

Newsletter

03/07/26 Summer Issue 5

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Dear Prior Weston and Golden Lane Families,

Letters will be sent out on **Monday 6th July** to let families know about classes for the next academic year.

Please remember that we will have the usual **2pm** finish for Prior Weston on the last day of term on **Friday 17th July**. As always on the final day, there will be **No Night Owls service** and there is **No home alone** option. All year 5 & 6 children therefore will need to be collected.

Before the end of term, please remember to check the foyer area and the bike and scooter area for any lost property. Any lost property not collected by **Friday 17th July** will be removed.

Prior Weston School will re-open **for staff on Wednesday 2nd September** and **for children on Monday 7th September**.

The Children's Centre will open for **children on Tuesday 1st September**.

Best wishes

The School Office





Extended Day Programme



We only have our Soapbox groups, Dodgeball, Racket Sports and Debate-it running next week.

Please see below for last sessions this academic year.

Week Commencing 13/07/2026 will have no After School Clubs.

Monday

Soapbox (Girls group) - **06/07/2026**

Dodgeball Club - **06/07/2026**

Tuesday

Soapbox (Mixed group) - **07/07/2026**

Lego Club - 30/06/2026 - FINISHED

Racket Sports - 07/07/2026

Wednesday

Soapbox (Mixed group) - **08/07/2026**

KS2 Art Club - 01/07/2026 - FINISHED

KS1 Gymnastics Club - 24/06/2026 - FINISHED

Thursday

Football Club - 25/06/2026 - FINISHED

Debate-it! – 09/07/2026

KS1 Arts and Crafts - 02/07/2026 – FINISHED

Friday

KS2 Gymnastics Club - 03/07/2026 – FINISHING TODAY

Chess Club - 03/07/2026 – FINISHING TODAY

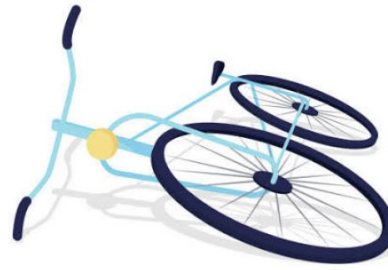
Sewing and Handicrafts – 22/05/2026 - FINISHED



| July 2026 | |
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| Monday 6th July | Y1-Y6 sports day at HAC |
| 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 |
| September 2026 | |
| Tuesday 1st September | Children's Centre Term Begins for staff and children |
| Wednesday 2nd September | Prior Weston Term Begins: INSET Day |
| Thursday 3rd September | Prior Weston & Children's Centre INSET Day |
| Friday 4th September | Prior Weston & Children's Centre INSET Day |
| Monday 7th September | Year 1 - 6 Prior Weston Children back to school Reception children have a staggered start— <i>please refer to your individual start date that you will receive.</i> |

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 the last two weeks up until - **Friday 17th July**.

Anything left unclaimed on **Friday 17th July** will either be disposed of or donated. This also applies to any **bikes or scooters** left in the Fortune Park bikes and scooter area as we cannot keep these safe over the holidays and they tend to attract unwanted intruders.

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.



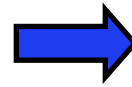
How You Can Help?

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

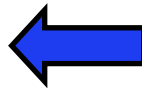


We are committed to maintaining a safe environment for all pupils, staff, and visitors. This means keeping evacuation routes clear and clutter-free at all times.

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



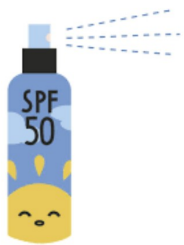
Please see the advice below to ensure that we keep all children safe and comfortable in the upcoming hot weather.

- ◆ 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.

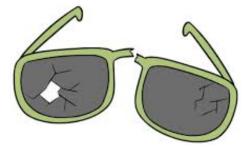


- ◆ To avoid the risk of sunburn, tops should cover the shoulders (so NO strappy tops). Some playgrounds have little shade.



- ◆ 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 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

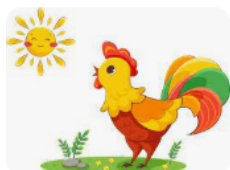


We're looking to add to our collection of board books in the EYFS and the ARP and would be very grateful for any donations of books your family no longer needs.

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



Celebration Assembly

12th June 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Kareem & Aaliyah

St Pauls - Callie & Riley

Piccadilly - Muna & Zino

Kew - Hiram & Indianna

Parliament - Nisan & Maverick

Tower - Anita & Rayan

Westminster - Zayn & Maya

Celebration Assembly

19th June 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Kylo & Ezekiel

St Pauls - Josiah & Nawaal

Piccadilly - Avaya & Robert

Kew - Magda & Oliver

Parliament - Elijah & Parker

Tower - Alisha & Cairon

Westminster - Amelia & Jasmine

Celebration Assembly

26th June 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Luqman & Hajime

St Pauls - Dylan & Darcey

Piccadilly - Jamie & Asiya

Kew - Yevhen & Valentina

Parliament - Hala & Mikhail

Tower - Oscar & Emily

Westminster - Luna & Timur

Celebration Assembly

3rd July 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Roman & Alai

St Pauls - Riley & Julianna

Piccadilly - Alaa & Eliana

Kew - ? & ?

Parliament - Charlyn & Elianna

Tower - Luisa & Amirah

Westminster - ? & ?



Lovely Letter



12th June 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 2

Jamal

WHAT AN INCREDIBLE YOUNG MAN YOU ARE! I AM BEYOND PROUD OF THE JOURNEY YOU HAVE HAD IN YEAR 2. THE AMOUNT OF PROGRESS YOU HAVE MADE FROM SEPTEMBER UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN AMAZING! YOU HAVE WORKED SO HARD, ALWAYS TRYING YOUR BEST AND SEEKING CHALLENGE. THIS ISN'T ONLY IN THE CLASSROOM BUT IN AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AS WELL, DAN IS ALWAYS TELLING ME HOW WELL YOU ARE DOING!

YOU BRING SO MUCH JOY INTO THE CLASSROOM WITH YOUR HUMOR AND KINDNESS. YOU HAVE MADE INCREDIBLE PROGRESS IN YOUR LEARNING, AND IT HAS BEEN A JOY TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU HAVE GROWN. YOU HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUR LEARNING AND YOU ARE ALWAYS KIND AND CARING TOWARDS YOUR PEERS.

THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS APPROACHING EVERYTHING WITH A 'I CAN DO' ATTITUDE AND NEVER GIVING UP. THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS TAKING ON FEEDBACK WELL AND USING IT TO HELP IMPROVE YOUR WORK. I KNOW I TELL YOU THIS OFTEN, BUT I HAVE LOVED BEING YOUR TEACHER THIS YEAR, YOU HAVE BEEN A PLEASURE TO TEACH. I AM SO PROUD OF YOU JAMAL!



19th June 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 3

Alaa

IT IS AN ABSOLUTE DELIGHT TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR WONDERFUL ATTITUDE AND COMMITMENT TO OUR CLASS.

ALAA, YOU ARE A TRULY RESPECTFUL MEMBER OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY. YOU ALWAYS SHOW KINDNESS AND CONSIDERATION TO OTHERS, WHICH MAKES YOU A JOY TO HAVE IN CLASS. YOUR EAGERNESS TO PLEASE AND YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS LEARNING NEVER GO UNNOTICED — YOU CONSISTENTLY TRY YOUR VERY BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO.

YOU ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK, ALWAYS SHOWING DETERMINATION AND ENTHUSIASM. WE ARE ESPECIALLY PROUD OF HOW WELL YOU FOLLOW THE SCHOOL RULES AND SET SUCH A FANTASTIC EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS.

YOU ARE ALSO INCREDIBLY HELPFUL, ALWAYS WILLING TO SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS AND ADULTS ALIKE. YOUR CARING NATURE MAKES OUR CLASSROOM A BETTER PLACE. KEEP SHINING, ALAA — WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU.





Lovely Letter



26th June 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 4

Angelo

I HAVE LOVED WATCHING YOU GROW IN CONFIDENCE THIS YEAR. YOU ARE ALWAYS WILLING TO CHALLENGE YOURSELF IN YOUR LEARNING AND TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO.

IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE YOUR LOVE FOR WRITING DEVELOP AND TO WATCH YOUR CREATIVITY SHINE THROUGH IN YOUR WORK. I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD OF THE EFFORT YOU HAVE PUT INTO MAKING POSITIVE CHOICES AND THINKING FOR YOURSELF RATHER THAN FOLLOWING SOME OF THE NEGATIVE CHOICES OF OTHERS.

YOU HAVE ALSO WORKED REALLY HARD ON LISTENING CAREFULLY AND RECOGNISING WHEN YOU NEED A BREAK, WHILE ASKING FOR ONE IN A MATURE AND APPROPRIATE WAY.

YOUR DETERMINATION AND PROGRESS HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC TO SEE, AND YOU SHOULD BE VERY PROUD OF ALL YOU HAS ACHIEVED.



3rd July 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 5

Nancy

NANCY'S CONFIDENCE HAS FLOURISHED SINCE JOINING YEAR 5. SHE HAS STEPPED OUT OF HER SHELL, ALLOWING HER PERSONALITY AND CREATIVITY, ESPECIALLY IN THE ARTS, TO SHINE BRIGHTLY. OVER TIME, SHE HAS DEVELOPED A STRONG AND EXPRESSIVE VOICE, SPEAKING UP THOUGHTFULLY DURING CLASS DISCUSSIONS AND BRINGING ENERGY AND CHARACTER TO DRAMA ACTIVITIES.

NANCY IS NOT ONLY GROWING PERSONALLY, BUT SHE HAS ALSO BECOME A CHEERLEADER FOR HER PEERS AND ADULTS, OFFERING ENCOURAGEMENT, POSITIVITY, AND SUPPORT WHEREVER IT IS NEEDED. IT IS WONDERFUL TO SEE THIS QUALITY EMERGE SO CLEARLY IN HER LEARNING JOURNEY.

SHE CONTINUES TO BUILD WARM, POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH BOTH ADULTS AND CLASSMATES, ALWAYS HELPFUL, KIND, AND SUCH A JOY TO BE AROUND. WELL DONE, NANCY!



Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Kento: Tower -

For the entire year, Kento has been quietly pushing himself in his learning. He has also been keen to help his classmates whenever he can which shows his really caring and thoughtful nature. On top of that, he also has a great sense of humour which brightens up Tower class.

Oscar: Tower -

Since beginning Year 6, I've seen a real maturity begin to develop in Oscar. He has engaged incredibly well in all of his lessons, put 100% into preparing for his SATs and came with great focus during the assessment week as well. His creativity is outstanding and has been wonderful to see in this week's projects.

Maya: Westminster -

She's been focusing brilliantly in lessons and really trying her hardest, especially in the run up to SATs. She's showing a mature, steady attitude to her learning and giving everything her best effort. In social situations, she's modelling calm, cool and collected behaviour that helps set the tone for others.

Zayn: Westminster -

Zayn has been working hard on his choices throughout the year but has been consistently great for a while now. Since our return from half-term he has showed listening, respect and patience, and reflection when things haven't gone as planned. We all love seeing this side of him but most importantly love that it is daily occurrence which is what hot choc is about. Well done.



Hot Chocolate with the Head Teacher



Elianna: Parliament -

For being resilient and confident in every new situation. She demonstrates her awareness of safety inside and outside of the schools environment. Elianna arrives each day ready for her learning, eager to take on challenges with a positive attitude. Her calm, responsible behaviour makes her a positive role model for others, demonstrating kindness, focus, and respect in everything she does. Well deserved award, Elianna!

Darcey: St Pauls -

What can I say? You are constantly doing the right thing, whether that is in the classroom, in the playground or moving around the school. You are respectful to everyone around you, showing what a great role model you are. You give your best in everything and take on feedback well to help improve. You are kind and generous and a shining star of St. Pauls class. I am very proud of you Darcey.

Emily: Piccadilly -

A well deserved award, as you have worked so hard to improve your listening skills and tried to work independently. You are understanding how important it is to have a go at something in order to achieve success and we enjoy seeing that success reflected in the smile on your face. Keep this attitude going Emily into year 4. Congratulations.



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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



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