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**Newsletter – 14.11.25**

**Key Dates – Autumn Term**

**Week Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December: Parents’ Evening (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)**

**Week Beginning 8<sup>th</sup> December: Planting Week!**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Book Fair**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Dinner Day**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Year 4/5 Talent Show**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity – Year 3 (2PM)**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December: Year 3/6 Talent Show**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Carols on the Playground (Parents welcome!)**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Party Day**

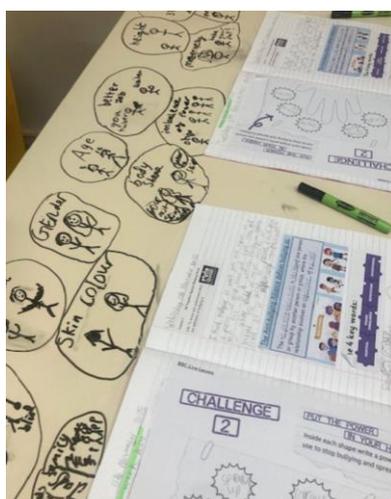
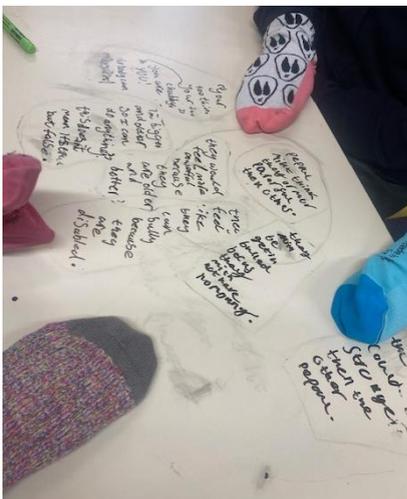
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December: Rock Steady Concert**

Just to let you know, our mural is in the paper... well, online

<https://westbridfordwire.com/mural-artists-transform-a-nottingham-junior-school-hall/>

**Anti-Bullying Week**

Here at Priory, we’ve had a successful Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on what it means to be a defender and how bullying often involves an imbalance of power. Year 5 shared thoughtful examples of different power imbalances and even used odd socks in a drama activity to explore how bullying can make people feel. Together, we learned how everyone can help create a kind, supportive school community.





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### Forest School Planting

Phase One has begun! The field has already taken some shape with a new pathway and some trees already planted.

Two standout moments for me today were Sophia holding her new friend "William the Worm" completely unphased and really enjoying herself and Leelan saying "I've never done anything like this before, I've planted my first tree!"

The children worked fantastically together and behaved impeccably a brilliant first step in planting and developing our amazing field space.



### Talking of which...

Forest school is a massive part of what we want to do here at Priory. Children at Phoenix already have this amazing experience and we want to keep developing our outdoor spaces through OPAL and Forest School to provide lots of new opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. Children are telling us they love it... so let's keep doing more! We are working with a company called Leaves of Green to get the first steps right... the planting. A rough sketch has been draw up of what we are hoping to achieve over the next few years. The problem is, we need to get some planting done first. Our field is massive but not very interesting so...

**IF YOU HAVE ANY FREE CAPACITY IN THE WEEK BEGINNING 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, WE WILL BE PLANTING SOME TREES THAT WEEK. IF YOU HAVE A SPADE AND SOME FREE TIME, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US TO OFFER YOUR SERVICES. EVEN IF IT'S ONLY AN HOUR, THAT'D BE A MASSIVE HELP!**

I've attached a plan of what we're aiming for... except we won't cover up the gates in Phoenix, promise!

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## Year 5 Retro Futurism Art – Confident Creators!

Year 5 recently wowed parents with their Retro Futurism art presentations. Children shared their finished prints along with sketchbook plans and colour palettes, explaining the techniques they used and the stories behind their work. They spoke clearly and confidently, using artistic vocabulary and listening thoughtfully to each other. The project has not only developed strong art skills such as printmaking and composition, but also boosted pupils' confidence, communication, and creative thinking. A big well done to Miss Edwards and all of Year 5 for their impressive effort, care, and creativity – we are very proud of you!

## A shout out for Bella!

I received this lovely email from Bella's mum. It's always a pleasure to find out what children are doing outside school.

*Bella took part in Empower dance events troupe day on 3rd November with her dance troupe. She had a great day with her friends. Her junior troupe performed lyrical, ballet, acro, modern and song and dance. They achieved 3 1st places and 1 3rd place and were also awarded the backstage trophy for their manners and support of the other troupes!*

*She's also recently received her grade 2 ballet and primary modern exam awards, which she worked so hard for over the summer and achieved distinctions in both. There were quite a few weeks in the summer term when she danced 5 days in a row, we're incredibly proud of how hard she has worked.*



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**OPAL**

Priory have started OPAL (outdoor play and learning) at lunchtimes to try and bring back interactive play times! We are looking to help recycle anything that might be destined for the dump but with a creative mind can be useful. This includes:

- Slides / swings (even the plastic bit missing the frame)
- Pallets
- Scooters / helmets
- Pipes = guttering, tubes,
- Any type of crate (milk/wooden/bread/shopping)
- Tarpaulin / tonne bags
- Broken zipped suitcases
- Barrels / water barrels
- Kitchen pots / pans / baking trays
- Buckets
- Wooden / plastic reels
- Small world = dolls/ animals / small toys / building blocks / wooden train tracks / toy cars
- Fancy dress = old clothes / dresses / wigs
- And anything you think a child could be creative with / use for den building

**Family Hubs**

In case you don't know about them, I am attaching some information below about Family Hubs. They are a great resource for support.

*Family Hubs are working together with partners such as the NHS, schools, and local charities to provide joined up services and give families the right support at the right time, making it easier to get information and*



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*advice. Each Family Hub Network will include at least one main physical building and other access points across Nottinghamshire. Some of these might be in schools or libraries, as well as online from our [Virtual Family Hub on Notts Help Yourself](#).*

*Family Hub Networks aim to offer a range of help and support from pregnancy and throughout childhood into early adulthood, including with preparing for a baby, child development, parenting support, health and wellbeing, relationships and communication, finances and employment.*

*If you want to find out more, watch the link below.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKcjOr5buTI>

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# BREAKFAST *With Santa*

Join us for breakfast with Santa where children can share their holiday wishes, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and revel in the magic of the season.

Tickets cost £5 per person purchased via school money.

- ✓ **Christmas activities**
- ✓ **Delicious breakfast options for the whole family**
- ✓ **Children's tickets includes a visit to Santa's grotto + a gift**

**Saturday 6th December | 9:30 - 11:30**  
**@ Priory Junior School**

Enquires:  
[pta@priory-jun.notts.sch.uk](mailto:pta@priory-jun.notts.sch.uk)

**Limited  
tickets  
available**

