



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

Dear Prior Weston families,

As we come to the end of a very busy spring term, it has been lovely to see the school filled with creativity, achievement and a real sense of togetherness.

Across the school, children have been enjoying a range of seasonal activities, including making colourful Easter bonnets and taking part in Easter egg hunts this week. These activities have been a joyful way for children to be creative, work together and enjoy shared experiences with their friends, and they have brought plenty of smiles along the way. As always, we value the diversity of our school community and aim to create experiences that are inclusive, positive and focused on learning and belonging for all children. Thank you to our staff and families for your continued support and engagement throughout the term.

A Fond Farewell

As this term comes to a close, we also say a fond farewell to our Office Manager, **Adam**, who is retiring after **seven years** of dedicated service to the school. During his time with us, Adam has been a constant source of calm and reassurance, supporting staff and families alike with professionalism, kindness and a steady presence that has meant a great deal to our school community. He will be very sorely missed, and we thank him sincerely for the significant contribution he has made to the life of the school. We wish Adam a happy and very well-deserved retirement.

We wish everyone a restful break and look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term.

Fiona ☐
Head teacher



Dates for your Diary

March 2026	
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	Easter Break
April 2026	
Monday 13th April	Welcome Back
Monday 20th-23rd April	Year 5 Bikeability training begins
Monday 20th April	Rec and Year 6 Height and Weight check
Monday 20th April	Year 4 Forest school sessions begin AM
Monday 20th April	Year 1 Forest school sessions begin PM
Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th April	Year 4 Condoover Residential Trip
May 2026	
Friday 15th May	Parliament class assembly @ 9.15am
Friday 15th May	Music Masters Parent/Carer Year 5-6 Transition talk
Friday 22nd May	Kew class assembly @ 9.15am
Monday 25th– Friday 29th May	Half term
July 2026	
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term 2pm finish

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>



Dear Prior Weston families,

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

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Dates

[Wednesday 15th April](#)

[Wednesday 29th April](#)

[Wednesday 20th May](#)



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.

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

13th March 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Kai & Maya

St Pauls - Samuel & Alex R

Piccadilly - Eliana & Zino

Kew - Sudias & Adem

Parliament - Maysa & Amin

Tower - Brooke & Weiping

Westminster - Harper & Jasmine

Celebration Assembly

20th March 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Lewis & Lilly

St Pauls - Darcey & Riley

Piccadilly - Saber & Darcey

Kew - Hiram & Angelo

Parliament - Nancy & Ezel

Tower - Luisa & Alisha

Westminster - Emily & Luna

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



13th March 2026

Zaidan

IT IS A PLEASURE TO NOMINATE ZAIDAN FOR THIS AWARD.

HE HAS SHOWN WONDERFUL ENTHUSIASM IN PARTICIPATING IN A WIDE RANGE OF CLASS ACTIVITIES, ASKING THOUGHTFUL QUESTIONS THAT CONNECT TO HIS LEARNING AND REFLECT HIS CURIOSITY ABOUT OUR YEAR 5 TOPICS.

ZAIDAN IS A VALUED MEMBER OF THE CLASS, CONSISTENTLY CONTRIBUTING POSITIVELY TO OUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AND HELPING TO MAKE OUR CLASSROOM A SUPPORTIVE, ENGAGING PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

WELL DONE, ZAIDAN!



20th March 2026

Meherajul

MEHERAJUL IS SUCH A RAY OF SUNSHINE IN OUR CLASS. HE HAS A LOVELY SMILE THAT MAKES EVERYONE AROUND HIM SMILE TOO AND THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR HIS WARM AND POSITIVE ENERGY THAT LIFTS UP THOSE AROUND HIM. HE IS KIND AND CARING AND NEVER MISSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP ADULTS. I KNOW I CAN ALWAYS RELY ON HIM AND HIS FRIENDS KNOW THE SAME AND APPRECIATE HIS PATIENCE AND LOYALTY. ALL THE ADULTS ARE SO PROUD OF HIS EFFORT AND PROGRESS IN SCHOOL AND I HOPE HE FEELS AS PROUD OF HIMSELF. IT'S HONESTLY BEEN SUCH A PLEASURE GETTING TO KNOW HIM AND BEING HIS TEACHER AND I KNOW HIS FUTURE SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE GOING TO FEEL THE SAME. PLEASE ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT A SUPERSTAR YOU ARE, MEHERAJUL!



Music Masters Year 1 Trip

On the 11th of March 2026, Year 1 went on their first trip to The Royal Festival Hall at the Southbank Centre. Lots of schools across London were invited to attend a special concert performed by the London Philharmonic Orchestra. The performance was called 'Stan and Mabel: Race for Space'. Children were introduced to lots of musical instruments and the way they helped to convey the adventures of Stan and Mabel. The conductor Nefeli Chodull directed the orchestra while Polly Ives helped the children to perform some of the songs. You can watch the performance on Youtube- search 'Stan and Mabel: Race for Space'.



Stan and Mabel AND THE RACE FOR SPACE

Learn the Songs

Story and Illustrations by
Jason Chapman

Music by
Paul Rissmann

Presented by
Polly Ives



Year 3/4 Gymnastics competition

On Tuesday, our Year 3/4 gymnastics team delivered an outstanding performance, demonstrating impressive skill, confidence, and teamwork throughout the event. The pupils showed great determination as they performed their routines, combining balance, coordination, and creativity with remarkable focus. Their hard work and dedication during training sessions were clearly reflected in the quality of their performances.

Each gymnast supported and encouraged one another, creating a positive team spirit that was noticed by both judges and spectators. We were especially proud of how confidently the children approached each challenge, showing resilience and enthusiasm from start to finish.

The team represented the school brilliantly, and their excellent behaviour and sportsmanship made the day even more special. Well done to all involved — you should be incredibly proud of your achievements!



Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Lilou: Piccadilly - Lilou consistently demonstrates outstanding behaviour and commitment to our school values. She is polite and respectful, showing kindness to everyone she interacts with. Lilou is helpful and supportive, willingly offering assistance to all. She listens attentively, follows instructions and Her thoughtful attitude and responsible actions make her a fantastic role model for others.

Jannat: Piccadilly - Jannat has been working incredibly hard and always listens to adults. She has made fantastic progress with her handwriting and is now writing much more neatly. She is kind, respectful, and supportive of other children and adults, and she is always keen to help and tidy up the classroom. Jannat is a wonderful role model in Year 3. Well done!

Zino: Piccadilly - You consistently put a lot of effort into everything that you do, following instructions carefully and approaching every task with determination. You try hard across all areas of the curriculum and show a positive attitude to learning. Your polite, kind, and thoughtful nature shines through each day, making you a valued and caring member of the class. Well done!

Alaa: Piccadilly - You are a prime example of someone who truly deserves this award. You aspire to all the values of a Prior Weston pupil, you are always ready for learning and produce work to the best of your ability. You try hard and your behaviour is impeccable. A valued member of the class, well done!

Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Julianna: St Pauls - You have been an absolute star! Your behaviour has been excellent, and you are an incredible role model to others! You are always showing how kind, respectful and thoughtful you are each and every day. You communicate amazingly with adults and your manners are always impeccable! Well done Julianna, I am extremely proud of you!

Callie: St Paul's - You constantly do the right thing and are always demonstrating the school values whether that is in the classroom or in public during forest school. You are always challenging yourself across all areas. Thank you for being such a great role model to others.

Dylan: St Paul's - I have been blown away with your attitude and dedication, not just towards your work but how you are with adults and peers. You always do the right thing whether that is inside the classroom or outside in the playground. You are always so helpful, kind and considerate to others. I am very proud of you Dylan, and very lucky to be your teacher. Well done!

Nawaal: St Paul's - For always, always, always being outstanding in everything that you do. You work hard, are always kind to others and are always demonstrating the school values of ready, respectful and safe. I am so proud of the kind and caring person that you are.

Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Louie: Barbican - You consistently show respect and consideration to others. You are kind and helpful, and always ready to help when others need it. You follow rules and always try your best to encourage others to do the same. You are polite and thoughtful to all your friends and adults in the class. It is always a pleasure having you in Year 1.

Ezekiel: Barbican - You're confidence in class has been shining through these last few weeks. You have continued to show your understanding for the rules and routines that we have in class by showing how ready you are for your learning, your eagerness to learn has been a pleasure to witness. Well done, Ezekiel!

Nai'Lah: Barbican - You always work hard and consistently show kindness to everyone in class. You make sure that you follow instructions in lessons and your belief in yourself has grown so much these past few weeks. Well done for always demonstrating the school values.

Lilly: Barbican - You amaze us all the time in year 1! You're kind, thoughtful and hardworking. You're happy to give everything a go and put lots of effort into all the work that you do. You are attentive, caring and kind. It's so wonderful to have you as part of year 1.

Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Elnathan: Tower - Wow! Elnathan has been consistently working on showing positive behaviour choices around the school - not only in class but also in the playground and lunch hall. His positive behaviour choices have been noticed by adults and I'm proud to see him becoming a positive role model.

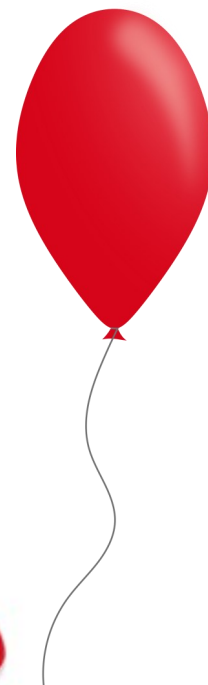
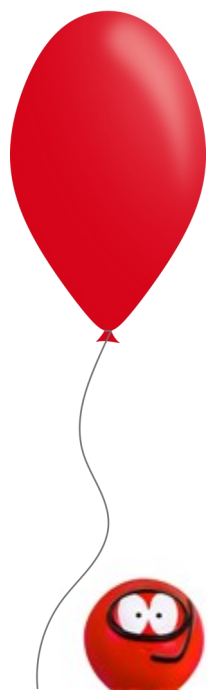
Alisha: Tower - Alisha continues to impress me with her enthusiasm and focus. She always puts her best effort in to whatever she does and does it with a smile. She is kind, caring, thoughtful and demonstrates our school values consistently. It is a pleasure to have her in Tower class.

Emily: Tower - Emily has shown incredible focus, determination and resilience in her learning. I have been so impressed with her Growth Mindset and how she approaches every task with a positive attitude. It's been great to see her confidence soar!

We are pleased to announce we raised £71!

Thank you for everyone's support

RED NOSE DAY



A big shout-out to everyone who supported the Book Fair! A huge thank you to everyone that bought something helping to raise **£226 worth of books** for the school, which is brilliant.



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.

