



Newsletter

04/07/2025 Summer Issue 5

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

Dear Prior Weston families,

Annual Parent Survey – Still Open!

I shared this link in the last newsletter - only 1 parent has completed it so far. We'd love to hear your views. Please take a few minutes to complete our annual parent survey – your feedback helps shape what we do. We will close the survey on Tuesday 8th July at 9am.

<https://forms.gle/GZZdkQ9jw3toc6Er9>

Run Kids Run – this Sunday! 🏃‍♀️ 🗳️ 🌳

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday for this wonderful event – a separate letter has gone out with the full arrangements for Sunday. It is not too late to sign up if you want to. Please also **share our fundraiser page** with friends and family – every donation helps us reach our goal even faster.

<https://superkind.org/campaign/prior-weston-primary-school-run-prior-weston-run-2025>

Prior West Fest:

Due to limited staff capacity and a shortage of parent volunteers this term, we've made the difficult decision to postpone Prior West Fest on July 11th. We know this will be disappointing news, but we want to ensure the event is safe, fun, and well-supported for everyone. We're hopeful we can reschedule later in the year and will keep you updated—thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Music Masters:

Over the last few weeks, I have the privilege of watching our Pathways pupils in Y5 & 6 perform in some amazing venues. In May, I watched amazing performances at the V&A with Sterling Elliot and last Sunday went to the Royal Academy of music where children were performing solos at a recital. I am so proud to see how they are developing as young musicians. They were nerve-wracking experiences and the children were amazing! You will find some pictures beneath the diary dates below.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend, and look forward to seeing a lot of you this coming Sunday! 😊

Fiona
Head Teacher

Save the date! Sunday 6th July



Dates for your Diary

July 2025	
Sunday 6th July	
Thursday 3rd July	Secondary Transition Day
Monday 7th July	Sports Day - HAC in the morning - Pitch for Early years in the afternoon
Tuesday 8th July	Music Masters Summer Concert
Friday 11th July	Barbican Class Assembly at 9:15am
Sunday 13th July	Whitecross Street Party-Music Masters performances
Monday 14th July	Reports due out to parents
Thursday 17th July	2:00pm– Y6 Production 6:00pm– Y6 Production
Friday 18th July	Y6 Sleepover
Tuesday 22nd July	1:00pm – Y6 leavers assembly

Music Masters Concerts

Before half term, the Prior Weston pupils who have been working so hard with Music Masters pathways performed in a concert held at the V & A museum.

Amongst the performers you will see Sterling Elliot. Sterling Elliot is the current Robey Artist with YCAT (Young Classical Artists Trust), and has been working with Music Masters and specifically the Pathways students closely over the last two years. The magnificent setting and stirring performances made for a wonderful evening with our accomplished musicians.

Last Sunday some of our pupils went to the Royal Academy of music where children were performing solos at a recital. Once again, our accomplished musicians made it an evening to remember with their outstanding performances.



Duckling Visitors in Parliament Class



Parliament's class had an exciting and memorable experience when a group of ducklings came to visit as part of their science topic on life cycles.

The children had the unique opportunity to observe the ducklings up close and learn about each stage of their development—from eggs to hatching, and then growing into fluffy ducklings.

This hands-on experience brought their science learning to life, sparking curiosity and engagement as they made real-world connections to their classroom lessons.

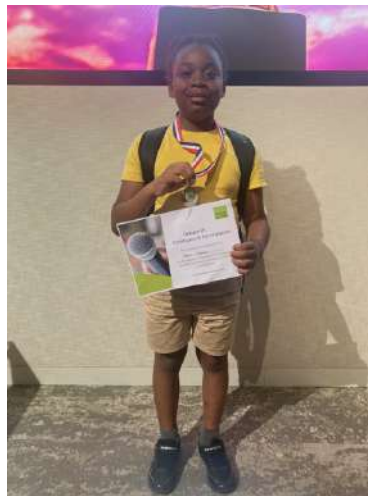
The visit was not only educational but also filled with joy and laughter, making it a fun and enriching time for everyone involved from reception to year 6; they even had a few visitors from Richard Cloudesley school.



Debate It! 2025

On Friday 27th June, Prior Weston entered the Debate It competition at Hogan Lovells law firm in Holborn.

Both teams that entered did very well, in a fiercely competitive event, and one of them finished with runners-up medals after reaching the final. In addition, the only two individual honours from the competition were both won by members of Prior Weston. Eshaal won the best speaker in the final award, and Joshua won the medal for best question asked in the final.





Hot Weather and clothing advice

Please see the advice below to ensure that we keep all children safe and comfortable in this hot weather.



• Footwear should be flat and ideally covering toes for safety reasons.

• **Crocs** (or similar), slippers, open toed sandals, flip flops and high heeled shoes should NOT be worn these are a trip hazard.



• To avoid the risk of sunburn, tops should cover the shoulders (so NO strappy tops). Some playgrounds have little shade.

• Provide a hat and apply sun cream. If you send sun cream in, remember it has to be labelled and cannot be shared.



• Avoid sunglasses for children as they can break easily and also get lost.



• Trousers, jogging bottoms or shorts must be fitted at the waist and not showing their underwear.

• Skirts, shorts and dresses should be no shorter than mid thigh length and we ask that children cover their bodies, no crop tops please.

• Please provide your child with a bottle for water, which can be refilled on site.



Free toothbrushes!

We all know how important oral health is and to celebrate and support this, there is now a box in the entrance where you can find free toothbrushes and toothpaste for your children.

Please help yourself to one toothpaste and one toothbrush for each child so there is enough for everyone.

These were donated to the school for our families to encourage a healthy oral health care routine in children as early as possible.



Prior Weston book table

Do not forget that we have our wonderful book table in the entrance for all families.

If you have appropriate children's books to donate, please bring them to the reception desk and we will ensure that they get displayed on the table for people to take.

If you see a book that you or your child likes, please help yourself and enjoy your story time. Thank you to all the wonderful families that have already donated books for other families to share and enjoy!



Abandoned bikes and scooters

We are accumulating quite a few scooters and bikes that have been left in the bike area in the Fortune park entrance.

We will start to bring in the ones which we think have been abandoned and store inside until the end of term.

If they are not collected by the end of term, Fiona will then decide whether to dispose of them or give them to families who have lost scooters or misplaced them.



Celebration Assembly

20th June 2025

Our shining stars were:

Barbican– Dylan & Julianna

St Pauls– Shelby & Teddy

Piccadilly– Valentina & Angelo

Kew– Maya & Isa

Parliament- Zara & Abdullah

Trafalgar– Timur & Toby

Westminster– Hanis & Jack

Tower– Emanuel & Rayhan

Celebration Assembly

27th June 2025

Our shining stars were:

Barbican– Jamal & Aarish

St Pauls– Yara & Lilou

Piccadilly– Jayden & Roman

Kew– Hala A & Maverick

Parliament- Weiping & George

Trafalgar– Harper & Said

Westminster– George & Kai

Tower– Latika & Jennelle

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 will be scheduled for the next academic year:

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

Issues in Fortune Park

With the days getting longer and the weather improving, you may well be spending more time outdoors. As with any issues that might occur externally, please do note whilst we will support where we can, the school does not have the capacity to manage disagreements that may take place in Fortune Park. If you do experience issues, you may wish to contact the parks or community police directly. To report antisocial behaviour, you may find the following link useful:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/physical-activity-parks-and-trees/parks-and-green-space/managing-parks-and-green-space/tell-us-about-a-problem-in-a-park>



Lovely Letter



20th June 2025

Seanna

WHAT CAN I SAY ABOUT SEANNA?

YOU TRULY DESERVE THIS AWARD, AS I HAVE WATCHED YOU BLOSSOM INTO A CONFIDENT AND CARING INDIVIDUAL WHO IS ALWAYS WANTING TO HELP OTHERS INCLUDING ME.

YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUR LEARNING IS FANTASTIC TO SEE AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT HELP IS AMAZING AND THIS IS REFLECTED IN BOTH YOUR ATTITUDE AND WORK.

YOU HAVE BUILT WITHIN YOURSELF A TREMENDOUS RESILIENCE TO OVERCOME ISSUES WHICH MAY HAVE PREVIOUSLY UPSET YOU.

YOU HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS PROGRESS THIS YEAR AND I WILL MISS THE CONVERSATIONS AND WONDERFUL SMILE ON YOUR FACE.



27th June 2025

Mikhail

MIKHAIL IS ACTUALLY A QUIETLY CONTENT PERSON WHO INDEED IS GRACIOUS AND WELL-MANNERED.

MIKHAIL IS KIND AND VERY HELPFUL AND ALWAYS PUTS OTHERS BEFORE HIMSELF.

MIKHAIL HAS GROWN IN CONFIDENCE AND HAS SHOWN THAT HE CAN TAKE FEEDBACK AND IMPROVE HIS WORK.

HE HAS A POSITIVE GROWTH MINDSET AND IS PATIENT AND COMMITTED TOWARDS ALL HIS LEARNING.

HE LOVES TO HELP AROUND THE CLASS AND IS A GREAT TEAM PLAYER AND LEADER TOO.

MIKHAIL HAS BEEN LOVELY TO TEACH EVERYDAY THIS YEAR. WELL DONE!



Iced Chocolate with the Head Teacher




Myla Jo: Piccadilly - Myla-Jo - How amazing this year has been for you. Apart from being a very popular member of the class, you are always happy to help others including adults. You always display a very happy disposition when you enter the classroom which is fantastic to see. Myla-Jo, you are an excellent example of what a model pupil should be and show the school values of a Prior Weston pupil and I am very proud to have you in my class. Well done!

Tony-Lee: Kew - Tony-Lee has the most amazing supply of positive energy and motivation to learn every day and in every lesson. He is eager to succeed in all his tasks and activities. Tony works extremely hard and always does his very best to stay focused and do the right thing. Tony's positive mindset towards having a go no matter how challenging it is - is very inspiring and he should be proud. Well done!

Samuel: Barbican - Always puts in maximum effort in phonics, taking care with his handwriting and spelling. Samuel always thinks of others first - he has a kind nature and is always on hand to help a friend in need. His can do attitude and consistent good behaviour are an example to all. Keep working hard and making us proud, well done!

Ian: St Pauls - You have such an amazing attitude towards your learning, your peers and your teachers. Everyday you come in with the biggest smile on your face and ready to learn. You are kind and caring towards everyone and truly a great role model for others. You are constantly trying your best and you are progressing amazingly! We are all so proud of you Ian! Well done on such a successful year :)



Coding & Tech Camps
@ Prior Weston School

Distinctly **Different** | Quietly **Brilliant** | Unmistakably **Exceptional**

28 July to 22 August 2025

Lego Robotics Coder Age 7 to 10	Lego Robotics Robot Wars Age 11 to 15	Roblox Game Designer Age 10 to 15	Roblox Lua Coder Age 11 to 15
Minecraft Mod Developer Age 7 to 10	Python Coder Age 10 to 15	3D Game Design Developer Age 10 to 15	Hackathon Cyber Security Age 12 to 15
Minecraft Redstone Engineer Age 8 to 12	Python OOP Age 11 to 15	Unity Game Coder Age 11 to 15	A.I. Machine Learning Age 12 to 15
Minecraft Game Coder Age 10 to 12	Java Coder Age 11 to 15	Python Game Coder Age 12 to 15	Camp Swap <small>Please may change! No problem. Unfinished changes, zero fees.</small>

Robotics | Roblox | Minecraft | Game Coders | Core Coding Skills | AI & Advanced Tech

Camp Formats

In-Person – Max 8 per tutor **Online – Max 6 per tutor**

On Location

- In-Person** Taught by a tutor in the classroom
- FlexiFive** Taught live by a subject specialist tutor online + tutor in-classroom
- Residential** Taught by a tutor in the classroom + dedicated pastoral team

EARLY DROP-OFF, LATE PICK-UP & LAPTOP HIRE AVAILABLE

Live Online

Taught live by a subject specialist tutor online
Supported by our dedicated Student Success Team (SST)

FULL DAY | MORNINGS | AFTERNOONS


FlexiHybrid (Mix of both)

Taught live by a subject specialist tutor online
Supported by our Student Success Team (SST) online
When attending in person, your child is also supported by an in-classroom tutor

SWITCH BETWEEN HOME OR ATTENDING IN PERSON

★★★★★
EE 99


Great Experience
Everything was well organised, well explained and well run and most of all my son thoroughly enjoyed it.



Neil Gibson

★★★★★
EE 99


My Son Love It!
Super course, friendly staff, my son couldn't wait to get there each day.



Karen Hodge

★★★★★
EE 99


Great Experience
Both children (12 and 15) really enjoyed the Python camp. Good experience and great sense of achievement.



Kate Edgar

★★★★★
EE 99


Outstanding Camp
Really efficient service and my children had a fantastic time and came home buzzing.



Helen Barber

★★★★★
EE 99

Just Great!
Sound advice, great learning all wrapped up in fun, it's been amazing.



James Matthew

Unmistakably Exceptional – Proven
2024 Computer Science Results

IGCSE 100% Grade 9 / 8	A Level 100% Grade A* / A
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Save the date and join the parade!

Saturday 12th July 2025, from 11am

Arrive at St Luke's Community Centre between 11-11.30am and join the carnival parade to the Whitecross Street Party for its 15th birthday!
All ages welcome!

If you belong to a community group and would like to join us please contact Carol-Ann cmcardle@splt.org.uk

 St Luke's Community Centre, 90 Central St, London EC1V 8AJ

 info@splt.org.uk  020 7549 8181

 @StLukesTrust Charity Number 207607



Celebrate 10 years of Growing Together

Who: Parents, carers and families of children aged 1-5

When: Saturday 26th July 2025

Time: 1pm-4pm

Where: Hilldrop Community Centre, Community Lane, Hilldrop Road, London N7 DJE

Light refreshments and drinks provided



Please do join us if you have used the service before!

Join us to celebrate who we are and what we do with fun, **FREE** family activities (Gardening Activities; Creative Art and more to be confirmed!)



Scan our QR code to register your interest!

