



# Newsletter

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Dear Prior Weston families,

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to thank you all for your continuing support and understanding during my recent absence due to a personal matter. I am hoping to return shortly after the half-term break and am very much looking forward to being back in school.

My sincere thanks go to Bev and our Senior Leadership Team for stepping up so seamlessly in my absence. Their professionalism, care and commitment have ensured that the school has continued to run smoothly, with our children remaining at the heart of all that we do.

I am very much looking forward to seeing all of our children and families when I return and to continuing our work together.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

Fiona :)

Head teacher



## Dates for your Diary

<b>February 2026</b>	
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February	Half Term Break
Wednesday 25th February	Year 3 Music Masters Creative Workshop - National Gallery
<b>March 2026</b>	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - Parade from 2:45pm - 3:15pm
Wednesday 11th March	Year 1 Bright Sparks Concert @ Royal Festival Hall
Friday 20th March	Red Nose Day
Thursday 26th March	Music Masters Spring M Fest
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	End of Spring Term Break
<b>April 2026</b>	
Monday 13th April	Welcome Back
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 29th April	Year 4 Condoover Residential Trip
<b>May 2026</b>	
Friday 15th May	Parliament class assembly @ 9.15am
Friday 22nd May	Kew class assembly @ 9.15am



### 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.



## 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



## Celebration Assembly

16th January 2026

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican** - Luqman & Louie

**St Pauls** - Nawaal & Aarish

**Piccadilly** - Emily & Muna

**Kew** - Sienna. B & Amira

**Parliament** - Ritaj & Isa

**Tower** - Kento & Kilson

**Westminster** - Joshua & Alhaji

## Celebration Assembly

23rd January 2026

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican** - Ella & Kareem

**St Pauls** - Alex D & Riley

**Piccadilly** - Asiya & Nadira

**Kew** - Kerry & Dawud

**Parliament** - Amin & Nisan

**Tower** - Zara & Omar

**Westminster** - Uliana & Jasmine

**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



16th January 2026

Oliver

IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE HOW HARD YOU HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COME TO SCHOOL EACH DAY WITH A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. EVEN WHEN IT FEELS CHALLENGING,

YOU ARE SHOWING REALLY COURAGE AND DETERMINATION BY BEING HERE ON TIME AND READY TO LEARN. YOUR EFFORTS TO BECOME MORE RESILIENT HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED, AND YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOURSELF.

YOU ARE A GREAT ROLE MODEL TO OTHERS WITH THE WAY YOU KEEP TRYING AND NEVER GIVE UP. KEEP BELIEVING IN YOURSELF,

YOU ARE DOING AN AMAZING JOB AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.



23rd January 2026

Maysa

AND THE WINNER IS MAYSA! SHE FILLS EVERY DAY WITH ENTHUSIASM, KINDNESS, AND A READINESS TO LEARN, JOYFULLY SHARING HER IDEAS AND LIFTING THE WHOLE CLASS WITH HER POSITIVITY.

HER TEAMWORK, GENEROSITY, AND LEADERSHIP MAKE HER TRULY ADMIRABLE—WELL DONE, YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF YOURSELF, AND KNOW THAT IT IS SUCH A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE YOU AS A TREASURED MEMBER OF THE CLASS.

YOUR DETERMINATION, CREATIVITY, AND UNWAVERING WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT OTHERS MAKE YOU STAND OUT EVEN MORE. YOU INSPIRE THOSE AROUND YOU SIMPLY BY BEING YOURSELF, AND YOUR PRESENCE MAKES OUR CLASSROOM A BRIGHTER, HAPPIER PLACE.

THANK YOU, MAYSA!





## World Book Day - Thursday March 5th



We're excited to celebrate **World Book Day** at Prior Weston on **Thursday 5th March!**

Children from the Children's Centre up to Year 6 will enjoy a fun-filled day of activities, including decorating classroom doors, puppet-making, competitions, online author events and, of course, our much-loved World Book Day Parade.

We know that dressing up is a highlight for many families, but we also understand that budgets are tight. Costumes don't need to be expensive—there are lots of simple and affordable ideas available here:

<https://www.netmums.com/world-book-day/top-world-book-day-costume-ideas>

### Parade Details

Children in Years 1–6 will take part in a parade through Fortune Park and along Golden Lane from approximately **2:45pm–3:15pm**.

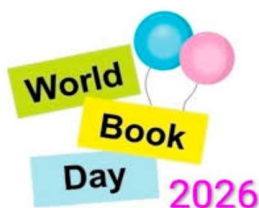
Our younger children will join in from the foyer and show off their costumes too.

Families are warmly invited to come along—and feel free to dress up!

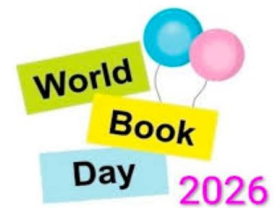
We will send more information closer to the time.

At the end of the day, every child will receive a **£1 World Book Day book token**, which can be swapped for a free £1 book or used to get money off a higher-priced book or audiobook at participating booksellers.

We can't wait to celebrate the joy of reading together—thank you, as always, for your fantastic support.



Thanks, Aoife





## Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Team



Our Year 5/6 girls' football team delivered an outstanding performance at this year's Arsenal girls tournament!

Competing against a strong field of teams, they demonstrated incredible skill, teamwork, and spirit — winning 5 of the 6 matches they played.

Every player showed determination and confidence on the pitch, and their commitment paid off with some truly memorable moments throughout the day.



A huge well done to the squad and thanks to all the coaches and supporters who cheered them on!

## Year 5 Forest School – Spring Term Highlights

Year 5 have had a wonderful start to the spring term at Forest School, embracing every activity with enthusiasm and curiosity.

They enjoyed creating bird nests, popping corn over the fire, and working together to make their own sandwiches, which they paired with a warm drink on those chilly winter mornings.

The mud kitchen proved as popular as ever, and pupils loved digging for worms and exploring the natural environment.

A real highlight was learning how to light a fire safely, showing great teamwork and responsibility throughout.

It has been a fun, hands-on and memorable half-term, and the children are already looking forward to continuing their Forest School adventures after the break.



## Year 5 Forest School – Spring Term Highlights





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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!



Bishopsgate Express Express EC2M 4LN  
London St Katherin Express E1W 1LE  
Bank Express Express EC2V 6EE  
Broadgate Quarter Express Express EC2A 2A

London Aldgate Express E1 6BF  
Monument Express Express EC3M 1AE  
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

Mansell Street Express Express E1 8AL  
St Pauls Express EC2V 6BJ  
London Blackfriar Express EC4V 6HX  
London St Botolphs Express EC3A 7DH



Please help us to fill the collection pots in these Tesco stores with more blue tokens than anyone else so that we can raise much needed funds for our school!

## Year 4 Swimming



This 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 and taken home **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.



## Free Vegan Pasties



Waitrose has very kindly donated quite a few frozen Vegan pasties to the school and we are offering some to any families that would like them.

Please let Reception or Premises team know you are interested and they will sort them out for you.

