
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Prendergast Walk
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 visit to Haverfordwest County AFC - 'Kicking Off Conversations' Event
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Bags2School Collection Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 6 Space Workshop with Darwin - Dosbarth Whitesands
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Urdd Football - Year 5/6 Girls' + Open
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	World Read Aloud Day 2026
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Library open for families until 4pm weekly
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 attending Welsh Music Gig at Queens Hall Narberth
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Haverfordwest Primary Schools' Cross Country Competition for Years 3 to 6



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Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Launch of Urdd Art & Craft Competitions (to be returned to school after Half Term on Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day 2026
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	St David's Day Project with ABC Opera - Year 5 & 6
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Dirwrnod Miswig Activity
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 to visit the NFU Food Story Event at the Showground
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 & 4 Urdd Football at Carew Cricket Club
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Bingo from 6pm - Fundraiser for residential visits
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	PAVS Volunteer Event 10am to 2pm - Bocs Bwyd Senedd Group
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Non-Uniform Day for all & Bake Sale from 1pm (Reception Superhero Fundraiser for Outdoor Environment)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term - School Closed
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Pembrokeshire Sports Multi-activity Session 1.30pm to 4pm for Service Children
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Fit & Fed run by Haverfordwest County AFC 9.30am to 12pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Winter Wander - Join us for a walk in the local area and hot chocolate from 1.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School reopens for Spring Term 2
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Eisteddfod entries to be returned to school
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Judging of Eisteddfod entries
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Join us from 3 - 4pm for the launch of Caffi Cymraeg, which will be held on the last Tuesday of each month
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 to visit Llangrannog
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Team at St David's Day Football Competition
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Sports Pembrokeshire Dance Festival
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Years 5 & 6 - St David's Day Parade in Haverfordwest Town
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear Red for Ty Hafan
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David's Day Community Event at Bridge Meadow Stadium
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	School Eisteddfod - Pupils invited to wear colours of the Welsh flag or traditional costumes
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Haverfordwest Cluster Project with ABC Opera - Year 5 and 6 visit to St David's Cathedral



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Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day Event – Bedtime Stories and Parent Workshops from 6 to 7pm - Focussing on reading and Winning With Numbers
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Local Eisteddfod at Letterston a.m.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Fair from 1pm. All Welcome to attend
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Valero Music Festival
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Meetings with Parents/Carers
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Fire Safety Awareness for Year 2 and 5
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Prendergast's Got Talent
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day 2026 -Theme: The Sillier the Better! Non-School Uniform Day. Donations for Comic Relief welcome
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Urdd County Eisteddfod at Ysgol Bro Gwaun, Fishguard from 9am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 4 PBuzzes' Celebration at HHVC School
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Dark Sky Wales Experience for Year 6
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Science Activities with Tim Brew
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of Spring Term
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Prendergast pupils invited to Haverfordwest Town AFC v Briton Ferry K.O. at 7.45pm at Bridge Meadow Stadium
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Pembrokeshire Sports Multi-activity Session for Service Children
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Break – School Closed
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET #5 – School Closed to Pupils
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for all pupils for Summer Term
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Residential Trip to Celtic Camping
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET #6 – School Closed to Pupils



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