

THE PRESTON PAPER

HISTORY SPECIAL



Nearly there!

BY KRISH NOTAY

Hello once again!

We are nearly at the end of 2022, and what a year it's been! We hope you have been enjoying the World Cup in Qatar and are rooting for England (especially as the Lionesses bought home the cup earlier in the year!).

Have a fantastic last few weeks and open those advent calendars!

Feet First

BY HARRY TAYLOR

Northampton is a town famous for its shoe industry that goes back hundreds of years in history.

During the 1st World war, the shoemakers in Northamptonshire supplied over two-thirds of the 70 million pairs of footwear required. Earlier than that, during the English Civil War, over 4,000 pairs of leather shoes were made in Northampton, and 600 pairs of cavalry boots for the Parliamentary armies, while a further 2,000 were crafted for Oliver Cromwell's forces years later.

Some of the UK's most famous shoe brands, such as Dr Martens, were founded in Northamptonshire and some people say Northampton is still the shoe making capital of the world!



Historical Highlights

BY ROSE TANNASEE

Reading is amazing as it transports you to another world. The focus in this article is going to be about WW1 and WW2 books, an extremely important topic across the UK.

War horse is about the chaos of the first world war, one horse witnesses the reality of battle from both sides of the trenches.

The silver hand is about a young French girl who has just discovered that her mother is part of a spy network, working for the British. Meanwhile a German boy, Marius, is helping to tend to wounded soldiers.

White feather is actually about when WW1 is over, but for Tony there is little to celebrate. His brother never returned from no-man's land.

When Hitler stole Pink Rabbit is definitely one of my all-time favourites. It is about a Jewish family, who live in Germany, and they have to escape for the Nazis don't like their race. Scared and confused, Anna was whizzed off to Switzerland, then to France and finally, England.

Year 5 have actually read our next book we are going to talk about which is called **Friend or Foe**. It is about two boys who have been evacuated to the countryside during the chaos of WW2. Can even the countryside save them?

THINK YOU KNOW NORTHAMPTON?

1. What is the nickname of Northampton Town FC?
2. What year was Northampton Saints Rugby Club founded?
3. What river runs through Northamptonshire?
4. What 10th century abbey sits within Northampton?
5. When was Northampton considered the capital of England?



Remarkable Read-a-thon

BY JOSHUA CROUCH

I wanted to raise money for Children in Need because I do something for charity to help children every year. Children in Need do need our help so I wanted to raise money for them.

I love reading and had the idea to do a challenge so set a goal to read 1000 pages in 2 weeks.

I wanted to see if I could get more people to join in so we could raise more money so my Mum and I asked kids and their Mums and Dads from year 4 if anyone wanted to join in. Leo, Alice, Mia, Lilia, Amelia, Luke and Daniella all wanted to join the Read-a-Thon. We then came up with the name The Preston Book Clubbers.

Everyone beat their reading target. It was amazing. Together we raised **£1117.00** for Children in Need.

I am planning a Swim-a-Thon for next year.



SUPERB SAINTS

BY OLLIE MONKMAN

Northampton Saints RFU are one of the most well-known rugby union teams in the world, winning six major titles (including the European Championship in 2000). But how did they become a team?

The Saints became a team in 1880, and have played at Franklin's Gardens since 1888! The stadium is named that because of John Franklin, the successful hotelier that bought the club in 1885.

The club was formed in 1880 as Northampton St. James, being named that because of the local reverend that founded the club (hence the team being nicknamed the saints!).



BOOK CLUB

BY MR MEDLEY

This term, our Preston Hedges Book Club have been reading the wonderful 'Wizards of Once' by Cressida Cowell. We caught up with some members of the club to give us their thoughts on the book.

DJ: I've loved this book! I enjoyed the 'How to train your dragon' series so this book was perfect for me.

EJ: Wizards of Once is a brilliant book. Highly recommended!

RM: I've liked it so far! I've loved the adventure and the illustrations are fantastic.

GP: I've really enjoyed the book! Its funny and the characters are great!



DID YOU KNOW?

Preston Hedges is named after the fields it was built on, and the local hamlet of Preston Deanery. The hamlet's name means 'Priests' farm/settlement'.