



Newsletter

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



Dear Prior Weston families,

As we reach the end of a very busy and rewarding first half of the autumn term, I want to take a moment to thank all our children, families, and staff for their energy, commitment, and positivity over the past eight weeks. It's been a fantastic start to the year, with so much to celebrate across the school and Children's Centre.

Highlights this half term have included our much-loved **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, which brought families and staff together in support of a great cause, and our vibrant **International Food Festival**, where we shared and celebrated the many cultures that make our community so special. Events like these really capture the warmth and spirit of Prior Weston.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed their time, food, and enthusiasm - and to our staff team for their continued hard work ensuring the children have such rich and engaging learning experiences every day.

Looking ahead, next half term we'll be focusing on **re-invigorating our PTA**. We'll be holding a **coffee morning early in the term** for anyone interested in getting involved — whether you're keen to help plan events, lend a hand occasionally, or just find out more, everyone is warmly welcome.

A reminder that school is closed next week for the half-term holiday. **Monday 3rd November is an INSET day** for staff training, and children return on **Tuesday 4th November**.

Wishing everyone a restful and happy half-term break.

Fiona
Head teacher



Dates for your Diary

October 2025	
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October	Half Term Break
November 2025	
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day for School and Children's Centre
Tuesday 4th November	Welcome Back to School
Monday 10th - Friday 14th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 6th November	Re-scheduled Year 2 trip to London Zoo
Monday 10th November	Reception class—Year 6 Catch-up Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 13th November	Parent/Teacher meetings 3:30 - 7:30
Friday 14th November	School Photos - Individual and Siblings
Wednesday 26th November	Year 5 trip to Shoreditch Fire Station
December 2025	
Tuesday 2nd December	Years 2, 3 and 4 trip to the Pantomime at The Hackney Empire 12:00—4:30pm
Thursday 11th December	Years 5 and 6 trip to the Pantomime at The Hackney Empire 12:00-4:30pm



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 or for themselves.

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 or you before you head off to the expensive shops to buy them.



Every Day Counts: The Importance of Good Attendance



This year the attendance team will be Touvonna and Bev working with Fiona to improve our whole school attendance and punctuality.

At Prior Weston we know that regular attendance makes a huge difference to your child's learning, confidence, and happiness at school.

Every day counts, and every lesson missed is a chance lost to build on skills, make progress, and join in with their classmates.

Children who attend school regularly are far more likely to achieve their best, both academically and socially. For example:

- Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to nearly 20 days across the school year – that's almost a full month of learning lost.
- Attendance that drops to 90% (just one day off every fortnight) means a child misses the equivalent of half a year of school by the time they leave primary.
- National studies show that children with attendance above 95% achieve better in reading, writing, and maths, and are more confident learners.

Good attendance also helps children develop routines, build strong friendships, and take full advantage of the exciting opportunities our school provides.

Last year our average attendance for the school was **88.9%**. The national average was **95.5%**. As a result we are now a focus school for the local authority who will be monitoring our attendance.

We have set a whole school target for the end of the year for our school average to be 93% (above would be even better!)

Of course, we understand that children are sometimes unwell and need to stay at home. But keeping absences to a minimum makes a huge difference to their progress. If you're ever unsure whether your child is well enough for school, please get in touch—we're here to help.

Together, let's make every day count and give our children the very best start in life!

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

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He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year

Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is....
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

School Bags for Sale

Just a reminder that we sell a selection of Prior Weston school bags.
We have Rucksacks, book bags and PE bags all available through Parentmail.

It can help with that morning mayhem that we all face to have different bags already packed and ready to go for PE, swimming or forest school day, or just having reading books and homework all in one place and easy to find.

Any bag can be used for school, however, with a branded bag there is more chance of having it returned should it be left in the park or on the bus if it has the school name on it.

Please remember that whatever bag your child brings to school should have their name and class on it so it can be reunited as quickly as possible with its owner.

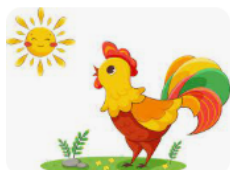
PE bags—£5:00
Rucksacks—£10:00
Book bags—£5:00



Stay Safe and have a Happy Half Term Break!

Remember
Monday 3rd November
is an INSET Day
for staff from
Prior Weston School
and
The Children's Centre

Pupils will be back on site on
Tuesday 4th November.



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.

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.

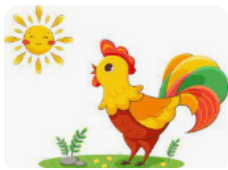
We have a bustling range of exciting, focused and also less structured activities for the Night Owls to take part in.

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





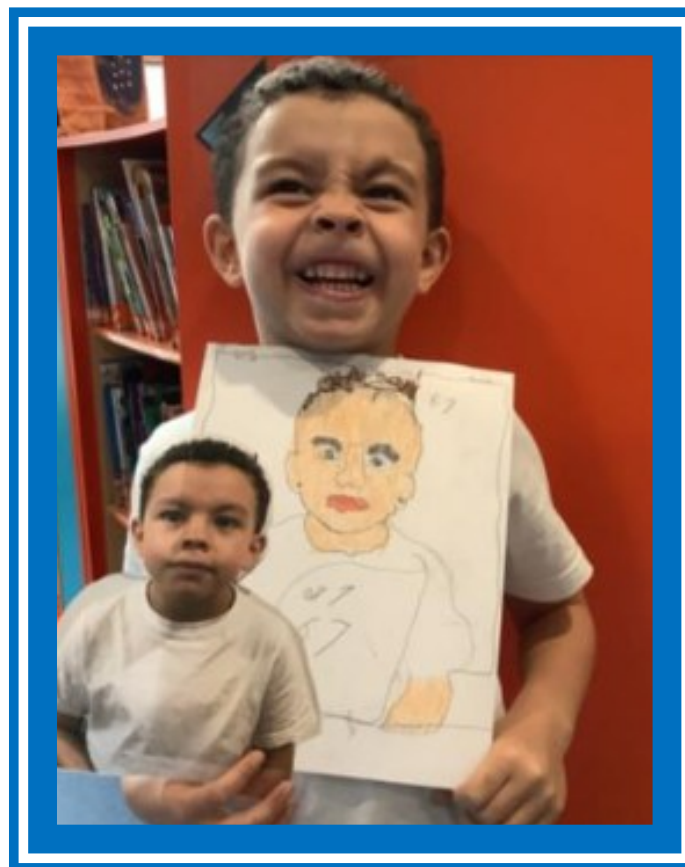
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Art Club

Art Club have been creating some incredible self-portraits. We definitely have some Pablo Picassos, Frida Kahlos and Vincent van Goghs in the making!

Self-portraits help develop self-awareness and confidence, improve observational and fine motor skills, and provide a creative way to learn about identity and diversity.



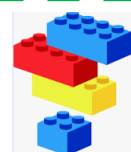


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Lego Club

Lego Club members have been designing their own spaceships and bug-hotels. They started by choosing a theme and then sketching a unique blueprint. Afterwards, they carefully selected the pieces to bring their ideas to life



Democracy and our Local Government



On Friday 17th October, Councillor Micheline Safi- Ngongo visited Prior Weston along with several members from the London Borough of Islington.

There was Santiago Bell, Will Smith, Candy Holder & Jon Abbey.

They came to talk to the Year 6 pupils in Tower and Westminster class about democracy and answered questions put to them by our young people.

We were extremely proud of how our Year 6 pupils conducted themselves and the questions they were able to ask.





Firstly, thank you so much for all the wonderful dishes that were made and prepared with such love for our whole school community to share.

Secondly, thank you to all of the families that attended, enjoyed delicious food together and helped to raise much appreciated funds towards supporting school trips and events for the children.

Together, we managed to raise £140.

We also have much appreciation for those that helped to organise and run this community building and fundraising event.

These events could not happen without our wonderful volunteers. **We are always looking for people to join the School PTA.**



International Evening!





Prior Weston Football Teams!



The Prior Weston boys' football team delivered an outstanding performance during their competition on the 14th of October. Demonstrating great teamwork, determination, and skill, the team showcased impressive passing, strong defence, and excellent communication on the field. Their hard work during training clearly paid off as they played with confidence and discipline throughout the matches. Several standout players made crucial contributions, helping the team secure well-deserved victories and earn praise from both coaches and spectators for their sportsmanship and competitive spirit.

A week later, on the 21st of October, the Prior Weston girls' football team took to the field and continued the school's proud tradition of excellence. The girls played with energy and enthusiasm, showing great coordination and tactical awareness. Their teamwork was evident in every play, as they supported one another and maintained focus under pressure. With strong performances from both the defence and attack, the team managed to impress everyone with their determination and skill. Their commitment and positive attitude throughout the competition reflected the spirit of Prior Weston and set a great example for future players.



Celebration Assembly

10th October 2025

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls– Elias & Nawaal

Piccadilly– Lilou & Robert

Kew– Dawud & Seanna

Parliament- Nancy & Mikhail

Tower– Amirah & Radiyah

Westminster– Cielo & Ismail

Celebration Assembly

17th October 2025

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls– James & Riley

Piccadilly– Yara & Nadira

Kew– Angelo & Kerry

Parliament- Anisha & Ezel

Tower– George & Ayah

Westminster– Jasmine & Maya

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

Weather appropriate clothing

As the days are getting colder and wetter, please send your child in with the appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather each day.

As more children start to bring in hats, scarfs and gloves, please ensure these are labelled by sewing or sticking in a name tag or writing your child's name in them, This will help to identify the owners of any lost items a lot easier and quicker.



Issues in Fortune Park

With the days getting shorter and the weather quickly getting darker and colder, you may well be spending less time outdoors. However, you may still be using the park for as long as you can. 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



10th October 2025

Isabell

THE Y4 TEAM HAVE ALL NOTICED HOW RESILIENT YOU HAVE BECOME IN YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUR WORK, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT IS A CHALLENGE.

THEY HAVE NOTICED YOUR FOCUS AND HOW HARD YOU ARE TRYING.

THIS CAN DO APPROACH IS GIVING GREAT RESULTS.

YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOURSELF.



17th October 2025

Hala

IT HAS BEEN SUCH A PLEASURE TEACHING HALA.

I HAVE SEEN A REMARKABLE IMPROVEMENT IN HER LEARNING ATTITUDE — SHE HAS BECOME KIND, HELPFUL, AND HIGHLY SUPPORTIVE OF HER PEERS.

HALA COMMUNICATES EFFECTIVELY, LISTENS CAREFULLY, AND FOLLOWS INSTRUCTIONS WITH GREAT ATTENTION.

SHE WORKS EXCEPTIONALLY WELL IN A TEAM, SHOWING STRONG COLLABORATION AND RESPECT FOR OTHERS' IDEAS.

HER POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP MAKE HER A WONDERFUL ROLE MODEL IN THE CLASSROOM.
KEEP AIMING HIGH, HALA!



The Flu



For Families of all children from Reception class to Year 6

Vaccination Catch Up Date: 10th November pm

The school vaccination team will be re-visiting school for a flu vaccination catch-up session in the upcoming weeks.

If you have not yet completed an online consent or refusal form for your child for this flu season, we kindly request that you take this opportunity to do so at your earliest convenience.



If you have already submitted a form for your child this flu season, there is no need to complete another one.

However, if you have submitted a form and your child has not yet been vaccinated, the school vaccination team will attempt again at the catch-up session.



If you have not yet given permission, there is still time!

IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS A SCHOOL IN ISLINGTON, PLEASE SEE ADDRESS BELOW:

<https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/ISLINGTON>

If you wish to book your child into a community clinic instead, please see address below:

<https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book>

For any further information or queries, please email: haringey@v-uk.co.uk or islington@v-uk.co.uk



SOM submits plans for 20-storey Barbican and Prior Weston School neighbour

SOM has submitted proposals for a 20-storey office building in the City of London, neighbouring the Barbican. The scheme, for developer Lipton Rodgers and investor La Salle, involves demolishing an existing office building on a 0.57ha plot at 1 Silk Street, opposite the Barbican's Silk Street entrance. The proposed 90,700m² replacement office scheme, would sit above cultural and retail use on the ground floor and feature a pedestrian arcade running through the site between Silk Street and Milton Street. Below is the QR code for the public consultation and what it may look like.

WELCOME

ONE SILK STREET

Welcome to our public consultation on 1 Silk Street.

Our vision is to enliven this strategic location and create a best-in-class office building that is sustainable, with new public amenities, streetscape and spaces for everyone to enjoy.

The project team are available to answer any questions you may have and discuss the proposals in more detail.

We look forward to hearing your feedback.

Have your say

We would be grateful if you could complete our online feedback form by scanning the QR code. If you would prefer to fill out a paper form, please speak to one of the team.

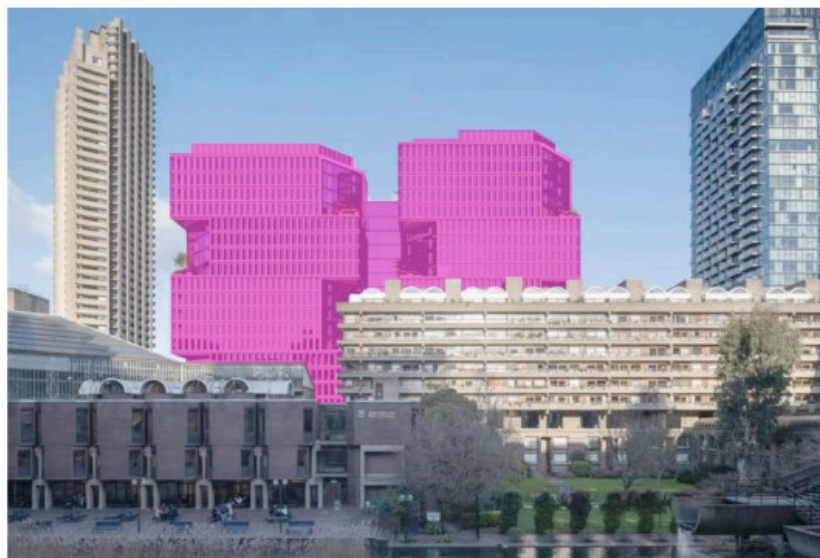


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SILK STREET CAMPAIGN



The new proposed building will be over 60% larger than the present one, and up to twice the height.



1 SILK STREET CONSULTATION & COMMENTS

As you will know from our last newsletter, the planning application for 1 Silk Street is now validated by the City and 'live' for comments. The formal letters that have been delivered to certain properties indicate a closing date for comments of 29 October.

To view the application on the City's Planning Portal click [HERE](#), and if you want to fast track to an objection, click [HERE](#). (If the links don't work, the references are 25/00829/FULEIA and 25/00830/LBC.)

There is a Campaign group who are opposed to the build and have also asked for their details to be shared.

These are on the right

Whatever your views may be on this new planning application, you can have your say through the consultation process.