



PRESDALES SCHOOL

Achievement for all

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Dear Parent/Carer/Student

PressTales

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Translation Bee Regional Final – 3rd June 2026

On Wednesday 3rd June, two of our courageous Year 8 students, Emma Swindle and Annabel Mutch, attended the Central Final of the Translation Bee in Cambridge. The competition involved translating as many sentences into German from English in the past, present and future tenses within a minute, in front of an audience.

Although neither went through to the National Final, they did very well to get to the last 51 out of 4,295 students, who started in the Central region alone. Congratulations to both of them for their very creditable performance.

Thank you to all the staff in our MFL faculty who have organised and supported this competition.

Abel Smith Languages Day - 4th June 2026

On 4th June, 20 Year 9 and 10 students volunteered to prepare and deliver language lessons to classes from Nursery and Reception up to class 6 at Abel Smith Primary School during their Languages Day. Throughout the day our students delivered some lively lessons in French, German, Italian, Russian and Spanish on the theme of music with great confidence. We were very proud of the contribution they made to the day.



German Partnership Exchange – Visit 7th to 11th June 2026

This week, we welcomed 20 students to Presdales from our German Partnership School 'Gymnasium am Neandertal' (Gymneander for short!). They were with us for five days, experiencing life in an English school with a full programme of events both in and out of school.

It was lovely to see our students taking good care of their partners and developing friendships with students across the school. Thank you to parents and carers who have supported this partnership, which we hope will continue to develop and grow.



English Competitions and Big Fat Book Sale

Thank you to all students who entered the English competitions last term.

- **Winners of the Blackout Poetry are:** Maisy West (9ME) and Amelie Martin (9JC); Orla MacFarlene (7AE); Sienna Stanton (7PB) and Sophie Fisher (7GW).
- **Winners of the Stretch and Challenge Reading Competition are:** Elsie Parkinson (8SH); Amelia Hart (7SH) and Sophie King (7AE).

Instead of a competition this term, English are running a Big Fat Book Sale for The Library. This event will take place during lunchtimes on 6th, 7th and 9th July. The idea is to tidy up the library (remove some of the old books) and encourage students to read new ones. Students can donate any money they can afford or swap one of their old books for a new one. Students can receive achievement points by donating old books or their time. Students should read the information poster on EduLink for more information, or email Ms Severino.

Rush Green Roundabout Roadworks

Please be advised that works will start on Monday 15th June on the Rush Green roundabout. The entry into MacDonalds and the BP petrol station are being improved. There is likely to be increased traffic due to lane closures. Please factor this into your journey time.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mr M Warren
Headteacher