



Newsletter

19/06/26 Summer Issue 4

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Virtual tour @ <https://bit.ly/32RoLWi>

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

Dear Prior Weston families,

Run Prior Weston Run:

This is our main fundraising activity of the year so please sign up to take part – we need 80 runners on the day to release the charity funding. So far, we are up to 57 and so we need a few more runners to release the charity funding. Please click this link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/n6y42yHtZioceAFe7>

Or use the QR code on all of the posters all around the school.

We also need your sponsorships! Our fundraising target is £2000 and we have yet to get off the ground. The link below is for our fundraising page and you can set up your children with their own individual page (more instructions on the next page), or just share the link with friends and family:

<https://superkind.org/campaign/prior-weston-primary-school-run-prior-weston-run-2026>

This event pays for our Forest School provision, as well as other enrichment opportunities for the children so it's important we raise as much money as possible. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Fiona 😊

Head Teacher

Sunday 28th June

RUN KIDS RUN



Help Us

Raise 10x More

through our online SuperKind fundraiser



1. View our school campaign here: <https://superkind.org/campaign/prior-weston-primary-school-run-prior-weston-run-2026>. Click on 'Join this Campaign' button at top of the page
2. Login (if you've used this website before) or create account as 'Child/Parent'
3. As parent/guardian you will need to approve the account and fundraiser via email
4. Create a fundraising page and share it with friends and family! If you didn't previously enable auto-approval you will need to approve your child's page via email before it goes live.



If you have any issues, please email hello@superkind.org they respond very quickly.



<https://superkind.org/campaign/prior-weston-primary-school-run-prior-weston-run-2026>

Dates for your Diary

June 2026	
Tuesday 23rd June	Music Masters Pathways National Gallery Workshop day
Wednesday 24th June	Year 4 Platform Cricket Tournament @ Caledonia Park
Thursday 25th June	Tempest Class Photographs
Sunday 28th June	Run Prior Weston Run! from 10:00am–12:00pm at Highbury Fields.
July 2026	
Thursday 2nd July	Secondary Transition Day
Monday 6th July	Y1-Y6 sports day at HAC TBC
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

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>



All lost property from around the Campus is always popped into the boxes in the Fortune Park entrance for your convenience.

As these are now overflowing with forgotten goodies, we will be displaying them on tables in the Fortune Park entrance for the whole of next week - **Monday 22nd June - Friday 26th June.**

Anything left unclaimed on **Friday 26th June** will either be disposed of or donated.

Please claim your lonely items before they are gone forever!





We are a Nut-Free School!



We are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all pupils, staff, and visitors. As an Allergy Aware School, we prioritize the health and safety of those with food allergies. Nuts can potentially be life-threatening for individuals with allergies, and your cooperation is essential in helping us ensure a safe space for everyone.



How You Can Help?

1. **Check Ingredients:** Always review the ingredients list on any food items your child brings to school for lunch or snacks to ensure they are nut-free.
2. **Nut-Safe Donations:** When contributing food for school events or birthdays, please make sure the items are nut-safe and accompanied by a clear ingredients list.
3. **Hand Hygiene:** Encourage your children to wash their hands thoroughly before entering the classroom if they have come into contact with nut products outside of school.
4. **Education and Awareness:** Talk to your children about the importance of being mindful of allergies and the need to respect their classmates' health needs.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe for everyone!

Please help us keep Golden Lane Campus safe!

Safe Parking for Prams - Safe Passage for All

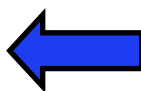


We are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all pupils, staff, and visitors. This means keeping evacuation routes clear and clutter-free at all times.

Please put small fold-up buggies in the top compartments in the Pram Park.

Please ensure prams that cannot be folded, are tucked into the bottom compartments. If these are full, please tuck prams and buggies in as far as possible.

Please, **No Parking** in front of any doors or electrical cupboards.



Phone-free School!

Please keep our school community tech-safe by ensuring you are not using your phone inside the Campus.

Please pop it in your pocket when you pop into the school!

Safe Scooter Use in the Building



We love that so many of the children are coming to school by scooter and bikes, especially as the weather and light gets better and better.

Please help us keep the building safe for everyone by ensuring that all bike-riders and/or scooter-riders dismount before coming down the Fortune Park ramp and bikes and scooters are walked into and out of the building when it is necessary for them to be brought inside.





Hot Weather and Clothing Advice



Please see the advice below to ensure that we keep all children safe and comfortable in the upcoming hot weather.

- ◆ Footwear should be flat and ideally covering toes for safety reasons.

- ◆ **Crocs** (or similar), slippers, open toed sandals, flip flops and high heeled shoe should NOT be worn. These are a trip hazard.

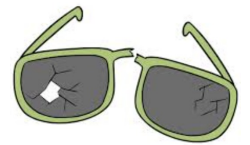


- ◆ To avoid the risk of sunburn, tops should cover the shoulders (so NO strappy tops). Some playgrounds have little shade.



- ◆ Provide a hat and apply sun crem. If you send sun cream in, remember it has to be labelled with your child's name and cannot be shared. Spray creams are the easiest to apply.

- ◆ Avoid sunglasses for children as they can break easily and also get lost.



- ◆ Trousers, jogging bottoms or shorts must be fitted at the waist and not showing their underwear.

- ◆ Skirts, shorts and dresses should be no shorter than mid thigh length and we ask that children cover their bodies, no crop tops please.



- ◆ Please provide your child with a bottle for water, which can be refilled on site.

Thank you for your support.



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

Tuesday 23rd June

Tuesday 7th July



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 coats and shoes



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 shoes. Please have a look and see if there are any that will fit your child or you before you head off to the expensive shops to buy them.

Board Books Donation

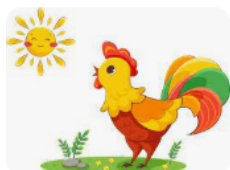


We're looking to add to our collection of board books in the EYFS and the ARP and would be very grateful for any donations of books your family no longer needs.

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





Art Club

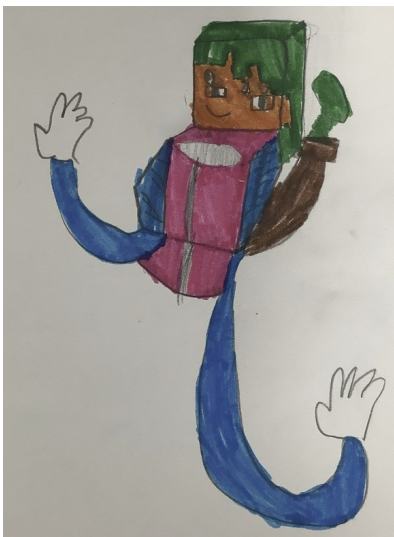
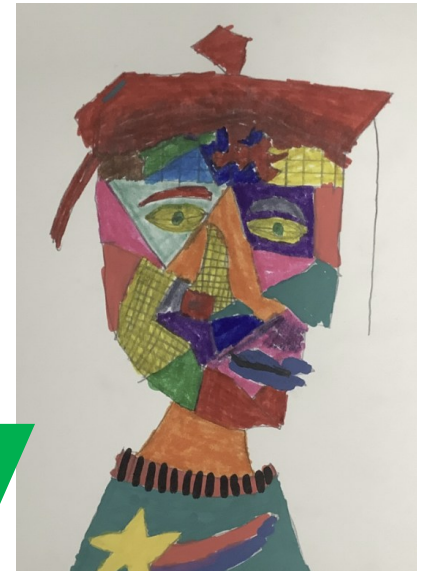
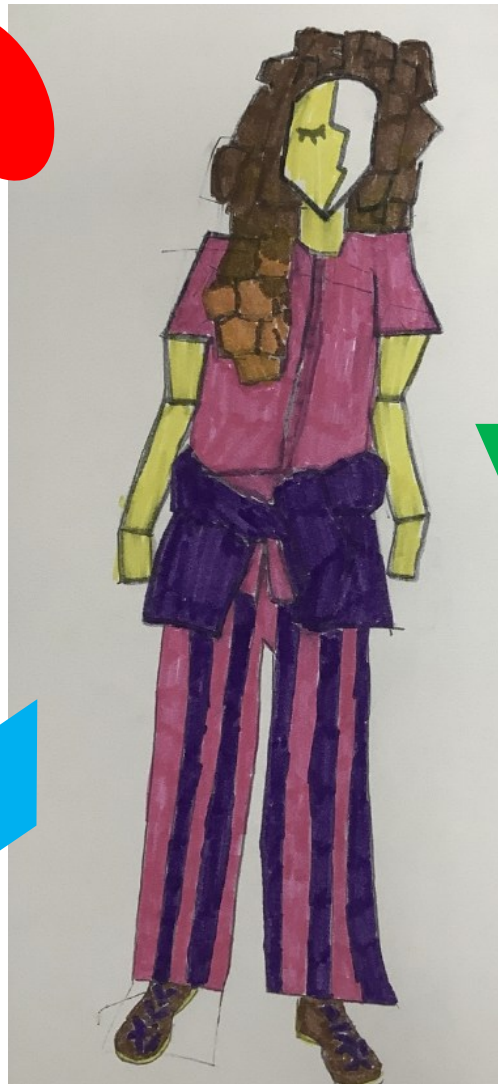


In Art Club this week, we explored Cubism! Focusing on the iconic portrait work of Pablo Picasso.

The children each selected a Picasso portrait that resonated with them and combined its style with a photograph of themselves.

The results are truly outstanding, showcasing creativity and individuality.

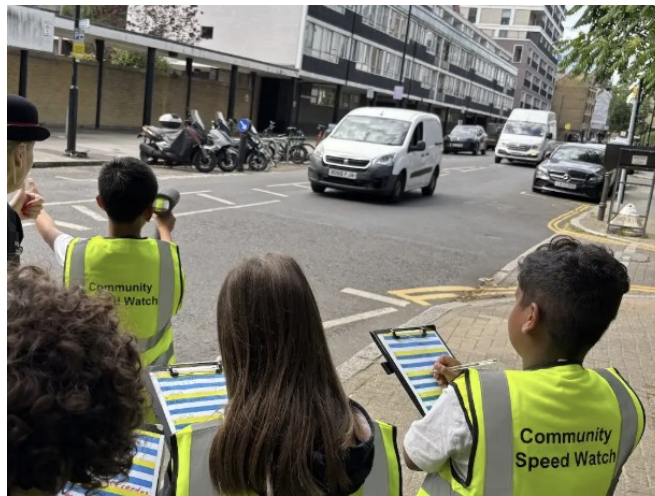
Our Art Club sketchbooks are really beginning to look amazing - well done, everyone!



Year 5 Take on the Speed Awareness

Year 5 recently took part in an exciting and educational workshop focused on speed awareness, working in partnership with the Barbican & Golden Lane Neighbourhood Forum (a local community group) and the City of London Police. The session gave pupils a hands-on opportunity to explore road safety and understand the impact of speeding in their local area.

During the workshop, the children ventured out into the community to carry out their own speed monitoring activity. Equipped with a professional speed gun, they recorded the speed of passing vehicles, as well as noting each car's registration, make and model. The experience provided a real insight into how speed is monitored and why it matters.



Back in the classroom, pupils reflected on their findings and engaged in thoughtful discussions about appropriate driving speeds in residential areas. They also considered common distractions that drivers face and explored important safety measures that help keep everyone safe on the roads.

The workshop was a fantastic way to bring learning to life, combining practical experience with critical thinking. Year 5 showed great enthusiasm and responsibility throughout, and they left with a deeper understanding of how they can contribute to making their community safer.



Emirates Stadium Reward Trip

Our recent trip to the Emirates Stadium was a special reward for pupils who demonstrated outstanding attendance throughout the year. The day was packed with exciting activities, including a training session led by official Arsenal coaches, where pupils developed their football skills and teamwork.

The children also took part in a creative workshop, designing their own Arsenal kits, followed by a fun World Cup quiz that tested their football knowledge. A memorable highlight was the opportunity to take photos beneath the new Champions sign at the stadium entrance.

Overall, it was a fantastic day that the pupils thoroughly enjoyed!



Emirates Stadium Reward Trip



Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics



Our Year 5 and 6 gymnastics team delivered an outstanding performance at Tuesday's gymnastics competition, demonstrating excellent skill, determination and teamwork throughout the event. The team represented the school brilliantly, performing exceptionally well and making everyone proud with their effort, dedication and sportsmanship. Their fantastic achievement is a credit to all their hard work, and they should be congratulated on a wonderful success.



Year 5 Trip to the Slaughter and May Offices

SLAUGHTER AND MAY /

As part of the reading volunteer programme, Parliament class were invited to visit the offices of their volunteer readers. A huge thank you to Rebecca and the wonderful team at Slaughter and May for welcoming our Year 5 pupils to your offices. The visit was an inspiring and valuable experience for everyone involved.

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about their workplace and meeting different members of the team. We truly appreciate the time and effort that went into organising such an engaging visit. Thank you once again to everyone at Slaughter and May for the warm hospitality and support.



Please see the next page for a selection of photos from the trip.



Celebration Assembly

22nd May 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Lilly & Nai'Lah

St Pauls - Dylan & Frankie

Piccadilly - Isla-Mae & Nadira

Kew - Roman & Adem

Parliament - Amin & Anisha

Tower - Abdullah & Mizzan

Westminster - Emily & Timur

Celebration Assembly

5th June 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Kai & Louie

St Pauls - Jamal & James

Piccadilly - Sofiia & Darcey

Kew - Sudais & Kerry

Parliament - Ezel & Nancy

Tower - Omar & Weiping

Westminster - Mohamed & Harper

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

Weather appropriate clothing

As we move slowly towards the Summer, 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 the weather gets hotter, please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school with them, especially when they are going out on trips.

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. The lost property boxes are in the Fortune Park entrance foyer.

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



22nd May 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 6

Harper

HARPER IS ONE OF THOSE QUIETLY AWESOME PEOPLE WHO LIFTS THE WHOLE ROOM WITHOUT EVER MAKING A FUSS ABOUT IT. SHE IS ENDLESSLY KIND AND PATIENT, ALWAYS SENSING WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS A HAND AND STEPPING IN WITH CALM, THOUGHTFUL SUPPORT. SHE CARRIES HERSELF WITH MATURITY — A BRILLIANT ROLE MODEL NOT JUST IN BEHAVIOUR, BUT IN THE WAY SHE INTERACTS WITH EVERYONE AROUND HER.

SHE'S A PLEASURE TO CHAT TO: FUNNY, CURIOUS, GENUINELY INTERESTING, AND ALWAYS KEEN TO LEARN MORE.

SHE BRINGS A GENTLE POSITIVITY TO EVERY DAY, AND YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON HER TO MAKE OTHERS FEEL INCLUDED AND AT EASE. WHETHER IT'S IN HER WORK OR IN DAY-TO-DAY MOMENTS, SHE TAKES FEEDBACK WITH GRACE AND OPENNESS, AND SHE'S ALWAYS LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GROW.

WE'RE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE HER IN OUR CLASS.



5th June 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 1

Ezekiel

IT HAS BEEN LOVELY WATCHING YOUR CONFIDENCE SKYROCKET THROUGHOUT YOUR TIME IN YEAR 1!

YOU HAVE PICKED UP SO MANY VITAL LEARNING SKILLS AND ARE DOING ABSOLUTELY AMAZING WITH YOUR PHONICS AND READING. IT IS SO BRILLIANT TO SEE HOW WELL YOU TRY TO UNDERSTAND AND DESCRIBE THE STORIES YOU READ.

EZEKIEL YOU ARE SUCH A KIND, FRIENDLY, AND ATTENTIVE INDIVIDUAL THAT ALWAYS FOLLOWS THE RULES AND LISTENS BEAUTIFULLY. IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL WATCHING YOU BLOSSOM AND MIX WITH SOME LOVELY NEW FRIENDSHIP GROUPS LATELY.

EZEKIEL, YOUR DETERMINATION IS INCREDIBLE. EVEN THOUGH YOU FACE A FEW CHALLENGES WITH YOUR SPEAKING, YOU NEVER LET IT GET YOU DOWN OR STOP YOU FROM TRYING YOUR ABSOLUTE BEST. WE ARE SO INCREDIBLY PROUD OF YOU!



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As a school, we are committed to promoting healthy eating and ensuring all children are well nourished and ready to learn. Packed lunches **must not include**:

- Sugary drinks (including fizzy drinks and juice drinks)
- Chocolate or sweets
- Crisps

Any items of this kind will not be permitted at lunchtime. If a child brings these items, they will be asked not to eat them and will instead be provided with a healthy alternative from the school kitchen, such as fruit.

Parents and carers are reminded that **all children in Islington are entitled to a free, healthy school meal**. Our school meals are nutritious, balanced, and a positive choice for every child.

We expect full support from families in ensuring that packed lunches align with our expectations. Thank you

