



## We LEARN with PRIDE

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### Newsletter – 28/3/25

We're almost at Easter and there's been some amazing stuff happening at Priory. Please take the time to read our updates from this week.

### Key Dates

As always, some key dates to look out for:

**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

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April –** First day back!

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May –** SATs Week begins for Year 6

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June –** Multiplication Screening Check for Y4

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June –** Nottingham Shakespeare Festival at Nottingham Playhouse (selected pupils)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June –** Class Photos (Uniform please!)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June –** Potential Date for Sports Day. TBC

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July –** Cresswell Craggs Trip – Y3

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July –** INSET DAY

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July –** Year 3/4 Talent Show

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July –** Year 5/6 Talent Show

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July –** Potential Year 6 Prom Date. TBC

### Football success!

Priory Junior School Boys played their first match of the season; a friendly match against Lowdham Primary School. We won 3-2, but dominated the game hitting the bar 3 times! Everyone played brilliantly, but there was a standout performance from captain, and defensive mastermind, Evan who won our player of the match award.



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### The PRIDE shop

The Pride shop is open next week for children to visit. Some of our Year 6 employees got to help Miss Edwards choose and buy the stock - there was lots of excitement and some big spends. They can't wait to put the stock out for all children to have a browse and hopefully choose something to purchase - a lovely reminder to the children of all of their hard work and achievements this half term.



### DAART Assembly

This morning, Year 5 treated us to their DAART Assembly. DAART is a really important unit of work that teaches pupils about drugs and alcohol. But it also teaches pupils how to be resilient and deal with challenging topics and situations. Today, the children out into practice what they had learned by putting on some amazing performances for parents and carers.



### Mrs Sinclair's campaign

Rachael (Mrs Sinclair as she's known to the children) has been campaigning for families whose worlds are devastated by childhood cancer. Please have a read of this local newspaper article:





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<https://www.chad.co.uk/news/people/ravenshead-mum-launches-campaign-for-faster-financial-help-for-families-with-children-with-cancer-5038463> and share it on your socials to help support the campaign.

Thank you.

### Online Safety



This week, you may have seen pictures go up around school of Mr. Cross. ← This picture to be precise... (a picture from a lovingly given mug of mine in the staff room.)

This picture was shared following an assembly I led on Friday regarding the sharing of images online, and how once they have been shared, you cannot control what happens next. Please be vigilant with your children if they have a device and are communicating with each other outside of school.

This includes monitoring devices for content that is being view on platforms such as Whatsapp and Tik Tok. Most social media apps have an age limit of 13+ or higher, so it is important that you actively monitor your child's online presence and support them where necessary.

### Spare Stuff!!!

Over the next few months, we are looking to develop our outdoor areas by providing different types of opportunity for play. We are currently looking for:

- Pallets
- Kitchen appliances (not functional/working) e.g. microwaves, ovens, washing machines etc.
- Metallic pans/colanders etc.
- Metallic kitchen utensils
- Crates and boxes (plastic or wooden)
- Cut logs (with a diameter of at least 30cm)
- Wooden planks (At least 15 cm in width and 1m in length)
- Tyres
- Tarpaulin – of a decent size to build dens/shelters.

If you're not sure if we need it, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or the school office.

### Important Notice to Parents: YouTube Account Safety for Children

[Parents Guide to YouTube | The Dangers and YouTube Safety Tips](#)

### [CEOP Safety Centre](#)

We want to bring your attention to an important matter regarding children's use of YouTube. As more children between the ages of 7 and 11 are opening YouTube accounts, it's essential to be aware of the potential risks they may face online.

While YouTube can be a valuable educational and entertainment platform, it also exposes users, especially younger ones, to inappropriate content, harmful comments, and interactions with online predators.

Unfortunately, despite YouTube's efforts to filter and moderate content, the platform is not always fully equipped to protect young children from these dangers.

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**Nottinghamshire County Council and CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection) outline these risks:**

- **Exploitation Risk:** Children may encounter harmful individuals trying to engage with them through comments or messages. Please make sure accounts are private and comments are turned off. People are skilled at manipulating young Youtubers and looking for signs of information or vulnerability.
- **Inappropriate Content:** Videos and advertisements may not always be age-appropriate, and some content can be disturbing or unsuitable for young viewers.
- **Harmful Comments:** Comment sections can contain negative or even harmful messages, affecting your child's emotional well-being.

**What You Can Do:**

1. **Supervise your child's online activity.** Regularly check their YouTube account, watch the videos they've been viewing, and monitor the content they interact with.
2. **Use parental controls.** YouTube offers a "Restricted Mode" to help filter out inappropriate content. Additionally, consider using YouTube Kids, which provides a safer, more controlled environment.
3. **Talk to your child.** Have open conversations about the potential dangers of online platforms and the importance of reporting anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.
4. **Turn off comments.** If your child is creating content, you can disable comments on their videos to reduce the risk of harmful interactions.
5. **Make their account private.** Make sure their followers be friends and family - who they know in the real world.

By staying involved and utilising available tools, you can help ensure your child's safety while they enjoy the many benefits of YouTube.

Thank you for taking the time to read this important message. Your proactive involvement is crucial to creating a safer online environment for your child.

**Picking up from school:**

This is a polite reminder for parents in Year 3 and 4. Please ensure that you have informed the adult dismissing your child's class that you have taken your child before leaving the school site. This is to ensure that all pupils leave the school site safely.

Have an amazing weekend,

Mr. Cross



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# Lowdham Horticultural Society

# **SPRING SHOW**

Sunday 6th April  
1 pm to 3.30 pm

Lowdham Village Hall



**£1.50 adults/under16s free**

**Artwork & Floral displays by  
Lowdham Painting for Pleasure Group  
and Lowdham Flower Guild**



**Free Children's  
Activities**

**Stalls & Refreshments**

**Raffle**

**Classes for Spring Flowers, Shrubs,  
Pot Plants, Floral Art  
and Young People**



**For more information  
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**[www.lowdhamhortsoc.org.uk](http://www.lowdhamhortsoc.org.uk)**





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## Lowdham Horticultural Society Spring Show

**Are you aged 16 and under? Have a go and enter our classes for Young People**

**Bring your entries to Lowdham Village Hall on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April  
from 9.30 – 11.30am  
Judging at 11.45am Prize for every entry**

<b>5 Years and Under</b>		
 <p><b>Cress grown in a novelty container</b></p>	 <p><b>3 Decorated Digestive Biscuits</b></p>	 <p><b>A Paper Plate Animal</b></p>
<b>6-11 years</b>		
 <p><b>A Decorated Easter Bonnet</b></p>	 <p><b>3 Rice Crispie Nests</b></p>	 <p><b>A Miniature Spring Garden in a seed tray</b></p>
<b>12-16 years</b>		
 <p><b>A Bug Hotel</b></p>	 <p><b>5 Spring Decorated Homemade Cup Cakes</b></p>	 <p><b>A Spring Flower Arrangement in a Teacup</b></p>

**Also - Don't forget your pot of 'Quail' Daffodils you planted at our Autumn Festival**