

We aim high * We are resilient * We are curious learners * We value diversity * We are respectful

Dear Prior Weston families,

Here we are at the end of another half term, and this means we are now halfway through the school year! What a busy and exciting year it has been so far! This half term was topped off with a lovely visit from the Minister for School Standards, MP Catherine McKinnell. She had a quick tour of the campus and was delighted with what she saw. She described us as 'a school which felt so joyful and calm'.

iTIPS:

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some important information about iTIPS (Islington Trauma-Informed Practices in Schools), an approach we have been part of for over four years.

At **Prior Weston**, we are committed to creating a nurturing and supportive learning environment where all children feel safe and can thrive. iTIPS helps us do this by equipping our staff with the knowledge and strategies to understand and respond to children's emotional needs, particularly those who may have experienced adversity or trauma.

A key part of this approach is the emphasis on **positive relationships**—between children, staff, and families. Research shows that strong, trusting relationships are fundamental to children's emotional wellbeing, development and academic success. That's why we prioritise kindness, connection, and understanding in all that we do.

We truly value our partnership with you in supporting your child's development. If you would like to learn more about iTIPS and how we apply it in school, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Attendance & Punctuality:

Attendance continues to be an area we need to improve, but punctuality is just as important. At Prior Weston, we are committed to giving every child the best possible start to their school day. Being on time is just as important as regular attendance. Arriving late, even by a few minutes, can disrupt learning and make it harder for children to settle into their routine. Our soft start is between 8:45 and 9:00am – it is important that children are in their classrooms ready to start the day by 9:00am. Please note that teachers start the day at 9am sharp, and staff cannot come away from the children at that time. If you need to talk with a member of staff, please arrange to do this after school.

- ✔ **Maximises Learning** – The start of the school day includes key instructions and learning that set the tone for the rest of the day.
- ✔ **Builds Good Habits** – Being on time teaches responsibility and time management, vital for future education and work.
- ✔ **Reduces Stress** – Rushing in late can make children feel anxious and unsettled, affecting their confidence and participation.
- ✔ **Avoids Disruptions** – Late arrivals can interrupt lessons, impacting both the child and their classmates.
- ✔ **Promotes Respect** – Punctuality shows consideration for teachers and peers, fostering a positive school environment.

💡 **Top Tip for Parents:** A consistent morning routine, early bedtimes, and preparing school items the night before can all help ensure your child arrives on time, ready to learn!

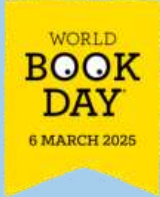
Let's work together to make every minute count! Thank you for your support in ensuring that all children arrive on time and ready for the day ahead.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term!

Fiona 😊 Head Teacher



Dates for your Diary

February 2025	
Monday 17th– Friday 21st February	Half Term Break
March 2025	
Thursday 6th March	Piccadilly class assembly at 9:15am & World Book Day
	
Thursday 13th March	St Paul's assembly at 9:15am
Thursday 20th March	Parent Teacher Meetings Trafalgar class assembly at 9:15am
Thursday 21st March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 27th March	MFest Barbican class assembly at 9:15am
April 2025	
Thursday 3rd April	Parliament class assembly at 9:15am
Friday 4th April	Last Day of Spring Term



Number Day 2025!



Prior Weston once again celebrated Number Day - raising money for the NSPCC while participating in schoolwide challenges and maths activities. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise £92.28 for the charity. In Year 3 they made times table flowers to grow a maths garden while in Year 6, children worked in teams to solve a different activity at each maths station, using dominoes, number cards and even sticks. Take a look at Tower's photos below. They needed to be methodical, resilient and resourceful to be successful. It was great to see how they persevered even when faced with some tricky problems.





NSPCC Rocks 2025!



We have some times table superstars at Prior Weston, so we couldn't resist the chance to participate in the nationwide Times Table Rockstar tournament. Every child in KS2 had a go and out of nearly 4000 schools, we came in the top 600! We are so proud of all of our children's hard work. Have a peek at our leader board below to see who our top times tablers were!

Showing all 21,235 class results Class Total Score

	Parliament Prior Weston Primary School	13,903
	Trafalgar Prior Weston Primary School	11,649
	Westminster Prior Weston Primary School	9,330
4	Tower Prior Weston Primary School	3,923
5	Piccadilly Prior Weston Primary School	3,836
6	Kew Prior Weston Primary School	3,376
7	St Pauls Prior Weston Primary School	1,049



	 Adam Pip Keely Westminster	2,869
	 Rayan Tommy Dubar Parliament	2,705
	 Luna Lezlie Silm Trafalgar	2,040
4	 Zain Jafari Twilley Parliament	2,016
5	 Mohammed Jonah Stump Westminster	1,632
6	 Alhaji Albert LeCompt Trafalgar	1,602
7	 Kento Tom Lunch Parliament	1,541
8	 George Jody Old Man O'Rock Parliament	1,508
9	 Radiyah Anonymous Parliament	1,495
10	 Maya Moo Day Trafalgar	904

U11 Islington Primary Girls Football League



A cold day at Rosemary Gardens but that didn't stop our girls from getting through to the Semi-Finals!
Well done everyone!!



U11 Islington Primary Boys Football League

Well done to the boys who dug really deep in this match. All their training and hard work ended in a good performance! Well done everyone!



5TH

March

at 9am

**Prior Weston
PTA
Coffee Morning**
Everyone is welcome!

**SERVING
TEA &
COFFEE**



Celebration Assembly

31st January 2025

Our shining stars were:

Barbican– Yanis & Julianna

St Pauls– Emiliia & Aavya

Piccadilly– Valentina & Magda

Kew– Tony & Maya

Parliament– Cairon & Zara

Trafalgar– Meherajul & Timur

Westminster– Roman & Koby

Tower– Emanuel & Malik

Celebration Assembly

7th February 2025

Our shining stars were:

Barbican– Alex & Nawaal

St Pauls– Eliana & Ian

Piccadilly– Isabell & Indiana

Kew– Mikhail & Ezel

Parliament– Ayah & Mireily

Trafalgar– Tailen & Joshua

Westminster– Taylor & Tristan

Tower– Kingsley & Nusrat

This week's Shining Stars results to be announced today. See next edition.

Health & Wellbeing Clinic dates

The next health and wellbeing clinics with a school nurse have been scheduled for the dates below:

18th March 2025

13th May 2025

25th June 2025

NHS

Whittington Health
NHS Trust

Whittington Health NHS
Islington School Nursing Services
Highbury Grange Health Centre
1-5 Highbury Grange
London N5 2QB

Telephone: 020 3316 8021



Lovely Letter



31st January 2025

The lovely letter goes to Y5

Said

What can I say about this lovely individual?. You're an incredibly kind and responsible child, always thinking about others and making sure everyone around you is happy. You're also doing the most fantastic job with your learning- listening to feedback and always finding ways to make your work even better.

I've enjoyed seeing how excited you get to share your ideas with the class in every lesson- even if it's not the most interesting topic. I'm certain that with your positive outlook on life and can-do attitude you'll be successful in anything you set your mind to. You should be very proud of yourself! Keep up the great work, Said!



7th February 2025

The lovely letter goes to Y6

Amirah

This is a long overdue lovely letter, for who could be more lovely than Amirah? I truly believe there is not a single person on this planet who could not find her lovely. She is so caring and kind to everyone all the time. She has unbelievable patience and understanding.

She constantly wants to help people and make them smile or make their days a little easier. I've loved seeing her confidence and resilience in learning grow throughout the year. Her maturity shines through and is a role model to others. Thank you for being such a lovely member of our class Amirah, your secondary school will be very lucky to have you.





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FREE

Half Term Sports club for SEND Children Ages 8-18

17th February 1pm-3pm

19th February, 10am-12pm

Golden Lane Community Centre, Fann St, EC1Y 0SA

For more info contact:
sport@cityoflondon.gov.uk



Booking essential.
Scan the QRcode or follow
the link below:



<https://tinyurl.com/SENDCoLHT>



FREE

Half Term Sports Club for Children aged 8-11

Artizan Library,
1 Artizan Street, E1 7AF

Tuesday 18th February,
10am-12pm

Friday 21st February,
10am-12pm

For more info contact:
sport@cityoflondon.gov.uk



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<https://tinyurl.com/HTARTIZAN>

