



# Newsletter

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Dear Prior Weston families,

This is my first newsletter since my return to work following my mother's illness and passing last month. I would like to start by thanking you all for your messages of support and condolence since I have been back. I have been very touched by all the kindness I have been shown. I would also like to thank Bev and the senior leadership team for doing such a great job of holding the fort in my absence.



Later this month, we will be saying a warm farewell to Adam, our Office Manager, who is retiring after seven years at Prior Weston. He has been a steady, friendly, unflappable and invaluable presence at the heart of the school, and we are deeply grateful for all he has contributed. His last day will be the final day of term, Friday 27th March, and we wish him every happiness in his retirement.

This week, we were delighted to hold a community iftar here at school - a shared meal marking the moment Muslims break their fast during Ramadan. It was a beautiful evening that brought families, staff and friends together, with an incredible spread of home-cooked dishes and amazing food contributed by our community. The atmosphere was warm, welcoming and full of connection, and we are so grateful to everyone who joined us and helped make the event so special – an event we would love to make an annual one!



Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Fiona 😊

Head Teacher





## In memoriam - Hadice Seyfullahoglu 25th July 2015 – 30th December 2025

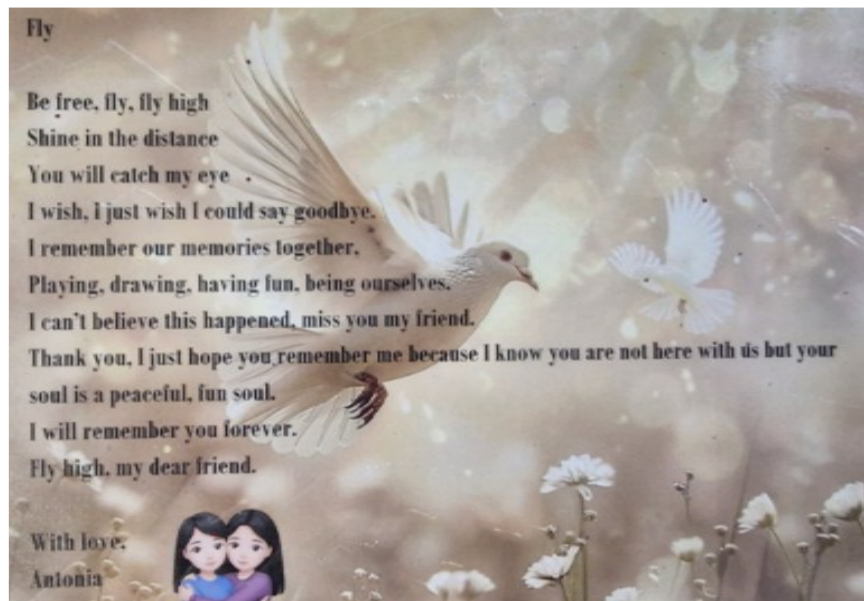
It is with great sadness that we share that one of our Year 6 pupils, Hadice, passed away in late December following a period of time in hospital.

Hadice was a cherished part of our school community. She joined the Prior Weston family when she was in Year 3 and quickly made some great friends in her year group. She was known for her warmth, resilience, and her wonderful smile which lit up any room she was in. Her classmates, teachers, TAs, and everyone who knew her will miss her deeply.

The children and families in Year 6 were told at the time, and staff continue to support them sensitively as they process this loss in their own ways.

As a school, we are working closely with her family to ensure that we honour her memory appropriately. A memorial will be held in school, and we will share details with families once arrangements have been confirmed.

Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences are with Hadice's family at this difficult time.



## Dates for your Diary

<b>March 2026</b>	
<b>Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April</b>	<b>Easter Break</b>
<b>April 2026</b>	
<b>Monday 13th April</b>	<b>Welcome Back</b>
<b>Wednesday 22nd - Friday 29th April</b>	<b>Year 4 Condover Residential Trip</b>
<b>May 2026</b>	
<b>Friday 15th May</b>	<b>Parliament class assembly @ 9.15am</b>
<b>Friday 22nd May</b>	<b>Kew class assembly @ 9.15am</b>
<b>Monday 25th– Friday 29th May</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>July 2026</b>	
<b>Friday 17th July</b>	<b>End of Summer Term 2pm finish</b>

All term dates up to 2029/2030 can be found on the Islington Council website  
<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/term-and-holiday-dates>



## 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.



## Spare Jackets & 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.

### Board Books Donation



We're looking to add to our collection of board books in the EYFS and the ARP and would be very grateful for any donations of books your family no longer needs.

We're particularly interested in number or counting stories, but we're happy to receive any board books.

Thank you for your support!  
Rachel and Jess





## 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

30th January 2026

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican** - Hajime & Lilly

**St Pauls** - Anisa & Darcey

**Piccadilly** - Aavya & Teddy

**Kew** - Jayden & Seanna I

**Parliament** - Parker & Jean-Luc

**Tower** - Elnathan & Zain

**Westminster** - Maya & Amelia

## Celebration Assembly

6th February 2026

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican** - Nai'Lah & Kai

**St Pauls** - Alex D & James

**Piccadilly** - Eliana & Adam

**Kew** - Isabell & Freddie

**Parliament** - Maya & Hala

**Tower** - George & Mizzan

**Westminster** - Antonia & Timur

## Celebration Assembly

13th February 2026

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican** - Roman & Omar

**St Pauls** - Josiah & Frankie

**Piccadilly** - Alaa & Jamie

**Kew** - Elliot & Nuriyah

**Parliament** - Nancy & Mikhail

**Tower** - Amirah & Abdullah

**Westminster** - Tailen & Ismail

## Celebration Assembly

27th February 2026

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican** - Ella & Aaliyah

**St Pauls** - Julianna & Dylan

**Piccadilly** - Isla-Mae & Sofia

**Kew** - Magda & Valentina

**Parliament** - Elianna & Khalid

**Tower** - Oscar & Mireily

**Westminster** - Cielo & Sol

## Celebration Assembly

6th March 2026

Our shining stars were:

**Barbican** - Kylo & Alai

**St Pauls** - Callie & Anisa

**Piccadilly** - Ronnie & Emiliia

**Kew** - Oliver & Indiana

**Parliament** - Anisha & Maverick

**Tower** - Cairon & Ayah

**Westminster** - Mohamed & Said

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

### Weather appropriate clothing

As we move slowly towards Spring, the weather can change on a daily basis. Please send your child in with the appropriate clothing and footwear for the weather each day.

As more children start to wear layers of clothes, 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 finally getting longer and the weather slowly getting warmer, you may well be spending more time outdoors and in the park. 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



30th January 2026

Radiyah

WHAT AN ABSOLUTE JOY IT IS TO TEACH AND KNOW RADIYAH. SHE IS SUCH A WONDERFULLY KIND AND CARING FRIEND.

SHE'S POLITE AND THOUGHTFUL TO ANYONE SHE MEETS AND GIVES 100% EFFORT TO ANYTHING SHE DOES. RADIYAH'S CREATIVITY AND SENSE OF HUMOUR MEANS SHE IS A CONSTANT RAY OF SUNSHINE IN TOWER CLASS. THE EXAMPLE SHE SETS FOR OTHERS IS TRULY ADMIRABLE AND WE'RE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE HER REPRESENT THE VALUES OF PRIOR WESTON.

I'VE NO DOUBT THAT SHE CAN AND WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN ANYTHING SHE PUTS HER MIND TO. KEEP ON SHINING RADIYAH!



6th February 2026

Ella

YOUR CONFIDENCE IN YOURSELF HAS GROWN IMMENSELY THESE LAST FEW WEEKS.

YOU ARE CHALLENGING YOURSELF IN NEW LEARNING AND TRYING VERY HARD TO APPLY YOUR KNOWLEDGE IN YOUR INDEPENDENT WORK.

YOU SHOW KINDNESS AND RESPECT TO ALL YOUR FRIENDS AT SCHOOL, YOU ARE ESPECIALLY CARING TOWARDS YOUR BROTHER.

IT IS SUCH A PLEASURE HAVING YOU IN YEAR 1.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!





## Lovely Letter



13th February 2026

### Nawaal

SHE IS A CONSISTENTLY LOVELY AND HELPFUL MEMBER OF THE CLASS, BRINGING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND A THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TO EVERYTHING SHE DOES. SHE SHOWS GENUINE CARE FOR OTHERS, OFFERING SUPPORT WITHOUT BEING ASKED AND SETTING A CALM, RESPECTFUL EXAMPLE FOR HER PEERS. HER DETERMINATION TO ALWAYS TRY HER BEST IS EVIDENT IN THE QUALITY OF HER WORK AND IN THE STEADY PROGRESS SHE CONTINUES TO MAKE ACROSS ALL AREAS OF LEARNING. SHE LISTENS CAREFULLY, ENGAGES FULLY, AND DEMONSTRATES A MATURITY THAT MAKES HER A STRONG ROLE MODEL WITHIN THE CLASS. IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEE HER CONFIDENCE GROWING, HER SKILLS DEVELOPING, AND HER ENTHUSIASM SHINING THROUGH EACH DAY. I AM SO LUCKY TO BE YOUR TEACHER NAWAAL AND SO VERY PROUD OF YOU! WELL DONE.



27th February 2026

### Jannat

THIS TERM, THE TEAM HAVE WITNESSED HOW YOUR CONFIDENCE IS BEGINNING TO GROW. YOU ARE WORKING HARD TO ACHIEVE IN ALL SUBJECT AREAS, WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS UPON YOUR HANDWRITING.

JANNAT ALWAYS DISPLAYS A CARING ATTITUDE TOWARDS OTHERS, AS WELL AS BEING HELPFUL AND VOLUNTEERING TO TIDY UP.

YOU LISTEN TO ADULTS AND APPRECIATE THE HELP THAT THEY GIVE YOU AND IN RETURN YOU RESPOND BY DISPLAYING A LOVELY SMILE.

JANNAT IS POLITE AND FOLLOWS INSTRUCTIONS AND DISPLAYS THE VALUES OF A PRIOR WESTON CHILD. IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU IN MY CLASS.





## Lovely Letter

6th March 2026

### Sudais

THIS TERM, YOU HAVE SHOWN SUCH KINDNESS AND THOUGHTFULNESS TOWARDS EVERYONE AROUND YOU.

YOU ARE ALWAYS DOING THE RIGHT THING, HELPING OTHERS WHENEVER YOU CAN, AND SETTING A WONDERFUL EXAMPLE TO EVERYONE IN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.

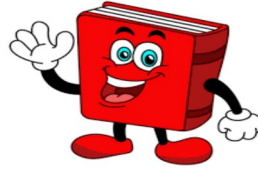
YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND CARING NATURE MAKES A REAL DIFFERENCE TO OUR CLASS. KEEP IT UP!



## World Book Day

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5 MARCH 2026

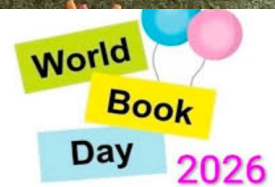
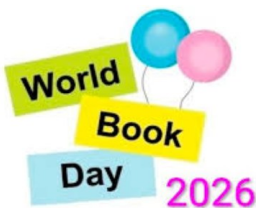


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5 MARCH 2026



Year 1  
&  
Year 2  
are celebrating  
World Book Day  
in style!



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5 MARCH 2026

## World Book Day



WORLD  
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5 MARCH 2026



**RED  
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Red Nose Day

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**Celebrate Red Nose Day and raise money  
for Comic Relief on Friday 20th March.**

**More information to follow**





### Community Iftar



## Road Safety awareness Workshop

Key Stage 1 had a very special visitor on the 5th of March. Ollie Robinson from The Riot Act theatre company, came to perform his show called 'Muffin: Don't get squished!'

It was about a cat that had to learn about Road Safety after he got locked out of his home. The show was full of memorable songs as characters, it was especially funny seeing a monkey riding a scooter. The children learnt about the dangers that they may face when their walking on the road and the safest way to cross at pedestrian crossings. Check out the photos of Ollie and his puppets.





**Year 4 & 5 Secondary School  
Parent Workshop for Children with  
additional needs  
Thursday 26th March  
9am  
Small Hall**





## Music Masters



Dear Year 2 Parents/Carers,

As you know, your child has been having musicianship and instrumental tuition with Music Masters in school during their time there so far, building their musical and creative skills. To give you some more information about what happens in our classrooms and what your child might expect next as they move up into Key Stage 2 we will be holding a short Parent/Carer talk at the school on **Thursday 26th March at 9am.**

As well as learning about the programme, team and your role in your child's progression this would also be a chance for you to ask any questions you might have and share any concerns.

We want this programme to be the best it can be for you and your children.

We hope you are able to join us for the meeting. Any questions please feel free to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Steph

Best wishes,



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*If you'd like to book a Zoom meeting with me, please book in via my [Calendly page](#) and it will organise this for us.*

Every child should have music in their life  
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## Music Masters

Dear schools teams and teachers,

We have some wonderful news. We were nominated and **WON** the category for "**Excellence in Primary/Early Years (Music and Drama)**" at the Music and Drama Education Awards 2026 at last night's ceremony in London.

It's the **second year** in a row our Flagship Schools Programme has won an award and been recognised across two different categories (last year: Outstanding Musical Initiative).

This is a testament to the hard work of all of you - our devoted teachers, our brilliant school staff, and our dedicated office team - as well as all our incredible students across the schools who are what this is all about! We will be celebrating properly on social media shortly. Please do repost to celebrate and revel in our shared success. Photos attached of our Schools Programme Manager and Staff Teacher, Ashley and Rachel, attending in all their glam.

All the best,

Daf

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*If you'd like to book a phone call, Zoom or meeting in the Music Masters office with me from 15-60 minutes, then simply book in via my [Calendly page](#) and it will organise this for us.*



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Dear parents and carers,

I'm writing to introduce myself as the Education Support Practitioner for Islington South and the link worker for Prior Weston. My role is to support young people and families in the area to ensure that everyone is getting access to the educational assistance they need. What this means in practice will be different on a case-by-case basis, but I can provide information, advice and guidance on anything from SEND to behaviour to attendance issues. I can also signpost you to other services that the council offers from money management advice to parenting classes and childcare support. If you aren't sure whether there is something that I can support you with, then please do get in touch and I can either give you the help you need or point you in the right direction.

If you have any questions, I have left my contact details below and I'm more than happy to respond to any issues.

All the best

Torin McDowell

Education Support Practitioner

Bright Futures

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JOHN LEWIS



Over **£60m** raised for UK good causes

**£0** extra cost to anyone





## 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.

