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

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Key Dates – Autumn Term

Monday 15th December: Whole school Christmas church service at All Hallows (children and staff only)

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: 14.45 hrs Christmas Carols on the Playground (Parents welcome!) – may change!!!

Thursday 18th December: Christmas Party Day (non-uniform)

Friday 19th December: Rock Steady Concert

Friday 19th December: Last day of term – Merry Christmas to all.

Monday 05th January: First day of the new term. Welcome everyone.

Wrap Around at Priory!

We are excited to announce that our very own breakfast and after school wrap around provision will be available from January 2026. Provision will be held at Priory school, in an environment the children are familiar with and with adults the children already know – Grade A Sports! For bookings and provision details please see the leaflets provided with this newsletter.

Christmas is coming!

Christmas jumpers can be worn over full school uniform from Tuesday 16th for the rest of that week.





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Our school choir had a very special outing this week when they visited a local care home to sing for the elderly residents. The children performed a selection of Christmas songs and carols and did a brilliant job of bringing smiles and even a few happy tears to the room. The residents were delighted to join in with some of the familiar tunes, and it was lovely to see the children being such amazing Priory role models.

After all their hard work and wonderful singing, the choir enjoyed a well-deserved treat with a trip out for chips! We are incredibly proud of how well the children represented our school in the community and the way they used their talents to brighten someone else's day.

Christmas Dinner!

On Thursday this week, 145 children and staff enjoyed a delicious and freshly cooked Christmas dinner. There were Christmas crackers, music, and festive jumpers – fun was had by all! Thank you to our wonderful kitchen staff who arrived at school at 5.30am to ensure the children's traditional dinner was ready.



Forest School Planting



This week we took an exciting step towards our Forest School plans by planting over 300 trees on the school grounds! Children, staff and volunteers rolled up their sleeves and worked together to put the foundations in place for a wonderful outdoor learning space that will grow and develop over the coming years.



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We would like to say **a huge thank you** to all the parents, carers and members of the community who came along to help with digging, planting and encouraging the children. Special thanks also goes to Mrs Tilling for helping to organise the plans and keep everything running smoothly throughout the week, and to Guy from *Leaves of Green* for sharing his expertise and supporting the school in “getting it right”. We can’t wait to see our new mini forest grow!

A family in need within our Priory Community....

If you have any clean and good condition clothes suitable for a nine year old girl and/or a size 10 woman, we would appreciate your donations. The family are also in need of suitable toys. Donations would be gratefully received at the school office.

OPAL Updates



Here is Kaylee working hard at work washing her wellies! We’ve been encouraging the children to take responsibility for looking after their own kit by rinsing off muddy boots and waterproofs after outdoor play. It’s a lovely way for them to show independence and pride in their belongings, as well as helping us keep our shared spaces clean and tidy. We have welly racks for each year group to ensure that they have access to their wellies whenever they need them!



We are also hoping to improve our outdoor storage for all those muddy waterproofs and wellies. If any parents or carers are builders, joiners or generally handy with tools and would be willing to offer some advice or practical help, we would be very grateful. Please get in touch with the school office if you might be able to support us with this project.



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A polite reminder for all children to please have waterproof jacket/coat and trousers in school as well as wellies – these are required in school every day. A change of school uniform would also be useful. Children experience outdoor play no matter the weather!



Stocking the shop!

These lucky Year 6s were selected; due to their continuous hard work in and out of class this term. They had the pleasure of choosing the Christmas stock for the shop! It will be open in the final week of term so everyone can spend (or save) their prides.

(They also had a sneaky Mcflurry bought by Miss Edwards - due to being too busy shopping during their morning break!).



As always, thank you so much for taking the time to read and share in all the wonderful things we are doing here at Priory. A big thank you as well to everyone who attended parents' evening and visited the book fair to support our school community – it really does make a difference and is very much appreciated.

If there is an issue you want to discuss or have any questions, please contact our reception team at office@priory-jun.notts.sch.uk or on 0115 9526100. Please be mindful that staff are working with children in the daytime and an appointment may need to be scheduled – the office team can advise if this is necessary.

I wish you a peaceful and happy festive season!

Best wishes,
Mr Cross