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

Newsletter – 21.11.25

Key Dates – Autumn Term

Week Beginning 1st December: Parents' Evening (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Week Beginning 8th December: Planting Week!

Wednesday 3rd December – Wednesday 10th December: Book Fair

Thursday 11th December: Christmas Dinner Day

Tuesday 16th December: Year 4/5 Talent Show

Tuesday 16th December: Nativity – Year 3 (2PM)

Wednesday 17th December: Year 3/6 Talent Show

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas Carols on the Playground (Parents welcome!) – May change!!!

Thursday 18th December: Christmas Party Day

Friday 19th December: Rock Steady Concert

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!





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OPAL

Please see the amazing photo from OPAL this week:



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



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Attendance

Over the next few weeks, you will receive more information regarding our attendance processes and procedures. Last year, 15% of our children had an attendance of 90% or less. 90% attendance is equivalent to missing 19 school days, which is nearly four weeks. At Priory, we are determined to help pupils in coming to school more often and will be working with an Attendance Consultant to support us in how to do this.

Mr Buckmaster has many years of attendance experience working within schools increasing attendance levels and punctuality. He is a Specialist Leader of Education, a Designated Safeguarding Lead and is a school governor in a Nottingham City School.



Mr Buckmaster will be present in school for children to meet, and he is available to you if you have any queries regarding your child's absences and attendance moving forward.

Parent Governor Roles

Information regarding Parent Governor Roles was emailed out a couple of weeks ago. There have been some requests for paper copies, so these should have come home to you. If not, please come in to the office and request a copy.

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 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>

Christmas gifts for children with cancer

Mrs Sinclair will be delivering gifts to children at QMC ward E39 that are spending Christmas in hospital while having treatment for cancer. Her daughter, Mabel was discharged Christmas Eve night 2023 and was able to enjoy Christmas at home, returning to the ward before the New Year, however some children aren't as



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fortunate. If you would like to donate a gift please bring these into the office by Friday 13 December. If wrapped, please add a note detailing the age and sex of the child. Children are aged from babies to 18 years.

Christmas pins (snowmen, reindeer, Christmas jumpers) will also be available throughout December, and monies will be donated to The Children and Young People's Cancer Association.

Thank you for your continued support on this matter.

Mr. Cross



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PINS PROJECT
PARENT WORKSHOPS

SCHOOLS

As part of the **Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity In Schools Project** **Parents/Carers** of Neurodivergent children from **PINS Schools** are invited to attend **FREE on-line training** to **refresh and reframe your understanding of Neurodiversity (no diagnosis necessary)**

The session will last for approximately 2-hours. There will be opportunities for selected Q&A's during the session

Workshops include the following:

Developing consistent approaches from home and school to ensure neurodiverse children are happy, healthy, supported and ready to learn and able to engage in the classroom, including:

- masking
- boundaries/demands
- transitions, including the transition between home and school

All events below are identical, so you only need to attend one session

Attend only
1
session

These sessions will be delivered by **PINS Project Lead - Louise Whitehead**

The sessions are taking place **On-line via Microsoft Teams**
To book **CTRL & Click only one of the Links** below:

COST
FREE
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PINS PROJECT

Friday, 28th November 2025

at 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (morning)

<https://notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-28-Nov-25.eventbrite.co.uk>

Monday, 8th December 2025

at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (afternoon)

<https://notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-08-Dec-25.eventbrite.co.uk>

Wednesday, 21st January 2026

at 4:00 p.m. – 6 p.m. (twilight)

<https://notts-parent-event-pins-project-parent-workshop-21-Jan-26.eventbrite.co.uk>



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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:
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**Limited
tickets
available**

