



Newsletter

24/04/2026 Summer Issue 1

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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 another busy week, it has been lovely to see the school full of energy and positivity, helped along by the sunshine that has stayed with us all week. One of the highlights has been watching our Year 4 pupils head off on their residential visit to Condover Hall on Wednesday. They have embraced the experience with enthusiasm and confidence, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

I would like to say a very sincere **thank you to the staff who have given up their own time to make this residential possible**. These experiences can only go ahead because of the commitment and goodwill of our staff, and we are incredibly grateful for their dedication to providing such enriching opportunities for our pupils.

A quick reminder to parents that our **no mobile phone policy on site** applies at all times. This helps us to keep children safe and to maintain a calm and focused school environment.

Wishing you a safe and happy weekend,
Fiona 😊
Head Teacher



JCA Let the adventure begin...



Dates for your Diary

May 2026	
Monday 4th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Kew Class Assembly @ 9.15am
Monday 25th - Friday 29th May	Half Term Holiday
June 2026	
Friday 12th June	Piccadilly Class Assembly @ 9.15am
Monday 15th June	Debate It! Houses of Parliament Trip
Tuesday 16th June	Music Masters Year 6 Graduation celebration lunch
Friday 19th June	St Pauls Class Assembly @ 9.15am
Tuesday 23rd June	Music Masters Pathways National Gallery Workshop day
Wednesday 24th June	Year 4 Platform Cricket Tournament @ Caledonia Park
July 2026	
Thursday 2nd July	Secondary Transition Day
Tuesday 7th July	Music Masters Summer Concert
Thursday 9th July	Year 6 Production 5pm
Friday 10th July	Year 6 Sleepover
Friday 17th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term - 2pm finish



MIDDAY MEALS SUPERVISOR



The school is looking for a responsible person for the effective supervision of Nursery pupils in and about the premises and site(s) of the school during the midday break.

The position will be from 11.30am-2.30pm until the end of term (Friday 17th July)

Please register your interest by email to Nicola Cafferkey, School Business Manager by Thursday 30th April 2026 at 12 noon.



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 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.

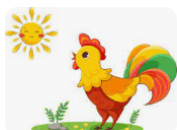
We have a bustling range of exciting, focused and also less structured activities for the Night Owls to take part in.

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.

Although, we do provide hot food and snacks at around **4:45**, so pick up just before or just after is recommended





Enrichment Club Programme - Summer Term 2025-2026



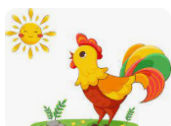
Monday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
KS2 Dodgeball Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	Prince Kick Start Coach	8 weeks £36.00	Fast-paced games that improve agility, reaction speed and teamwork while encouraging resilience, fair play and lots of energetic fun.
Soapbox No Ceilings	Year 5 & 6 (Girls)	15:30 - 17:30	SOAPBOX https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/	FREE	Cooking, Dance, Music & STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) 

Tuesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
Racket Sports Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	William Kick Start Coach	8 weeks £36.00	Try badminton and other racket sports to develop hand-eye coordination, agility and sportsmanship in an active, supportive environment.
Lego Club	Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	Dan Prior Weston Staff	8 weeks £36.00	Creative building challenges that promote problem-solving, teamwork and imaginative thinking while having fun with Lego. 
Soapbox Mixed Group	Year 5 & 6	15:30 - 17:30	SOAPBOX https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/	FREE	Football, STEAM Club & Free Play 







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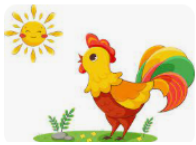
Wednesday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
KS2 Art Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	Dan Prior Weston Staff	8 weeks £36.00	Explore different art techniques and styles, encouraging creativity, focus and confidence while developing drawing, painting and crafting skills. 
KS1 Gymnastics Club	Reception, Year 1 & 2	15:30 - 16:30	William Kick Start Coach	8 weeks £36.00	Fun movement activities that improve balance, strength and coordination, helping children build confidence and body awareness.
Soapbox Mixed Group	Year 5 & 6	15:30 - 17:30	SOAPBOX https://www.soapboxislington.org.uk/	FREE	STEM Club, Art & Free Play 

Thursday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
KS1 Arts & Crafts Club	Reception, Year 1 & 2	15:30 - 16:30	Dan Prior Weston Staff	8 weeks £36.00	A creative club where children explore colours, textures and materials, developing imagination, fine motor skills and self-expression. 
KS2 Football Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	William Kick Start Coach	8 weeks £36.00	Build football skills through drills and games that promote teamwork, fitness, coordination and positive sporting attitudes. 
Debate-III!	Year 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	Nigel Prior Weston Staff & Hogan Lovells Volunteers	FREE	Volunteers from Hogan Lovells help children build confidence in speaking and listening while learning to share ideas, respect others' viewpoints and think critically.






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Friday

Club	Year Group	Time	Club Lead	Price	Description
Chess Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	Tom Prior Weston Staff	8 weeks £20.00	Develop strategic thinking, concentration and patience through friendly chess games that challenge minds and build problem-solving skills.
KS2 Gymnastics Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	15:30 - 16:30	Stacey Gymnastics Coach	8 weeks £40.00	Advance gymnastic skills through structured routines, improving strength, flexibility, coordination and confidence in a supportive setting.
Sewing, Textiles & Handicrafts Workshop (5 weeks)	Year 5 & 6	15:30 - 17:00	Bev Prior Weston Staff & Guildhall Volunteers	FREE	This is a graduation project connecting the younger and older generations in the local area through sewing/handicrafts. Working towards producing a patchwork quilt to be put on display at Guildhall. 



Celebration Assembly

27th March 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Omar & Kareem

St Pauls - Nawaal & Anisa

Piccadilly - Robert & Yara

Kew - Yevhen & Kerry

Parliament - Nisan & Charlyn

Tower - Emily & Rayan

Westminster - Uliana & Amelia

Celebration Assembly

17th April 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Luqman & Ezekiel

St Pauls - Karim & Alex

Piccadilly - Teddy & Alaa

Kew - Jayden & Amira

Parliament - Hala & Elijah

Tower - Zain & Anita

Westminster - Maya & Tailen

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



27th March 2026

Roman

THE POSITIVITY THAT YOU BRING TO SCHOOL EACH DAY IS SUCH A JOY TO SEE. YOU GREET EVERYONE WITH SUCH A KIND AND RESPECTFUL MANNER. SO MUCH SO, THAT YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED SO MANY FRIENDSHIPS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL WITH OTHER CHILDREN AND ADULTS.

ROMAN, YOU HAVE SHOWN SO MUCH CONFIDENCE IN WANTING TO LEARN EVEN WHEN YOU FACE SOME CHALLENGES. YOUR 'NEVER GIVING UP' ATTITUDE HAS HELPED IN YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



17th April 2026

Marco

IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEE HOW FAR YOU HAVE COME SINCE THE START OF YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY IN YEAR 5.

YOU HAVE BUILT STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH ADULTS AND YOUR PEERS, AND IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO WATCH YOUR CONFIDENCE GROW.

MARCO, YOUR INDEPENDENCE HAS REALLY IMPROVED — IT WAS LOVELY TO SEE YOU ORGANISING YOUR OWN TABLE, ENGAGING FULLY IN YOUR LEARNING, AND BECOMING SUCH AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR YEAR 5 COMMUNITY.

WELL DONE, MARCO. WE ARE ALL VERY PROUD OF YOU.



Year 5 Trip to the Amphitheatre

Before half-term, Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the amphitheatre, where they met a real-life archaeologist and explored what Londinium was like before it became modern-day London. The children examined a range of Roman artefacts, including a soldier's helmet, pieces of Roman pottery, sea shells, and fragments of Roman-built ground. They asked thoughtful questions and shared ideas about the materials the artefacts were made from and what they might have been used for.

They also looked at the Colosseum and compared it to Wembley Stadium, discussing similarities and differences in structure, purpose, and scale.

The children had the exciting opportunity to dress up as Roman emperors and empresses, gladiators, servants, and referees, even acting out gladiator-style scenes. Throughout the trip, they worked brilliantly in teams, took part in small-group discussions, and showed great enthusiasm. It was a fun, hands-on learning experience that brought Roman history to life.



Year 5 Trip to the Amphitheatre



They are going Quackers in Year 5!

The children at Prior Weston had a wonderful and memorable experience caring for the ducklings this term. As part of their science topic, Living Things and Their Habitats, pupils were able to observe the full life cycle of ducks — from the early stages of development all the way to the exciting moment the eggs hatched.

Throughout their time with us, the children took part in feeding the ducklings, gently petting them, changing the straw in their habitat, and even helping them enjoy a swim. These hands-on experiences allowed pupils from Reception to Year 6 to see the ducklings explore their environment and behave just as they would in nature.

It was a truly special opportunity, and the children thoroughly enjoyed having the ducklings at Prior Weston.



Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Ella: Barbican - You have shown so much confidence in your learning and behaviour around the school. You constantly show respect to others and always happy to give a hand to anyone who is in need. You show kindness and care for all. Thank you so much for being a respectful member of year 1.

Josiah: St Paul's - You are always so ready, respectful and safe. You are always so kind and polite to everyone. I have been so impressed with your resilience in every subject and can see how you are trying your best in everything! Well done Josiah, we are very proud of you

Sofiia: Piccadilly - You are always showing that you are ready for learning. since you joined the class you have displayed a positive attitude towards all your learning. You continually display a helpful and caring attitude towards everyone. Well done!



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.



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