



Newsletter

23/10/26 Autumn Issue 3

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

Dear Prior Weston families,

We've reached the end of another incredibly busy half term, with so much happening across Prior Weston.

A particular **huge thank you to Toni**, who has worked incredibly hard on both the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** and our **International Food Festival**. Both were wonderful opportunities to bring our community together, and thank you to all our families who baked, cooked, contributed and joined us. As her last child is now in Year 6, these will be her final events this school year – I am not sure what we will do without her help next year. If you would like to get involved, or have an idea for an event we could run, please do get in touch.

A small practical reminder as we move into autumn: please make sure children bring a coat or jacket to school each day. The weather is becoming increasingly changeable, but we still want children to be able to enjoy being outdoors throughout the school day.

Thank you, as always, for all your support this half term. Have a really lovely half-term break and we'll see everyone back refreshed and ready for the next one!

Fiona 😊
Head Teacher



Dates for your Diary

September 2026	
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	
Thursday 3rd December	Parent/Carer Evening
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
Tuesday 22nd December	End of Term - Golden Lane Children's Centre
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.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT Coffee Mornings

Thank you to Toni and our amazing team for running the Macmillan Coffee Morning and to all the families and staff across the Campus who donated food or supported the cause by buying something on the day.

We raised £019.83 to support Cancer treatments and research.

Well done everyone!



A local organisation called **'We Restart'** has given us a fantastic donation of creative bags for each child in Y4 and Y5. This has been funded by an organisation called **Tradeweb**.

Each bag contains paints, pens, a booklet and an individual note written by the Tradeweb team.



We hope your child enjoys their creative bag and it encourages them to draw, paint, experiment and imagine.



Celebration Assembly

18th September 2026

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls - Maya & Luqman



Piccadilly - Aarish & Nawaal

Kew - Eliana & Ronnie

Parliament - Elliott & Valentina



Celebration Assembly

25th September 2026

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls - Lewis & Ezekiel

Piccadilly - Julianna & Callie

Kew - Jamie & Alaa

Parliament - Seanna I & Sudais

Westminster - Elianna & Marco



Celebration Assembly

2nd October 2026

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls - Kylo & Nai'Lah



Piccadilly - Darcey & Riley

Kew - Teddy & Nadira

Parliament - Myla & Sienna B

Westminster - Nancy & Parker



Celebration Assembly

9th October 2026

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls - Omar & Kai

Piccadilly - Elias & Nathan

Kew - Emilia & Aavya

Parliament - CeCe & Amira

Westminster - Mikhail & Maya





Celebration Assembly

16th October 2026

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls - Roman & Kareem

Piccadilly - Samuel & Josiah

Kew - Saber & Darcey

Parliament - Hirad & Kerry

Westminster - Nisan & Elijah



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

Weather appropriate clothing

As we move towards the winter, the weather will be getting wetter. Please send your child in with the appropriate clothing, footwear, jackets/coats for the weather each day, especially when they are going out on trips. Please look in the cupboards in the Fortune Park foyer for coats and jackets before rushing out to buy one. We have plenty in there.

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 getting shorter and the weather getting colder as you spend 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

16th October 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 6

Anisha

ANISHA IS LIKE THE HAPPIEST, LOVELIEST CARTOON CHARACTER MADE INTO LIFE. SHE IS ALWAYS SO SMILEY AND FULL OF ENERGY, BOUNCING AROUND LIKE TIGGER. SHE CAN'T HELP BUT BRING A SMILE TO EVERYBODY'S FACE AS HER POSITIVITY AND JOY IS INFECTIOUS AND SHE IS ALWAYS CHEERING UP PEOPLE WHEN THEY NEED IT. HER CHEEKY SENSE OF HUMOUR ALWAYS MAKES ME LAUGH.

SHE IS ALSO SO KIND AND GENEROUS – CONSTANTLY CHECKING IF PEOPLE ARE OK, MAKING THEM LITTLE GIFTS AND OFFERING TO HELP.

ANISHA IS ALSO POLITE AND WELL-MANNERED AND IS A GREAT EXAMPLE TO THOSE AROUND HER. IN HER LEARNING, SHE IS ALWAYS RESILIENT AND MOTIVATED AND NEVER FAILS TO GIVE LESS THAN 100% IN HER WORK.

I AM SO HAPPY AND LUCKY TO HAVE HER IN MY CLASS: SHE IS A SPECIAL PERSON AND THERE IS NO ONE LIKE HER. KEEP BEING THE WONDERFUL, FRIENDLY AND UNIQUE PERSON YOU ARE, ANISHA.





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

Friday

	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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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**.

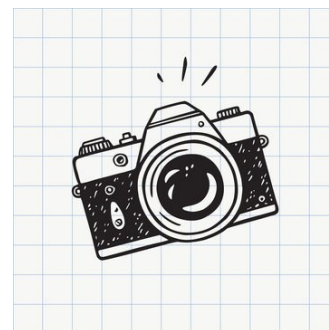


Tempest Individual and Sibling photos - Wednesday 4th November

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.



The Flu



For Families of all children from Reception class to Year 6

Vaccination Catch Up Date: 3rd November

The school vaccination team will be re-visiting school for a flu vaccination catch-up session in the upcoming weeks.

If you have not yet completed an online consent or refusal form for your child for this flu season, we kindly request that you take this opportunity to do so at your earliest convenience.



If you have already submitted a form for your child this flu season, there is no need to complete another one.

However, if you have submitted a form and your child has not yet been vaccinated, the school vaccination team will attempt again at the catch-up session.



If you have not yet given permission, there is still time!

IF YOUR CHILD ATTENDS A SCHOOL IN ISLINGTON, PLEASE SEE ADDRESS BELOW:

<https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2026/ISLINGTON>

If you wish to book your child into a community clinic instead, please see address below:

<https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2026/book>

For any further information or queries, please email: haringey@v-uk.co.uk or islington@v-uk.co.uk



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

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



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A porcine-free flu vaccine is available

Protect your child from flu this winter

Your child will be offered a **free** NHS flu vaccination as part of the school-aged vaccination programme.

The vaccine usually offered to children is a nasal spray. The nasal flu vaccine contains a small amount of porcine gelatine.



PREFER A VACCINE WITHOUT PORCINE GELATINE?

A **porcine-free** injectable flu vaccine is also available.

If you do not want your child to receive a vaccine containing porcine gelatine for religious, cultural or personal reasons, you can request the injectable flu vaccine instead.



TWO VACCINE OPTIONS

NASAL SPRAY



- ✓ Given as a quick spray into each nostril
- ✓ The preferred vaccine for most children
- ✓ Contains a small amount of porcine gelatine
- ✓ No needle is needed

INJECTABLE VACCINE



- ✓ Given as an injection, usually in the upper arm
- ✓ Does not contain porcine gelatine
- ✓ Available for children who cannot have, or whose parents prefer not to have, the nasal spray

WHY VACCINATE AGAINST FLU?

Flu can make children very unwell and can spread easily at school and at home.

-  Protect them from flu and its complications
-  Reduce the chance of flu spreading to family and friends
-  Protect people who may be more vulnerable to becoming seriously ill

HOW DO I CHOOSE THE PORCINE-FREE VACCINE?

-  When you receive your child's flu vaccination consent form, complete it as instructed and select the injectable flu vaccine if you would prefer the porcine-free option.
-  If you have questions or need help completing your child's consent, please contact the Vaccination UK team.



VACCINATED AT SCHOOL | PROTECTED FOR WINTER

WWW.SCHOOLVACCINATION.UK



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UK Health
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Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.

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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



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!