

The Prescot School

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Our Vision

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Kindness



Integrity



Tenacity



As we come to the close of our second term, we want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work, determination and positive spirit shown by every student and staff member. It has been inspiring to see everyone continue to give their best through a busy and productive term, and we are truly proud of the effort and progress made across our school community. We showcase here just a small amount that goes on at The Prescot School.

Year 9

Year 9 continue to make us proud with their outstanding commitment to extracurricular activities and excellent behaviour on school visits. Many pupils regularly attend a wide range of clubs, and the Year 9 football team consistently demonstrate our school values of Kindness, Integrity and Tenacity in every fixture. We were also delighted with the exemplary conduct of the 50 pupils who attended the Rock 'n' Roll panto, receiving positive feedback from members of the public. We celebrate all of Year 9's achievements so far and look forward to many more as we move towards options choices in 2026.



We went to the Panto! Oh yes we did!

This term, 300 students from all year groups were invited to the Everyman Theatre to enjoy the panto. Their behaviour throughout the visit was exemplary, and they were a credit to the school.



Working Like Legends

Our students are still working like legends this term. Each subject has nominated students from every year group who have produced exceptional work, and their achievements were proudly displayed for all to see. It's a fantastic way for them to receive the recognition they deserve. Well done to everyone who was nominated!



Staff CPD

Our dedicated staff are always striving to enhance their teaching practice and deepen their knowledge to provide the very best education for our students. Every Friday, teachers take part in high-quality Continuing Professional Development (CPD) sessions designed to strengthen classroom strategies and improve student outcomes.

Recent training has focused on our Four-Part Lesson structure, ensuring lessons are purposeful, engaging, and consistent across the school. Staff have also explored effective use of mini whiteboards to check understanding in real time, and mastered techniques for explicit instruction and 'Turn and Talk' activities to boost student participation and confidence.

In addition, CPD sessions have covered adapting lessons to meet the diverse needs of learners, ensuring every student can access the curriculum and succeed. Teachers have also received specialist training on delivering our PSHE curriculum, equipping them to support students' personal development and wellbeing.

This commitment to professional growth reflects our belief that great teaching starts with great learning—for staff as well as students. By investing in regular CPD, we continue to raise standards and create an environment where every child can thrive.



A Fantastic First Term for Year 7

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 students, who have reached the end of their very first term with outstanding success. They have embraced every opportunity, from enjoying a trip to the pantomime to securing impressive victories in football fixtures. Their enthusiasm for school life has truly shone through, as they have taken part in more extra-curricular clubs than any other year group—an achievement that speaks volumes about their energy, curiosity, and commitment. A group of students even had hot chocolate with Mr Reynolds!

This term, Year 7 are also competing in the Festive Form League, earning points through positive behaviour and excellent attendance. The competition has been lively and full of festive spirit, with each form showing determination and teamwork. Everyone is eagerly awaiting the final results to see which form will come out on top!

Well done, Year 7—what a brilliant start to your secondary school journey!

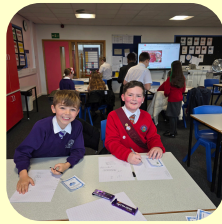


Christmas relay: A Primary Festive Challenge

We were delighted to welcome local primary schools to The Prescott School for our Christmas Maths Relay. The event was full of festive fun and brain-teasing challenges—some of the questions were so tricky they even stumped the staff! But our Year 5 visitors were absolutely amazing. Their enthusiasm, maturity, and impressive maths skills blew us away.

A huge thank you to our fantastic Year 8 helpers, who supported the event brilliantly. They assisted with the maths, handed out stickers and chocolates, and provided plenty of moral support to keep the festive spirit alive.

We are already looking forward to hosting more exciting primary events in the New Year. Watch this space!



Celebrating Reading at The Prescott School

This term has been an exciting one for reading across The Prescott School. We are committed to ensuring every child becomes a confident, fluent, and enthusiastic reader, and have worked hard to build a strong reading culture both in and beyond the classroom.

Supporting Progress

All pupils complete a standardised reading test twice a year, helping us track progress and provide tailored support. Our Fluent Reader programme has delivered outstanding results, with some students making up to three years' progress in just four months—a fantastic achievement!

A New Library & Online Access

We've launched a brand-new library in the English Homebase and an online library platform. With over 2,000 visits already, students are enjoying discovering new authors, completing quizzes, and sharing recommendations.

Reading Together

Weekly form-time reading has sparked lively discussions:

- Year 7: Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief
- Year 8: The Book Thief
- Year 9: The Hunger Games
- Year 10: The Hate U Give

In English lessons, KS3 students have explored Twelve Minutes to Midnight and Noughts and Crosses, inspiring many to add sequels to their Christmas wish lists!

Thank you for supporting our mission to make every child a reader.



SCAN ME

Please scan the QR code above to gain access to the e-library

Year 8 - Growing, giving and Going Places

This term, our Year 8 students have truly matured as they move up the school. Their hard work and positive attitude in lessons have been rewarded with plenty of Legendary Learner cards, showing their commitment to excellence. It's been an exciting term beyond the classroom too! Year 8 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Rock & Roll Pantomime at the Everyman Theatre, which was a real highlight and a chance to experience a live performance in a fun and festive setting.

We are also incredibly proud of the kindness and leadership shown by our students. Heidi, one of our Year 8 stars, once again collected gifts for children at Alder Hey Hospital, spreading joy to those who need it most. In addition, several Year 8 students volunteered at our Christmas Maths Relay, supporting local primary schools and acting as outstanding ambassadors for The Prescott School.

Year 8 have shown that they are not only dedicated learners but also caring, responsible members of our school community. We can't wait to see what they achieve next term!

Anti-Bullying Awareness

In November, we wore our odd socks with pride and raised awareness for Anti-Bullying.



New for January 2026

All students will soon receive a personal whiteboard and pen to use in lessons. This initiative is designed to enhance learning by making it easier for teachers to check understanding quickly and effectively. By using whiteboards, students can actively engage in lessons, share ideas, and receive instant feedback, helping to create a more interactive and supportive learning environment.



Prescot School Students Honour Remembrance Day

On 11th November, students from The Prescot School came together to respectfully mark Remembrance Day, paying tribute to those who served and sacrificed for our country.

The school community observed the occasion with a solemn recognition in school, reflecting on the importance of remembrance and the values it represents. In addition, representatives from The Prescot School joined a special service at the Prescot War Memorial, where they laid a wreath alongside members of Knowsley Council and local churches.

This act of remembrance was a powerful reminder of the courage and sacrifice of past generations and demonstrated the school's commitment to honouring these traditions with dignity and respect.



The Season of Goodwill



The Year 11 students ran a raffle to raise money to buy mince pies to deliver to our community. Bobby was the lucky winner of the raffle.

Twelve Days of Christmas at The Prescot School

This December, we celebrated the festive season with our exciting Twelve Days of Christmas giveaway! Every day brought a new surprise, and if you were in school, you had the chance to win a fantastic prize.

From Domino's pizza and donuts to jump-the-queue passes, mystery boxes, selection boxes, and plenty of Christmas tunes, the atmosphere was full of fun and festive cheer. It was a wonderful way to reward attendance and spread joy across the school community.

Thank you to everyone who joined in the celebrations—we can't wait to make next year even bigger and better!



Our staff took part in Christmas jumper day, raising money for Save the Children.



Our choir attended a local nursing home to sing carols.

We wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas!

Personal Development next term

As we move into a new term, our PSHE curriculum will focus on topics around the world of work. Students will explore areas such as career pathways, employability skills, managing money, and understanding workplace rights and responsibilities, in line with the PSHE Association guidance. We are excited to host our annual Careers Fair, where over 40 associates will speak to students about higher and further education, apprenticeships, and job opportunities. Lower down the school, all students have signed up to a careers cluster, enabling us to personalise their work experience throughout their time at The Prescott School. In addition, every student will have access to Unifrog – an online platform that helps young people compare university courses, apprenticeships, and training opportunities, as well as build CVs and record achievements. Throughout the year, students are encouraged to live out The Prescott School’s core values of kindness, integrity, and tenacity – and their efforts will be recognised and rewarded.

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PSHE lessons this term

Termly Focus: Working in the Wider World

Year 7:

1. Introduction to Careers
2. Subject links to careers
3. Creative Careers
4. Entrepreneurs
5. Employability Skills (teamwork)

Year 10:

1. Skills Adaptability
2. Skills Adaptability
3. Apprenticeships overview
4. Evaluating personal strengths and areas for development
5. Emotional Wellbeing

Year 8:

1. Employability Skills (overview)
2. Employability (communication)
3. Employability Skills (problem solving)
4. Challenges and Rewards of Work
5. Evaluating misconceptions (social norms and cultural values)

Year 11:

1. UK Economy
2. UK economy
3. Stress Management
4. Stress Management
5. Stress Management

Year 9:

1. Organisational Skills
2. Organisational Skills
3. Local Labour Market
4. Routes into work
5. Volatile Substance Abuse

Timetable

Year Group	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7	LEARN	Make it Matter	Reading	Assembly (week 1)	PSHE lesson
8	LEARN	Make it Matter	Reading	Assembly (week 2)	
9	LEARN	Make it Matter	Assembly	Reading	
10	LEARN	Assembly	Make it Matter	Reading	
11	Assembly	Maths/ English	Maths/ English	Maths/ English	

Assembly and Event Highlights

- Expectations and school reset - being TPS ready
- Exploring aspirations and ambitions
- County Lines - Police input
- Holocaust Memorial Day
- Your Digital Footprint and the World of Work
- Achievements
- Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- Careers Fair
- Year 11 College Interviews in school
- Year 11 Geography Fieldwork trip
- PE Experience - Rock Climbing
- GCSE Performing Arts Showcase

Parents' Evenings

Year 7 - 15th January

Year 11 - 22nd January

Year 8 - 5th February

We know that Christmas and holidays can be hard for a lot of people.

There are places you can go in Knowsley for help.

Online support

ZunTold provide seven days a week/365 days a year blended model of online and face to face counselling. The service is for 11-19 year olds and up to age 25 with additional needs.

The Young Person's Advisory Service provides mental health and emotional well-being services for Merseyside's children, young people and families.

Listening Ear provide support for children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health. Self-referrals are welcome.

Email enquiries@listening-ear.co.uk, call 0151 488 6648 or visit www.listening-ear.co.uk

Young Minds is a mental health charity for Children and Young People.

Mind provides a range of information and useful contacts for young people.

We are committed to being transparent with parents and carers about our Personal Development offer. A full overview of topics covered is available on our school website, ensuring that everyone can see how we support the students' development.