



# Newsletter

12/09/2025 Autumn Issue 1

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**Dear Prior Weston families,**

As we move into the rhythm of the new school year, I'd like to share a few important updates and reminders.

### Attendance – Every Day Counts

We are already seeing the positive impact of strong attendance on children's learning and wellbeing. Please continue to support your child by ensuring they are in school every day, on time. A reminder that **term-time holidays cannot be authorised**, and we ask that all family travel is planned during school breaks. If you have any questions or need support around attendance, our team is here to help.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning – Thursday 3rd October

We're proud to be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support again this year with our annual coffee morning. It's always a lovely community event, and we'd love your help to make it a success. If you're able to **donate cakes** (homemade or shop-bought) or **volunteer on the day** to help set up, serve or tidy away, please let the school office know. Every slice and every helping hand makes a difference.

### Year 6 Residential – Nethercot House

Our Year 6 children are heading off on their **residential trip to Nethercott House** this **Sunday**, as part of the **Farms for City Children** programme. It's a fantastic opportunity for them to experience life on a working farm, build independence, and make lasting memories. We'll be waving them off with pride and look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend,

Fiona 😊  
Head Teacher



## Dates for your Diary

<b>September 2025</b>	
<b>Sunday 14th - Friday 19th September</b>	<b>Yr 6 Farm trip to Nethercott House</b>
<b>Wednesday 10th September</b>	<b>Y6 Meet the Teacher at 3pm</b>
<b>Monday 15th September</b>	<b>Y5 Meet the Teacher at 3pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 17th September</b>	<b>Y1 &amp; Y4 Meet the Teacher at 3pm</b>
<b>Friday 19th September</b>	<b>Y2 &amp; Y3 Meet the Teacher at 3pm</b>
<b>October 2025</b>	
<b>Friday 3rd October</b>	<b>MacMillan Coffee Morning at 9am</b>
<b>Wednesday 8th October</b>	<b>Y7 Tea Party</b>
<b>Thursday 16th October</b>	<b>International Food Evening</b>
<b>Monday 27th - Friday 31st October</b>	<b>Half Term Break</b>



### 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!



### Bikes and Scooters Security



Please remember to secure any bikes or scooters left in the bike parking area with a chain or padlock. We do not want anything going missing.

Anything left in this area is done so at the owners own risk. School cannot be responsible for any losses or damages to property left in this area or within the school.

Please do not leave any bikes or scooters in the bike park at weekends or over the holidays as this area is unsecure and encourages intruders on to the site.



### Umbrella Donations



Babies and Toddlers rooms in The Children's Centre are in desperate need of umbrellas.

If you have any you can spare, please drop the off to the Reception desk.

They will be very gratefully received!

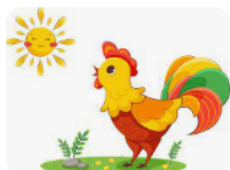


### Spare Winter Coats



Inside the foyer of the Fortune Park entrance, there is a cupboard where families can donate or take jackets and coats for their children.

As the days are starting to get colder, please have a look and see if there are any jackets or coats that will fit your child before you head off to the very expensive shops to buy them.



## Extended Day Programme



### Extended Day

Our Extended Day provision is currently compiled of Early Birds breakfast club, Night Owls after school club, Enrichment clubs and Holiday play-schemes.

### Opening Times

Monday to Friday (term time only) – excluding bank holidays and school INSET days.

Early Birds Breakfast Club; **8:00am – 8:45am**

Night Owls Afterschool Club; **3:30pm – 6:00pm**

### Parentmail

All booking and payments for Early Birds and Night Owls can be made directly through our Parentmail booking form or alternatively you can contact the extended day coordinator directly via email; [Extendedday@priorweston.islington.sch.uk](mailto:Extendedday@priorweston.islington.sch.uk).

Please note, we do require at least 2 working days' notice before bookings can be processed.

If you have an emergency situation and you need your child to attend either of our extended day options at short notice, we are very happy to allocate you a space but you will incur an emergency fee. This can also be booked directly via Parentmail or email but please inform a member of staff beforehand. Please be aware that if all of our allocated spaces are taken we may not be able to accept any further short-notice bookings.

### Early Birds breakfast club

To start the day off in the right way we offer a fantastic breakfast club! Early birds breakfast is **open from 8am** for children in Reception to Year 6. Your child can get involved with crafts, art, sports or games in addition to eating a healthy breakfast to prepare themselves for the school day at 8:45am. The cut off time for breakfast is **8:35am** and the **last drop offs are at 8:40am** to give the children enough time to prepare for the busy day ahead.

### Night Owls after school club

At Prior Weston, Night Owl's is our after school provision for children whose parents are unable to make the usual pick up time.

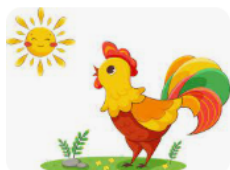
We have a bustling range of exciting, focused and also less structured activities for the Night Owls to take part in.

We are committed to providing this service not only to help support families but to also enrich our children's day outside of normal school hours.

The sessions run from **3:30pm till 6pm**, with pick up any time before 6pm.

We do provide hot food and snacks at around **4:45**, so pick up just before or just after is recommended





## Night Owls Activities



Autumn 2025-2026	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15:30 - 16:00	<b>Cut &amp; Stick!</b> 	<b>Watercolour Paints</b> 	<b>Hama Beads</b> 	<b>Clay/Play Dough</b> 	<b>Colouring Sheets</b> 
	<b>Board Games</b> Football table Uno & Top Trumps Books!	<b>Board Games</b> Football table Uno & Top Trumps Books!	<b>Board Games</b> Football table Uno & Top Trumps Books!	<b>Board Games</b> Football table Uno & Top Trumps Books!	<b>Board Games</b> Football table Uno & Top Trumps Books!
	<b>Construction Lego</b> 	<b>Construction K'nex</b> 	<b>Construction Wooden Blocks</b> 	<b>Construction Duplo</b> 	<b>Construction Lego</b> 
16:00 - 16:45	<b>Outdoor Freeplay:</b> Climbing frame/ Team Games in the Football Pitch	<b>Outdoor Freeplay:</b> Climbing frame/ Team Games in the Football Pitch	<b>Outdoor Freeplay:</b> Climbing frame/ Team Games in the Football Pitch	<b>Outdoor Freeplay:</b> Climbing frame/ Team Games in the Football Pitch	<b>Outdoor Freeplay:</b> Chalk/ 4-Square
16:45 - 17:15	<b>Snack</b> (Healthy option provided)	<b>Snack</b> (Healthy option provided)	<b>Snack</b> (Healthy option provided)	<b>Snack</b> (Healthy option provided)	<b>Snack</b> (Healthy option provided)
17:15 - 18:00	<b>Free Choice!</b>	<b>Small Hall:</b> Art	<b>Small Hall:</b> Dodgeball	<b>Small Hall:</b> Free Play	<b>Small Hall:</b> Soft Play
		<b>Main Hall:</b> Beach, Bank, River	<b>Lunch Hall:</b> Paper Aeroplanes	<b>Main Hall:</b> Team Games	<b>Main Hall:</b> Dance

\*Activities may slightly change





## Enrichment Club Offer



### Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
KS1 Arts & Crafts	Reception, Year 1 & 2	15:30 - 16:30	<b>Dan</b> Prior Weston Staff	10 weeks £40.00	In our art club we encourage the children to be creative with a wide range of artistic materials and resources 
KS2 Dodgeball	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	<b>William</b> Kick Start Coach	10 weeks £45.00	Dodgeball training sessions with Team KickStart aimed at KS2 children. Dodgeball is a high-intensity game that requires players to move quickly, dodge, and throw balls. This helps to improve children's physical fitness and hand-eye coordination
Soapbox No Ceilings	Year 5 & 6 (Girls)	15:30 - 17:30	<b>SOAPBOX</b> <a href="https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/">https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/</a>	FREE	Cooking, Dance, Music & STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

### Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
Lego	Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	<b>Dan</b> Prior Weston Staff	10 weeks £40.00	LEGO club encourages children to learn while having fun! Creativity, problem solving, and teamwork are some of the skills that "playing" with LEGO can teach children 
KS2 Football	Year 3 & 4	15:30 - 16:30	<b>William</b> Kick Start Coach	10 weeks £45.00	Football training sessions with Team KickStart coaches aimed at KS2 children with competitive matches at the end of each club
Soapbox Mixed Group	Year 5 & 6	15:30 - 17:30	<b>SOAPBOX</b> <a href="https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/">https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/</a>	FREE	Football, STEAM Club & Free Play

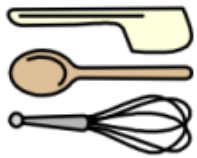




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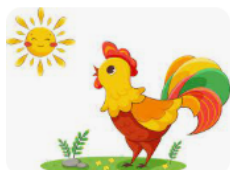
### Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
KS2 Cooking	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	<b>Siham</b> Prior Weston Staff	10 weeks £45.00	This club aims to introduce children to different foods, promote healthier eating habits, and provide opportunities to learn math and science concepts in a fun, hands-on way. Developing fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and confidence during each session  
KS1 Gymnastics	Reception, Year 1 & 2	15:30 - 16:30	<b>William</b> Kick Start Coach	10 weeks £45.00	Whether you love bouncing on the trampoline or trying out new stretches, there's lots to explore! You'll get stronger, more confident, and have loads of fun with your friends as you practice different gymnastics skills
Soapbox Mixed Group	Year 5 & 6	15:30 - 17:30	<b>SOAPBOX</b> <a href="https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/">https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/</a>	FREE	STEM Club, Art, Free Play

### Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
Chess	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	<b>Tom</b> Prior Weston Staff	10 weeks £25.00	Chess club welcomes beginners and competent players alike. If you're just learning how to play or want to test your skills against your friends
KS2 Basketball	Year 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	<b>William</b> Kick Start Coach	10 weeks £45.00	A chance for children to learn the fundamentals of Basketball with one of our KickStart sports coaches. Helping build endurance, improve balance and coordination
Debate-III	Year 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	<b>Nigel</b> Prior Weston Staff & Hogan Lovells	FREE	Volunteers from Hogan Lovells help children learn valuable skills and encourage them to challenge each other's thoughts and opinions
Sensory and Movement	SEND	15:30 - 16:30	<b>Dan</b> Prior Weston Staff	Selected children	This club runs for selected children to bridge the gap between the mandatory school day and after school enrichment activities  


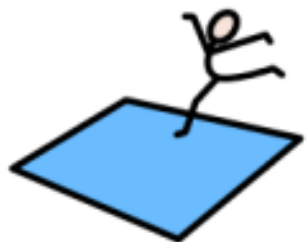




## Enrichment Club Offer



### Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
KS2 Art	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	Dan Prior Weston Staff	10 weeks £40.00	In our art club we encourage the children to be creative with a wide range of artistic materials and resources 
KS2 Gymnastics	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	Stacey Gymnastics Coach	10 weeks £50.00	Gymnastics provides unique and valuable experiences and exercise. It provides an ideal opportunity to learn about teamwork and sportsmanship 
Soapbox Drama Group	Year 5 & 6	15:30 - 17:30	SOAPBOX <a href="https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/">https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/</a>	FREE	Drama sessions aimed at year 5 & 6 children. The children will work with actors and coaches towards an end-of-year performance



# Celebration Assembly

## 5th September 2025

Our shining stars were:

**St Pauls**– Julianna & Dylan

**Piccadilly**– Jamie & Jannat

**Kew**– Sudais & Amira

**Parliament**– Zaidan & Charlyn

**Westminster**– Harper & Alhaji

**Tower**– Anita & Kilson

## SCHOOL VALUES

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

NOMINATED BY EMMA:

ELIJAH AND AMIN, YOU HAVE DONE EXCELLENT READING AND ARE AIMING HIGH TO IMPROVE. WELL DONE, KEEP UP THE GREAT EFFORT!

NOMINATED BY HANNAH:

SUDAIS - I NOTICED YOUR FANTASTIC LISTENING IN FIONA'S ASSEMBLY YESTERDAY.

NOMINATED BY TOUVONNA:

-ISLA-MAE FOR BEING IN 100% THIS WEEK! WELL DONE AND KEEP IT UP!

-SEANNA I: HAD RETURNED WITH SUCH A GROWN UP ATTITUDE AND HAS BEEN SO HELPFUL TOWARDS HER PEERS. REALLY PROUD OF YOU SEANNA. KEEP IT UP.

-ZAIDAN: I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED MY LUNCH TIMES WITH YOU AND GETTING TO KNOW YOU SO FAR.

NOMINATED CARLA AND LAURA:

JAMAL, DYLAN, JULIANA, DARCEY, JAMES, RILEY AND AARISH FOR GETTING YOUR NAME ON THE CLASS TREE OF SCHOOL VALUES! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

## The Flu



For Families of all children from Reception class to Year 6

At this time of year when the sun is starting to hide and the weather is getting cooler, we start to see bugs, viruses, colds and flu cases rise.

Please join the Flu webinars below if you have any questions or queries about the vaccines or why they are needed.



### FREE PARENT WEBINAR: THE FLU VACCINE IN CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Join us for a presentation discussing the flu vaccine in children and young people.

Topics covered:

- ✓ Why does my child need the vaccine
- 💡 Side-effects and safety
- 👤 Nasal vs injection (pork gelatine content)
- 📊 Flu data from previous years
- 🗣️ Q&A session

**Wednesday 17th September**

8:00 - 9:00pm



Microsoft Teams - scan here

login: 363 003 291 454

password: jc3J83z5

**Thursday 18th September**

6:00 - 7:00pm



Microsoft Teams - scan here

login: 310 543 675 209 5

password: gT7P9ci3





# COME ALONG TO OUR MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

**Place: The Prior Weston Central Area**

**Date: Friday 3rd October**

**Time: 9am start**



Please, please donate cakes and bakes from your family to sell on the day to raise funds for this amazing charity.

Home-made or shop-bought cakes, all sizes from mini cupcakes to family size tray-bakes are welcome.

Please remember we are a nut-free school!





## The Parent Place

*A peer-led group. By parents, for parents.*

*Are you an Islington parent or carer of children aged 5-19?*

*Are you interested in learning about parenting from trained peer parents?*

*Would you like the opportunity to discuss a range of parenting topics in a safe space?*

*Would you like to share stories and learn in a mutual environment?*

**Bright Futures are piloting our first peer-led parent group, facilitated by our trained Parent Champions!**

*For more information, please email [Lucy.Pollock@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.Pollock@islington.gov.uk)*

**When: Wednesday mornings from September–November 2025, 10am – 1pm**  
**Where: Conewood Children's Centre**

**Self-referral required, please email [Lucy.Pollock@islington.gov.uk](mailto:Lucy.Pollock@islington.gov.uk) with your name and contact details**



# TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

## FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY AFTERNOON

Sunday 14 September, 2:30-5pm  
at St Giles' Cripplegate Church & Terrace  
EC2Y 8DA

Hosted by  
St Giles' Cripplegate Church  
&  
The Jewish Square Mile  
part of the  
Mayor's Community Weekend

BRING A TEDDY

KLEZMER MUSIC

CREATIVE TABLE

FACE PAINTING

SNACKS

TEDDY ZIP-WIRE

# THE JEWISH SQUARE MILE

1000 YEARS OF HISTORY



Discover the history of England's first Jewish community through stories, rare artefacts and an immersive installation adjacent to the historic site

## REVEALING THE MEDIEVAL JEWISH CEMETERY

Exhibition

5-16 September 2025  
10:00am-5.00pm

St Giles' Cripplegate  
Barbican, EC2Y 8DA

[www.thejewishsquaremile.org](http://www.thejewishsquaremile.org)

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# BARTHOLOMEW FAYRE

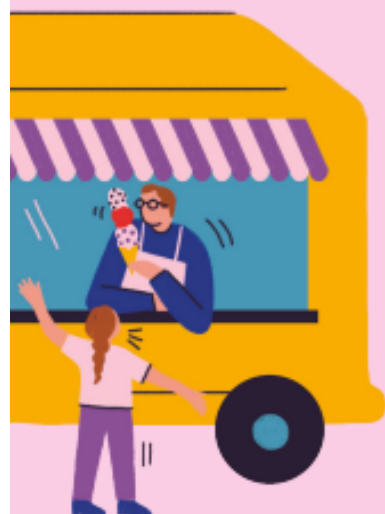
A radical neighbourhood festival for all ages

Friday 19 September, 4–8pm  
& Saturday 20 September,  
11am–7pm

Smithfield Rotunda Garden

Everyone is welcome,  
Entry is free!

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TO THE  
PEOPLE



Bartholomew Fayre is part  
of Open House Festival 2025.  
**Follow this link** to the Open House  
website for more information.



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## Welcome to Bartholomew Fayre

Join us for two jam-packed days of **free neighbourhood fun** taking over Smithfield for all ages. Enjoy an exciting mix of hands-on art, talks and walking tours and live performances inspired by the anarchic joyousness of the original Bartholomew Fair and the radical histories of Clerkenwell, Farringdon and Smithfield.

Get stuck into everything from zine making and puppetry workshops to music and poetry performances, arts and crafts, graffiti art, imaginative play, food and drink available to purchase and loads more.



Thank you to our partners, supporters and funders.

Supported by the City of London Corporation's Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund and with public funding by Arts Council England.

Advance booking is recommended for some activities. Capacity is limited, and you may need to wait during busy times for some activities. Information is correct at time of going to print.

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# FIRST CITY OF LONDON (LORD MAYOR'S OWN) SCOUT GROUP



## Information for New Group Members

Scouting is a world-wide movement, with the aim of developing young people into responsible citizens through a lot of fun, challenge, and adventurous activities.

This Scout Group operates in three sections, covering the age range of 6 to 14 years. The two senior sections (Explorers & Network) operate at District level. Age ranges covered are:

Beaver Scouts	(6 – 8-year-olds)
Cub Scouts	(8 - 10½ year olds)
Scouts	(10½ - 14-year-olds)
Explorer Scouts	(14 – 18-year-olds)
Scout Network	(18 – 25-year-olds)

Membership in all sections is open to both boys and girls.

The underlying values of Scouting are laid down in the Scout Promise and Scout Law, and all young people who join the Scout Movement will work to develop these values. *Please note that there are variations of the promise for all faith groups – as well as for those who do not follow any religious path.*

### The Traditional Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God and to The King, to help other people and to keep the Scout Law.

### The Scout Law

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the world-wide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

### Website

The group operates [www.cityoflondonscouts.org.uk](http://www.cityoflondonscouts.org.uk) where more information is available together with spare activity consent forms.

All enquiries can be directed to John Cronin – [gsl@cityoflondonscouts.org.uk](mailto:gsl@cityoflondonscouts.org.uk)



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