



We LEARN with PRIDE

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

Newsletter – 28/2/25

First week back is complete!

Welcome back to the second half of Spring Term. This half term there will be assessments, parents' evenings, World Book Day and the inevitable preparations for Easter! The sun is shining a bit more, too, which means we can be outside more often and the front garden is going to look increasingly beautiful.

Key Dates

As always, some key dates to look out for:

Monday 24th Feb – Return to school

Weeks of 3rd and 10th March – Assessments in school

Monday 17th March – 1:30PM – PINS Coffee Afternoon

Tuesday 18th March – Spring Term Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th March - Spring Term Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th March - Spring Term Parents' Evening

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

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

Friday 4th April – 9:30 AM Rock Steady Concert

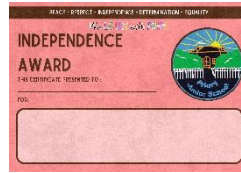
Friday 4th April – Break up for Easter

New Certificates

School has ordered some new certificates to celebrate the incredible achievements of our pupils. Pupils will receive certificates linked to our PRIDE values.

Here are some of our pupils receiving our new determination and equality awards; the first pupils in the school to do so!

You can see the full selection of certificates and what they look like below:





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World Book Day! – Thursday 6th March 2025

On Thursday 6th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. The theme this year is '**Read Your Way**'. '**Read Your Way**' encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and lets children find fun in reading. The aim is to give children and young people the opportunity to discover reading on their terms, without judgement.

Dressing Up – Thursday 6th March

Every year we celebrate our favourite book characters by dressing up on World Book Day. This year, we are encouraging children to be inventive and create costumes using household items. Children could dress as their favourite character or as a (school appropriate) word. Google produces a vast array of ideas for this. There will be prizes for the most imaginative ideas in each year group. Alternatively, if your child doesn't like dressing up, coming to school on World Book Day dressed in their comfiest clothes is perfectly acceptable, as long as they bring their favourite book with them.

Read Your Way - Extreme Reading: Send your photos in now!

Let's celebrate Reading for Pleasure. Capture your child reading in the most extreme, obscure, surprising or creative places. Taking a train journey, take a photo of your child reading and send to us. Taking in a mountain view, take a photo of your child reading and send to. Going on holiday? Take a photo of your child reading in the pool and send to us. You get the picture!

Help us to create a buzz, send photos to office@priory-jun.notts.sch.uk We will use these to create a whole school display.

Readathon - Monday 3rd - Friday 7th March

Across the week of World Book Day (3rd-7th March), to celebrate a love of reading at home and at school, our PTA will be running a sponsored read. Money raised will go towards new books for the school. Please help us to enhance our reading resources by encouraging your child to read for a small amount of time at home.

Book Sale: Wednesday 5th March @ 15:30

On Wednesday 5th March, a number of used books will be on sale at the end of the school day for a small donation.

Midday supervisors

Do you like children? Do you like midday? Do you like supervising? Well, this could be the job for you! We are looking for two midday supervisors to support with lunchtimes. This includes setting up amazing activities for the children to play with, modelling what good play looks like and keeping children safe and happy at lunchtime. If you think this is the job for you, please get in contact with the school office by emailing: office@priory-jun.notts.sch.uk



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Year 6

We would like to welcome Ms Karen Olley to our school team. She will be working in school for the next few weeks, supporting in year six. She will then take over Class 7 –when Mrs. Arkley-Brown leaves to start her Maternity Leave. The Children in Class 7 will get the next couple of weeks of getting to know Ms Olley whilst she works alongside Mrs. Arkley-Brown getting to know our wonderful children and school.

Thanks for your continued support,

Mr. Cross