



## We LEARN with PRIDE

Priory Junior School, Priory Road, Gedling, Nottingham, NG4 3LE  
Head Teacher: Mr. J. Cross

### Newsletter – 7/2/25

#### Almost half term... almost!

I can't believe how quickly this week has gone! Some great stuff has been happening this week. ELSAs from lots of other schools have met to meet in our new pastoral space (more to follow), an amazing trip out for some of our pupils and, as always, some really hard work!

#### Key Dates

As always, some key dates to look out for:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb** – 9:30AM – Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Break up for February Half-Term

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Return to school

**Weeks of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Assessments in school

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – 1:30PM – PINS Coffee Afternoon

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** – Spring Term Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Spring Term Parents' Evening

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Spring Term Parents' Evening

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – 9:30AM Year 3/4 Celebration Assembly

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – 9:30AM Year 5/6 Celebration Assembly

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – 9:30 AM Rock Steady Concert

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Break up for Easter

#### A Great Day Out



A few of our children had a trip out to Newark on Tuesday where they attended a day which was set up as part of Mental Health Week. The trip was a great opportunity for the children to grow in independence, listen to guest speakers, attend workshops and watch special performances; this even included a former Priory pupil performing with their dance troupe. The trip was a perfect way to find out more about which services are available in Nottinghamshire to support children and young people's mental health. There was even time for a spot of climbing; exercise is a great way of keeping your mind and body healthy.



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### Fun In The Forest



This week, Miss Wood and Mrs Morley have been away on Forest School's Training. Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting.

From next half term, we will be starting to run Forest School sessions in our front garden led by Miss Wood and Mrs. Morley. Hopefully, as we start to embed this within our school provision, we will be able to broaden this opportunity to more and more pupils over time.

### Our ESLA space



Our new ELSA space is finished. It's already had a lot of use and some rave reviews. On Wednesday, other ELSAs from other schools came to meet in our hall for some continuous professional development. When I popped my head in to say hello, they'd left the hall and decided to cram into our ELSA space for a nice calming break. Thank you to Jayce, Evan, Sam, Maizee and all the other children who helped create our new ELSA space. It's an amazing place to support children when they are regulating, and a calm, safe space to open up about the things that they are worried or anxious about. This will be a resource that will support so many of our pupils and help them on their school journey.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr. Cross