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

Newsletter – 22.5.26

**Key Dates:**

**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**

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding half term, it is lovely to pause and reflect on all that the children have achieved. Across school, we have seen wonderful examples of our PRIDE values in action — from determination in lessons and teamwork on the playground, to kindness, creativity and confidence in so many different areas of school life. Thank you, as always, for your continued support; it makes such a difference to the children and to our whole school community.

**OPAL Parent Play Day – Wednesday 18th June**

We are excited to invite parents and carers to our **OPAL Parent Play Day** on the morning of **Wednesday 18th June**. This will be a lovely opportunity to hear more about our OPAL journey so far, see the children's play in action and find out what is coming next as we continue to develop our outdoor play provision. Families will have the chance to tour our play zones, watch the children using equipment and choose parts creatively, and join us for our whole-school morning play. There will also be information in the hall about how families





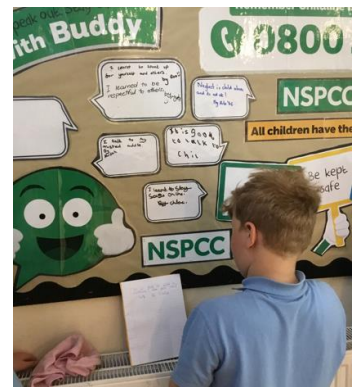
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can support OPAL through donations, fundraising ideas or future volunteer days. We look forward to sharing this exciting part of school life with you.

### Peace Reps

Our Peace Reps have been busy helping to make Priory a safe, kind and supportive place for everyone. In their latest meeting, they added helpful comments to the NSPCC display in the hall, checked the bullying boxes and created a reply sheet so children know their concerns have been listened to.



They also prepared the new self-regulation boards for classrooms. These boards will help children recognise and manage their feelings during the school day, supporting our PRIDE values of Peace, Respect and Independence.

A huge well done to our Peace Reps for their thoughtful work and for continuing to make a positive difference across school.

### Celebrating Poppy!



A huge well done to **Poppy in Year 3**, who has been celebrating some fantastic gymnastics success. Poppy recently took part in a **Perfectly Pink gymnastics event** and came away with medals — what a brilliant achievement!

We are incredibly proud of Poppy for showing such confidence, determination and commitment outside of school. What a wonderful example of our PRIDE values in action — well done, Poppy!





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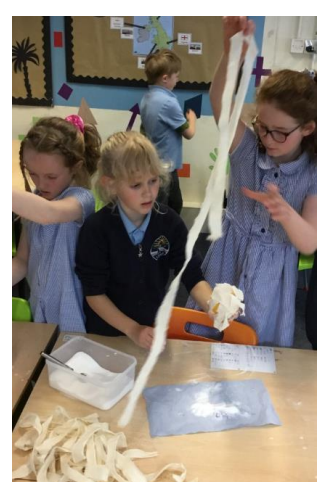
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Year 3's practical work!



Year 3 have been enjoying some fantastic hands-on learning this half term. In DT, the children developed their food preparation skills by making sandwiches, carefully using knives to cut fresh ingredients and thinking about how to create a tasty, balanced snack.

They have also brought their Egyptians topic to life in a very memorable way by learning about mummification. The children explored what Ancient Egyptians believed about the afterlife and even had a go at “mummifying” organs as part of their practical history work. What a brilliant way to make learning exciting, memorable and full of curiosity!



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## Year 3 Attendance Award



A huge well done to **Year 3**, who were rewarded for their excellent school attendance with a special community planting activity. The children had the opportunity to get outdoors, work together and help make our local area brighter and more welcoming.

This was a lovely example of our **PRIDE values** in action. Year 3 showed **Respect** by caring for their community, **Independence** by taking pride in their work, and **Determination** through their brilliant attendance. We are very proud of the positive attitude they have shown and the difference they have made beyond the school gates.

## Year 4 science



Year 4 have been lighting up their learning this half term by designing and making their own torches as part of their **Electricity** and **DT** topics. The children applied their science knowledge of circuits, switches and conductors, while also developing key design and technology skills: designing purposeful products, selecting materials, making carefully and evaluating how well their torches worked. This practical project links brilliantly to the National Curriculum, which encourages children to explore and test scientific ideas, while also designing and making products that solve real problems. What a fantastic example of creativity, problem-solving and hands-on learning in action!

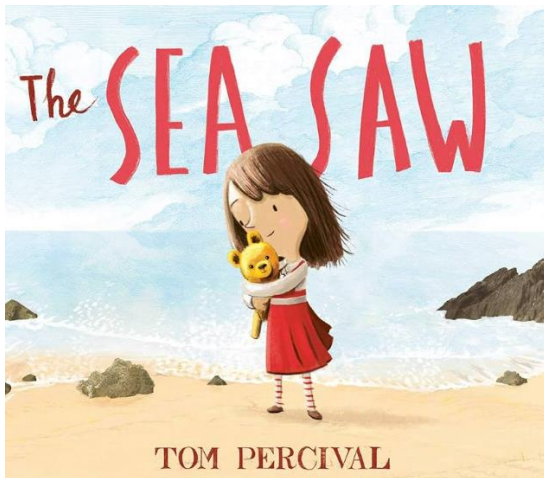




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### What I'm reading this week



As part of our Year of Reading, this week's book is *The Sea Saw* by Tom Percival. This beautiful picture book tells the story of Sofia, who loses her beloved teddy at the beach, and the sea's gentle journey to help bring them back together. It is a touching story about love, loss, hope and the special things we hold close in our hearts. The book gives children a lovely opportunity to talk about feelings, resilience and kindness, linking beautifully to our PRIDE values and helping us remember that stories can support both our imagination and our wellbeing.

### Wellbeing

This week's wellbeing signpost is **Be U Notts**, a local mental health and emotional wellbeing support service for children and young people living in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. It offers early support, advice and guidance for children, young people and families, including 1:1 support, group sessions, online support, community drop-ins and self-help resources. It is a helpful place for families to turn when a child may be finding things difficult, whether that is linked to worries, low mood, friendship challenges, confidence or managing emotions. Asking for help early is a real strength, and support like this links closely to our PRIDE values, helping children feel listened to, respected and ready to keep moving forward. Families can find out more through **Be U Notts**.

<https://www.beusupport.co.uk/>

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break, with time to recharge, spend time together and enjoy a slower pace for a few days. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the final half term of the school year, which promises to be another exciting and busy one. As always, thank you for being such an important part of our Priory community.

Mr. Jack Cross





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# ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

## STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings. Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



## STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family. Swim at a lifeguarded venue.



In an emergency:

## CALL 999

Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.



## FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.

