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

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Key Dates:

W/B 11th May: SATs Week for Y6

Thursday 21st May: Y3 Planting Day (Attendance Award)

Tuesday 9th June: 4TW National Justice Museum Trip (Attendance Award)

Tuesday 23rd June: Sports' Day

Wednesday 24th June: Friday 26th June: Y6 Bushcraft Residential

Wednesday 1st July: Y3 Creswell Craggs Trip

Wednesday 1st – Thursday 2nd July: Carlton Academy Transition Day (Y6)

Thursday 2nd – Friday 3rd July: Carlton-le-Willows Transition Day (Y6)

Thursday 2nd July – Whole School Transition Day (Meet your new teacher – with Phoenix Infants) TBC

Friday 3rd July: INSET DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL

Tuesday 14th July: Y6 Production

Friday 17th July: Reports out to parents

Monday 20th July: Y6 Prom

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been another busy and positive time at Priory, with lots to celebrate across school. As always, we have been so proud to see our children showing our PRIDE values in their learning, friendships and wider school life. In this edition, we are sharing some of the exciting things that have been happening recently, along with key updates, useful information and important dates for the weeks ahead. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and encouragement — it makes such a difference to our children and to our whole school community.

Ridiculous Writers

Some of our children have been chosen to have their writing considered for publication as part of the Young Writers project — what an amazing achievement! We are incredibly proud of their creativity, effort and imagination, and it is wonderful to see their work recognised in this way. Letters will be coming home soon to parents and carers of the selected children with further information and a request for permission to publish their writing. Congratulations to all of the children involved; published authors already!





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OPAL Updates

We have been loving the creativity and imagination children are bringing to OPAL playtimes. Picnic lunches have been a real success, giving children the chance to enjoy eating together outdoors and making lunchtime feel even more sociable and relaxed. Creative play has also been thriving, with dressing up proving especially popular as children invent characters, stories and games together. We are also excited to be developing our outdoor play further, including plans for a safely built tree swing to add even more adventure to our play offer. A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated items for OPAL — they really do make a difference. We are always grateful for further donations of dressing-up clothes, fabric, small-world toys, crates, buckets, kitchen items, loose parts and anything else that could inspire imaginative play.



Forest School

This week in Forest School, children have been den building and making nature monsters, using the natural materials they can find on the field... Although some additional bits were provided, as you can see! The children focused on their determination and teambuilding skills as well as having an amazing time outside in the glorious weather! Not a bad way to spend the afternoon!



We also had a go at making rafts!





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Recognition for (y)our hard work!

You've been nominated

Hi Rachael

Your first nomination for the 2026 JustGiving Awards is in!

Morgan told us all about why you deserve to be recognised for your fundraising efforts for CCLG: The Children & Young People's Cancer Association. We hope you're feeling super proud.

[Find out more](#)

[Check out our FAQs](#)

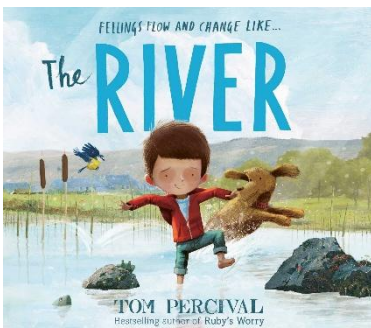
What happens next?

🕒 May 10th: Nominating window closes

Some exciting news for Priory this week! We have learnt that Rachael from the office (Mrs Sinclair as the children know her) has been nominated by CCLG (The Children's and Young People's Cancer Association), the charity we raise money for each September (Childhood Cancer Awareness Month) as well as Christmastime with the festive pins, for a Just Giving award. We're so very proud of our Priory children and for them to be recognised for all their support of the charity, whether it's helping fundraising or more importantly taking part in the annual event and raising awareness together.

Rachael thanks you all from the bottom of her heart and is looking forward to involving the children in the arrangements for this coming Septembers Move-a-Thon.

What we're reading this week



The River by Tom Percival is a beautiful and thoughtful picture book that helps children understand changing emotions. The story follows Rowan, who feels deeply connected to the river because, like him, it can be calm, playful, wild, angry, or still. When Rowan experiences a difficult winter, the river becomes frozen, reflecting the way his feelings have become stuck. With warmth and hope, the book gently explores sadness, grief, and healing, showing young readers that feelings can change and flow again with time, care, and understanding.



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Wellbeing – The Family Hub

Nottinghamshire County Council's Family Hub Network offers a welcoming "front door" for families to access local support with health, wellbeing, parenting, relationships and wider family life. Their Family Health and Wellbeing service can support parents and carers with everyday wellbeing needs such as sleep, healthy routines, child health, emotional wellbeing, parenting confidence and family relationships. Family Hubs can also help families find the right support at the right time, including signposting to local mental health and wellbeing services where needed. Parents and carers can find out more or contact their local Family Hub here: [Nottinghamshire Family Hub Network](#).

As always, thank you for your continued support. The work that happens at home, alongside everything that takes place in school, makes such a difference to the children's confidence, progress and wellbeing; we are incredibly grateful for the positive partnership we share with our families. I am continuously proud to both work and live in this fantastic community.

Thank you and have a fabulous weekend.

Mr. Cross

