



# Little Phoenix



## The Newsletter of Yarm Pre-Prep

Mrs Speight's message ...

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The Nursery children have enjoyed playing outside, sharing their love of the outdoors and the frosty beginnings to the day have not prevented them from having fun. They may also have been preparing for Valentines Day as I noticed many budding young artists drawing love hearts as I was walking through with some prospective parents. The Reception children enjoyed a visit from Emily's Daddy and were so excited to learn about animals and pets. I have had to bring in extra 'Whiskas' boxes for the children to create pet homes in the modelling area (my cats are delighted, they have never eaten so many treats!) I am very much looking forward to our Steam Week which will be starting at the end of next week and running into the final week of half term. The theme this year is the 200th anniversary of the birth of the Stockton and Darlington railway and living in this area affords us the opportunity to celebrate the first journey from Stockton to Darlington. I wonder what the next 200 years will bring and whether we may have some great inventors in our midst in Pre-Prep. Wishing you a relaxing weekend, warmest wishes,

*Jeanne Speight*



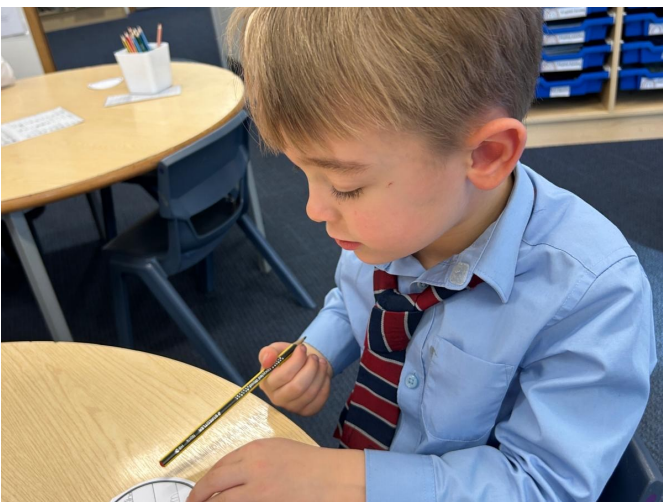
Tes Schools Awards 2024  
Winner  
Independent Prep School of the Year





## Overcoming Challenges

In our PSHE lesson, we shared the story of Pauli the Penguin. The children were asked to discuss and reflect on obstacles which Pauli overcame. The children wrote their ideas on paper pebbles.





## Flight to the Future

We have been thinking about how the skills we learn in Reception could be useful in jobs when we are older: vets, builders, shop keepers, chefs ... the world is our oyster!





## Nursery

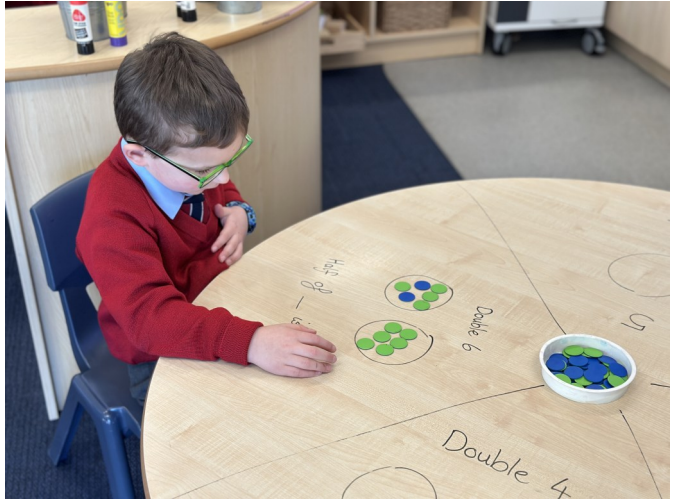
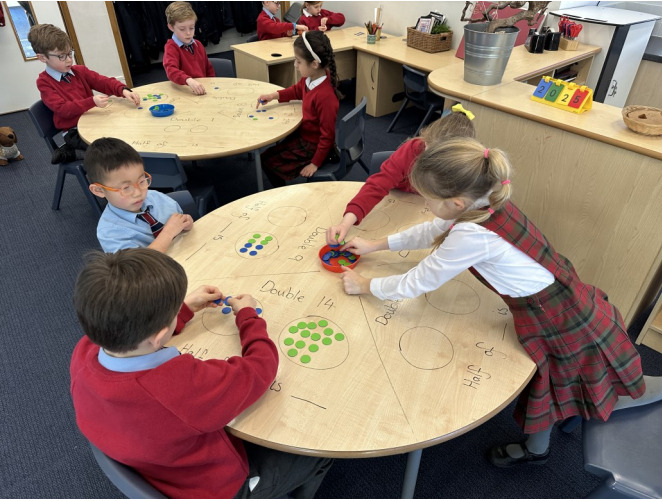
In Nursery, the children have had a fantastic time exploring their creativity. They delved into the world of clay, shaping and moulding their own little masterpieces, which was both fun and practical. The children also discovered various painting techniques, experimenting with different brushes, sponges, and even blowing bubbles to print on to paper.





## Doubles and Halves

The children in Year 2 have been investigating the relationship between doubling and halving. They used counters to demonstrate this practically before recording their findings in their maths books.







### Dates For Your Diary

- 14/02/25—Pre-Prep trip to Locomotion Museum
- 20/02/25—Half term begins
- 21/02/25—INSET Day (school closed)
- 03/03/25—Pupils return to school
- 03/03/25—Rare Diseases Day (Jeans for Genes)
- 06/03/25—World Book Day
- 07/03/25—Bring Mums/Grandmas to School
- 14/03/25—Red Nose Day and Holi celebrations
- w/c 17/03/25—Parents Evenings
- 31/03/25—Eid celebrations
- 04/04/25—End of term, no after school care



Reduce- Reuse- Recycle

### **New Pre-Loved Uniform Shed!**

YPSSC are excited to announce our Pre-Loved Uniform Shed is officially up and running!

**We are located near to the entrance for Nursery on the Pre Prep site.**



**We provide & Collect Pre-Loved Uniform**

**Summer- Winter – PE – Games – Accessories**

**Nursery, Pre-Prep, Prep, Senior & Sixth Form**

Come and have a browse-The shed will be manned periodically throughout the week by volunteers and enquiries can still be sent by email or **classlist**.

[ypssc@yarmschool.org](mailto:ypssc@yarmschool.org)

Ypssc.co.uk

### **Give the Pre-Loved Uniform Shed a Name!**

We are running a competition to give our new uniform shed a name! To enter, use one of the suggestion boxes on Mrs Banham's or Mrs White's desks, or [fill in the Google Form here](#). The best names selected by the committee will go forward to a vote! Get those thinking caps on!

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### **Holiday School Dates 2025**

Easter—7th to 11th April (5 days)

Summer—14th July to 1st August (15 days)





## Sounds of Springsteen

**Thursday 10th April, 7.30pm**

Experience the pure rock 'n' roll euphoria of Bruce Springsteen as this outstanding show brings his iconic sound to life, taking you on a musical journey through the incredible catalogue, from Greetings from Asbury Park to 2020's Ghosts via the legendary hits Born in the USA and Born to Run.

Get ready to experience the legacy of The Boss and rock the night away!

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/the-sounds-of-springsteen/>



## Sleeping Beauty

**Monday 21st April, 2pm and Tuesday 22nd April, 1pm and 6.30pm**

Starring Linda Lusardi, join us for a spellbinding journey "Sleeping Beauty," presented by Tom Rolfe Productions! Follow the tale of Princess Beauty, a kind-hearted royal destined for greatness.

<https://www.thepaaonline.org/whats-on/sleeping-beauty/>



## Boro Legends, Paul Merson and Andy Townsend—Hosted by Hayley McQueen

**Friday 27th June, 7.30pm**

Two Middlesbrough legends are coming to talk about their time at Middlesbrough FC and also their action-packed football careers. Starring Paul Merson and Andy Townsend as they discuss all things football, dressing room/training ground stories, managers, fall outs and everything you wanted to know about playing for a successful football club.

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