

We **LEARN** with **PRIDE**

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

**Newsletter – 15.5.26**

**Key Dates:**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Walk to School Week**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Y3 Planting Day (Attendance Award)**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Celebration Assembly – Year 5 and 6**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Celebration Assembly – Year 3 and 4**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June: 4TW National Justice Museum Trip (Attendance Award)**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – OPAL Parents' Morning**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Sports' Day**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Y6 Bushcraft Residential**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Y3 Creswell Craggs Trip**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Carlton Academy Transition Day (Y6)**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Carlton-le-Willows Transition Day (Y6)**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Whole School Transition Day (Meet your new teacher – with Phoenix Infants) TBC**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July: INSET DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Production**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Reports out to parents**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Prom**

It has been a slightly different week in school as our Year 6 children completed their SATs, and we are incredibly proud of the calm, determined and positive way they approached each day. A huge well done to them for all their hard work, resilience and effort, not just this week but throughout the year. We would also like to recognise the fantastic support from staff across all year groups, whose teamwork and flexibility helped ensure the week ran smoothly despite the inevitable changes to routines. Thank you to all of our children for adapting so well, showing patience and understanding, and continuing to demonstrate our PRIDE values throughout the week.





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Talking of year 6....

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils and staff for the resilience, determination and positivity they have shown throughout SATs week. The children approached each day with maturity and focus, and the staff team worked incredibly hard to support, encourage and reassure them every step of the way. Of course, it has not all been hard work! The week has also included cooked breakfasts, tree climbing, football, trips to the park and even ice cream, helping to make it a memorable and enjoyable end to a very busy few days. We are very proud of them all.





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### A Priory First!

Today marks a truly historic moment for Priory Junior School as we proudly present our first ever Golden PRIDE Award. This very special award has been created to recognise those moments when a child goes above and beyond in showing what it really means to live our PRIDE values. We are delighted that the first recipient is Amber, whose achievement will now become part of Priory history. Amber has shown the qualities we value so deeply as a school: peace, respect, independence, determination and equality, as well as the ability to make positive choices and be a role model to others. We could not be prouder of her, and we hope this award inspires every child to continue showing Priory PRIDE in all that they do.



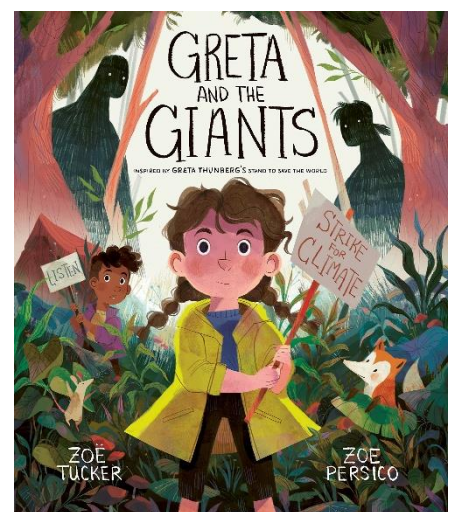
### Wellbeing

This week's wellbeing signpost is Nottinghamshire County Council's 5 Ways to Wellbeing. These are simple, practical steps that can help children and adults look after their mental health: connecting with other people, being active, keeping learning, giving to others and taking notice of the world around us. They are not big, complicated changes; they can be small family habits, such as going for a walk together, playing a game, learning something new, checking in with a friend or taking a few quiet moments to notice what has gone well that day. As we often say to the children, looking after our wellbeing is something we practise, just like reading, maths or sport. Small steps, taken regularly, can make a real difference.

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/health-and-wellbeing/mental-health-wellbeing>

### A reading recommendation:

This week's reading recommendation is ***Greta and the Giants*** by **Zoë Tucker**, illustrated by **Zoe Persico**. Following Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday last week, it feels like the perfect time to share a book that reminds us how precious our natural world is, and how powerful even the smallest voice can be. *Greta and the Giants* is a beautifully told story about courage, hope and standing up for what matters. It invites children to think about the forests, animals and wild places we all have a responsibility to protect, while showing that change often begins with one person brave enough to say, "This matters." It is a gentle but important read, and one that may spark thoughtful conversations at home about the kind of world we want our children to inherit.



### Walk to School Week





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Next week is Walk to School Week, and we would love as many families as possible to think about walking, wheeling, scooting, cycling or parking a little further away and walking the final part of the journey. After recommending *Greta and the Giants* this week, it feels like a lovely opportunity to put some of those ideas into action: caring for our planet, noticing the natural world around us and making small choices that can have a positive impact. Walking to school can also support our mental health, giving children a calmer start to the day, time to talk, fresh air and a chance to arrive at school feeling ready to learn. Even one or two active journeys next week would be a great way to take action for ourselves, our community and the world around us.

As always, thank you for your continued support. After a slightly different but very positive week in school, we hope everyone has a restful weekend and enjoys some time together. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday for another busy and exciting week at Priory.

Mr. Jack Cross





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# Clubs for Young People

@ Westdale Lane Baptist Church  
Girls Brigade and Boys Brigade

Badge Work

Craft

Life Skills

Christian Knowledge

Competitions

New Friends

Games

Sports

Fun Days

**For GB**

**For BB**

4<sup>th</sup> Nottingham meet here in term time on Fridays.

Explorers- yr R-yr 3 6pm - 7.30pm

Juniors- yr 4- yr 6 6pm - 7.30pm

Seniors yr 7 - yr 9 6pm - 8.30pm

Brigaders yr 10 + 6pm - 8.30pm

Tel : 07833296442

Email pat.rouse105@gmail.com or

37<sup>th</sup> Nottingham meet here in term time on Tuesdays.

Juniors - age 8-11 7pm - 8pm

Seniors - age 12-18 - 7pm- 9pm

Tel : 07237823445

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