



Newsletter

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Dear Prior Weston families,
As we come to the end of term, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to our children, families and staff for everything you've poured into Prior Weston this year. I'm sorry that I wasn't able to be present for some of the final days of term due to a family emergency which required me to be in Scotland. I'm grateful for your understanding, and especially thankful to our brilliant staff team for ensuring everything continued smoothly. I have been in regular touch with the SLT and I cannot wait to watch the video of our annual Festive Extravaganza including Year 1 and 2's Penguin Pete! Yesterday's show had some visitors from Islington Council who were blown away by our amazing children – I hope you all enjoyed it too.

This season is a time for rest, gratitude and community. Whether you're spending the break close to home or travelling to see loved ones, I hope you find moments of calm, laughter and love. Looking ahead, we have a positive year in front of us. We'll continue to build on what makes Prior Weston special: a rich, ambitious curriculum; strong pastoral care; and the partnerships with families and our wider community that help every child to thrive. Together, we'll keep championing creativity, effort and kindness so that every pupil can shine.

Wishing you a safe and happy festive season, and look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th January.

Fiona 😊
Head Teacher





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Dear Prior Weston families,

If you need help or support over the break or at any time of the year, please see some helpful links below:

For Support for Online Safety: The **Safer Internet Centre** offers guidance on device-specific safety settings, and resources like **Childnet International** provide tools for creating family agreements around technology use.

For Mental Health Resources: Organisations like **MIND** offer practical advice and helplines throughout the Christmas period, while services such as **The Samaritans** (open 24/7 on 116 123), **Mental Health Support For Young People** | **YoungMinds** and **Childline** provide immediate help for anyone struggling.

For Support in London: In London, families can also access tailored resources through **Good Thinking** a digital wellbeing service designed specifically for Londoners.

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Head Teacher



Dates for your Diary

December 2025

**Friday 19th
December**

**End of school Term
2pm finish**

January 2026

**Monday 5th
January**

**INSET day -
School and Children's Centre
closed to students**

**Tuesday 6th
January**

Welcome back to school





Helmet Donations



The Children's Centre are in need of any **helmets** for bicycles or scooters that you may no longer want or need. If you do have any that you would be happy to donate, please drop them off at reception. They would be very grateful.



Free toothpaste!



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 toothpaste for your children. Please help yourself to one toothpaste 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.



Towel & Umbrella Donations



Babies and Toddlers rooms in The Children's Centre are in desperate need of some big, clean towels for their water play areas and still need 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. There are also spare gloves, hats, scarves and shoes. 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.

Attendance Awards



Today, The children who had the most improved attendance and those who had achieved between 96 and 100% attendance were celebrated in assembly.

They all got certificates and some got prizes.

Others had the opportunity to attend the Attendance Tea Party this afternoon.

Well done to all of them for this great success!





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



Celebration Assembly

28th November 2025

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Ella & Lev

St Pauls - Dylan & Jamal

Piccadilly - Jannat & Robert

Kew - Indiana & Adem

Parliament - Maysa & Charlyn

Tower - Elnathan & Saanjana

Westminster - Harper & Sol

Celebration Assembly

5th December 2025

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Lewis & Maya

St Pauls - Darcey & Callie

Piccadilly - Eliana & Zino

Kew - Hiram & Angelo

Parliament - Elianna & Mikhail

Tower - Rayan & Emily

Westminster - Cielo & Meherajul

The ARP - Skye

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



28th November 2025

Elijah

WOW AND WOW—WHAT A PLEASURE IT IS TO NOMINATE ELIJAH! HAVING HIM IN PARLIAMENT CLASS TRULY BRIGHTENS EACH DAY, AND THERE IS NEVER A DULL MOMENT.

HIS CURIOSITY, POSITIVITY, AND DETERMINATION TO DO HIS BEST SHINES THROUGH IN EVERY LESSON.

ELIJAH APPROACHES HIS LEARNING WITH ENTHUSIASM AND RESILIENCE, ALWAYS STRIVING TO IMPROVE AND COMPLETE TASKS WITH CARE.

ALONGSIDE HIS DEDICATION, HE BRINGS A JOYFUL ENERGY THAT MAKES BOTH HIS PEERS AND THE ADULTS AROUND HIM SMILE.

THANK YOU, ELIJAH—YOUR HARD WORK AND WONDERFUL SPIRIT MAKE US INCREDIBLY PROUD!



5th December 2025

Uliana

ULIANA MIGHT BE ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING CHILDREN I'VE EVER TAUGHT. SHE HAS SO MANY INTERESTS AND PIECES OF KNOWLEDGE THAT I DISCOVER EACH DAY AND SHE'S A FASCINATING PERSON TO TALK TO. SHE IS UNAFRAID TO SHARE HER OPINIONS AND IS CONFIDENTLY AND COMFORTABLY HERSELF. SHE KNOWS WHAT SHE STANDS FOR AND WHAT SHE THINKS IS RIGHT OR WRONG. SHE IS KIND AND PATIENT TO ALL THOSE AROUND HER, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEY'RE HER FRIENDS OR NOT AND IS POLITE AND WELL-MANNERED TO ALL ADULTS.

SHE WORKS HARD AND IS CONSCIENTIOUS AND SHOWS A THIRST FOR LEARNING.

I'VE LOVED GETTING TO KNOW HER THIS TERM AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FINDING OUT MORE INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HER.



Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Amin: Parliament- Amin is a wonderful role model, who always tries his best, make excellent use of the resources available to help himself in his learning- all while displaying consistently lovely manners. Keep aiming high, Amin!

Radiyah: Tower - Wow! Where to begin? Radiyah is a shining star of Tower class. She is always giving her very best in her learning. Lately, she has been taking on lots of feedback in lessons as well as working really well with her partner in order to do the best she can. Outside of the classroom, she is kind, thoughtful and helpful to all at Prior Weston.

Emily KOH: - She is always wonderfully polite to adults and consistently offers to help out. She works hard to show kindness to people and reflects on how situations could be handled in the future. She is hard-working and completes her learning quietly with zero distractions.

Sienna B:

She is a wonderfully kind and thoughtful member of our class. Her respectful attitude shines in everything she does. She has been trying so hard with her learning, and her effort is really making a difference. Well done Sienna!

Maysa:

Wow and Wow, Maysa shines brightly in every lesson, always engaged in her learning, answering questions with enthusiasm, and sharing brilliant ideas with the class. Maysa displays excellent behaviour inside and outside the classroom, she is a true role model—brave, kind, and a joy to learn alongside! Well Done, Maysa!

Iced Chocolate with the Headteacher



Hajime: Barbican - You have consistently shown respect and kindness to everyone at school. You are always willing to have a go in new learning; no matter how difficult it may be. You are well spoken and show immense about of curiosity which help with developing on your existing skills.

Alex R: St Pauls - You are always so ready, respectful and safe. You are communicating well with adults about your wants and needs and have been really engaged in all lessons and carpet sessions. You are engaged in your work and always try hard! Well done Alex! We are very proud of you.

Aavya: Piccadilly - This award is truly deserved. You continually meet the values of a Prior Weston pupil. Your behaviour, attitude, kindness and interaction with both adults and children is exceptional and this makes you very popular in the class. it is a pleasure to have you in the class. Congratulations!

Anisa: St Pauls - You are always demonstrating the school values of ready, respectful and safe. You are always so focused in all lessons and have great resilience when it comes to your work. I am so proud of you!

Children's Centre Christmas Parties

Yesterday Babies and Toddler had a day filled of festivity! The children all had a fantastic time eating our delicious Christmas lunch.

They then had a wonderful Christmas party in both rooms!

The children had a special visitor who surprised them all the way from the north pole.... SANTA!

The children got a present from Santa.

A really BIG thank you and shout out to Iris's dad (John) for dressing up as Santa and making all our children happy.





This week, our very own Choir Weston went to the Ecovis offices in the city to regale them with their wonderful singing and fundraise for our school. Everyone there was amazingly generous and Father Christmas even made an appearance which the children and the staff very much enjoyed.



As well as digging deep into their pockets on the day and making our pupils feel so welcome and appreciated, the team at Ecovis help to fund the daily bagels we have each morning and they have also donated fantastic hampers to lend a helping hand at this time of the year for a selection of our families. Thank you Ecovis





Choir Weston

Our wonderful Choir Weston have had a busy time this half term. Not only did they visit the offices of Ecovis, but they also performed for all of the stall-holders and customers in Whitecross Street market while some of our other pupils ran a very successful cake stall.



The voices of the children were ringing out across the market, either as 'market cries' advertising and selling cakes like true traders pulling the punters in, or the melodious singing of our talented choir. They grabbed the attention of all who passed by.



Through all of the fundraising we raised a staggering total of **£938.90!** That is **£610.00** raised through the cake stall and Choir Weston performance in Whitecross Street and **£328.90** raised through the performance at the Ecovis offices.

Well Done Everyone!





Christmas lunch

It was with a Christmas wish and lots of hard work that the whole Campus got to enjoy a delicious Christmas meal this week after our ovens broke at a crucial moment last week. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed their lunch while Christmas music rang out all around them.

We would like to say a massive thank you to the premises team for sorting out the ovens so quickly and of course the Caterlink team for all their hard work to bring it all together!



Year 4 Swimming



Next term Year 4 will be having their block of swimming lessons. They will start their weekly sessions on **Tuesday 13th January**. They will have swimming every Tuesday for the spring term.

Swimming is a vital life skill. It is a statutory curriculum requirement, and at the end of Year 6 there is an assessment as children should be able to swim 25 meters in a pool. It is therefore vital that your child is in all sessions.

Our teaching sessions are at the pool in City for London School for Girls and are delivered by their swim coaches. There is no cost to families.

Swimming kit must be brought in **each Tuesday** and needs to include:

· **suitable swimming costumes (no shorts or bikinis) to wear while swimming**



· **a towel and a bag**

· **A swimming cap**



· **Goggles**

A swimming cap is compulsory for all students. We have some spare hats at reception so please let the office team know if you need one. If your child has verruca's, please ensure they have **verruca socks** to cover their feet.

SLAUGHTER AND MAY /

THANK YOU TO THE READING VOLUNTEERS

THE YEAR 5 CHILDREN
WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU
FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO THE
LUNCHTIME
READING SESSIONS
THIS YEAR, WHICH
HAS HELPED SUPPORT AND
ENRICH THEIR READING
EXPERIENCE.

WE ARE INCREDIBLY GRATEFUL
TO HAVE THIS OFFER AVAILABLE
TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

PLEASE SEE THE NEXT PAGE
FOR THE CHILDREN'S
CERTIFICATES

Reading Achievement Certificate

This certificate is proudly presented to _____

For showing great enthusiasm and making excellent progress in reading.

Well done to all the Year 5 readers for their dedication and commitment to the reading sessions!

They were all presented with a lovely Certificate in Celebration assembly for their achievement

Elianna

Ritaj

Maya **Jean-Luc** **Maysa** **Charlyn** **Ezel**



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Please VOTE for us in Tesco stores from
January 2026 until the end of March 2026!

We need to get the most tokens to be in with a chance of winning up to
£1,500.00 for Prior Weston School.

Please see below for a list of the stores taking part in the voting for our project!



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Broadgate Quarter Express Express EC2A 2A

London Aldgate Express E1 6BF
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Smithfield Express EC1A 9LR
Old Broad Street Express EC2N 1AR

Commercial Street Express E1 6NF
Aldersgate Express EC1A 4JQ
Whitechapel Express Express E1 1DU
Commercial Road Express Express E1 2BT

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