



Newsletter

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

Dear Prior Weston families,

What a busy term it has been so far – Year 6 got back from their week-long trip to the farm (Nethercott House) in Devon last Friday. This is an amazing tradition for our Year 6 children here where the children become farmers for a week. Everyone had an amazing time. And this Thursday, we had a visit from Prior Weston ex-pupil and Olympic silver medallist Noah Williams. As well as amazing the children with his diving exploits, he delighted us all with a back flip in assembly! And there have been so many other amazing things going on in the first few weeks of term already.

Something new for this school year - we are looking to introduce Parent Class Representatives this year as part of our commitment to strengthening our school community and ensuring that parents have opportunities to share their views and ideas. Class Reps will help welcome new families, support community events, encourage parent engagement and provide a channel for general feedback to the school. They will also have the opportunity to meet with school leaders each term to discuss themes, suggestions and ways we can continue to improve school life for our children and families. This will be from Reception to Year 6. Complete this form if you are interested: <https://forms.gle/WiPcC7yZpfqAg4DA>

Please try to make it along to your child's 'Meet the Teacher' session next week. It's a good opportunity to get to know your child's new teacher and what will be coming up for them this school year.

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Fiona 😊

Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

September 2026	
Next week	Meet the teacher sessions (see page 4 for further info)
October 2026	
Tuesday 6th October	Year 6 Secondary transition workshop for families— 9.30am
Friday 9th October	Macmillan coffee morning - donations welcome please
Thursday 22nd October	International Food evening
Monday 26th October-Friday 30th October	Half Term break—Primary school children and Term time only children in Children's centre
November 2026	
Tuesday 3rd November	Flu Vaccinations catch up session
Wednesday 4th November	Individual and sibling photo day—Tempest photography
December 2026	
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	Class Parties & Festive performance at 2pm
Thursday 17th December	Festive performance at 9:30am
Friday 18th December	End of Term– Primary school children and Term time only children in Children's centre- 2pm finish
January 2027	
Monday 4th January	INSET day CC and Primary school closed



Safeguarding at Our School



At our school, the safety, wellbeing and happiness of every child is our highest priority. We are committed to creating a safe, nurturing environment where children feel valued, supported and able to thrive.

Our Safeguarding Team is responsible for ensuring that all children are protected and that any concerns about a child's welfare are dealt with quickly and appropriately.

We work closely with families and other

professionals to make sure children receive the support they need.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Fiona, our Headteacher.

As DSL, Fiona has overall responsibility for

safeguarding and child protection within the school. Fiona leads our safeguarding procedures, supports staff, and works with external agencies when necessary to help keep children safe.

If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing or safety, or if there is anything you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to speak to Fiona or a member of the safeguarding team. We are here to listen, support and work together with

families to ensure the best outcomes for all children.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and by working together we can help every child feel safe, secure and ready to learn.



New Aldi store opening—Hoxton

Yesterday some of our Year 5 and 6 children helped to cut the ribbon at the new Aldi store opening in Hoxton.

Among those also helping to cut the ribbon was former Prior Weston student Noah Williams who has become one of Britain's most successful divers, representing Team GB on the world stage and even won an Olympic Silver medal in 2024!



Competition time!



After Noah's visit he and Aldi have set us a picture challenge. Draw a picture that shows what healthy eating means to you.

All entries should be handed in to your class teacher by
Friday 2nd October.

The winner will receive a £20 Aldi voucher.

Good Luck!



After School Clubs



Autumn Term

Learn • Play • Make Friends • Have Fun!

Our exciting after school clubs are back this Autumn Term! There's something for everyone – from sport and the arts to STEM and more!

Open to all children in Reception to Year 6

New term, new adventures!



Monday

	Soapbox <i>(Year 5 and 6 only)</i>	Year 5 & 6
	Basketball	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Lego	Rec, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday

	Soapbox <i>(Year 5 and 6 only)</i>	Year 5 & 6
	Orchestra	Years 3, 4 & 5
	Maths	Year 5
	Football	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday

	Soapbox <i>(Year 5 and 6 only)</i>	Year 5 & 6
	Maths	Years 4 & 5
	KS1 Gymnastics	Rec, 1 & 2
	KS2 Art	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday

	Debate-it!	Years 5 & 6
	Dodgeball	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
	Chess	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



KS2 Gymnastics

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



KS1 Art

Rec, 1 & 2

Be Active
Be Creative
Be You!



Fun Enrichment Activities



Build Friendships



Develop New Skills



Boost Confidence

We can't wait to see you there!



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

Meet the teacher

The children have quickly settled into the routines of the new school year. We would like to share with parents' class routines, timetables and expectations for the year. This will be done through a 'meet the teacher' session with your child's class teacher.

These will happen on the following dates at 3:30pm in your child's classroom:

Tuesday 29th September: Y1 & Y4

Wednesday 30th September: Y2 & Y5

Thursday 31st September: Y3 & Y6

Please come to your child's classroom where the teacher will go through the timetable, homework and important dates for the term. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

Music Masters Term Dates

2026-2027



TERM	DESCRIPTION	DATES	No. OF DAYS/WEEKS
Autumn Term	School starts	Wed 2 Sep	n/a
	Safeguarding Training		
	Teacher Meet Up	Fri 11 Sep	1 day
	Freshers Week	Mon 14 Sep - Fri 18 Sep	1 week (1 day, per school)
	Term 1	Mon 21 Sep - Fri 23 Oct	5 weeks
	Half term	Mon 26 Oct - Fri 30 Oct	1 week
	Term 2	Mon 2 Nov - Fri 4 Dec	5 weeks
	Winter Concerts/Catch-up	Mon 7 Dec - Fri 11 Dec	1 week
	School holiday starts	w/b Mon 21 Dec	n/a
Spring Term	School starts	Mon 4 Jan	n/a
	Teacher Meet Up	Fri 8 Jan	0.5-1 day
	Term 3	Mon 11 Jan - Fri 12 Feb	5 weeks
	Half term	Mon 15 Feb - Fri 19 Feb	1 week
	Term 4	Mon 22 Feb - Fri 19 Mar	4 weeks
	M-Fest/Catch-up	Mon 22 Mar - Thu 25 Mar	1 week (1 day, per school)
	School holiday starts	Fri 26 Mar	n/a
Summer Term	School starts	Mon 12 Apr	n/a
	Teacher Meet Up	Fri 16 Apr	0.5-1 day
	Term 5	Mon 19 Apr - Fri 28 May	6 weeks
	Half term	Mon 31 May - Fri 4 Jun	1 week
	Term 6	Mon 7 Jun - Fri 2 Jul	4 weeks
	Summer Concerts/Catch-up	Mon 5 Jul - Fri 9 Jul	1 week
	School holiday starts	Thu 22 Jul	n/a

Reception admissions information for September 2027 start

If your child was born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023**, they will be due to start Reception in **September 2027**. Families living in **Islington** can apply for a primary school place online from **1 September 2026**. The closing date for applications is **Friday 15 January 2027**.

For further information and to apply, please visit the school admissions website.

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/children-and-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

We have school tours running for Nursery families and external families to help them choose the right school for their child. Please speak to a member of staff at the main reception for information about upcoming tour dates.



Secondary transfer information for September 2027 start

If your child is due to start secondary school in **September 2027**, you will need to apply for a secondary school place.

- Applications open in **September 2026**.
- The national closing date is **31 October 2026**.
- Apply online through the **Islington Council** admissions website.
 - You can list up to **6 preferred schools**.
- School offers will be sent on **1 March 2027** (National Offer Day).

We encourage families to:

- ☒ Visit school open days and events.
- ☒ Research school admissions criteria carefully.
- ☒ Submit applications before the deadline.
- ☒ Ensure contact details are up to date.

For more information and to apply, visit the Islington Council school [admissions webpage](#).



Healthy school reminder



As we settle into the new school year, I would like to remind families of a few important expectations that help us maintain a safe, healthy and inclusive environment for all.

As a Healthy School, and because some of our children have significant allergies and food intolerances, we ask that **birthday cakes, sweets, party bags and other treats are not brought into school or Children's Centre**. We also ask that **parents do not give children snacks or sweets inside the school building or at drop off and collection points**. We know these gestures are made with the very best intentions, but we want to ensure that all children are safe and included. We are also mindful that party bags and birthday treats can create unnecessary expense and expectations for families, and we do not want anyone to feel under pressure to provide gifts or treats for classmates.

A reminder that **school meals are free for every child**. However, if your child brings a packed lunch, please ensure it is a healthy one and does not contain crisps, sugary drinks, chocolate or sweets. For allergy and safeguarding reasons, **children must not share food with one another**.

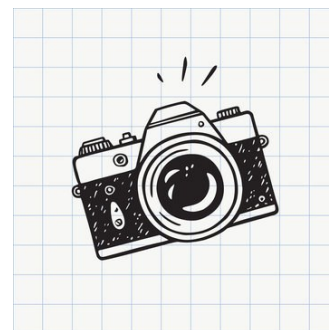


Tempest Individual and Sibling photos - Wednesday 4th November

Dear Prior Weston and Children Centre families,

This is just an advance notification that we are expecting Tempest onsite on **Wednesday 4th November** to take Individual and sibling photographs.

Please ensure your child arrives on time to school, to ensure they are included in the photos.



Year 6 Nethercott Residential Trip



Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time on their residential trip to **Nethercott Farm**. During their stay, they experienced life on a working farm, took part in a variety of hands-on activities, and embraced new challenges with enthusiasm. The children developed their independence, built confidence, and strengthened friendships while creating wonderful memories together. We were incredibly proud of the responsibility, resilience, and teamwork they demonstrated throughout the trip, and we hope they will cherish this experience for years to come.



Slaughter and May Lunchtime volunteer readers - Year 4

Dear Year 4 Families,

We are delighted to share some exciting news that will benefit your child's reading journey this year.

Starting this term, selected Year 4 pupils will have the opportunity to take part in a weekly one-to-one reading session with a dedicated volunteer. The volunteers are from a local law firm called Slaughter & May.

These sessions will run throughout the academic year and are designed to support and enrich your child's reading experience.

Why one-to-one reading?

Research and experience show that individual reading time can have a powerful impact on a child's confidence, fluency, and comprehension. These sessions provide:

Focused attention for your child
A safe space to practise reading aloud and discuss texts
Opportunities to build vocabulary and deepen understanding
Encouragement and motivation from a supportive adult

We are incredibly grateful to have this offer available to our school community. Our volunteers are passionate about fostering a love of reading and are committed to making these sessions enjoyable and meaningful for each child.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about the programme, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



SLAUGHTER AND MAY

Together
for a brighter
tomorrow
♡

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Golden Lane Campus

Join us for coffee, cake
and community!
♡



Friday
9th October



**Golden Lane
Campus**

Help us raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support
and make a difference to people living with cancer
and their families.



Tea & Coffee



Homemade Cakes
& Sweet Treats



Time to Chat
and Connect



Supporting a
Wonderful Cause

Donations Welcome

Every penny raised will help Macmillan provide vital support
to those affected by cancer.

Bring your family, friends and your appetite! ♡

SMALL
CUPS
MAKE A
BIG
DIFFERENCE
♡

A
KINDER
BRIGHTER
FAIRER
WORLD
♡

Together, we can make a difference. ♡



Good Food Brings People Together ♥

Everyone Welcome! ♥

INTERNATIONAL FOOD EVENING

A Taste of the World!

Join us for a wonderful evening celebrating the many cultures, traditions and family favourite dishes that make our school community so special.

 **Thursday 4th October**  **4:00pm - 8:00pm**  **Main Foyer**

FOOD PRICES

£2 per plate for adults

£1 per plate for children

£5 family ticket (up to 5 people)

 **Supporting Our Children**
All money raised will go towards supporting school trips, enrichment activities and special events for our children.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To make this community event a success, we would love families to contribute a home-cooked dish that is a family favourite or reflects your culture and heritage.

 **Can you bring along a dish to share?**
Food contributions can be left at the school office on the day of the event.

Please Remember:

-  Include a list of ingredients with your dish.
-  We are a **nut-free school** and cannot accept any food containing nuts.
- ♥ Thank you for your support!

Come along to sample delicious foods from around the world, meet other families, and celebrate the rich diversity of our school community.

One Community • Many Cultures • Endless Flavours

Different People Brighter Futures ♥

Stronger Together ♥

Food Culture Friendship Community ♥

Little Noses, Big Protection!

FREE Flu Vaccination at School

Vaccinated at school, protected for winter - an easy and convenient way for your child to receive their free flu vaccine during the school day.



This autumn, your child will be offered a FREE NHS flu vaccination at school. The flu vaccine helps protect your child from getting seriously unwell and helps stop flu spreading to family and friends.

- ✓ FREE at school
- ✓ All eligible year groups invited
- ✓ Parents/carers will receive an email asking for consent

Most children receive a quick nasal spray vaccine.

A gelatine-free injectable vaccine is also available for children who cannot have the nasal spray or where parents choose this option.

Please complete your consent form as soon as you receive it.



For more information about vaccines:
www.schoolvaccination.uk

Part of the NHS School Aged Immunisation Service



Flu Vaccination catch up session is on Tuesday 3rd November.

Picture - Powered Talking

Free parent training

Prior Weston Primary School
101 Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JA

Session 1: Supporting early communication and play skills

Friday 2 October
9:30 to 11:30am

Session 2: Supporting communication through visuals

Friday 9 October
9:30 to 11:30am

Session 3: Supporting communication and choice making through visuals

Friday 16 October
9:30 to 11:30am



**Parents are recommended
to attend all sessions**

Scan the QR code to book your place

Any questions?

Phone the team on 0203 316 1748





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!



NO BIKES **TO BE BOUGHT** **INTO** **GOLDEN LANE CAMPUS**

- **PLEASE PUT THEM IN THE BIKE PARK AT FRONT OF SCHOOL** •

**NO BIKES INSIDE
THE CAMPUS**



**For everyone's safety,
please do not bring bikes
into the campus.**

**USE THE BIKE PARK
AT FRONT OF SCHOOL**



**Thank you for helping
keep our campus safe
and tidy.**



THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION