Newsletter

20/11/26 Autumn Issue 4

#shineatpriorweston Virtual tour @ https://bit.ly/32RoLWi #unitedagainstbullying

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

Dear Prior Weston families,

It's been another busy few weeks on the campus!

Ofsted

Thank you to everyone for your support during our Ofsted inspection last week. We were really pleased to receive some lovely feedback about the work happening across the school and the care and commitment shown by our staff and children. The final report will be published in the next few weeks and, of course, we will share it with families as soon as we receive it.

ParentMail and communication

We have noticed that some of our ParentMail messages do not seem to be reaching families as effectively as we had hoped, and that important information is occasionally being missed. ParentMail remains our main way of communicating with families, so we will be asking for some feedback about what is working, what isn't, and what we could do to make communication clearer and easier for everyone.

Parents' Evening – Thursday 3 December

A reminder that Parents' Evening is coming up on **Thursday 3 December**. It is a really important opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, hear about how they are getting on and talk about their learning and progress. **Please make sure you book an appointment and come along. We really value having the chance to speak with you.**

Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

Fiona ☺

Head Teacher



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Dates for your Diary

December 2026	
Thursday 3rd December	Parent/Carer Evening
Tuesday 8th December	Music Masters Orchestra sharing performance 4.15-4.30pm TBC
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

December 2026	Festive Dates for your Diary
Tuesday 1st December	1pm Jack and the Beanstalk panto @ Hackney Empire Years 5 & 6 (& ARP children)
Wednesday 2nd December	1pm Jack and the Beanstalk panto @ Hackney Empire Years 2, 3 & 4
Monday 7th December	Music Masters Winter Concert @ Plaisterers' Hall
Wednesday 9th December	Whitecross Street cake sale
Thursday 10th December	Choir Weston to Ecovis Offices
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper day & Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 15th December	PM Festive performance Including children from Nursery to Y6
Wednesday 16th December	PM Jack and the Beanstalk panto @ Prior Weston (Children's Centre, Rec and Year 1)
Thursday 17th December	AM Festive performance Including children from Nursery to Y6
Thursday 17th December	Class Parties PM

Arsenal Football Trip

Our Year 5 and 6 girl's football team played brilliantly at an Arsenal tournament, showing excellent footballing ability, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. The girls represented Prior Weston with pride and showed what it means to be part of our school community through the way they supported one another on the pitch.

Well done to everyone who took part!















Year 5 and 6 Touch Rugby Team Take Third Place!

Prior Weston's Year 5 and 6 rugby team put in a fantastic performance at Wednesday's touch rugby competition, earning a brilliant third place finish! The team showed great teamwork and determination throughout and represented our school superbly. Well done to all the players.

We're really proud of you!



Forest School Winter update/reminders

TGC The Garden Classroom

Six Reasons Why Being Outside in the Winter is Good for Children

1. **Reduces germ exposure**
Cold weather itself does not cause colds and illness spreads more easily indoors. Fresh air helps limit the body's exposure to indoor germs.

2. **Supports vitamin D**
Even on cloudy and cold winter days, natural daylight helps the body absorb vitamin D, which improves bone growth and mood.

3. **Builds resilience**
Learning in cold weather teaches children to adapt, take a positive approach and prove to themselves they can learn, play and have fun in all weather!

4. **Encourages movement and self regulation**
Active play in the cold builds gross motor skills, cardiovascular fitness, muscle strength and balance, while teaching children to regulate one's body temperature.

5. **Improves focus and mood**
Playing in nature in all weathers reduces stress, anger and anxiety, while improving attention span and focus.

6. **Sparks creativity**
Being outside in winter allows children to see a familiar space in another season. This encourages imaginative play and children get to learn how our natural world changes throughout the year.





Forest School Kit



WINTER

Children will need three/four layers.

- Long sleeved top
- Long warm trousers/leggings/joggers
- Winter coat
- Wellies/boots/outdoor walking shoes
- Waterproofs
- Gloves and wooly hat
- On colder days - vest/thick socks



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International Food Festival

Tour Around the World




Our International food festival on Thursday 22nd October was a lovely coming together of our school community. It was so nice to share each others food around the tables together. A huge thank you to everyone that contributed towards this event by donating and/or buying food on the day.

Altogether, we raised a fantastic **£77.00**



Prior Weston Primary School CHILDREN IN NEED

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

Prior Weston Primary School



Big thanks to Big bird for making a special appearance on the day!

We raised a fabulous

£104.85p



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Celebration Assembly

23rd October 2026

Our shining stars were:

St Pauls - Mohammed & Alai

Piccadilly - Dylan & Alex

Kew - Asiya & Jannat

Parliament - Jayden & Isabell

Celebration Assembly

6th November 2026

Our shining stars were:

Barbican - Aiyla & Bonnie

St Pauls - Louie & Olimpia

Piccadilly - Anisa & Aarish

Kew - Muna & Noelia

Parliament - Dawud & Roman

Westminster - Jean-Luc & Charlyn

Celebration Assembly

13th November 2026

Barbican - Lilah & Tilly

St Pauls - Maya & Roman

Piccadilly - Callie & Elias

Kew - Emily & Robert

Parliament - Yevhen & Indiana

Westminster - Isa & Ezel

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

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Lovely Letter



23rd October 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 5

Seanna I

I am delighted to write this lovely letter to celebrate the wonderful contribution Seanna has made to our class. She has consistently demonstrated kindness, care and consideration towards others, making her a valued member of our classroom. Whether supporting a friend who needs encouragement, helping a classmate with their learning, or simply showing thoughtfulness through her everyday actions, she always strives to make others feel included and valued. I have also been particularly impressed by the responsibility she takes for her own learning. She approaches challenges with a positive attitude, asks for help when she needs it and shows determination in developing her understanding. One of the real joys of teaching Seanna has been watching her creativity and imagination flourish. In both art and writing lessons, she brings her ideas to life with enthusiasm. She should be incredibly proud of the positive example she sets each day. Her kindness, resilience and creativity make her a pleasure to teach, and I look forward to seeing all that she continues to achieve.
Well done, and keep shining!

6th November 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 4

Yara

What an honour it is to nominate Yara for this award. Yara has shown wonderful growth in confidence since settling into Year 4. She has demonstrated that with a positive attitude, she can do anything. Yara has become more confident during lessons, challenging herself by answering questions and sharing her ideas with others. Her progress reflects how far she has come in her learning journey, and she continues to shine in the classroom every day. She has build friendship with some of her peers and is helpful towards any adults. Her tender caring nature puts her in the spotlight of looking out for her peers inside and outside of the classroom. We are very proud of you Yara! An award well deserved.

13th November 2026

The lovely letter goes to Year 3

Dylan

Dylan is always helpful and thoughtful towards others, showing genuine kindness and consideration in everything he does. He expresses himself eloquently, sharing his ideas with confidence and clarity, and his contributions to class discussions are always valued. The class are in awe of Dylan during Soft Start when he challenges both adults and children to complete the word search quicker than he can. Time and time again, we have to admit defeat! His enthusiasm, determination and positive attitude never fail to impress us. Dylan approaches every challenge with confidence and a smile, inspiring those around him to do their very best. Well done, Dylan. Your hard work, enthusiasm and consideration for others make you a truly deserving recipient of the Lovely Letter Award. We are incredibly proud of you and the wonderful example you set for everyone around you. Keep shining and being the fantastic role model that you are!









HACKNEY EMPIRE

PRESENTS

JACK & the Beanstalk!

TUESDAY 1ST DECEMBER
1PM JACK AND THE BEANSTALK PANTO @ HACKNEY EMPIRE YEARS 5 & 6 (& ARP CHILDREN)

WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER
1PM JACK AND THE BEANSTALK PANTO @ HACKNEY EMPIRE YEARS 2, 3 & 4

WE ARE ASKING FAMILIES FOR A CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE TICKETS. A MINIMUM OF £5 PER CHILD WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE £10 THAT HELPS, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO CONTRIBUTE THE FULL COST OF £14 THAT WOULD BE GREAT. PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE THROUGH PARENT MAIL.



Prior Weston

Winter Concert

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2026

Music Masters and Prior Weston Primary school would like to celebrate the hard work and achievements of all the young violinists and cellists from Year 1, Year 2 and KS2 participants and invite you to watch our Winter Concert 2026

MUSIC MASTERS



PLAISTERERS' HALL, 1 LONDON WALL, BARBICAN EC2Y 5JU
DOORS OPEN 13:45PM/PERFORMANCE 2.00PM
PLEASE RESPOND TO PARENTMAIL FORM OR SPEAK TO BEV IN THE FOYER

PRIOR WESTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE PRESENTS

THE FESTIVE PERFORMANCE

NURSERY-YEAR 6

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER
2PM (DOORS OPEN 1.45PM)
OR

WEDNESDAY 16THTH DECEMBER
10AM (DOORS OPEN 9.45AM)

PLEASE BOOK TICKETS THROUGH PARENTMAIL OR SEE BEV AT THE START/END OF THE DAY

CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND CHRISTMAS LUNCH DAY

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER



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Competitions





Scholastic Book Fair: 30th Nov - 4th Dec (including parent's evening on the 3rd)

Opening times: 8:45-9am & 3:25-3:45pm every day as well as throughout Parent's Evening

Competition:

Design your own book cover.

Entries to Aoife by Friday 27th November - can be for your favourite book or one you create!

PINES AND NEEDLES

Premier Christmas Tree Services

We're excited to share that we have kindly been donated a beautiful Christmas tree by **Pines and Needles**.

As part of their gift, they are also offering

7% off Christmas trees

from their London pop-up stores and online shop.

Discount Code: SCHOOL7

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